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Dadlington Matters

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Ruth



Jane



Note from the Editors

Here we are with the September issue already and it seems only five minutes since July! We hope you have all enjoyed the warm summer weather we have had - perfect for barbecues, picnics, walks and cycle rides as well as just lazing in the sunshine. We loved reading about the fun and games that the Under 5's group have been having (page 9), although finding creepy crawlies in a sand pit might not be everyone's idea of fun! Just in case you are worried that you might be bored now the summer is drawing to a close we can assure you there is plenty to do. How about baking a cake or designing a flower decoration for the Garden Show? It has been a great Stoke Golding tradition for the past eighty-three years. Learning bridge is another possibility (page 10) or you could join one of the village clubs you can read about in the magazine. Let us know if you try something new.

Jane & Ruth

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Cover picture - Stoke Golding Garden Show, 2012

**Stoke Golding Garden Show
'Richard III'
83rd Annual Show – 7th September**



Each year the Show strives to raise enough money to make a sizeable donation to more than one worthy cause. Last year we were able to donate £1500 to Macmillan Cancer Support and £200 to Stoke Golding Cricket Club. This year we have chosen to raise funds mainly in aid of **Marie Curie Cancer Care**.

We are especially indebted to 'The Charity of Thomas Barton' who provided the funding for the running of the 2012 Show, enabling us to donate far more of our profit to worthwhile causes.

The Show is open to everyone (we cater for all ages and abilities) and we attract competitors from all around the county and even further afield. We have included sections to test local ability in floral art, wine making, vegetable growing, flower growing, children's green fingers, cake baking and photography, to mention but a few. We introduced a successful new feature last year whereby a novice (someone who has not won a prize in the class before at the Garden Show) can enter in a separate category and be judged purely against other novices. This year we are inviting novices to enter a 'Five Tomatoes' class. There is also a new chutney class on offer.

Following the judging at 6pm, you are free to admire the class entries, congratulate the prize winners, enter the Grand Raffle and then you are invited to bid for some of the produce in our fun Grand Auction later in the evening.

Schedules are available from Stoke Golding pubs, the Club and local shops. These are **free of charge** so why not pick up a copy and have a go at entering one of the varied classes on offer.

Remember - entry to view the show is free to the public from 6pm.



Puns from the Internet



How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.
Venison for dinner again? Oh deer.
A cartoonist was found dead in his home - details are sketchy.
I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.
They told me I had type A blood, but it was a type O.
I changed my iPod's name to Titanic, it's syncing now.
Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.
I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
I'm reading a book about anti-gravity - I just can't put it down.
I did a theatrical performance about puns – it was a play on words.
Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.
We're going on a class trip to the Coca-Cola factory - I hope there's no pop quiz.
Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
When you get a bladder infection urine trouble.
Broken pencils are pointless.
I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.
Velcro - what a rip off!

Joy, Queen of Scots

England Lady clay shooting champion Joy Hiron of Church Walks, has returned from Scotland where she competed in the Scottish Open National skeet competition and stormed to an amazing win, hitting 99 out of 100 clay targets. A gust of wind just as she pulled the trigger dealt her a cruel target denying her the full 100. As well as the Ladies title she finished 3rd over all, resulting in her highest placing in a national competition so far - a great result for her. Joy adds this Scottish title to the England one which she won in May. Joy went on to win the ladies British Champion skeet shooting title at Southern Counties shooting ground near Dorchester in Dorset. She hit 95 of her 100 clay targets to win outright. This makes 3 major titles this year; something no other woman has ever achieved in the history of the sport. Joy will now have a winter of training ready for next year and another chance to make it into the England shooting team.



Bob Hiron

For King and Country

For hundreds of years men have fought for King and Country to protect these islands and none more so than the men of Stoke Golding. Most have died unnamed and un-remembered except for the few whose names live on in ancient records or carved on the memorials to wars long gone. Next year is the centenary of the outbreak of World War II and in the next few magazines we shall remember some of the men of Stoke Golding who fought for freedom.

No trace of the names of village men involved in the Battle of Bosworth can be found, but be sure there must have been some.

The Civil War produced men of valour and none it seems more so than local resident, Cavalier, Captain William Trymnell who was 'buryed in wolan' on June 1st 1693 and he is recorded on an inscription on his tomb in St Margaret Church as, *"Here lies the body of William Trymnell of this Town, gent., whose loyalty and courage were very remarkable during the late unhappy wars. He served King Charles I in the quality of Captain of Horse; and in several gallant and dangerous expeditions signalised himself"*.



Records show that at the Battle of Waterloo fought on 18th June 1815 in present day Belgium, a young Matthew Kirkland, a village lad who was born in 1791, distinguished himself in the defeat of Napoleon by Wellington and Blucher. Serving under Lieutenant Colonel C. Dashwood he survived the conflict and returned to Stoke Golding where he lived to the great age of 90 dying on 23 February 1881. He was awarded the Waterloo medal.

To the right of the path in Hinckley Road cemetery is the large gravestone of his namesake and relative, Matthew James Kirkland who died in World War I at Gallipoli on 21 August 1915, and is remembered on the war memorial at Helles in Turkey.

During the Indian Mutiny War of 1857 - 58 Private George Martin of Stoke Golding won the Indian Mutiny Medal and clasp for service in the siege of Lucknow with the Northumberland Fusiliers under Major General Havelock. Though wounded he survived and returned to the village where he was buried in Hinckley Road Cemetery on 21st November 1888 aged 47. His grave is to the left of the path near the gates and is marked by a gravestone which records details of his death and the words "A good soldier".



Denis Cash



Stoke Golding Heritage Group

“Cherish the past, protect the future”



Exploring the Heritage of Stoke Golding

On 15th August Stoke Golding Heritage Group hosted a visit to the village by members of Market Bosworth Society.

Committee members of the Heritage Group led a tour of the village stopping at significant historical features such as the Moats and Tumulus, the Old Grammar School and Crown Hill. During the tour we managed to include most of the heritage of the village as identified by the 'Blue Plaques' .

Particular interest was shown in Crown Hill and the part played by Stoke Golding in the beginning of the Tudor dynasty. We completed the tour at St Margaret's Church where Tony Collett gave an authoritative talk on its history and showed our visitors the unique features that make St Margaret's such a wonderful part of our village heritage.

Our intrepid explorers ended the visit with refreshments. The Heritage Group has been invited to make a reciprocal visit to Market Bosworth in the near future.

David Goodsell - Secretary 01455 212955, millburn@hotmail.co.uk

Wanted - Long Evening Dress

I am looking for a long, plain, bright coloured evening dress to wear on stage during Stanley Opera's production of the operetta, 'Die Fledermaus' in October. It is supposed to be 1930's style, so quite fitted at the top, preferably sleeveless and very long. If you have one that is gathering dust in the attic or taking up too much room in your wardrobe, I would love to hear from you. I would be happy to make a donation if it is suitable either to buy or just to borrow it for the week of the show. Please ring me on 212416.



Thank you,

Jane White

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From the Curate at St Margaret's Church

Significant steps start in September. I wonder if you remember taking those initial tentative steps into school for the first time. It certainly is a significant moment, and not only for the child. Whether you are a parent or grandparent with a child who is starting or returning to school this September, or you, yourself are starting something new, there is always much excitement, mixed with anticipation and a fair amount of anxiety at the start of a new venture. We may question ourselves, 'Am I really up for this?' Pretty soon, though, our courage is rewarded with fresh insights, growth and often new friends.

By challenging ourselves, we broaden our horizons and as autumn approaches we can fill our larder with cerebral treasures. Learning new skills need not be expensive and many people are happy to share their expertise, if we will only pluck up the courage to ask. Crafts may be learnt from those who know the satisfaction of making something from scratch, or know the fulfilment in up-cycling something old and worn into something current and stylish.

'But, where would I find the time?' I hear your cry. So often, I have tried to fit in something extra, only to put myself under pressure as the reality of all my other commitments quickly become apparent. It may seem illogical but I have found that investing time in our spiritual well-being is so important here. It may seem like just another demand on our precious time, but when our spiritual health is good, other areas of our lives seem to flow. We become more in balance and our priorities can become clearer. Investing time in our spiritual well-being and learning about our faith bears much fruit.

To come and learn more about the Christian faith needs courage and determination. We long to be welcoming in our churches and we are aware that stepping into a church, especially if you are unfamiliar with it, can be as daunting as that first day at school. We are all God's people and equally welcome in God's church. We have all made mistakes and continue to, but we are all learning together about grace and of God's love for us. No-one knows it all - that is the great mystery of faith. There is always something relevant to us and our lives to learn from Jesus' life and teaching and we reflect on that together in church.

Real joy can be found learning together on our life journeys, so I invite you to come along and add to the richness of church. You do not have to be well versed in the Bible. We know we all have to start somewhere and there are plenty of resources available today, such as Bible Apps, study notes and Talking Bibles. Channel Five is even showing 'The Bible' this autumn. It is taking that first step, that courageous step that counts. My prayer this autumn is that you will enjoy finding out more about the Christian faith and the amazing way it can impact your life.

Blessings,

Hilary

Don't let housework kill your wife, use electricity instead...

The above is an, admittedly, not very well thought out advertising slogan from the early part of the 20th century extolling the virtues of electrically powered domestic appliances.

The history of mankind is marked by a host of inventions designed to make life easier and more affordable by the elimination of human effort. The logic is inescapable. Man as a machine is actually pretty hopeless so, wherever possible, we have striven to replace him with machines. Machines are not late for work. They do not require holidays. They do not have to be motivated by focus groups or pandered to by well-intentioned HR departments. They are not going to become totally unproductive every time the temperature rises or falls and, on the rare occasions when the nation celebrates some triumph of sport or war, be mysteriously absent. Latterly with the advances in computing, it has become increasingly possible to remove man from his only area of influence i.e. looking after the machine.

Cars for example, generally do not breakdown these days and if they do then the man from the AA turns up with a laptop which will tell him that the car needs to be taken to the supercomputer at the garage which will sort it out whilst the technician empties the bins. I saw a logging machine on the telly the other day that could fell, strip and cut up 250 trees a day with one chap pushing the buttons. I'm a lumberjack and I'm OK? Perhaps not. As we now seem to have cars that can park themselves, even the guy pushing the buttons had better watch his back. In the supermarket we have self-checkouts which we are told are for our convenience. Really? Not for saving Tesco's a few extra million on operatives once they have used us to perfect the system? Mind you it does need perfecting. I can live with the idea that it needs to check that I am over 25, it's quite flattering, but that "unexpected item in the bagging area" is nonsense. An unexpected item is something like an ejector seat or a giant Panda, not the perfectly normal tin of beans that it has just scanned and recognised. But then they will get it right. Just think about dear old Sir Clive and his Spectrum ZX80 and where that has taken us.

So why then are Governments around the world surprised by the number of people lining up outside the local equivalent of the Job Centre? What the heck did they expect was going to happen if you spend all your time and energy in eliminating manpower at every turn? The problem is that putting the lid back on this particular Pandorian box is not possible so we are going to have to find a role for the people that machines have displaced.

Answers by e-mail please, to the Automated Human Resources Reallocation Computer, Cyber Street, Silicon Valley, CA.



The Fool on the Hill

Under 5s' Group (Mums and Tots)

We have been having so much fun at Under 5's group this summer. So far we have had a summer party with everyone enjoying the bouncy castle, a 'bug' hunt with creepy crawlies hidden in the sand pit and a Teddy Bears' picnic. We still have a bubble party and sports day to look forward to. Come along a join in the fun at the Village Hall every Thursday from 10:00 am.

Sarah Beale



Could you help the Stoker Team?

We need a willing volunteer to join our friendly team to help with the advertisements. This involves contacting the advertisers, sending invoices (mostly by email) and arranging the adverts on the page. We will provide lots of help and support, so you won't be left on your own until you are confident about what you are doing. It will probably take between 1 - 2 hours per week on average.

If you think you could help, please contact me, either by phone - 212416 or email - janewhitesg@gmail.com and I can explain the role in more detail.

Jane White



SPOTLIGHT on...

U3A

The **University of the 3rd Age** is a national organisation providing recreational/social activities for people who are retired from full-time work. It has developed since the demise of many of the old Adult Education classes.

There are U3A groups all over the country. Activities are offered by volunteer leaders who receive support from a local committee and the national organisation. Anyone can set up an activity group with help from the local U3A.

Members pay an annual subscription (£12.50) and can attend interest groups of their choice, depending on available spaces. They pay a nominal fee each session they attend (often £1) to pay for the hire of the room.

I belong to Hinckley U3A which has over 290 members. Our groups generally meet at the George Ward Centre in Barwell. Examples of the interest groups that are currently running...

Films, Discussion, Garden visiting, Scrabble, Bridge, Singing, Poetry reading, Modern World, Photography, Literature, Creative writing, Recorders, Craft, Play reading, Art, Mah Jong, Music appreciation, Walking, Petanque, Kurling, History...

Web Link - www.u3a.org.uk has a link for Hinckley U3A.

Rosemary Collier

Stoke Golding Bridge Club

The afternoon Bridge Club at the George and Dragon has now been going for several months. It is slowly becoming established but we do need more support if we are going to develop it into a successful village facility.



At present, the Club meets on a Thursday afternoon at 2 pm, (a time that was chosen randomly), which has now been found to be unsuitable for several people who would otherwise come along. I have spoken to Katie at the George & Dragon and she is happy for us to change the time. Tuesday-to-Friday afternoons, (perhaps 1pm-3pm, or so), are all acceptable and, if we wished, Tuesday-to-Friday evenings, (perhaps 6pm-8 pm, or so), could also be used.

Everybody is welcome, whether they are experienced players or have never played before. Already, a number of learners have been helped to improve their game, and are enjoying it.

If you are interested, please let me know, and tell me the days and times that you would prefer. I'll do my best to organize an afternoon or an evening session, (or perhaps both), depending on what you choose. The aim will be to have one session for the learners and one for the players.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Vic Rollins 01455 213709

What's On



St Margaret's Church

Teddy Bear Jump and Bar-B-Q

Saturday 28th 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.

Stanley Opera Proudly Present Strauss's Great Comedy Operetta

Die Fledermaus

at

Hinckley Concordia Theatre

9th - 12th October



Tickets £11 with concessions £10 on Wed & Thurs
Please ring Chris on 01455 848194 for tickets or
Jane White 212416 for more information or visit
www.stanleyopera.com

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Josef Weinburger Ltd.
Music by Johann Strauss Original libretto by H Meilhac & L Helevy. English version by
Christopher Hassall (lyrics) and Edmund Tracey (dialogue).

What's On

Stoke Golding Heritage Group Members' Meeting - 19th September

Leicestershire's Heritage Apples

'*An apple a day keeps the doctor away*'. However, many of our old varieties of apples, which were unique to a locality, are disappearing. Modern methods of orchard management and the demands of supermarkets have led to the loss of many of them. The Golden Delicious reigns supreme. However, inspired by organisations such as the National Trust, local varieties are now being replanted in recognition of the qualities they have and to preserve them for future generations. Making use of land being donated to our village on the old Convent site a community orchard will be established using old Leicestershire varieties.

On September 19th our speaker Nigel Deacon of Leicestershire Heritage Apples will be talking about the apple varieties that were traditionally grown in Leicestershire and the East Midlands and the project he is leading to preserve them.

In this village a project is underway to identify the apple varieties growing in gardens. Last year students at St Martin's School surveyed trees in Stoke Golding and Dadlington These were identified and the grafted young trees are now growing ready for transplanting. It is hoped to continue with the identification of trees this year. So if you have a tree you would like identified please bring along samples of the fruit.

As usual the talk starts at 7.30pm in the Baxter Hall and there is a nominal charge of £2.50 for non-members.

David Goodsell

What's On

Creative Fine Art Course

For beginners and improvers

Starts: Mon Sept 9th 2013

Location: Dadlington Church Hall

***Time: 7.00-9.00pm Duration 6 Weeks
(short course)***

First two weeks £16 paid in advance, All basic materials will be provided, other art supplies if needed, will be available at a small cost.

***For more information or to book your place please
call Jan Baker on 07725895550
or email bakerjams@yahoo.co.uk***

Kel Elliot in Concert

at
Stoke Golding Village Hall
on
Friday 18th October



Doors open at 7.30pm for 8pm start

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

Tickets - £8

Please ring Alan White 01455 212416 for tickets and information

“ ... a sassy jazz singer, Kel's performances are packed with humour, irony and a touch of mischief. Kel's big voice and feisty bass playing, accompanied by guitar, keyboards and percussion from her accomplished band, provide audiences with a scintillating show.”



Church Matters

The Methodist Church September Services

1st	10.30am	Mrs Joan Ledson
8th	10.30am	Revd, Wes Hampton
15th	10.30am	Mr Colin Haddon
22nd	10.30am	Deacon Philip Osborne Harvest Festival
29th	10.30am	Revd, Wes Hampton

Zion Chapel September Services starting at 6pm Sunday School at 11am

1st Sept	Malcolm Welch
8th Sept	Richard Cotton
15th Sept	John Needham
22nd Sept	Malcolm Welch
29th Sept	Greg Chapman

Church of England Services – September

St. Margaret's Church

1 st September	10.30am	All Age Service
8 th September	10.30am	Benefice Service Witherley
15 th September	10.30am	Holy Communion
22 nd September	10.30am	Morning Worship, Big and Small Church
29 th September	9.00am	Benefice Service – short said Communion Fenny Drayton
29 th September	5.00pm	Benefice Evensong Fenny Drayton
<i>Holy Communion 6.30pm Tuesday evenings</i>		

St. James's Church

1 st September	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
8 th September	10.30am	Benefice Service Witherley
15 th September	9.00 am	BCP Holy Communion
22 nd September	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
29 th September	9.00am	Benefice Service – short said Communion Fenny Drayton
29 th September	5.00pm	Benefice Evensong Fenny Drayton

Church Matters

The Fenns' Folk

A new group, meeting monthly in Fenny Drayton Church
Come along and enjoy an entertaining talk, with a glass of wine –
or a cuppa.

Everyone is welcome - please come along and give it a try.

Our first meeting will be on
Thursday, 26th September at 7.30pm

'THE TRUMPET SHALL SOUND'

Local musicians Jim and Judy Norden will introduce us to an
illustrated history of the role of the trumpet through the ages

Dates for your diary:

24th October: 'A Frenchwoman in England' Mrs Fran Davis
28th November: 'Local Zoo Vet' Mr Roger Coley



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.

Methodist Church September Events

Saturday 14th September

Coffee Morning

10am - 11.30am

Friday 27th September

Macmillan Coffee Morning

10am - 12 noon

Dadlington Matters

Anthony John Clarke Performs at the Village Hall

Last year saw the start of a series of live concerts in Dadlington Village Hall when John Watterson performed the songs of the late Jake Thackray, ably supported by our own local group The Shambles. This proved to be very popular with the local community and this year we are delighted to welcome the very talented Anthony John Clarke.

Anthony John hails from Belfast and is a singer and songwriter with such a depth of talent that it is hard to believe that his work has not received more international acclaim. He has performed all over the world and is very well known on the folk circuit having toured recently with Fairport Convention. Anthony John's songs are an eclectic mix of comedy, pathos and shrewd observation performed by a man with a very special musical gift. He is a real crowd pleaser and a memorable night is guaranteed for all. Please have a look on the internet where there are clips of some of his songs and I am sure you will feel, as I do, that we are most fortunate to be able to witness his work in our humble village hall.

Anthony John and the Shambles will be appearing for one night only on Saturday 5th October. Tickets are available from Graham Grimley on 01455 213487.

Don't Miss It! Clothes Party

End of line "A-grade" Bargains from M&S, Per Una, Next, Alexon, Eastex, Kaliko and others

Cash only

Friday 11th October 4pm – 8pm
Dadlington Village Hall

Refreshments available

Entry £1.50 includes tea/coffee/biscuits

In support of Friends of St James' Dadlington Restoration

Coffee Morning

In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support
Saturday 28th September

Dadlington Village Hall

10.00am – 1.00pm

Raffle books bric-a-brac plants

Yummy cakes!



Summer Bird News



Traditionally a settled time when migrants, in particular those from Africa, are preoccupied with breeding. In this context I have noted my first reed warblers at Lychgate Fisheries. Also from here, coming down from high in the sky from the direction of Dadlington, I noted my first red kite ever, within the vicinity of Stoke Golding. This was followed some days later by a sighting of one circling over St. Margaret's Church - causing absolute mayhem among the jackdaws - and another over Sutton Cheney. It could of course be the same bird. They seem to ghost in and out of view, drifting great distances within a minute or two.

Rather fortuitously, from the top end of Lychgate Fisheries I had a brief view of a hobby as it sped across adjacent fields. Bob Duckhouse, however, had an excellent view of one between Stoke Golding and Higham.

Whilst doing monthly wildfowl and wader counts at Brascote Pits, I was under the impression that the oystercatchers and little ringed plovers had bred. Also, some of the many reed warblers were still in song.

So far this year the only cuckoo I've heard was at Reculver in Kent. At the time we were observing a hunting female Montague's harrier, having earlier twitched the dusky thrush in a Margate cemetery.

On the first day of July I came across a noisy family party of great spotted woodpeckers, comprising two adults and two juveniles, in a beautiful cottage garden in Shenton. During conversation with the owner, it transpired that she was the wife of former Derby County goalkeeper, Les Green.

It is well worth a visit to Bob Duckhouse's website for photos he takes of birds locally, as well as those on foreign trips. Google: Bob the Birder.



Bob's photo of a Night Heron, at Thornton Reservoir.

David Abbott

Christian Aid

As a result of collections from the churches and chapels of Stoke Golding and Dadlington in *Christian Aid Week* and a Coffee Morning in May, I have been able to send off £120 to *Christian Aid*. The money will be used to combat extreme poverty in parts of Africa, to provide medication and to improve educational facilities. Thank you for your generosity.

Carolyn Patullo

Stoke Golding W I

Memories of the Royal Yacht Britannia



At their July meeting the ladies of the Stoke Golding W I were fascinated by the memories of Graham Mannering who served for six and a half years as a steward aboard the Royal Yacht.

He began his duties in 1976, after he had been "told" by the Chief Steward to put in a request to join the Yacht whilst serving on H.M.S. Bristol. His first tour was to the Montreal Olympics where the Queen attended the opening ceremony and he then accompanied her Majesty on many tours around the world.

He told of the ships company of 220 men and 21 officers whose duty it was to keep the yacht in pristine condition at all times and how the silence rules were carried out by the wearing of plimsolls, no tannoy address, and all orders were written and had to be memorised in order that the royal party were able to have a quiet, restful voyage.

He recalled being on duty when Prince Charles and Princess Diana came on board at Gibraltar after their wedding, and their honeymoon trip to the Greek Islands. The Princess gave her husband an unexpected ice cold shower after returning from a picnic on one of the islands and later on gave an impromptu piano recital to some of the men. Also, when he "accidentally fell over the Queen" while serving cocktails and yet went on to be Number 1 or Number 2 service - that is serving Number 1, The Queen, or Number 2, The Duke, personally.

As he was qualified to sail dinghies it became his duty to take out some of the royals during Cowes week, including Princess Alexandra's husband, Mr Ogilvie, whom he recalled once ended up with a sore head as he did not obey a command quick enough and had an argument with the 'jib'.

He, like many others, was very sad when the Royal Yacht was decommissioned, although not scuttled as all previous Royal yachts have been - instead it is now berthed in Edinburgh. Graham finally left Britannia but carried on in Service until he retired.

All in all a very interesting talk and a brief glimpse into Royal life.

Night of Fun and Games

August is the month when, traditionally, members organise the entertainment for the evening and this year was no exception when June White warmly welcomed us all to her home for an evening of fun and games.

Teams took on each other in the art of skittles, quoits and darts and although at least one member was put in mortal danger in one of the games all seemed to end well. Everyone had an enjoyable time and there was much laughter as all showed their various skills in the different events.

A very nice supper was provided by June followed by a continuance of the games. and a winner was declared by a very short margin.

The next meeting on 11th September at the Methodist Church Hall will be a talk and a demonstration of 'Comedy Magic', so please come and joins us - you will be very welcome.

Val Hartwell

Adults' football returns to the village



After a few years of men's football being absent from Stoke Golding, a local team has moved to the village this summer and will be competing in the Hinckley & District Sunday League 2013/14 season, which kicks off in September. Our home pitch will be on the rec and all home games will kick off at 10:30am.

A few of the players have lived at some point in the village; however we have a few spaces available to add to the squad. So if you, or someone you know, may be interested in coming down to training (every Wednesday down the rec) or help out with the coaching of the team, please get in touch.

You can do so by either calling the number below, or message us on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/stokegsunday On here you can also find details of fixtures, post match write ups and player/game photos.

Michael Warren - Manager, Stoke Golding Sunday FC, 07769 179431

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 2013

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

Completed application forms should be returned to A. Fullagar by 28th September 2013

Tea and Cakes

Thank you to all who contributed to, or attended, the tea and cake afternoon held to support Friends of Kenya's Children. We raised the amazing sum of £761.10. With money raised from other activities we are only £180 short of the funds needed to support one orphan, in primary education at the moment, when he or she moves to secondary education in the new year. Again thank you.



Gill Skelton



OBITUARIES



John Patrick Wigley

Patrick, as he was known, formerly of Dadlington, and latterly of Moat House Burbage, passed away after a short illness on 17th June at Glenfield Hospital, Leicester aged 83 years. He was the husband of the late Irene and father to Anne, Sarah and Deborah, and granddad to Henry, Joe, Sam and Jasmin. Following a graveside service he was interred in Hinckley Road Cemetery, Stoke Golding.

Lucy Aucott

We are sad to report the passing of Lucy Aucott, formerly of Greenwood Road, Stoke Golding, at Orchard House, Market Bosworth aged 80 years. Lucy was the wife of the late Wilf, sister to David, loving mum to Rachel and a special Gran to Luke and Ruth. The funeral service took place at St James' Church, Dadlington; the church which Lucy attended and supported during her life, prior to cremation at Nuneaton. There were family flowers only with donations to Blind Veterans UK c/o Mc Cartney's Funeral Service of Hinckley.

Lucy was a well known figure in the village prior to moving to Orchard House, and spent a great deal of time in retirement at her church helping to organise many events there. She was an avid supporter of the British Legion and the Poppy Appeal, carrying the Legion banner at all local events. She was best known perhaps for her working years as an assistant in the old Co-op on Station Road, and then in the Middle Stores in the early eighties.

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

StokeFest 2013

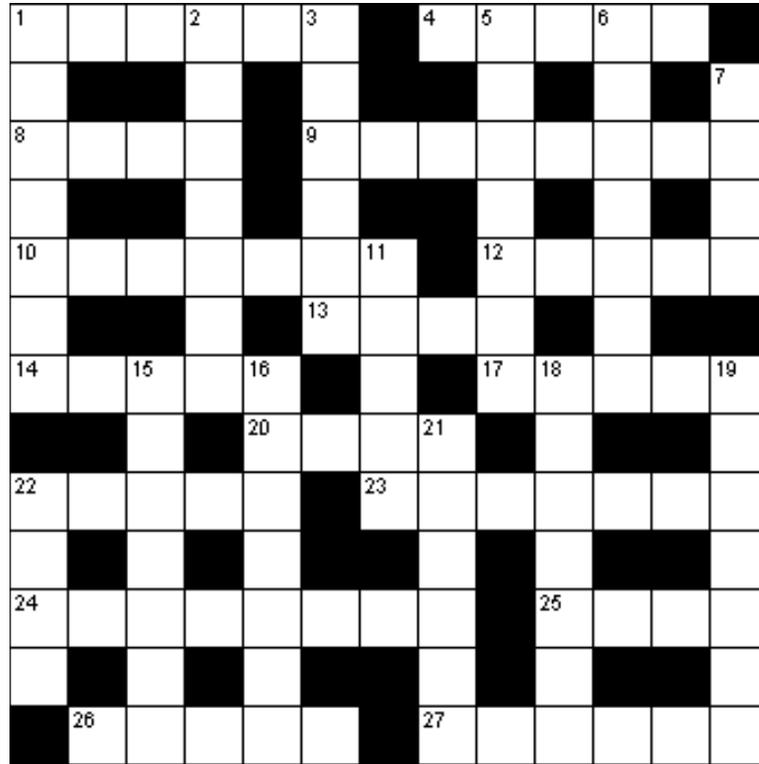
StokeFest, which was held in July, was a huge success and hopefully the amount raised for charities will be revealed at the presentation evening at the Club on Saturday 14th September.



A couple of photos from last year's StokeFest



crossword



Across

1. You can get gold, silver or bronze.
4. Plants and trees are this.
8. Noise of lions.
9. Dark red veg can be pickled.
10. This fruit makes marmalade.
12. Thoughts.
13. Bird of peace.
14. Strong hard metal.
17. Used for making rope.
20. First name of Miss Blyton.
22. A short outing.
23. Big showy flowers.
24. Large tents.
25. Opening in a fence or wall.
26. Class or categories.
27. Stockings

Down

1. Very large "courgettes".
2. To put in order.
3. Cried with gasps.
5. Exhibitors in show.
6. You can make arrangements with these.
7. Mr Reading 'Dock of the bay' singer.
11. Not hollow.
15. Officer in the Royal Household.
16. Web and Cos are types of this.
18. Forbidden by law.
19. Concentrate on hearing someone.
21. Black plum like fruit.
22. Fruit spreads in jars.

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Stoke Golding Parish Council Meetings - June and July 2013

June Meeting

New Road Nameplate Crest - Tony Collett, representing the Heritage Group, presented the Parish Council with 4 proposed designs for the crest to go on the planned new road nameplates explaining these would give a chance of promoting the village's unique connection with Henry VII. Councillors approved the designs and requested the Parish Clerk to submit them to the HBBC Conservation Officer for comments.

Convent Site update –

Pauline Goodsell reported on Community Amenity Land Convent Site as follows:

1. Present situation: Parish Council has accepted land in principle subject to the site being left in a tidy and manageable state.
2. It is unlikely that the land will be handed over until the building work is completed or nearing completion.
3. Pipe work for surface water nearly complete and building the balancing pond soon.
4. Raglan Homes Grant: The grant application has been successful with funding totalling £26,529 allocated for many onsite projects. Pauline Goodsell and team were commended for all their hard work.
5. Other areas for grant applications have been identified.
6. It was confirmed that the Parish Council wishes the sub-committee to continue its work.

Update on Actions from last Parish Council meeting:

Street Lighting information / map located at Post Office for parishioners to inspect.

Recreation Ground/Pavilion - shower floor in the process of work being carried out.

HBBC Conservation Officer - nameplates / War Memorial – meeting and exhibition to inform village.

Soil humps at the recreation ground to be checked at ROSPA's annual safety inspection.

Grounds-man refitted litter bin at bottom of rec and is clearing hedges.

Barwell SUE – CCllr Ivan Ould yet to meet with Laurence Fallon, Highways LCC.

Hinckley Road Cemetery – (a) hinges on kissing gate being repaired by grounds-man and (b) quotation and suggested designs for new main gates circulated to meeting for discussion.

Parish and Community Initiative Fund of £4995 awarded to Stoke Golding for gym/fitness trail.

Reports of Council representative:

Cllr R Brown reported 5 new benches now delivered, to be sited around the village as soon as possible.

Planning Application Matters:

New Applications: 53 Arnold Road – extension and alterations.

Appeal: 1A Tithe Close - Change of use from detached residential garage to beauty salon (Retrospective).

Letter of support to be sent from Parish Council.

Bosworth Conservation Plan - Battle Field

Carolyn Abel, LCC Heritage Manager – manages 3 museums including the Bosworth Battlefield, a registered battlefield since 1995, handed out a technical consultation document detailing the history of the battle, landscape etc, which encompasses views

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of the site. Carolyn presented an Executive Summary of this document to the meeting. The aims of the Conservation Plan.

Form a partnership between Heritage Centre and community, addressing issues.

The ultimate objective of preserving the landscape and the stories that accompany it.

Possibly form a Task Finishing Group for the project.

Technical Consultation Document to be passed around Councillors for their comments and thoughts - to be forwarded to Carolyn Abel.

Recreation Ground / Ditch / Pavilion

Actions:

1) Quotation from R A Harbours, tree surgeon, of £500 for pruning work and removing brash and timber in Play Area, Wooded Area, Hedgerow and other areas.

2) Piping of ditch - spec to be sent out for tendering.

3) Tidying up around Pavilion area.

4) Moving Forward: Improving the Pavilion - spec and contractors to be obtained for tendering.

Communications

Cllr McKenna proposed ideas for drawing matters to the attention of parishioners were discussed and will be re-visited.

To appoint a Trustee to the Mistress Hester Hodges Exhibition Foundation

Ann Jones is willing to stand again as Trustee. Proposal agreed by all.

Village Shop

Letter from Jane White, regarding a number of residents expressing an interest in establishing a community shop in the village following the recent closure of Middle Stores, was communicated to the meeting. The view was to have a sustainable business run shop as a preferred option and not compromising the post office.

Communications

Stoke Golding Garden Show Committee re donation for Annual Garden Show. Parish Council agreed to donate £50.

Barwell SUE – correspondence and analysis data from Alan White (circulated to Parish Council).

County Cllr Ivan Ould's report:

The report by the Highways Planners in respect of the Barwell SUE has been rejected by me and a number of Parish Councils within the Division. None of us have confidence in an assessment that does not predict an increase in road traffic volumes arising from building 2,500 new homes. This is compounded by the fact that no mitigation measures have been proposed for the Division, specifically Sutton Cheney, Stoke Golding, Higham and Witherley Parishes.

Any other Business

Footpath from Wykin Lane to Higham lane – style removed and full width gates fitted.

SmartWater – Cllr Mayes to invite a member of Market Bosworth police to come to next meeting to discuss this further. It was suggested to use Co-operative website to inform villagers of SmartWater.

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July Meeting

Update on Actions from June meeting:

Circulation of Bosworth Battlefield Technical Consultation Document for Cllrs' comments and thoughts.

R A Harbours – instruction to clear trees at rec.

Tendering for ditch work at rec - quotes awaited.

HBBC Conservation Office – costs awaited re new road nameplates and memorial.

Hinckley Road Cemetery Gates – will be installed in October.

LCC Highways – jitty maintenance work. Clerk to write to Highways stating this is now a Health and Safety issue.

1A Tithe Close – Planning Appeal letter of support sent from Parish Council.

Actions

Village Shop: – Clerk to send a thank you letter in reply to Jane White's comments on establishing a community shop. Cllr Ward to make enquiries with HBBC re the shop being put on statute to be deemed a shop.

Litter bin on rec – not secure and unusable, Clerk to request groundsman to rectify.

Reports of Council representatives:

Cllr R Brown reported that 5 new benches would be sited within the next two weeks.

Planning Application Matters:

Proposed crossing at Convent Site Development – Parish Council to write to LCC Highways stating that it welcomes the serious consideration being given to the safety of this junction, however the drawing does not allow for establishing whether all the safety issues are being addressed.

New Applications:

66, Hinckley Road – Extension and alterations.

St Martins' Convent site - Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission to amend approved elevations.

Appeals:

1A, Tithe Close - Change of use from detached residential garage to beauty salon (Retrospective).

The Stables, Pine Close – erection of Solar Panel Field.

SmartWater

Joan Jordan, Police Volunteer, Market Bosworth Police Station (dealing with SmartWater and countryside watch) attended meeting. She reported on crime figures for June in Stoke Golding – many incidents are due to unsecured properties.

She presented details of SmartWater – packs contain an applicator, which will apply SmartWater to 70 personal items, stickers for windows and a registration document.

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Parish Councillors were in support and agreed to fund 40 kits to be sold at £12 per pack to residents – available at the Post Office.

PC Chris Cox (PCSO 2187) Beat Officer – of the Response and Neighbourhood Team dealing with traffic and crime issues, attended the meeting to introduce himself.

Road Nameplates and Memorial

Mr M Walton has agreed to having the War Memorial erected on Park House corner.

Nameplates – designs discussed and a request made for a crown and hawthorn bush design.

Village Management Plan and Exhibition to be organised by the Conservation Department, HBBC.

Football Clubs - 2013/14 Season

Fees discussed, and a letter to be sent to Clubs to remind them to inform the Parish Council in advance of events to be held on the rec.

Communications received by the Chairman

Written

County Cllr Ivan Ould - email re his meeting with Laurence Fallon on traffic impact on rural roads from the Barwell SUE. Parish Council to reply stating it felt that members of the Parish Council and representatives of the other five Parish Councils should have been invited to the meeting.

Actions from meeting:

- (i) Village Shop: – Clerk to send a thank you letter in reply to Jane White's comments in establishing/re- establishing a shop for the community, and Cllr Ward to make enquiries with HBBC on the shop being put on statute to be deemed only ever be a shop.
- (ii) Church Walk – Clerk to request Groundsman to cut back.
- (iii) Litter Bin – not secure and unusable, Clerk to request Groundsman to rectify.

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

Next meeting: **Wednesday 9th October** (2nd Wednesday) in the Committee Room of the village hall.

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	Sherwood Road 10.50 - 11.10am
	The White Swan 11.15 - 11.40am
	Hinckley Road/Main Street 11.45 - 12.05pm

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Across

1. Medals. 4. Leafy. 8. Roar. 9. Beetroot. 10. Oranges. 12. Ideas. 13. Dove.
 14. Steel. 17. Sisal. 20. Enid. 22. Jaunt. 23. Dahlias. 24. Marquees. 25. Gate.
 26. Types. 27. Nylons.

Down

1. Marrows. 2. Arrange. 3. Sobbed. 5. Entries. 6. Flowers. 7. Ots. 11. Solid.
 15. Equerry. 16. Lettuce. 18. Illegal. 19. Listens. 21. Damson. 22. Jams.



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