

The Stoker

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Good Luck to Year 6 Leavers from St Margaret's School

Stoke Golding Village Magazine
including
Dadlington Matters

50p



Note from the Editors

Apologies to Linda Blay and Hilary Surridge for reporting in last month's issue that Hilary had run a marathon when in fact it was Linda! We must have been working too hard!



We have another full 32 page magazine with photographs and articles sent in by you including a compilation of Adult Learners' Week photos. See if you can spot yourself amongst them.

Enjoying summer fruit and vegetables from the garden - courgettes, runner beans, early apples etc. - reminds us that the Stoke Golding Garden Show will soon be here. Now where is that recipe for summer chutney and how big are your dahlias? StokeFest is back for another year and we have St Margaret's Flower Festival, Teddy Bear Jump and Dadlington Fete to enjoy.

It is also the time of year when Stoker subscriptions will be collected so please have £5 ready to hand. For anyone who doesn't have their Stokers delivered yet (free of charge) please get in touch and we will organise this for you.

Steve and Jane

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Cover picture: Year 6 Leavers 2015 from St Margaret's School

Two Village Weddings



James and Emma

It was truly wonderful to be able to hold our daughter Emma's wedding at St James' Church and then to be able to celebrate on The Green. Hilary SurrIDGE and Carolyn Patullo led a very moving marriage ceremony for Emma and James, surrounded by close friends and their families.

The day would not have been the same without the incredible support and help from our friends in Dadlington and Stoke Golding, the communities Emma has been part of for the past 31 years.

Thank you all.

The new Mr and Mrs Bass will be starting married life in Ruddington, near Nottingham.

Simon and Rachel Rees-Jones

Geoff and Hilary

We were married on August 6th in St Margaret's church, Stoke Golding and we are counting ourselves fortunate that we live in such a friendly village. We have been so touched by all the good wishes from so many villagers.

Our service was held by Reverend Linda Blay, the arrangements were coordinated by Roger & members of St Margaret's, the bells rung by John & his team, and Corinne did our flowers.

Bernie drove us to church in his car which Gill had decorated, we were welcomed by Brian playing the organ, Frances read the lesson superbly & the Ambion Voices sang during the signing of the register.

The Monday Cyclists & the Monday Walkers were in church to wish us well; Martyn took the photographs.

Many thanks to all who shared our special day; it truly was a "Village Affair".

Geoff & Hilary Ford



More Success for Joy



England International and Stoke Golding skeet shooter, Joy Hirons, of Church Walks, has been out on the competition circuit again with considerable success.

Joy won the English Open skeet doubles at Northampton for the very first time. She won this title after a tense sudden death shoot off after tying on scores but she triumphed in the end.

Then we took a long drive up to Scotland for Joy to compete in the

Scottish Open skeet championships in Falkirk. She won the silver medal after a great display of shooting.

Finally, Joy has just recently travelled down to Bisley in Surrey where she competed in the British Open skeet championships and was defending the British title she has won the last 2 years. After missing 2 targets on her first round she shot her other 3 rounds straight and finished with a brilliant score of 98 out of 100, claiming the all important British Open title for an amazing 3rd time.

Joy will finish off the main competition season representing her country, shooting for England at the Home International in Wales, an achievement she is really proud to do.

Over the winter Joy is hoping to be invited to the Beretta gun factory in Italy where they would like to fit her out with a new, custom made shotgun ready for the 2016 season.

Rob Hirons

90th Birthday Celebrations

Crown Hill Close resident, Pat White, recently celebrated her 90th Birthday with twenty seven members of her family including husband Bob, sons John and Alan, five of her six grandsons and seven of her eight great grandchildren aged between seven weeks and four years. She was presented with a cake iced with her favourite poem "Daffodils" by Wordsworth which she can still recite word for word. She also received a photo book of her life so far and a special jigsaw case.

Pat and Bob moved to Stoke Golding from London six years ago to be near family and both of them really love living in the village.



Pat at her 90th Birthday party with daughter in law Lynne

A Musical Introduction

Michael Dix from Dadlington has recently joined the Stoker team. So not only is this an introduction to a new member of the team but he has a musical background as well.

Michael, who lives in Dadlington, is married with two grown up sons and a 1 year old grandson. He has done the round of Chair of the PTA and school governor when both his children attended St Margaret's school. Originally he went to Southampton University to do a music and maths degree but dropped the maths after a year to concentrate on the music side. Piano and clarinet are his main instruments but composition of music is his main interest.



Being from a teaching background (5 generations) his composition background held him in good stead as he has written the words, songs and music for about 20 musicals with themes appealing to children from the Olympics (2012) to the Vikings. It takes him about an academic year from composition to performance. He has even done the odd composition for a brass band.

His musical influences are eclectic from classical to jazz and he composes in the theme of West End musicals whilst in the field of education his passions have been the arts and sport.

For approximately 26 years he has regularly played the organ at St James' church in Dadlington and for the occasional wedding. Some of the recent monies raised by Richard III events in Dadlington are to go towards much needed organ restoration work.

His wife sings in the Hinckley Rock Choir and is a retired journalist and special needs teacher.

One of his sons has followed in both Michael's passion for food and music as he has started a business supplying food outlets for musical festivals.

Michael's other passions include sport (he has had a season ticket for Leicester City Football club for 36 years) cooking exotic and experimental dishes, travel and walking.

He and his wife have undertaken a 10 year project to walk the length of England in sections and they are currently outside Keswick, having started on the south coast.

He is very interested in history - not only the family tree, but also medieval and tudor history and the history of London where his grandmother originated from.

He and his wife are walking the " Capital Ring" around London which is all through parkland and sites.

Michael is known for setting the questions at the annual Dadlington Village Hall general knowledge quiz to raise funds.

All in all Michael has the drive and commitment to be a very valuable member of the Stoker team. WELCOME.

Jennifer Michie

PLANNING APPLICATION FOR 7 HOUSES IN THE CENTRE OF STOKE GOLDING

Planning Application 15/00573/OUT submitted to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council on July 3rd is for Outline Planning Permission for 7 houses to be built on the land adjoining and behind Laburnum Cottage - that is opposite the Three Horseshoes and bordering the jitty between High Street and Hinckley Road. The proposal includes an access road from the site on the corner of High Street and 'improvements' to the jitty which is described as a little used path!

Our garden adjoins the site and so we are very concerned about the effect this will have on us personally. However, whilst recognising that the proposed development is on private land, we feel there are also considerations regarding the impact on the village as a whole.

Historically this open space is an important part of the heritage of Stoke Golding. Laburnum Cottage was the core of a farm on the edge of High Street with a 'yard' extending into open countryside. The remnants of the farm orchards can still be seen, some on this site.

The site is an integral and fundamental part of Stoke Golding Conservation Area. As such it has been designated a 'key space' within the area. Its loss as an open space would do significant damage to the 'rural character' of the village. Indeed the Conservation Area Statement emphasises the importance of retaining space within the village and between buildings. It recognises the importance of 'retaining greenery between buildings' and that they 'are a key feature of the character of the area.' The importance of trees is recognised and the open character of this site and its trees are recognised by the designation 'vista to be protected'.

We also feel that Stoke Golding has had enough housing for the moment. The 'Convent' development is not completed and outline permission for 80 houses at the end of Sherwood Road has been granted to Morris Homes. Stoke Golding has more than met the minimum requirement in the HBBC Core Strategy. Officers have stated this on a number of occasions and at the meeting on 16th July 2015 Andy Killip Planning Manager (Policy) confirmed that this was the case. The Borough has a 5 year supply of housing and its housing targets should be met without additional housing in Stoke Golding. The HBBC Draft Site Allocation Document classifies this site as a green space and does not identify it as suitable for development. It further states that 'the residual minimum housing requirement for Stoke Golding has been met and as such no sites are required to be allocated for further residential development in Stoke Golding.'

The location of the proposed entrance/exit to the proposed development is on a narrow bend 70 metres from the entrance to St Margaret's Primary School. Two footpaths converge onto the pavement at this point. At school times in particular there is a large amount of traffic and parking problems.

We are asking for your support in opposing this development. If you have objections to this proposal please write/email the following people - although the original date for letters/emails will have passed the Planning Dept at HBBC should

still take them who wishes to

- ◇ Richard V
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- ◇ Borough
- ◇ Reg.ward
- ◇ Borough
- ◇ Kevin.mo
- ◇ County C
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- ◇ the Clerk

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David and P

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into account - if there is more than one person in your household
to comment each individual should send a letter to HBBC.

Wright (Planning Officer) Hinckley and Bosworth Planning Dept,
wright@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk (01455 255894)

Councillor Reg Ward, Mill House, Higham Lane, Stoke Golding
regward@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk (212369)

Councillor Kevin Morrell, Rural Communities & Environment
kevinmorrell@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk (01530 261928)

Councillor Ivan Ould, ivan.ould@btinternet.com (01827 881087)

Council - Chair - Councillor Rachel Terheege 212953, via
to the PC- Theresa Case - clerk.stokegoldingpc@gmail.com

Pauline Goodsell, 3 Hinckley Road Stoke Golding,

Stoke Golding Youth Football Club



have had a well deserved break over the start of the summer
ing competed in tournaments and friendly matches over June and
e restarted training in August.

the new Under 8's Swords team who on Saturday 4th July were
Coalville's annual Ravens 7s Tournament, after meeting
Town's 1st team in the final. Having played some brilliant football, the
on, they finished top of their five team group, winning all four games
astic 7-0 result.

season will be kicking off on Sunday 6th September, which will bring
es for some of our teams. This year's Under 9's team will be
om a 5 a side game to 7 a side and the Under 11's will be
o 9 a side where they will observe the off-side rule. The Under 13's
w be sharing with the under 15's on the full size pitches, progressing
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ssful 4 week Mini Dribblers taster session in May/June, with an
urnout of around 18 players, we are welcoming a new Under 6's
urrent 8 squads this season.

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Hill – 07824 836747/ peterhill1710@gmail.com

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g Youth Football Club Annual Comedy Night 21st November
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Italian Banquet for the Mayor



The historic village of Stoke Golding has probably played host to many important banquets over the years. In keeping with this tradition, this week a group of Year 5 students from St Margaret's C of E Primary School cooked a spectacular Italian banquet for the Mayor and her consort.

In the run up to the election, Year 5 have been learning about parliament and how different parties are elected. As part of

Food Technology, Year 5 have also been thinking about budgeting, and cooking using produce from their own school garden.

All of this work culminated in the students cooking a feast of Italian pastas, salad and pizzas for a special guest, The Mayor of Hinckley. The school PTA kindly gave each class some money to complete a project with. The year 5 children decided to run a dinnertime restaurant with their money. Each group of children had £20. They had to plan the meal, ensure they had enough money and food, and finally cook and serve the meal, before enjoying it with their chosen special guest.

On Wednesday, Councillor Richards, our newly elected mayor, and her consort, arrived to a beautifully laid out table and six children, eager for her to taste their creations. St Margaret's new head teacher, Mrs Prokipczuk, and class teacher, Mrs Carruthers, also got to enjoy the food. The Mayor and her consort cleared their plates and even had room for pudding. The Mayor commented that she was "extremely proud" to have been invited for lunch and was thoroughly impressed with the children's cooking and budgeting skills, as well as their lovely table manners.

During the meal, the children were able to discuss what they had learned about politics and ask the Mayor questions about her career in politics so far. The event was a huge success and the children said they felt honoured to have cooked for somebody so important.

Vicki Carruthers, - Year 5 teacher, St Margaret's C of E, Stoke Golding

Good Luck to Year 6 Leavers (See photo on the cover)

We would like to wish all of the year 6 leavers 2015 well as they take their next steps onto either St. Martin's or Redmoor. All of the 35 children have been a credit to St. Margaret's and are all extremely talented individuals. We hope they are excited about starting at their new high schools and continue to strive for excellence, always being the best that they can be. Good luck to all, from all the St. Margaret's team.

What a show!

St. Margaret's perform Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies!

Children in key stage 2 at St. Margaret's, Stoke Golding, amazed their audiences with a spectacular performance of Robin Hood. The children showed off their acting and singing talents to their proud parents and grandparents. The show was full of humour and laughter, and the children's acting skills were impressive. St. Margaret's have some extremely talented children! A special



thank you should be sent to Sara Hare who donated her time to paint a dazzling back drop of Sherwood Forest for the play as well as Mrs Short who made many of the children's costumes. Stoke Golding's residents of all ages really do have talent!

Volunteer Gardener Needed

On a separate matter, our school allotment is looking fabulous at the moment. Year 5 made lunch for the Mayor recently and used produce from the school allotment in the dishes they prepared. The children are engaging enthusiastically with watering and caring for the plants and Mrs Payton is running a successful gardening club, helping to build up the children's gardening skills. I think the children are extremely proud of their school and enjoying looking after it. As our school grounds are becoming more established, and more demanding, we are still seeking a local volunteer to help with gardening. If you are interested and could spare some time, please contact the school office. Your help would be gratefully received.

St Margaret's School

Route 66 Bus Service

Stoke Golding and Dadlington has a new bus service but the timings are not easy to remember - we have provided a shortened version on page 30 but you can download a timetable with all the stops from www.arrivabus.co.uk or ring 0344 800 4411

" A Splash and a Bang"

The 1st Stoke Golding Scout group ended their summer program with water - themed activities. The annual water fight - imagine the scene: outside with buckets of water, sponges, water pistols for older members, getting soaked, getting changed into spare clothes, depending on remembering them or not, and having fun.

The cub pack went on a bell - boating trip on the River Soar north of Leicester. Getting rather wet and playing games on the water, as well as rowing, springs to mind. In addition observing the local wildlife. One cub Izzy even claimed she had seen a hippo!!!



Cubs, Owen, Joseph, Tyler, Elliot and Ryan took part in the annual District Cub Raft Race at Stoney Stanton Cove and by all accounts left the rest of the field standing and won outright. Well done Cubs!!

The scouts entered 3 carts for the annual soap box Derby down Castle Street in Hinckley. Despite collisions for other teams, the scout's carts survived in tact - so no bangs. They all had a good time taking part.



The programme was brought to a close with a joint pack evening at the Rec. It involved various sweet relay games. Slightly challenging on a particularly hot night especially the Malteaser game for obvious reasons. There was a very good turn out and about 80 members of the pack attended.

Following on from that evening was a presentation by John and Fionna on a brief photo record of some of the activities which documented all the various camps, trips and activities the pack have been involved in. Judging by the reaction on the night and the faces on the slides, we got the programme pitched right and is why we are one of the most successful packs in the county. This could not happen without the on-going drive and commitment of all the leaders, especially John and Fionna Shilladay, and the parents who help out as well.

A BIG thank you to the team.

What's next in the autumn? - well a new programme for all the pack with new badges and activities. The Scouts are fund raising to attend an International jamboree camp outside Loughborough for a week next August. Simply just more fun.

Jennifer Michie

Correspondence



I'm sure I speak on behalf of everybody who attended the adult learners' sessions in July, when I say 'a big thank you' to all those who helped organise this event. The hard work that goes on behind the scenes in order to plan this is much appreciated. Also, thanks to the people who generously gave their time to lead the sessions.

We are already looking forward to what next year might bring!

Regards, Brian



We just wanted to formally thank everyone involved in planning Adult Learner's Week for what I am sure was a huge amount of work, dedication, and logistical planning to pull off such a fabulous week this year! We attended 7 courses and loved them all. Apart from the new skills and knowledge acquired (Mark's mainly in the consumption of beer) it was a wonderful opportunity to bring the community together in a way I can't imagine it happening without this type of framework. We actually spent time getting to know our neighbours who we ordinarily just greet with a polite hello when watering the veg plot. It was also lovely that you all made the effort to be there for every session, breaking the ice, making introductions and most importantly supplying tea and biscuits! It is very clear how much work goes into it all and we just wanted you to know that it does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated. We hope you recover the strength to do it again next year!

Many thanks Helen and Mark Shipton

Dadlington Matters

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Notes from the minutes of Sutton Cheney Parish Council July 8th

BARWELL SUE MITIGATION – Two sub-committees have been set up to cover traffic and flooding –Borough Cllr Reg Ward was asked to co-ordinate all affected local Parish Councils in order to continue pressure on HBBC.

Grass Cutting – several complaints have been received and passed to LCC Highways with reference to inadequate verge cutting.

Section 106 Money – a total of approx. £5000.00 is still available for use on and around The Green in Dadlington. Suggestions so far include: posts to discourage cars from parking and driving on the Green, levelling and landscaping the Green adjacent to the Village Hall to use for marquees, barbeques etc. Suggestions and comments are welcomed.

R111 legacy group to promote tourism has been set up by HBBC. SCPC is represented. Businesses will be contacted to survey the impact of the additional interest. There is an opportunity for a funded art installation at each part of the cortege route.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 9th 2015 (7.30pm) at Dadlington Village Hall.

Colourful Pictures to Cheer up Patients

Have you been to the surgery recently?

If so you will have noticed the bright and colourful display on sunflower theme done by Year 2 at St Margaret's school.

Thank you to the pupils and teachers involved and to Wendy Smith for mounting and laminating the pictures.

Look out for the Health Promotion Board which was an idea promoted by CASAG to link with national campaigns.

Thank you to Rob Gaskin for his help with the installation of the board.

Jennifer Michie



What's On

Celebrating 100 years of the WI



Stoke Golding WI invite you to join them for tea/ coffee in the Methodist Church Hall on Saturday 10th October between 10.30 am and 12. There will be display of craft work produced by members and the scrapbooks of Stoke Golding WI will be on show. Cakes, plants, produce and books will be on sale.



G N WESTERN CONNECTION

LINE DANCING CLASS

for complete beginners (no partner needed)
Starts on Tuesday 22nd September
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From 7.00 - 7.45 pm cost £4.50
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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

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 25th September
10.00-12 noon

Cakes, preserves, books &
hand made cards

Methodist Church

Coffee Morning

Saturday 12th September
10.00-11.30

For Church Funds

STOKEFEST SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST

What's On



Stanley Opera present
"THE ITALIAN JOB"
15th, 16th & 17th Oct
Hinckley Concordia Theatre
Tickets £9, £10
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Saturday 26th September 7.30pm
at

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SALSA a 7 week course for BEGINNERS. Pay in advance for 6 and get week 7 free.
Starts **Sunday July 12th** at 8pm

All Sequence Tea Dances – **1st Thursday in the Month**
With a mixture of new and older/popular sequence dances.
Starts **August 6th** 2pm to 4pm



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Starts **Sunday September 6th** at 8pm



Have FUN and enjoy a NEW dancing experience!

For costs and further information call *Jean on 07594 343333*

Stoke Golding Neighbourhood Plan Your Village, Your Voice

After an enthusiastic and supportive meeting attended by about 30 residents at Baxter Hall on 17th July, the next meeting is being arranged to set out the way forward for a Neighbourhood Plan for Stoke Golding.

The Plan is a recognized document which states our 10 year plan for the development of our village.

Have a say to help take control of the future of our village as everyone's help will be needed to make the Neighbourhood Plan a reality.

Look out for a postcard delivery or check the village notice board for the next meeting coming SOON! All residents welcome.

ST MARGARET'S FLOWER FESTIVAL 29th - 31st AUGUST

What's On

Stoke Golding Heritage Group

"Cherish the past, protect the future"



Stoke Golding Heritage Group September Meeting

To start our Autumn Programme, Ken Reeves from Burbage Birders will be giving an illustrated talk about "Islands on the Edge". These are the Islands located off the mainland of Scotland which are the habitats for a range of sea birds and other birds who thrive in these unspoilt and remote areas. The talk will commence at 7.30pm in the Baxter Hall on September 17th. Non members will be charged a nominal fee of £2.50.

St. Margaret's Church



Teddy Bear Jump & Barbecue

Saturday 26th September from 12noon – 3pm

Barbecue, drinks and cakes available

£2 charge for each bear to fly from the church tower.

Prizes for the bear that flies the farthest, best decorated parachute and best dressed bear.

Teddy bear rescue and bear first aiders on site.
It is best not to bring your favourite bear

StokeArts@thevillagehall

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Sun 11th Oct. 8pm **Femme Fatales, Songs for Scarlet Women** - Sarah Moule

Sun 8th Nov. 8pm **Those Magnificent Men** - the Foundry Group

Sun 13th Dec. 4pm **Alice in Wonderland** - Box Tale Soup



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

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: email alanwhitesg@gmail.com.
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GARDEN SHOW 5TH SEPTEMBER

**Stoke Golding and Dadlington Festival of Learning 2015
- a few photos**



Embroidery, Lampshade-Making & Needle-felting -Three Sessions with Sally Halstead



Community Choir with Rachel Rees-Jones



Churchill with John Whitehead



Improve Your Photos with Martyn Fisher



Bridge with Avis Raynor and Vic Rollins



Brewery Tour with Stewart Elliott



Improve Your Holiday French with Cathy McKay



Become an Artist in 2 Hours with Sarah Robinson



Botanical Painting with Kate Nuttall



Landscape Art with Di Sinclair





Bread Making with Brenda Payne



Pilates with Katie Quinn



Bell Ringing with John Patullo



Skin and Nail Care with Sophie Johnson



Old Village Photos



Wine Tasting with Keith Morton

Church Matters

Church of England September 2015 Services St. Margaret's Church

6th	10.30am	All Age Service
13th	10.30am	Benefice Service Witherley
20th	10.30am	Holy Communion
27th	10.30am	Morning Worship

St. James's Church

6th	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
13th	10.30am	Benefice Service Witherley
20th	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
27th	6.30pm	Harvest Songs of Praise

The Methodist Church September 2015 Services

6th	10.30am	Mr John Cooke
13th	10.30am	Revd Wes Hampton
20th	10.30am	Mrs Judith Cooke Harvest Festival
27th	10.30am	Mrs Gwen Coley

Zion Baptist Chapel September 2015 Services

6th	6pm	Malcolm Webb
13th	6pm	John Needham
20th	6pm	Martyn Owens
27th	6pm	Steven Connor

The Shows Will Go On

Despite losing all our funding from the Centre Stage rural touring scheme, we have managed to book 3 great shows at the Village Hall in Stoke Golding for our Autumn 2015 season which starts on 11th October. We have theatre and music to suit all ages. These are high quality professional performances, and you can still get tickets for just £8 if you take advantage of our discounts.

We are pretty excited by our 2015 shows and are in the process of booking two more shows for 2016.

Details of how to book tickets are on page 16.

We now have a facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stokearts>. Please visit and like us and share with your friends.

Alan White

Church Matters



From St Margaret's Church

I have just returned home from the 'Cream Teas Afternoon' at Hall Farm in Dadlington, where there was an absolute feast of scones and jam and cream and the most delicious cakes. It was wonderful to see so many people who accepted the invitation and came.

They were obviously enjoying themselves and there was a real sense of community, as well as being part of the mission and outreach of St James' Church.

In Higham on the 9th August, we had the special service of farewell to Hilary, and afterwards we celebrated her time with us by eating and drinking together in a 'bring and share' lunch.

There are many festivals and events that take place in our parishes, where we celebrate or remember with a delicious spread.

I know, also, how generous people are in donating food where they know it is needed. We support both the Hinckley and Atherstone Food Banks – thank you for your generosity.

Now, food is talked about quite a lot in the Bible – after all, everyone has to eat. Actually, in Bible times, *what* you ate mattered too – there were rules about what you could and couldn't eat.

But food wasn't just about survival or staying healthy; food is also something to enjoy (just as we did at the 'Cream Teas').

The Bible often talks about feasting and parties where there is food. There are stories about wedding banquets – like the wedding party at Cana where Jesus turned water to wine.

Jesus himself told the story of the return of the prodigal son whose father celebrated by killing the fatted calf. Then there was the miracle of how a crowd of 5000 people was fed with five loaves and two fishes.

And we are told about the kingdom of God being like a wedding banquet to which **we** are invited. It's a picture of the way things ought to be, with everyone having what they need and enjoying and sharing the world God has given them.

Jesus talks about a spiritual food, as he invites us to spend time with God – in prayer, in reading the bible, in spending time with others in worship. God feeds our minds and spirits. He strengthens us to go out into the world to share his love.

God invites us, by faith, to 'feed on him in our hearts'. Will we accept his invitation?

Wishing you God's blessing.

Linda
Revd Linda Blay
Fenn Lanes Benefice

The Fool on the Hill Protecting the environment.....

A brief internal inspection of just about any shed or garage in the UK will reveal the profit element of the world's manufacturers of paint. These companies would be on the road to ruin if they relied on the paint that is actually applied to various surfaces. Their margins lie in the half used tins of the gloss and emulsion (what the heck is sapphire blush?), that languish in the nations outbuildings awaiting further use, which never happens, or disposal which is fraught with obstacles.

In fairness to our county council, they do provide a recycling and disposal facility for paint at a civic amenity site (tip) some distance from our own neighbourhood. I loaded the offending tins into a kindly neighbour's pick-up truck and set off to save the world from needless pollution. Those familiar with the workings of local waste management, will be aware that a truck and any trailer over 4'6", requires a permit to allow access to your local facility. Aforementioned pick-up comes equipped with such a document, so with some degree of confidence I set off for the designated paint receiving site.

On arrival, a hand raised imperiously from beneath a rather fetching hard hat and hi-vis ensemble, halted my progress. I cheerily announced my wish to deposit a quantity of spent paint within his admirable establishment. He countered with a perfectly reasonable demand to see my permit and seeing that I was indeed aboard a vehicle that necessitated such a document, I willingly complied. I perceived a slight darkening of his countenance as he informed me that said permit was not valid for his establishment and would only grant free and unfettered access to the waste facility nearest to my place of residence. I concurred with his assessment but politely pointed out that my local facility was unable to deal with Mr Dulux's products.

He then informed me that the granting of a permit was indeed a privilege, bestowed by the county council, to ensure that local facilities would be used only by local people. Was I aware, he continued, that the cost to the ecology and damage to Polar bears that resulted from the excessive use of fossil fuels needed to transport waste more than the minimum distance, was a matter of grave concern. The council has devoted many hours of focus group time to deliver a system of permit allocation that addressed these concerns and this should be respected. My actions in not confining myself to the use of the specified location would have serious implications to the future of mankind. Despite my interjections that my local facility was unable to cater for my present recycling requirements, he continued to berate me for fully 5 minutes until he ran out of steam and an awkward silence ensued.

Anyway he said, breaking the standoff, you don't need a permit for paint. The bin is up there on the right.

You could not make it up.

FOTH





BETH'S CORNER FRIENDS OF KENYA'S CHILDREN

Blue skies and brilliant sunshine greeted on 12th. August. Here in 'The Courtyard' it was all activity. Friends turned up to erect the gazebo, to help carry out all the tables and chairs, many of which, were snaffled from the various flats on The Courtyard, as well as some from further a-field from more friends in the village. In fact, it has just occurred to me that the word

'friends' in the name of the charity couldn't be more relevant. Without the vast team of helpers that Gill manages to enlist, the annual garden party that takes place here on the beautiful grounds of 'The Courtyard' – could never be made possible. Completely apart from the original aim of raising a very large sum of money for the poorest children in Kenya, we are so blessed to be able to share the beauty of this very lovely place with its glorious views, with so many friends in the village – and beyond.

Immediately the gazebo was up, the many colourful gifts were being displayed on the shelves within. Handmade knitted quilts, and scarves in every colour decorated the sides of the gazebo, while inside the many homemade jars of jams, lemon curd, and Seville marmalade looked mouth-watering enough for this enthusiast for everything home-made, to buy some immediately. Shelves of homemade cakes and every delicious cookie, covered the rest of the space, that wasn't already taken up with gifts of every kind. I always think this is a great opportunity to buy all those extra stocking-fillers for Christmas.

Once the gazebo's display was complete out came all the pretty decorated white table cloths, giving the many tables and chairs the air of expectation, ready for the coming guests and their cream teas. Waitresses were waiting, washers and dryers were all standing in Gill's kitchen, ready for the 'off', John was sitting at the entrance to take all the tickets, and it was "Curtain Up" - the show had begun. Even our sheep and their lambs looked amazed at all the activity, standing at the fence gazing over at all the tempting cream teas.

Going in to see Gill and her many helpers, towards the end, I was reminded of the nursery rhyme "*And the King was in his Counting-house, counting all the money*" – yet another of Gill's many helpers was busy doing just this. **The amazing amount of just over £800 was raised!**

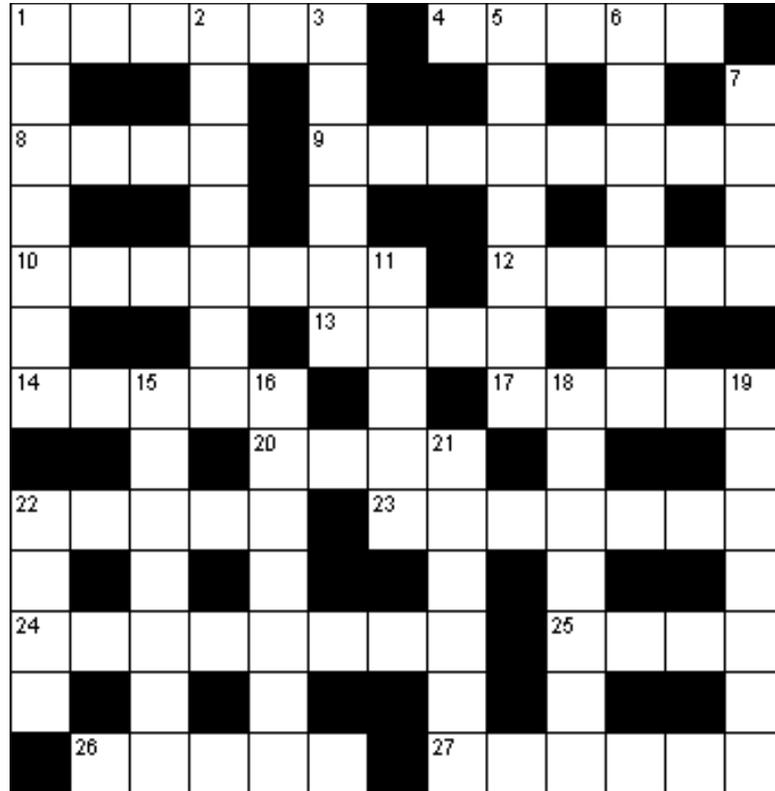
I asked Gill how many people she would like to thank. "*There are just so many Beth that I'm afraid to leave anyone out. I would especially like to thank all those wonderful ladies who donated so many cakes – they kept coming. Otherwise just say Gill and Jan would like to thank everyone concerned.*"

This splendid amount means that one small Kenyan school child will be supported through school for a whole year. So finally

"THANKYOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED IN EVERY TINY WAY."

Beth

Crossword



Across

1. Musical garden hanging ornaments (6)
4. Citrus taste (5)
8. Vast expanse in Yorkshire (4)
9. Black fuel for 24 AC. (8)
10. Type of illusion. (7)
12. Further inside. (5)
13. Found on trees and plants. (4)
14. Underground stem. (5)
17. Wheel coverings. (5)
20. Hardwood trees. (4)
22. Poisonous. (5)
23. Light rains. (7)
24. Cook outside with 9 AC. (8)
25. Garden tool for loose grass. (4)
26. Country in Africa. (5)
27. Tool for cutting Hedges. (6)

Down

1. Fertilised soil. (7)
2. Spread you love or hate. (7)
3. People Friendly. (6)
5. Plane pick up. (3-4)
6. Adult. (5-2)
7. Slighting someone. (4)
11. Welsh veg. (5)
15. Plant used either side of front door. (3-4)
16. Garden feature of large stones. (7)
18. Cemetery greenery. (3-4)
19. Females with same parents. (7)
21. Small mice with long snouts. (6)
22. Containers for plants. (4)

Answers on page 30

CELEBRATION FOR MISS SPARROW

In the year eighteen eighty our school was built
The date carved on the stonework for all to see
A local lady, Miss Sparrow, our benefactor
Schooling the key to good learning was her priority
Our school was built on generous proportions
Three classrooms, glass partitioned, all with sliding doors
In my time only two were in use
For the very large families were now no more
The infants' school was set apart from the rest
Snug in it's playground surrounded by walls
The girls found these useful when playtime came around
For practicing new games with their rubber balls
A door in the wall led to our Headmaster's door
At the end of the lovely garden was a special plot
For senior boys to test their skills with fork and spade
Most of the boys enjoyed it but a few did not!
At the opposite side of the school was the junior teachers house
So attractive with garden, lawn and trees
Where in summer after a trying day
Teachers could sit in the shade and take their class
On the 5th of May a celebration took place
It was the date of Miss Sparrow's birthday
To honour her memory, we took flowers to her grave
(I hoped Miss Sparrow was smiling on us that day)
The previous evening was full of activity
Raiding our gardens for all the best yields
Lilac and Laburnum, late Narcissus and Polyanthus
Bluebells and Primroses from the woods, daisies in the fields
After prayers, the whole school trooped across to the grave
An impressive headstone, with chains surrounding a grassy square
Reverently and in pairs, we laid our little country bunches
Forming a lovely floral carpet with not an inch to spare
After singing a hymn and our Headmaster's prayers of thanks
We returned to our desks until the stroke of mid-day
When tradition decreed, that on that date
We were granted a half-day holiday.

Peggy Holmes

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Obituaries



Keith Jones



Keith Jones, from Sherwood Road, passed away in LOROS on 7th August, aged 81 years, after bravely battling a long illness. Keith was born in Stoke Golding and attended St Margaret's Primary School before passing the 11 plus to go to Dixie Grammar School in Market Bosworth. His best report stated he was a first class athlete and sportsman. He volunteered for the Royal Navy Engineering branch and did a 9 year engagement plus 5 years on reserve. He left the service as petty officer in 1959 and returned to Stoke Golding. In 1962 he married Jean

and they had two children, Tom and Kate. He worked for local companies eventually working at Atkins until he retired. He played football and cricket for the village and helped to re-form Stoke Golding Garden Society where he remained as organiser, fundraiser and secretary for over 50 years. He served as chairman of Stoke Golding Club for 20 years, served as secretary of the allotment society where he was instrumental in acquiring the allotments at the convent and was a tireless fundraiser for many causes.

Gary Bench



Gary Bench of Crown Hill Close, Stoke Golding passed away peacefully on 19th July 2015 at the age of 39 years, after a long illness that he bore with great courage and good humour. He was the dedicated and loving husband of Sian, and a much loved daddy to Heidi and Harley. Gary was a dearly loved son to Terry and Val and an irreplaceable brother to Zoe. His funeral was held at St Margaret's Church on 3rd August and the full church was a testament of what his life meant to his family and many friends. The family would like to express their thanks to the wonderful people at Loros who were so supportive in the latter stages of Gary's illness. Donations in memory of Gary may be

made to Loros care of G. Seller and Company, Funeral Directors, 75 Upper Bond Street, Hinckley.

Robert Walton

We are sad to report that Robert Walton, aged 36 years, died tragically on 10th August whilst on holiday with his family in France. Robert grew up in Stoke Golding with his sister Kate and parents Mike and Barbara. Tributes to Rob, who was a talented rugby player and coach, have been pouring in through social media and we hope to provide a more fitting tribute to him in a future edition of the Stoker.

We send our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Keith, Gary and Robert.

Notes from Stoke Golding Parish Council Meeting, July

Several members of the public were in attendance at this meeting.

Chairman's Statement on Wykin Lane development

Cllr Terheege opened the meeting by stating that the July PC newsletter set out all the facts about Wykin Lane development and the PC has been and will continue to be pro-active on this issue. It has sought information from various sources and Ivan Ould will also ask questions on our behalf. At this time there is no planning application for Wykin Lane. We are better defended today than when the Morris Homes application was submitted. HBBC has now met its 5 year housing supply requirement and the Site Allocation Document (SAD), if accepted, will be further defence.

Members of the public requested to address the meeting.

Glyn Chapman stated that he was concerned that public officers had not been transparent. Why did the PC not disclose this information sooner and what confidence can we have in the PC to prevent this site being added to the SAD?

Cllr Terheege replied that the land was put forward as part of the SHLAA (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment), which is an evidence based document, not a decision making document. The site has not been presented as a planning application. The PC will continue to inform the public should anything change.

Glyn Chapman added that developers can work around the rules and persuade officers to add the site to the SAD. They will find loop holes. Jim Hope commented that he supported this statement and that it was never too early to inform the public. The PC should not be complacent and it should work on the Neighbourhood Plan as this would put Stoke Golding in a stronger position.

Diane Sinclair asked if the resignation of two councillors in the last two months was related to this issue.

Cllr Terheege replied that Brian Ninness resigned without taking up his position, and Alan White confirmed that he had resigned on a point of principle relating to this matter. Further heated discussion and debate followed. Cllr Beale acknowledged that the PC had made a mistake in not notifying the public sooner and had learnt from this and apologised.

Borough Cllr Reg Ward gave a brief overview of the SAD process. He considered the PC had acted properly and was disappointed that their integrity was called in to question.

Matters arising from June's meeting:

Crime Report - As there have been a number of burglaries and car thefts in the village in recent weeks the Parish Council advises residents to be particularly vigilant.

Reports of Council representatives:

Cllr Pegg reported that Dave Marriott had requested additional work to the wildflower meadow. Cllr Pegg suggested that Jason (groundsman) obtains a price from another contractor and submits for approval. The state of the pond was also discussed.

Planning Application Matters:

New Applications:

15 High Street – two storey side extension incorporating existing single garage.
36 Station Road – erection of single dwelling (outline access).
75 Hinckley Road – removal of condition 3 (matching materials) of planning permission.

Permission granted:

Romerden Farm, Upton Lane – agricultural building.
22 Hinckley Rd – installation of external wall insulation.
1 Church Close – work to trees.

Co-opt a Parish Councillor:

It was agreed that Ruth Fisher should be co-opted as Parish Councillor. A notice has been displayed regarding the second casual vacancy.

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Beale stated that with regret, due to the stress of the previous two weeks and the fact that her integrity had been questioned, she had decided that she would not Chair the Neighbourhood Plan committee.

Sport in Stoke Golding:

Cllr Brown reported on a meeting with Graham Chilvers, Health and Recreation Manager at HBBC. As a result of this meeting the clerk has asked the sports clubs for their development plans. A wish list for facilities has been received from the cricket club. Land requirements and site of new pavilion were also discussed.

Church Walk:

Jason has assessed the site and will tidy it up immediately.

Communications received by the Council

Request for Stoke Golding Garden Show donation – a sum of £60 was agreed.
Football Club offer to refurbish pavilion – Clerk to ask for price and this will be agreed with Parish Council.

An offer to donate a memorial bench for the rec was agreed by the PC.

Next meeting - Village Hall Committee Room, Wednesday 2nd September at 7pm

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 Dadlington: - - - - - **1015**, - **1215**, - **1415**, - **1621**, 1721, **1820**
 Methodist Church: 0615, **0715**, 0813, **0848**, 0913, **1018**, 1115, **1218**, 1315, **1418**, 1520, **1624**, 1724, **1823**

Saturday - No buses to/from Dadlington

Hinckley Bus Station: 0806, **0906**, 1003 then 3 mins past the hour until 1703
 St Martins: 0817, then 17 mins past the hour until 1517
 Methodist Church: 0820 then 20 mins past the hour until 1720

Nuneaton - Hinckley

Nuneaton Bus Station: 0647, **0739**, 0844, **0949**, 1052, **1149**, 1252, **1349**, 1452, - 1549, **1654**, 1754, **1852**
 Methodist Church: 0715, **0803**, 0908, **1010**, 1113, **1210**, 1313, **1410**, 1513, **1538**, 1613, **1718**, 1818, **1913**
 Dadlington: 0718, **0806**, 0911, **1013**, - **1213**, - **1413**, - - 1616 - - -
 St Martin's School: 0721, **0809**, 0914, **1016**, 1116, **1216**, 1316, **1416**, 1516, **1541**, 1619, **1721**, 1821, **1916**

Saturday

Nuneaton Bus Station: 0847 then 47 mins past the hour until 1747
 Methodist Church: 0808 then 8 mins past the hour until 1808
 St Martin's School: 0811 then 11 mins past the hour until 1811



CROSSWORD ANSWERS (from page 25)

Across

1. Chimes. 4. Tangy. 8. Moor. 9. Charcoal. 10. Optical. 12. Inner. 13. Leaf. 14. Tuber. 17. Tyres. 20. Oaks. 22. Toxic. 23. Showers. 24. Barbecue. 25. Rake. 26. Kenya. 27. Shears.

Down

1. Compost. 2. Marmite. 3. Social. 5. Air lift. 6. Grown up. 7. Slur. 11. Leeks. 15. Box tree. 16. Rockery. 18. Yew tree. 19. Sisters. 21. Shrews. 22. Tubs.

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