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# The Stoker



**Stoke Golding Village Magazine**

*Including*

**Dadlington Matters**

**50p**



### **Note from the Editors**

Congratulations to Stoke Golding Under 10s Football Team for winning the league cup and congratulations to the slightly older members of the village for their success in the Short Mat Bowls League (page 10). We hope you all enjoy reading about their success.



By the time you are reading this we will be nearly in May, with summer on the horizon. We have been enjoying the white blossom of the Blackthorn in the hedgerows. Soon the Blackthorn blossom will be replaced by the Hawthorn blossom. Did you know that Hawthorn is also known as the May tree? (page 7) , with the old adage "We won't get any warmth until the Blackthorn goes". How lovely to have those long evenings ahead to spend outdoors, especially if the weather is as warm as last year.

We are looking forward to the two flower festivals detailed on the 'What's On' Pages, one at St James's Church at the beginning of May and one at Stoke Golding Methodist Church the end of May. The churches always look so beautiful and it never ceases to amaze us how creative the flower arrangers are.

**Jane and Steve**

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Cover picture: Stoke Golding Under 10s Football Team

## Stoke Golding Under 10s Football Team Win



Stoke Golding Under 10s football team have had an amazing experience, winning some very tough matches and even a penalty shoot out on the way to the final of the league cup.

The team were professional throughout, with a special thanks to Rainbow International Restoration. The bonfire committee and the Stoke Golding Thomas Barton charity for supporting the team.

This was a true squad effort with everyone playing a part, with over 50 supporters travelling to cheer our boys on. They worked so hard for each other and played some great football throughout the match, getting their rewards with three late goals to win the final 5-0.

The boys all represented Stoke Golding impeccably during the competition, showing great sportsmanship and positive values, making supporters and coaches very proud.

Well done Lads

### The Stoke Golding Boys' Charity

#### Object of the Trust

“Subject to payment of expenses, The Trustees shall apply income of the Charity in promoting the education (including social and physical training) of boys under the age of twenty-five years by the date of return of application as shown below, who are resident in Stoke Golding”.

The Trustees are considering the annual application of grants in accordance with the Terms of the Trust, as quoted above and applications are invited stating **the purpose of the application, date of birth, address and telephone number** to the:

Clerk of the Trustees, 2 Church Walks, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton, Warks. CV13 6HB by **Friday 31st May 2019**.

By Order of the Trustees, *Tony Smith (Clerk)*

## 70 trees for 70 years

Saint Martin's is celebrating 70 years as a Dominican School on our present site in Stoke Golding. To commemorate this fact, we have added to the trees that we have across the school grounds. Our goal was to plant at least 70 trees. We asked families to partner with us to plant a tree for their family or to commemorate someone they love. On Saturday, 6 April, we all came together to plant. The support was overwhelming. By the end of the year, we will have planted over 140 trees. A huge thank you to everyone who has made this endeavour such a success.



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

## Scout Group - Well the secret is.....

In the last Stoker article there was a mention of secret goings-on. Well the secret is - Mother's Day. The Cubs baked biscuits, made flowers, picture frames for photos and cards. The Beavers decorated picture frames as well. So a lot of mums were spoilt on their day! Apart from Mother's Day activities, the Beavers have been having teddy bear picnics and had great fun building dens and having some impromptu snacks. The Cubs have been doing more to their team challenge badge with tying canes together to light a match. The Scouts have been doing their creative challenge badge by creating short acts and performing them to the group and building Lego sculptures. They have also been taking part in the 4 point challenge by navigating and walking between 8 -12.5 miles. So far I

haven't mentioned the Easter activities with the usual great egg challenge, Easter egg hunt - what a way to end a Spring term. *Jennifer*



## Gleaning Without Permission

This article is based on reports in the Leicester Mercury of 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1837 and 14<sup>th</sup> March 1840.

Adapted from the **Denis Cash Archive** by Bob Quinney

Gleaning was a common activity during my childhood during and after the 2<sup>nd</sup> world war. It was the collection of the remnants of corn unbound by the binder and left lying in the stubble. It was invaluable to the people of the village who kept fowl and to the thousands of wild birds that fed upon it through the winter months. While people who keep fowl still have ready access to poultry food, to the wild birds it is lost forever and their decline has been catastrophic.

A fowl, for those unfamiliar with the word, i.e. those born after all flightless birds, with the exception of turkeys and geese, bred for the consumption of their eggs or meat became “chickens,” is a bird that began life when it left the egg as a chicken, became a pullet when it started to lay eggs, a hen as it grew older, and finally ended its life in a pot as a “boiler.”

In the autumn of 1837 five young people of Stoke Golding; Elizabeth Carter, Thomas and John Kirkland, John Suffolk and George Pegg, together with many others, were gleaning in a small field owned by Jarvis Lee, an elderly man, *“against his inclination.”* Mr Lee ordered the gleaners to leave the field but instead they *“gathered round him in a very riotous manner during which he was seriously injured.”* The gleaners *“justified their conduct by saying they were always allowed to glean after a field was cleared.”*

Carter, the Kirklands, Suffolk and Pegg were prosecuted (the actual charge is not recorded) but there was insufficient evidence to convict the Kirklands and Pegg and *“they were discharged with a caution as to their future conduct, there being little doubt that they were engaged in the affair.”*

*“Suffolk and Carter were fined 1s (1 shilling) each and costs, or fourteen days imprisonment”* but Elizabeth Carter claimed that because she was unable to pay she should *“appale to a higher court.”* Because there was no right of appeal from the magistrates’ decision they *“sent her to the court of the County Gaol.”!*

Mr. Greenway, presumably the Chairman of the bench, said that, ***“the character of the lower orders of Stoke Golding was so radically bad that it was absolutely necessary to proceed to a conviction (however small) by way of example.”*** To his credit he went on to say that *“he was of the opinion that there was a direct obligation on all parties to allow the poor, (which I hope included the lower orders,) to glean in their fields.”* Before the parties left the court-room however they were *“given to understand that they were not at liberty to glean without the permission of the owners of the land.”*

Three years later a Thomas Pegg and Edward Calfstick, both in their 20’s were sentenced to seven years transportation for the theft of *“one dozen and eight pair of stockings, the property of Joseph Pegg of Stoke Golding.”*

## The May Tree

Of all the trees that grow so fair,  
Old England to adorn,  
Greater are none beneath the Sun,  
Than Oak and Ash and Thorn .....  
we have been out in the woods all night,  
A-conjuring summer in!  
Now is the sun come up from the South,  
With Oak and Ash and Thorn

*Kipling 'Puck of Pook's Hill'*



Hawthorn is the only British tree to be named after the month in which it flowers, from which I deduce that I am one of many whose spirits lift when the white (or in the case of Midland hawthorn) red flowers splash across and sweetly scent the woodland edges and hedgerows in the early days of May. But, beware of bringing the flowers indoors, which as they fade are said to smell like 'The Plague' and are associated with death!

It could be said that there are as many caveats as benefits with Hawthorn. It's pretty lobed leaf and buds are edible in salads when young and were known in rural communities as 'bread and cheese' but are hidden between sharp thorns. The bright red autumn berries are also edible and can be made into wine and jellies although the cyanide (trace) within the seed could cause the odd upset tummy.

I had always associated the hawthorn with field hedges, many of which were planted when fields were enclosed in the eighteenth and nineteenth century. An elderly retired farmer told me that he used hawthorn cuttings to fix straw over mangels and sugar beet wintering in clamps to protect the crops from frost. However, the word haw is probably Germanic in origin and derived from haga meaning hedge.

As a standing tree it does not have the tall grace of many other native trees growing no more than fifteen metres tall even in favoured sunny aspects. More often it may be seen as a multi stemmed shrub with twisted stems and deeply fissured bark. In all circumstances it is a haven for nectar feeding insects in the spring, food for birds in the winter and shelter for wildlife throughout the year.

Karen Jones



The health promotion this month is Meningitis and Septicaemia. There is information on the notice board. Most people are aware of the classic signs and symptoms of fever, headaches, vomiting, diarrhoea, muscle pain, stomach cramps possible rash, generally unwell, confusion as well cold hands and feet. It is important in both Adults and Children to identify these symptoms early and to **MONITOR** them for any deterioration. Seek medical help ASAP.

The next CASAG meeting is

Wednesday 1st May at 6.15pm at Castle Mead Medical Centre.

## **The Best Medicine Hinckley U3A – Learn, Laugh & Live!**

Hinckley U3A is one of the fastest growing organisations in the borough and in the county! Many believe U3A is the modern prescription to avoid illness, depression, loneliness and deterioration into becoming a couch potato.

We have over 400 members taking part in 38 interest groups, with something for everyone. From Coffee and Current Affairs to Scrabble, Walking to Singing, Bridge to French Conversation, Croquet to Craft, History to Meditation, Lunch Groups, Croquet, Trips and much, much, more.

The University of The Third Age is for anyone retired, or semi-retired. It is far from academic. It is all run by members at very low cost.

Why not come to our monthly meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, at Mary Forryan Centre, St Peter's RC Church, Leicester Road, Hinckley, open from 1:30pm, when you can meet other members, hear what is going on, listen to an invited speaker and enjoy tea and biscuits and chat! All for £1.

Just turn up. There will be members to meet you at the door and introduce you around.

Make the most of life – join your local U3A

Chairman: John Whitehead

Our website: [u3asites.org.uk/hinckley/home](http://u3asites.org.uk/hinckley/home)

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



## The Browns and the Light Blues: a Monopoly Odyssey part 1

08:10 I emerge from Euston Station and find myself on **Euston Road**. If you are a doyen of the game of Monopoly, then you will know that Euston Road is one of three light blue locations on sale for a mere £100. I have given myself nine hours in which to visit each of the 22 streets, four stations, two utility companies and eight locations representing the other squares on a monopoly board. Why? – Why not! A short walk in an easterly direction brings me at 08:20 to **Kings Cross Station**. Unlike its more glamorous neighbour, St Pancras, Kings Cross has little to recommend it architecturally. It does have a platform 9¾ for Harry Potter fans, for it is from this mythical location that the boy wizard sets off for Hogwarts every year. The station and surrounding area is named after a sixty-foot monument, topped with a rather cheap statue to George IV that stood at the crossroads of two major thoroughfares. It was so disliked by locals that after 15 years it was pulled down, but the name stuck.



08:25 As I make the long climb up another blue property, **Pentonville Road**, I pass Joseph Grimaldi Park. I discover that the park is a former burial ground, which explains the gravestones: not a common feature in most recreational areas. One of the graves is that of the eponymous Grimaldi who was the most popular entertainer in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century, treading the boards at nearby Sadlers Wells and the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane. I complete my light blue trio at 8:35 when I reach **The Angel, Islington**. There is a pub of that name today but on the other side of the road from the original. Back in 1935 it was a Lyons Corner House and it is thought that the then managing director of toymakers Waddington, Victor Watson, took tea there with his secretary as they sought out suitable locations for an English version of what was then an American game made by Parker Brothers.

09:00 The **Old Kent Road**, a busy thoroughfare out of London, has little to recommend it. I have reached it by bus from Borough tube station and, on alighting, I quickly find a shop displaying the name of the road to photograph (to prove I'd been there), before catching the next bus back. The bus deposits me at Lambeth North underground station (09:15). It was here in 2010, that Monopoly celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the London edition. The Ordnance Survey plotted all of the locations, managing to get two in the wrong place! For the 'Go' square, they found the midpoint between Old Kent Road and Mayfair – Lambeth North station. From south of the river to the East End next, as I journey to **Whitechapel Road**, arriving at 09:50. I pass The London Hospital where Leicester born Joseph Merrick, better known as The Elephant Man, spent his final days. I once visited the small museum attached to the hospital and was intrigued to find Joseph's skeleton on display but later found out it was a reconstruction, the original being held somewhere in the hospital. Nearly two hours have elapsed since I began my quest and I have now visited seven of the 40 squares. To be continued...

Michael Dix

## Short Mat Bowling - League Winners



The indoor season for Short Mat Bowling at the S.G. Club is now over as members tend to play outdoors during the summer. Presentations took place for the winners of the League, and for the Singles challenge cup. John Burton and Sid won the league with Carol Moran and Phil Gosling

runners up. Mick Storer taking the Singles Cup against John Stephens. As always we are looking for 1 or 2 new members even if you have never played before and fancy doing something on a Wednesday on the dark winter nights. The mat will go down again late September for practice, so come along and have a go.

John Burton



I would imagine that being in London during the last war whilst an air raid was in progress, it would have been very difficult to find many positives. However, when it came to your choice of curtains, the options were mercifully limited. Either you went for something impenetrable in Black or you risked having your house reduced to its component parts by the Luftwaffe. If you find yourself inexplicably lured into a visit to Dunelm, as I was by the ever resourceful Mrs Fool the other day, then you will find that things have moved on a bit from the 1940's. I was blissfully unaware that the simple business of protecting ones privacy with a piece of material draped across a window could be complicated by such a myriad of options. I assumed that the experience of many years of marital togetherness should have alerted my good lady to the fact that, in the matter of colour selection, my input is as useful as it would be, say, in the methodology of defusing a ticking thermo nuclear device. Hence, her many enquiries into whether I thought a particular shade was suitable for our living room, were met by the sort of bewilderment akin to that on the face of a soon to be deceased rabbit, picked out by the headlights of a speeding truck.

Most men of my acquaintance and, I strongly suspect, just most men, are not much for the limitless choice in the business of shopping. The idea that you can spend an entire day shopping and actually return home with nothing, is as unfathomable to the average male as the existence of the Daniel O' Donnell fan club. The female of the species, however, seem quite content to spend a day browsing and then happily return empty handed, loudly proclaiming the day to have been an unqualified success.

Having arrived at an age where decision making is, for me, almost as painful as a dental extraction, limited options are a godsend. I was rearranging the trolley bay at Morrison's the other day, as most shoppers seem unaware that these things actually fit into each other as long as they are of the same type, when I received a text message from the light of my life, requiring me to procure some tomatoes. Easy, single item, fairly straightforward even for an ageing and unsupervised male. So, tomatoes, fresh presumably, but is that vine, plum, cherry, salad, beef or, heaven help us, piccolo? Or could it be tinned and, if so, whole or chopped or possibly even chopped with basil and garlic? And what on earth is that strange little box with pictures of tomatoes on it but proclaiming itself to be passata? I thought that was something they did on Strictly Come Dancing. In the next aisle I was confronted by tomato puree, juice and sauce at which point I dropped my shopping basket and fled.

Maybe post Brexit shortages will not be entirely a bad thing.



# Dadlington Matters

## Dadlington Quiz Evening

If you've not been to a quiz evening at Dadlington Village Hall yet, you don't know what you're missing. Not only do your grey cells get pushed to the limit with a variety of questions, ranging from the ridiculously easy to the devilishly difficult, but also you get fed and watered (well it mostly alcohol based to be truthful) along the way.

Last month, nine teams consisting of between six to eight players battled away to reach the glorious top spot, or in some cases to avoid the booby prize of last place. Now in their 15<sup>th</sup> year, the quizzes have always featured a hearty meal, and this event was no exception. A number of committee members and supporters had worked away during the afternoon to prepare the victuals for the appreciative quizzers and they also manned the very busy bar. The mood of the participants could be judged during the music round when an excerpt from the Sound of Music resulted in the assembled group bursting into song and refusing to let the quiz continue until they'd finished the refrain: which will lead us back to doh, oh, oh, oh...

The evening is one of the major fund raisers for the village hall and the committee would like to thank everyone who helped out and those that took part. If you're feeling you've missed out on something and would like to try the Dadlington Village Hall Quiz experience then look out for the advert in The Stoker for our second quiz of the year which will take place in the autumn.



Dadlington  
Village Hall  
presents

## Summer Ball

Saturday 8th June



Buffet & Bar

Dancing to Dean Thomas  
Formal Dress Optional

Tickets £25 from Sally-ann Faulks at  
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## Kitchen Corner

### LUXURY CHICKEN LIVER PATE

*Easy, quick and tasty. This recipe can be used as a starter, served with a small salad and toast, or spread on crackers to serve with pre-dinner drinks.*

#### INGREDIENTS

160 gms. (5 ozs.) Butter  
1 Large Onion, peeled and chopped  
2 Cloves of Garlic, peeled and chopped  
400 gms. (14 ozs.) Chicken Livers  
Salt & Pepper  
¼ tsp. dried Sage  
¼ tsp. dried Thyme  
2 tblsp. Brandy  
2 tblsp. Chopped Parsley

#### METHOD

Trim the chicken livers and cut into pieces. Melt the butter in a saucepan, add the onion and cook until soft, about 5 minutes over a medium heat, add the garlic and cook for a further minute. Add the livers, salt, pepper, sage and thyme and cook until the livers are firm but still a little pink inside. Add the brandy and cook for

one more minute. Remove from the heat and add the parsley.

Let the mixture cool for about 5 minutes and then puree in a liquidiser.

Oil a loaf tin and then line with cling film making sure the film is large enough to hang over the edges. Pour the pate in the tin, smooth the top and cover with the overhanging cling film. Leave in the refrigerator until very cold. When ready to serve, tip the tin upside down onto a board and peel off the cling film. Either spread onto crackers or slice it with a knife dipped into boiling water.

This pate can be frozen, but allow 24 hours in the refrigerator to de-frost.

Hope you enjoy this recipe, Cheers,  
Avis



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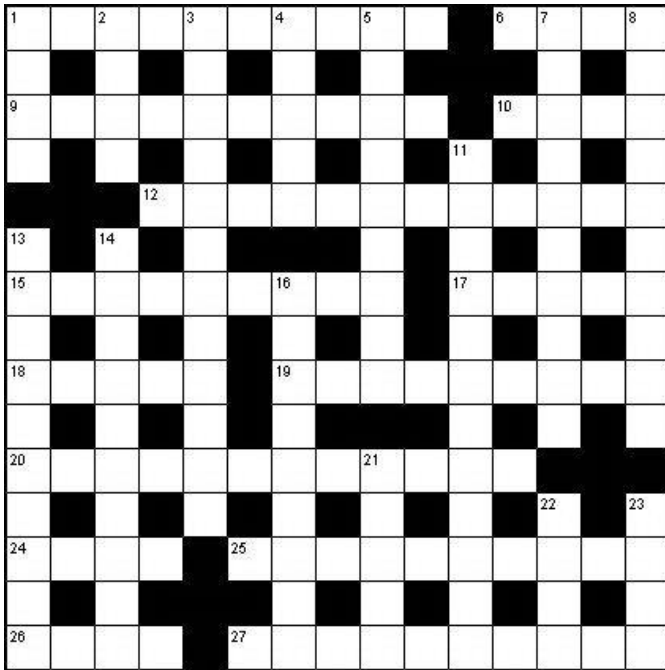
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# Especially for those of you who enjoy cryptic crosswords

# Crossword



“Set by Alberich” [www.alberichcrosswords.com](http://www.alberichcrosswords.com)

## ACROSS

- 1 Came across a record concerning journalist (10)  
 6 Language of old city belonging to the French (4)  
 9 They'll get wrongly blamed for heading off escape by animals (10)  
 10 There's potato in Mum's pudding (4)  
 12 Style of cooking providing contrasts (5-3-4)  
 15 Country-loving Irishman in charge of containing disturbance (9)  
 17 Giving note to terrorists makes one angry (5)  
 18 One who latches on to another is a sucker (5)  
 19 Sailor's intent perhaps is to be self-restrained (9)  
 20 A comment sure upset in due proportion (12)  
 24 Man told to get on his knees? (4)  
 25 Boundary rope may produce such a decision (10)  
 26 E.g. dogs returning from walk (4)  
 27 Not quite one's best friend on the ship (6,4)

## DOWN

- 1 Pretty girl gets some food (4)  
 2 Animal found in sea location (4)  
 3 Fat little Edward is biased (12)  
 4 The First Lady touring Oklahoma will awaken memories (5)  
 5 The thresholds of delights (9)  
 7 Heartless robbers go off with a pet. The villains! (10)  
 8 Below, below, below (10)  
 11 Managed to get clergyman in dead awkward situation (12)  
 13 They are seeking work after demolition of aspic plant (10)  
 14 Steam railway takes on head of Railtrack to improve efficiency (10)  
 16 To perform in a different key, one's parts must be arranged (9)  
 21 Went on horseback round cowboy show (5)  
 22 Junk mail from the capital (4)  
 23 Nothing but a lake (4)

Answers on page 19

## Ten of a Kind

Here we go gathering nuts in May, goes the old nursery rhyme. So, here are ten questions about nuts. See how many you can do without resorting to Google.

1. Which nuts are used along with basil and a few other ingredients to make pesto?
2. In the Peanuts cartoon, who plays the piano?
3. Who wrote the music for the ballet, The Nutcracker Suite?
4. "I had a little nut tree, nothing would it bear, but..." goes a well known nursery rhyme. What are the two things that it did bear?
5. Which Mars chocolate bar had, "A Hazelnut in every bite?"
6. Oscar nominated seven times, which British director had an early hit with his 1964 Play for Today, Nuts in May?
7. Which nuts are only native to Australia and have the highest number of calories?
8. Which Premier League club's mascot is named after a nut?
9. The first line of The Christmas Song, released in 1946, begins, "Roasted chestnuts on an open fire." Who sang the original and best-known version of the song?
10. Eating 50 uncooked bitter almonds could kill you. What toxic substance do they contain?

*Answers on page 30*

## Richard Durrant Music for Midsummer



**Stoke Golding Village Hall**  
**Saturday 22 June 8pm (Doors open 7.30)**

**Tickets £10 (£8 under 16yrs)**  
**Email: [stokearts@gmail.com](mailto:stokearts@gmail.com)**  
**Online: <https://stokearts.yapsody.com/>**  
**Tel: 01455 213798**

Throughout June the English guitarist and composer Richard Durrant presents his musical celebration of midsummer in a short series of solo concerts.

Richard will be visiting venues in England and Wales where audiences

can hear JS Bach's 3rd Cello Suite played in its entirety on the ukulele, British folk melodies played on Tenor Guitar and several Durrant originals on concert guitar.

Richard says: "I want to use these gigs to explore the real meaning of midsummer - and surely there's no better way to do this than playing music and meeting people". "People don't tend stop for midsummer, but I still hope to bring a moment of stillness and peace to people as we live through the very centre of the year and experience the summer solstice together."

# What's On

## A production by Little Acorns Wish you were here!

A murder mystery evening with a fish and chip supper,

**Saturday May 18**  
**Stoke Golding Village Hall**

Doors open at 7pm performance from 7:30pm. Tickets £10 each including food, Bring your own drink!

### Contact

Vicki 07711230438 or  
Linda 07770901912



## StokeArts @ Stoke Golding Village Hall Richard Durrant Music For Midsummer



**Sat 22 June 8pm**  
(Doors open 7.30)  
Tickets £10 (£8 >16yrs)

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## The Methodist Church Coffee Morning

Saturday May 11th 10.00 - 11.30



For Christian Aid

## Higham on the Hill May Fayre

Higham on the Hill Primary School  
18th May 11am- 3pm Free entry

Traditional village Fayre with Maypole dancing, Morris dancing, artisan market, bbq and bar, games for all ages, homemade refreshments, plant stall and lots more.



## StokeArts at the Village Hall **\*\*Dates for your diary, 2019**



**Saturday 22 June:** Richard Durrant,  
**Saturday 21 September:** Claude Bourbon  
**Saturday 30 November:** Flossie Malavalle in Concert.  
**Saturday 7 December:** Jungle Book 6pm (Doors 5.30pm).

Unless stated otherwise, all concerts start at 8pm (doors open 7.30pm).  
Bring your own drinks and nibbles.  
Tickets for all concerts: £10 (£8 child).

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# What's On



## Stoke Golding Methodist Church Flower Festival 2019

### 'A Journey in Flowers'

Saturday 25th May 10:00am – 5:00pm  
Sunday 26th May 12:00noon – 6.00pm  
Monday 27th May 10:00am – 5:00pm

*Ploughman's Lunches* Saturday and Monday  
*Cream Teas* Saturday and Monday  
*Refreshments* Sunday

*Sunday Services:* 10:30am Mr John Cooke  
Sunday Services: 6:00pm Revd. Wes Hampton



## St James' Church Dadlington

### Flower Festival

#### "The Holiday of a Lifetime"

May 4th, 5th, 6th

Church open  
12 noon to 5pm

Light lunches, tea and  
coffee and various  
stalls in the Village  
Hall.



## Coffee and Chat at Dadlington Village Hall

*Come for a friendly chat with other  
residents from Dadlington and Stoke  
Golding while enjoying delicious  
home-made cakes and a cuppa.*

**Thursday 9th May  
(please note change of  
date due to polling day)**

**10.15 am - 12.15pm  
All Welcome**

## Watling Street

As you journey along the constant stream of traffic that is the A5, you are travelling a route that has been used for hundreds, if not thousands of years, and has played a key role in aiding conquest, disposing of a rebel, dividing the nation and bringing two warring armies to meet in battle.

When the Romans invaded Britain in 43AD, they used the ancient tracks that generations of Britons had trodden. It was the best way to move their troops across the country and soon they had most of England under their control. They then created paved roads and one such road provided a route from the coast near Dover, through London, crossing the Thames by a ford where Parliament stands today (the river was much wider and shallower back then) through St Albans and then on to Wroxeter just south of Shrewsbury. It passed our two villages a couple of miles to the south, along one of the easy pathways. After surveying the route, keeping it as straight as possible to minimise journey times, an embankment would be constructed with ditches on either side. The Romans would use whatever local materials were available, laying a base of large stones and covering it with smaller stones, gravel and sand, all rammed down.

The Romans met with little resistance until around 60/61AD. Reneging on a promise after the death of the King Prasutagus of the East Anglian Iceni tribe, they abused his widow Boudicca and their two daughters and took control of the area. Boudicca raised an army and after destroying the towns of Colchester, London and St Albans, her huge army met a much smaller Roman force on Watling Street. No-one is quite sure where the actual battle took place, but Mancetter is considered the most likely location by many historians. Despite her overwhelming strength in numbers, Boudicca lost.

The invading tribes who settled in Britain after the Romans left, continued to use their Roman roads. One Anglo Saxon tribe living near St Albans, the Waeclingas, gave their name to Watling Street. Then, in the 9<sup>th</sup> century, Viking warriors began attacking the west of England. After the Battle of Edington in 878, the victorious King Arthur of Wessex decided to reach an agreement with the defeated Dane, Guthrum. Under their treaty, part of England came under Danish rule in what was called Danelaw. Stoke Golding and Dadlington would have been in border country, just on the Danish side, as Watling Street was the boundary. Just over six hundred years later, the army of Henry Tudor were using Watling Street as a way of reaching London when Richard III intercepted them, resulting in the battle being fought around



the Fenn Lanes rather than somewhere near Nottingham where Richard had been waiting for Henry. Much of the original Roman road was covered in tarmac many years ago, but a small section remains not far from here. It runs from a roundabout near the DIRFT distribution centre close to junction 18 on the M1 and is a scheduled ancient monument.

*Michael Dix*

## Stoke Golding Parish Council

### **Church Walks**

Stoke Golding Parish Council acknowledge concerns raised regarding hedge work recently carried out in Church Walks.

The Parish Council is aware of guidance regarding completion of work during the bird breeding season and can assure residents that Parish Council contractors carry out a thorough check of trees and bushes before any routine maintenance is carried out.

Church Walks was checked a few days before commencing work and again on the day work was completed, both visually and audibly, and no evidence of nesting birds was found.

### **Village Noticeboard**

The village noticeboard has now been renovated and is located adjacent to Tammy's Hair Design on Church Walks.

*Theresa Case - Clerk to Stoke Golding Parish Council*

## **Hollylodge Dog Grooming**

Hollylodge Dog Grooming moved to Stoke Golding from Hinckley in late June 2018 and are loving living in the village!

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Jenny Acton



## **Crossword Answers**

ACROSS: 1: Discovered 6: Urdu 9: Scapegoats 10: Spud 12: Sweetandsour  
15:Patriotic 17: Irate 18: Leech 19: Abstinent 20: Commensurate 24: Neil 25:  
Borderline 26: Step 27: Secondmate

DOWN: 1: Dish 2: Seal 3: Overweight 4: Evoke 5: Entrances 7: Reprobates 8:  
Underneath 11:Administered 13: Applicants 14: Streamline 16: Transpose 21: Rodeo  
22: Lima 23: Mere

### **The Magic of Clay.**

Annette and John Christopher from the Albrighton Pottery came along to Stoke Golding W.I to talk to our members on the wonders of clay.

John began by saying how clay toy figures had been found during excavations between the banks of the Euphrates and Tigris rivers in Iraq. This is where civilisation had begun when nomadic tribes had finally settled down and started to cultivate the land. Naturally there would have been an abundance of clay on the river banks and, from children making toys, their mothers soon worked out how to make pots and water-tight containers.

John went on to say that clay was the most important ore on the planet, being used on space ships, drilling for oil and even in pencil making.

He then handed over to his wife, Annette, who had trained at the Hornsea College of Arts and she gave our ladies lumps of clay which, following her instructions, we turned into discs with our initials and a symbol of our hobby on them. Then Annette disappeared into the background to perform some magic that we were unable to see.

John then carried on by telling us of the pottery makers in Stoke and how they used the bottle ovens (named because of their shape) to make the pottery that became world renowned. He told of the saggar makers, the saggar makers bottom knockers, the firemen, the stokers and all the different trades that it took to get a kiln prepared and fired up ready to go. How pre-war there were over 4000 bottle ovens in Stoke, after the war 2000 and, after the Clean Air act was passed, there were no longer any working coal-fired bottle ovens at all.

Then Annette appeared from the back with a large clay bowl and attached to the outside were all our personal discs. She said that they were going to take the bowl home, dry it, fire it and it would then be given as a gift to our W.I from Albrighton Pottery.

We were all delighted by their generosity and gave them a heartfelt round of applause for their gift.

Our next meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> will be our resolution meeting followed by 'Would I Lie to You' and will be held at the Methodist Hall. There will also be a plant stall so members are asked to bring along any surplus plants that they may have.

*Val Hartwell*



## Obituaries



### **Valerie Hebden**

Valerie peacefully passed away at home in Stoke Golding on the 20th March 2019 aged 87 years. The funeral took place at the Nuneaton Crematorium on 8th April.

### **Joan Drinkwater**

Joan, of Stoke Golding passed peacefully away on the 28th March 2019 aged 96 years. A private family committal was followed by a service to commemorate her life on the 24th April at the Methodist Chapel, Stoke Golding. Donations to Cancer Research via Devall & Son, Funeral Directors, The Green, Attleborough, Nuneaton.

*We offer our condolences to the families and friends of Valerie and Joan.*

### **Can you help solve a history mystery at The White Swan?**

During the recent renovation of the Snug area of The White Swan the old seating was removed and, although much covered over the years, the original wooden seating was revealed, our upholsterer suggested it was very old due to its construction. We were wondering if any of your readers could remember this seating and give us an approximate date?

Please do let us know!



**Andy and Debs – The White Swan**

# Church Matters

## From St Margaret's Church



### Christian Aid Week 12-18 May 2019

Christian Aid supports work in almost 50 countries. It believes that everyone should have 'life before death', and is passionate about helping communities to find their own lasting solutions to poverty. It challenges the unjust structures that make and keep people poor and provides help in emergencies.

This year Christian Aid Week is focussing on communities like those in Sierra Leone, where a lack of healthcare means it is the world's most dangerous place to become a mum. Tragically, every day ten women die from giving birth. In Sawula district, the community struggles with a clinic which has no electricity and only two delivery beds.

#### **Jebbeh's story:**

Jebbeh is heavily pregnant but as her baby grows, it's not joy that fills her heart, but fear. When Jebbeh's sister Fatmata went in to labour, there were so few ambulances that Fatmata had no choice but to walk for three hours, under the baking sun, to the nearest hospital. The road was long, and she struggled to keep walking. With every step, Fatmata feared for her life and the life of her baby. Jebbeh said: 'My sister was crying out with hunger. She died on the side of the road. She never gave birth. No woman should die in childbirth.' But for Jebbeh, this wasn't just any woman. This was her sister – her strength, her comfort, her own. Now, instead of excitement and joy, she feels pain and sorrow. As her due date looms closer, Jebbeh fears she could be next. 'I pray, when that day comes, God will help me to deliver safely, so that I can have a bouncing baby and I'll be healthy,' she says.

The community in Sawula dream of having a health centre that can meet their needs, instead of the current one which is the size of a small bedroom. Operations, deliveries and baby check-ups all happen in one single room with only two delivery beds.

We can make a real difference to people's lives by donating during Christian Aid Week (12–18 May 2019). With our help, work can continue alongside communities like Jebbeh's to build bigger, better health centres.

£10 could help provide vital medicine for those women who need it.

£50 could fund a community health worker's kit, including a bicycle and torch.

£100 could provide a bundle of zinc to be used as a roof for a new health centre.

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£300 could provide a delivery bed and mattress for a new health centre, ensuring mums can deliver their babies safely.

Through our faith, our prayers and our generosity this Christian Aid Week, we can stand alongside some of the poorest people in Sierra Leone, and around the world. Thank you for being a part of it.

Linda

## Church of England May Services

### St. Margaret's Church

5th	10.30am	All-Age Service
12th	11.00am	Benefice Rogation – Witherley Church- Walk + picnic
19th	10.30am	Holy Communion
26th	10.30am	Morning Worship

### St. James's Church

5th	6.30pm	Flower Festival Songs of Praise
12th	11.00am	Benefice Rogation – Witherley Church Walk + picnic
19th	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
26th	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
30th	7.30pm	Ascension. BCP Holy Communion

## The Methodist Church May Services

5th	10.30am	At Higham Methodist Church
12th	10.30am	Mr John Marfleet
19th	10.30am	Mr Charles Davies
26th	10.30am	Mr John Cooke
	6.00pm	Revd Wes Hampton (Flower Festival Service)

## Zion Baptist Chapel May Services

5th	6.30pm	Bill McIntyre
12th	6.30pm	John Needham
19th	6.30pm	Malcolm Welch
26th	6.30pm	Richard Cotton

## THANK-YOU JENNIFER

One of the first things I grabbed, when I eventually returned from my enforced stay in the care of our local NHS services, was the April edition of *The Stoker*. The brightly coloured picture of the school children at St. Margaret's, beckons me from under all the numerous black & white reminders and suggestions of holiday destinations, desperate requests for the many Crisis hotspots around the Globe, and letters of thanks from 'Water Aid', and the Dogs' Trust, explaining what my donations are going to be used for. The *Stoker's* cheery coloured cover makes an instant impact.

I've been away from home for two whole months, so has anyone taken charge of my column for me? I breathe an enormous sigh of relief, Jennifer has done exactly that - with a fascinating interview on Bill Shearer, and how he and his partner came to discover the village from their narrowboat. Foraging amongst all the other items on the coffee table that '*must be kept in case of...?*' I discover another two "*Stokers*", again with beautiful covers, which I don't remember seeing in spite of Amanda telling me she brought them into hospital. One (the February edition) has a picture of ducks by the canal, and March has the most glorious photograph of St. Margaret's with daffodils in the foreground. Reading through both of them, again I'm struck with the number of village community events that I've missed while being stuck first of all in George Eliot Hospital, and then in Hinckley Community Hospital.

I keep being asked why I was hauled into the NHS in the first place, and I am still completely vague as to all the various reasons why I ended up in 'A & E' and then moved into 'Adam Bede' ward. It all seems like a rather nasty nightmarish experience, but I'm told I suffered a couple of bouts of pneumonia, plus all sorts of elderly 'add-ons' to do with 'dodgy' heart and wobbly lungs – you name it and I probably have it! Once I realised where I was, I gave myself the challenge of down-loading 'Adam Bede' on my I-pad, but fairly soon had to admit that I couldn't concentrate on Mary Ann Evans' imaginary rural Warwickshire dialogue as it might have been, getting on for two hundred years ago. So for the remaining time I concentrated on '*patient-watching*' instead. Apart from one other elderly patient, who was swiftly moved on, I was fascinated to see how much younger than me, the remaining three women were and in spite of being on nicotine patches, two of them still craved their 'ciggies' – and were constantly escaping down in the lifts to join that little coven at the main entrance swapping 'ciggies and tales of woe, and sometimes, downright rebellion, against all hospital authority, with raised voices; "*I'm going to the job centre – you can't keep me here.*" Two of them seemed to share a counsellor from "Shelter", who sat waiting, and worrying about them. My next-door patient and I, sat placidly watching all the dramatics, realising how bland our lives were in comparison.



Apart from the dramas whirling in and around our narrow hospital beds, there were the momentous doctor and consultants' procession each morning. Stopping just beyond the reach of each patient's bed, with sideways glances, they listen to the latest bulletin from the trailing nurses, whispering information, in which the patient is just able to hear the odd reference to herself – *whisper whisper...* “Mrs Ellis” with a conspiratorial glance over to the patient, before sweeping over “*Well Mrs Ellis we really think you are medically fit- ready to go home. Let's face it this is the best it's going to get*”- leaving the said Mrs E. nonplussed (how do you reply to that)?

The transfer to rehab was slightly less dramatic, apart from the ambulance arriving with no time to pack clothes, medicines, toiletries etc. but I arrive in one piece, and deposited in a three bed bay. I receive no 'rehab' during my stay – but am told to consider everything I do, as part of it. Like everything in the NHS, there sadly seems to be no-one to staff it. Having been on the chaplaincy team for the last ten years, I am saddened to see the change in the hospital. However, there are still always those dedicated members of staff, who are prepared to '*go the extra mile*' - first declaring; “*I'm with another patient love.*”, but seeing a crisis, somehow does the work of two. They are burned deep into my memory, with their care and compassionate reaching out to vulnerable old ladies..

I listened to a carer explaining to another patient, like me in her nineties, how they had been to her flat, and discovered the problems they would have trying to put some of the necessary hospital equipment in, without having to remove some of her furniture. She would have to have a hospital bed, instead of her own double bed for instance. There was immediate protest; “*I'm not getting rid of my beautiful double bed*” It was gently pointed out that much of the existing furniture was too large. Again more protestations; “*I've got some beautiful furniture, had it all my life.*” I understood her pain, it hurts when someone tries to criticise much loved belongings. But I knew where the Carers were coming from too. I'd had to accept it as well. Another season in one's life and maybe a difficult one to come to terms with. This is why those special nurses and carers who have the gift of compassion, and the patience to sit gently and kindly empathising, are jewels in the crown of the NHS despite the terrible cut-backs they are trying to manage under. I will always remember them with the deepest affection.

This month is a double-spread to make up for my absenteeism. I pray it will be the last time I will be “on leave”, but now we all know.....Jennifer can do a great job when needed.

*Beth*

## **Redmoor Academy May 2019**

As we enter May, GCSE exams have already begun with students studying Art & Design and PE sitting practical exams, followed by listening and speaking assessments in Languages. Best of luck to our Year 11 students who have worked extremely hard for these exams. However, I wanted to use this opportunity to share some of the wider experiences our students have access to at Redmoor which we believe are just as important as their academic studies. Below are just a few of the opportunities we have offered students in the Spring Term.

### **Business and Enterprise Day: Year 9**

On our year 9 Business and Enterprise day, we were faced with a challenge of creating an event/competition to promote women's football. We had videos and PowerPoints presented to us by people in business and industry, to help us understand why this was needed. With our groups sorted, we were ready to complete the task. In order to present our pitch, we created an advert, a poster, a presentation, and worked out the costs and expenses for our idea. The ideas ranged from clubs to competitions, apps and summer camps! The lucky winners had designed an augmented app locating footballs to get prizes. They are now going to London to present their idea at Wembley Stadium, competing with several other schools in July! Overall the day was a great, unique and fun way to experience new skills like time management, teamwork and expressing creativity. It was a great experience and brought out the entrepreneurial aspects that are needed more in the world of work.

### **Lauren Goadby Yr 9**

### **The Big Bang Fair: Year 7**

As I walked through the doors, the sounds and lights hit me. Straight away it was overwhelming but my excitement took control of me. I whizzed off with my friends but as soon as we got round the corner I held my breath and just smiled. We were flabbergasted not knowing what to do first.

My head turned and I spotted the National Geographic stand and knew that was what I really wanted to do first. After we had sped over to the stall we were told loads of interesting information and we were given a free magazine.

Then wanting to know more we went to the other side where we learnt about oceans which I really enjoyed. Did you know Dumbo Octopuses are a species of umbrella Octopus? There was a queue though because of a competition where you had to crack a code to try and win a book which I fortunately won (yay).

After we had finished there, we had a talk about about careers which taught us quite a lot about apprenticeships and what to take for GCSEs and A levels, which was really interesting.

We ate our lunch as quickly as possible so we could go around and complete more exciting tasks/challenges and learn new things (herpetology is the branch of zoology concerned with the study of amphibians and reptiles).

When it was time to leave I kind of didn't want to because I was having way too much fun losing myself in the magic of Science, (my feet were dropping off I walked so much).

I definitely would go again to the fair and I'm so grateful for the opportunity. I would recommend it to anybody who wants a career in Science or is interested in Stem and Maths.

Hope you enjoyed this.

Think like a proton, always be positive :0)

**Skye Richardson Yr7**

### **The Brilliant Club visits Cambridge University: Year 8**

We began our day driving down to Cambridge in the school minibus. We were dropped off on an A-road that runs past many of the Cambridge colleges - and walked down past Kings and Claire's to Trinity Halls. As soon as we stepped inside of the college grounds, we were all taken aback with the beauty of the place. We were then guided to a room where a lady named Siri introduced the Brilliant Club and all of the exciting activities we would be taking part in over the course of the program. Each school was split into two groups (one did their first tutorial to begin with and the other got a tour - we then swapped). Being the first group, group A, we had our tutorial to begin with. Once there, we met Afriqah - our tutor and told that our subject was to be English Literature theory. The lesson consisted of a brief introduction to the subject and the setting of our baseline assessment. Next, we had lunch - an important part of the day! Afterwards, we had our tour of the college grounds which was led by a current student. It was beautiful. The canal ran parallel to the college area and the library gave a great view of it. We were reminded that standing on the grass was strictly not permitted! We then had a session where Siri taught us all about persuasive techniques and how to use them in our essays. After that, we said our goodbyes and headed off home. All in all it was a fabulous day.

**Sam Beddard Yr 8**



I hope you have enjoyed reading about Redmoor Academy. Please visit our website for more details about our school and if you wish to visit during the school day, please get in touch to arrange a convenient time by contacting Dianne Eeley at [deeley@redmooracademy.org](mailto:deeley@redmooracademy.org).

Matt Nicolle  
Principal

## Notes from Stoke Golding Parish Council, April Meeting (Draft)

### *Reports by County and Borough Councillors*

A report by County Cllr Ivan Ould was circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting and the following issues were discussed:

- Footpath between Stoke Golding and Hinckley.
- Resident's tree campaign and drainage issues.
- Social housing issues.
- LCC parking consultation for St Margaret's School.
- 1485 Trail.

Borough Cllr Reg Ward reported on the following:

- HBBC budget – steady and balanced with reduced borrowing.
- Refuse collection – proposal for food waste.
- 5-year housing supply – currently on target but looking for further sites due to slow progress on the Barwell and Earl Shilton SUEs.
- 106 agreements to be guaranteed before agreement to build is given.
- Rail Freight Depot – a national level decision.
- Unitary Proposals – HBBC not in favour.

Cllrs were in favour of the parking proposals for St Margaret's School.

### *Matters arising from previous decisions of the Parish Council*

- Village Noticeboard – renovation was now complete.
- Tree work at Hinckley Rd Cemetery was now complete and thanks had been received from a resident.

### *Playground inspection:*

The ground level near the middle gate of the play area is worn and presents a trip hazard. The groundsman (JG) to attend.

### *Ground Maintenance Report*

#### One additional cut at Wykin Lane Cemetery was agreed at a cost of £60.00.

Following a thorough survey for nesting birds, the seasonal pruning of hedges was now complete and a report by JG was noted. The Clerk will put a statement in the Stoker regarding concerns about hedge work.

It was agreed to proceed with the following work:

- Trees to be removed around containers at the rec, at a cost of £240.00.
- Remove brambles at the rec, at a cost of £118.50.
- Clearance of roots and sow grass seed at Hinckley Road Cemetery, at a cost of £168.00.
- Place ornamental chippings on grave at Hinckley Road Cemetery, at a cost of £28.50.
- Emergency hedge work at the rec, at a cost of £320.00.

Further hedge work at the rec, at a cost of £900.00.

### *Planning Application Matters:*

#### *New Application:*

49 Station Road – single storey extension.

*Minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC) meetings and consider any recommendations* Minutes of the NPAC meetings held on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April were noted.

A housing numbers paper to be presented to HBBC was agreed.

Expenditure for maps was agreed from the allocated NP admin funds.

### *Update on Sport in Stoke Golding (SISG)*

An update by Cllr Pegg on progress was noted and SISG will meet shortly to discuss the initial plans and costs.

### *Update on works to St Margaret's Churchyard wall*

Quotes and advice from a conservation builder were noted. It was agreed to proceed with the following work: point loose and damaged areas of wall with lime and sand mortar, repair two cracks, replace damaged bricks with reclaimed bricks to match (64). It was agreed to proceed with an application for permission from the diocese under section B5 (3) - routine maintenance, repair or rebuilding of walls.

### *Update on memorial safety – gravestone repairs*

Paperwork for the left side of Hinckley Road Cemetery had been collated and categorised according to risk, and quotes were being sought for the required work.

Suggested work for three graves was agreed.

It was agreed that all memorials which require repair, where contact details are available (post 1989), should be contacted.

Letters have been sent to the families of memorials C142 and C139.

The Clerk to collate paperwork for the right side of Hinckley Road Cemetery when available.

It was agreed to proceed with a faculty application for all works.

It was noted that the loose iron railings around the family grave at the front of the church have been removed for safety and a quote for replacement is pending. The Clerk to contact the PCC and check if there is any family contact for the graves.

### *Appointment of one Trustee to the Charity of Thomas Barton*

Steve Avent has been thanked for his service and has agreed to be reappointed for a further term of four years.

### *Appointment of one Trustee to the Stoke Golding Boys Charity*

Roy Mitchell has been thanked for his service and has agreed to be reappointed for a further term of four years.

### *Communications received by the Clerk*

#### *Written*

- HBBC Trade Waste Transfer Note and price increase were noted, at a cost of £29.88 per annum.
- HBBC Litter Bin Servicing Agreement and price increase were noted, at a cost of £49.92 per annum plus £334.88 for additional bins at the cemeteries.
- HBBC storage licence renewal was noted, at a cost of £192.00.
- CPRE annual renewal of membership was noted, at a cost of £36.00.

Youth FB Club request regarding pitch marking was noted.

### *Future agenda items*

To consider a request for additional pitch marking and additional teams. (June 2019 agenda)

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank Cllrs Mitchell and Goodsell for their service to the Parish Council over the last four years. The Parish Council would also like to thank Borough Cllr Reg Ward for his many years of service to the village as Borough Councillor.

**Next meeting: Methodist Hall, TUESDAY 7th May at 7pm – note change of day,**



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### Answers to Ten of a Kind

1. Pine nuts, 2. Schroeder, 3. Tchaikovsky, 4. A silver nutmeg and a golden pear,
5. Topic, 6. Mike Leigh, 7. Macadamia nuts, 8. Leicester City (Filbert Fox, named after the old Filbert St. ground. A filbert is a kind of hazelnut.), 9. Nat King Cole
10. Cyanide

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