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The Stoker

Stoke Golding Festive Light Switch On

**on Thursday 5 December
in Park House Grounds**

*By kind permission of the residents of
Park House Court*

**Mulled wine & minced
pies from 6.15pm**

**Music from the
Oddfellows Brass Band**

Come and meet Santa

**LIGHT SWITCH ON
AT 6.45pm**

Thanks to Hinckley Fire & Rescue
Service and Oddfellows Brass Band
Courtesy of the charity
of Thomas Barton



Note from the Editors



If you, like many of us, have had your fill of Brexit and the forthcoming election, you will find plenty to distract you in this edition of the Stoker . We have old photographs that need identification, volunteering opportunities with local groups and organisations, more events than we can fit into our double centre pages, a delicious recipe and several interesting articles - we are sure you will find something to take your mind off our current political situation.

We are thrilled, this year, to be giving you all a little present from the Stoker; we hope you enjoy the poem in the centre. "Timeline - Zero A.D. The Nativity" was written by Denis Cash, who sadly passed away just over a year ago. The Stoker team really miss him, and we know he is missed by many people from our community. We are reliably informed it is best when read in a Yorkshire accent in the vein of Albert and the Lion by Marriott Edgar!

Whatever you are doing this Christmas, on behalf of the Stoker Team, we wish you peace and happiness.

Jane and Steve

The Stoker Team

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If you can submit articles by e-mail or on a memory stick (Microsoft Word) it makes our job much easier, (**500 words maximum** please).

All correspondence, including e-mails, must include your full name, home address and home telephone number.

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Cover picture: Stoke Golding Light Switch On Poster provided by The Charity of Thomas Barton.



90 Years Young!
Joan Lockley (on the left) celebrating her 90th Birthday at the monthly Coffee and Chat at Dadlington Village Hall.

Photo taken by Charles Frisby



Interested in being a school Governor?

The Hester Hodges charity nominates a governor for St. Margaret's Primary school. Usually this person is a trustee of the charity, but at the moment no trustee is available. If there is any person in the local community who would be interested in taking on this role please email hstrhodges@gmail.com giving contact details.

Those Were the Days

Picture probably taken 1923 -1931
We have no other information available, but please get in touch if you know who the gentlemen are in the photograph.



REMINDER ~ PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES ~

St Margaret's CE Primary School

The deadline for school admission applications is
15th January 2020 for September 2020.

Please apply online to the Local Authority Admissions and in person to the school.



How often have you felt as if a person's name kept coming up in conversation, and you felt you had to track them down? This happened to me very recently. First at an AGM, when I really thought my ears were deceiving me. It sounded as if they were talking about '*broccoli*' – a green vegetable I'm not keen on. Then I got an email suggesting I contacted Colli Bob as a subject for this month's Stoker! Aha I was getting closer, all was being revealed. This was the pseudonym for a village gent who is making himself well known through all the village things he's involved with. Finally, from a friend; "*Oh Beth, he's a lovely guy. He's very interested in wild life, loves making things from recycled wood, things like bat boxes, owl boxes, and boxes*

for hedgehogs. Any bits of spare left-over timber....and he tries to volunteer for all community needs. Today it's litter-picking day – so he must be free at midday to join the team. Now I'm armed with all this knowledge, I'm ready to meet Colli-Bob.

My daughter meets him at the door behind me, and asks "*Would you like a tea or coffee.*" I turn round to welcome him to join me on the sofa and am so pleased to see a quiet middle-aged guy, not wearing anything to mark him out from the crowd. Talking with Bob, I understand that his motive on his retirement was to try and respond to a caring community and we are so fortunate that, here in Stoke Golding, Bob has found the community to fulfil this vow. He says he has made more friends here in two years, than in twenty-five in Nuneaton. One of his great joys is walking in the countryside along with his wife Diane. From his earliest days as a youngster, growing up in Corley village, he has had the deepest love and respect for the country. When the family moved back into Nuneaton he was thirteen, and he really missed the country, in spite of the fact that the family moved back to the house he was born in. He went to George Eliot Grammar school, but was always pining for the country. It was here, though, that he developed an eye for the Sport of Archery and between the ages of 16/18 he represented Great Britain in 1977 – 1981 for both the Youth and Adult teams. In the meantime he trained with Arbury Service Station as a fully qualified car mechanic, and somehow managed to find the time to meet Diane, and get married at St. Nicholas church in 1983 (with all the trimmings). I ask him how did Diane and he meet up, thinking he was going to tell me somewhere magical, but no he laughs as he tells me it was at the fruit & veg. stall on Diane's Saturday job. Again, there's no attempt to impress. The more we talk we also discover we share the same tastes in our 'telly' programmes. He tells me how he is a great believer in "*can it be repaired*" rather than immediately '*taking it*

to the tip'. He came across Hinckley Fixers, which gave him the motive to start something alike here in Stoke Golding, calling it 'War on Waste'. This made me realise we probably both loved watching "*The Repair Shop*" an early evening television programme. People bring their much loved objects to the highly skilled arts and crafts repair folk, hoping for little miracles.

It's such a delight to see what can be done to completely renovate something, bringing it back nearly as new. When Bob's mother was put in charge of the Post Office at Bramscote, Bob changed careers to join her, until 1986. This is when he finally fulfilled his vow to work in the public sector, using the considerable life experience needed to excel in this field. He continued in working in this sector, co-ordinating a number of very challenging placements over the ensuing years, until his retirement in 2017.

Now retired, he enjoys his everyday life in the village, being part of the community, and happily sharing his life with Diane, and visits from his grown-up family, two daughters and a son. One daughter is in charge of the Delivery Suite at Bedford University, while the eldest works in the Occupational Therapy department at Glenfield. His son is married, and in the police, and he and his wife have just presented Bob and Diane with their first grandson, now 10 months old. So in different ways, they have all been working in the public sector. Suddenly, Bob looks at his watch, gets to his feet, and declares it's time for the 'Litter Picking' team. Looking at the autumn leaves I hope there are a large bunch of enthusiasts, ready and waiting. Carry on with all the good work Colli Bob. It's been great to have finally met up with you.



What's On at Stoke Golding Club

Call 01455 212221 for more details or visit the Facebook page – Stoke Golding Club

- Saturday 14th Dec **Family Xmas Disco & Karaoke** members free non members £5
- Saturday 28th Dec **Xmas Bingo Bonanza**
- **New Year's Eve** Simon Henley as Elvis and Dean Thomas £12 (limited tickets left)

Weekly events

- Tuesday eve - **Jitterbugs**
- Thursday eve – **Salsa**
- Friday eve – **Bingo**
- Saturday from 11am – **Breakfast cobs, coffee and cake**

Goodness me! Where to start.



It's not often I struggle to start with words, but this might be the occasion. What haven't we been up to?! The Beavers have been painting autumn scenes (see CASAG report and the display in the surgery). They, like the Cubs, have had a Halloween party with the traditional jelly, chocolate and apple bobbing games. The Beavers celebrated bonfire night by making edible fireworks and making rockets. The Cubs have also been creative, making Diwali lanterns and eating Indian snacks. The Cubs have had a problem solving night with paper (flags) water, cup and ball and trigonometry problem as well.

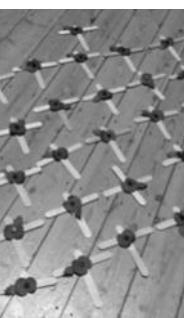
The Cubs had a road safety night, with bases around passenger safety, Green Cross Code, road signs and crossings - should give them an advantage later in life when learning to drive.

The Scouts have been creative making poppy crosses for Remembrance



Sunday, which were beautifully arranged around the war memorial. Approximately 57 Cubs, Beavers, Scouts and Explorers turned up on Remembrance Sunday and the leaders were particularly proud of all the group and their behaviour. The Beavers had to sit on the floor in the Methodist Church due to the lack of room !!!! AND then we come onto the Peace Tea which was well attended by the Scout Group and larger community. After the

service at the war memorial it was all back to the village hall for tea and cake or hot chocolate for the Cubs, Beavers and Scouts.



Thank you to all those who supported the Peace Tea - from the Parish Council, to those who donated cakes, as well as those who helped to set up and clear away. It was a lovely community event and there was a lovely atmosphere.

So with all these activities and the preparations in the wings for Xmas you can see why, for once, I was lost for words and struggled to start the article!

Jennifer

Rugby World Cup or a Hike in the Rain?

10 Scouts and Explorers chose the walk in the rain. We had planned our route, worked out the hazards, learned first aid and packed our rucksacks - we just hoped that our map reading and navigation skills were good enough. We met at the village at 8.30 on Saturday morning, got into our groups and waved our leaders goodbye. The rain was pouring down. We made the checkpoints in good time and were grateful for the sweets we got. We walked in mud up to our knees, we rolled down hills and jumped in puddles – that did go (nearly) up to our middles. We only got lost once and, by looking at the map and the shape of the fields, we managed to get back on track. We walked a total of 21km.

We made our destination before dark, put up tents and lit a fire. We cooked our tea and ate marshmallows toasted on the fire. It was so cold wet and windy we had an early night. The next morning, we took our tents down, made breakfast and returned to the village. All that we had left to do was dry our tents –again. Thank you to all the leaders who helped to teach us the skills we used, and gave up their time so we could enjoy our weekend.

Explorer Group Need Leaders

Stoke Golding now has an Explorer unit. (An Explorer unit is for boys and girls between 14 and 18 years of age.) Explorers plan, organise and run their own programme. On our launch night we started the evening as Scouts and we made a banner with our unit name on. Half way through the night we all went down to one end of the hall and the Scouts who were going to be Explorers ‘army crawled’ to the other end of the catching balloons. As they went, we counted down and, at blast off, burst 50 balloons. The evening got better as we had lemonade and cake to celebrate. When the Scout group receives the money from the Scarecrow Festival we will use it to buy a flag and equipment to run our programme. We are looking for leaders who will come and support us.

– The Explorers

SHEEPY FRIENDSHIP CLUB

A person chooses to be alone, but no-one chooses to be lonely.
With so much in the news about caring for other people, both mentally and physically, our Friendship Club is a lovely way to meet people.
The Club is a group who venture forth every month for lunch at a different venue each time. This takes place on the first Wednesday of every month, a coach collects friends from different villages and travels to the venue. (£3.00).

The club also has excursions during the nicer weather to unexpected places and events.

If you would like to join in the New Year and meet new friends and have a pleasant day out, please contact, either Jean Thomas (01455 212917) or Avis Raynor (01455 213524) for further details.



Our Neighbourhood Plan Committee is working on writing a plan that will give us a chance to influence and shape development and growth of our local area.

Our meetings are held at the Methodist Church hall every other Monday from 7pm and more information can be found at www.stokegolding.co.uk/np. Everyone is welcome to attend .

Next few meeting dates :

9th December, 23rd December, 6th January,
20th January, 3rd February, 17th February.

The Arts Society Sparkenhoe

Monday 3rd February at 7.30 pm

The Subtle Science and Exact Art of Colour in Garden Design

Gertrude Jekyll wrote: “remember that in a garden we are painting a picture”. As an accomplished watercolourist, she was familiar with the principles of using colours. This talk looks at how to apply these principles in designing a border; but a border is different from a painting.

The speaker **Timothy Walker** is a highly experienced public lecturer, former director of the Oxford University Botanic Garden, & latterly tutor at Somerville College Oxford.

If you are interested in attending but are not yet a member of the Society, please come along as a visitor for the fee of £5, before deciding whether to join. The fee includes a glass of wine or soft drink at the end of the talk.

Talks are held in the **Dixie Grammar School Hall**, Market Bosworth, CV13 0LE. For more information please contact: Sue Naylor on 07947 038534; Margaret Birch on 01455 291052; Bridget Flavell on 01455 290300; or John Hawkes on 07590 496150.

November is the month that we have our Annual General Meeting and so, after the usual business of the day, our hard working President, Treasurer and Secretary quickly got down to informing the members of Stoke Golding W.I just how our Institute had performed and what we had achieved in the past year. Indeed it was a pleasing report as, once again, we had taken part in many interesting talks, hands on tasks and fund raising events which had all been very successful. All the committee were thanked for their hard work as were other members who had also contributed in many different ways. It was with sadness that we heard that our President, Carol Hale, was standing down after three years of service in that role and we thanked her for all the work that she had done to make Stoke Golding W.I run so smoothly, much of which goes on behind the scenes and is not always noticed or appreciated. We then welcomed Jean Buckby to the role and we wish her all good luck.

We then began an evening of fun arranged by Margaret Osborne, who gave us all an equal number of 'gaming chips' each valued at the fantasy amount of £1000.00 and then began a fast and furious game of roulette, where we each attempted to win a vast amount of 'money'. This was followed by an auction where we attempted to be the highest bidders, using our winnings, to secure a number of mysteriously wrapped prizes. It was amazing how much some of our members had managed to win at the roulette table and I'm sure they wished that their winnings had been real.

December 11th will be our next meeting when we will be having our Christmas party along with a Secret Santa followed by Kath Reynolds telling how Christmas time is a season to be jolly. The first meeting in 2020 will be on 8th of January with a speaker who will tell of the blood and guts involved in a Barber/ Surgeons roll in days gone by. Both meetings will be held at the Methodist church hall and we welcome all who would like to start the New Year by joining us.

Val Hartwell

Stoke Golding website: www.stokegolding.co.uk

What did Henry VII do next?

This question was very interestingly answered by the talk given by Professor Steven Gunn of Merton College, Oxford University, on Saturday 9th November at St Margaret's Church. This was preceded by an excellent rendition by the Ambion Choir of 'Battle Song' directed by Rachel Rees-Jones. Composed by Michael Dix, especially for the choir, the song tells the story of the Battle of Bosworth from the point of view of the villagers of Stoke Golding and Dadlington. Set against a fantastic background of Henry's banner – kindly loaned by the Battlefield Centre – the choir and speaker brought the events of 1485, and what followed wonderfully to life. Yes – there were one or two technical hitches! But these were overcome - and there were many positive comments by the 174 villagers and visitors who filled the Church for a thoroughly enjoyable evening. We would like to thank all involved in preparing the Church with flowers and decorations, providing and serving the refreshments and especially the Choir and Michael for giving so generously of their time.

Also we wish to thank the project, **Inspiring Bosworth**,

- for including this event in their programme and providing the speaker
- the support given by the project manager, Gemma Tallis.

The Inspiring Bosworth project engages with local communities to promote the Bosworth 1485 Sculpture Trail. It has funding support from the Dixie Educational Foundation and the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

David Goodsell



Family Entertainment at the Village Hall

The Jungle Book

Presented by Lamphouse Theatre

6pm on Sat 7th December

Suitable for all adventurous audiences aged 4 to 104.



Raised by wolves since birth, young man-cub, Mowgli is forced to leave his jungle home when he is threatened by Shere Khan, a terrifying tiger. Arriving in a human village, Mowgli is seemingly safe, until he strays from his adopted family and meets Shere Khan again. Mowgli returns to the protection of the wolf pack, but will his presence in the jungle again put them all in danger?

Full of live music, comedy, puppetry and energy, this production explores the themes of growing up and staying true to yourself. Audience reviews on previous productions:

“Absolutely brilliant”

“First class”

“So funny and full of energy”

“The kids were mesmerised”

“Entertaining for young and old”

Tickets £10 (£8 under 16) at <https://stokearts.yapsody.com/>

Or tel: 01455 213798 or email: stokearts@gmail.com

Stoke Golding 2020 Calendars on sale



We are delighted to announce that local resident Bill Shearer has worked his magic to compile another Stoke Golding calendar for a new decade.

The 2020 calendar will be available from late October and can be bought from all three village pubs or ordered on the Stoke Golding Community Facebook page – contact Bill Shearer. Price £6.95. The calendar would certainly make an ideal Christmas present.

The Stoker was delighted to help Bill with suggesting a local printer, Elite Printing in Barwell, as the one he usually uses is no longer in business.

The fantastic cover photo here was taken by Bob Ward.

A huge thank you to Bill for keeping the calendar going (now in its 8th year) for fans of Stoke Golding to enjoy. Don't miss out on the chance to buy one as they are sure to sell quickly.

Ella Orr

Dadlington Matters

Can anyone supply further information?

The Dadlington Village History website (<https://dadlington-history.myfreesites.net>) received the following email from a Taryn Cole:
“ I'm trying to gather more information on my Dad, John William Robert Griffith, known as Jack, who sadly past away some 30 years ago. He was born in Dadlington, played football for Stoke Golding and I believe was boxing for Stoke where he was known as the 'Stoke Golding Tiger'. I think something may have happened when he was boxing as he never really spoke much about it. I believe my Dad was brought up by a lady called Ada Worthington, but I never knew who his real Mum was.

My dad knew the Henson family well (Phil and Madge and their son Phillip). They used to live in a bungalow on the road where the club is. My Dad eventually married my Mum (Dorothy Mary Bird) and lived in Earl Shilton for the remainder of his life. Her sister was Marie Whightman landlady of the Plough Inn pub in Earl Shilton for 35 Years.”

If anybody has any information regarding Jack Griffith could you contact the Stoker or send me an email at Dadlington.history@gmail.com .

The Grand Dadlington Christmas Lights Ceremony

**Friday 6th December at 6pm
at the Village Hall**

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

All Welcome

The Strange Case of the Dadlington Teacups - Part 2

(Sherlock Holmes and Watson are on the case)



Our journey to discover the origins of some Dadlington teacups took us to Burslem in the Potteries, via the town of Hinckley, and involved many tedious railway journeys. Fortunately,

Holmes and I passed the time constructively, I worked on the Times crossword whilst Holmes played his violin, much to the discomfort of our fellow passengers. We alighted at Hinckley and made our way to the offices of the local newspaper. The young reporter we spoke to informed us that we were very welcome to leaf through the past thousand copies of the paper, but given the enormity of the task, we decided upon his second suggestion: to place an advertisement in the newspaper asking readers for information about the teacup. In the event, the readers proved to be a singularly ignorant group and no further details emerged.

Our visit to Burslem proved slightly more successful. We called upon a certain Mr. Kelly who had assembled, every four years, a directory containing the names of all the local businesses. The Rock Pottery of Nile Street, Burslem (telephone Hanley7501), appeared once, in the 1924 edition, suggesting it was rather short-lived affair. It did, however, provide us with a timeframe when the good Conservative ladies of Dadlington would have made their purchase. We then benefitted from a singular stroke of good fortune. Having missed the 12:05 fast train back to Euston, Holmes and I sought refuge in the station waiting room where I discovered a discarded magazine. Strangely, it was an American magazine for film fans dated 1923 and in amongst the advertisements was one for the Rock Pottery Company. The wording of the advert cast a very poor light on the Dadlington ladies: it was advertising a 21 piece tea set for 15 shillings and sixpence that was, to quote, 'Practically indistinguishable from costly china': the Dadlington ladies had bought some cheap imitations.

On our return to Baker Street, we received a letter from a Miss Towey of the Conservative National Women's Association. She had heard about our enquiries and supplied us with some much-needed information. Our Dadlington association was either a Women's Tariff Reform group or it was one of the many Women's Associations that were springing up across the country in the 1920s. The key lay in the date the cups were manufactured. As we had a pretty good idea when the cups were purchased, the mystery was solved. In order to gain representation on national bodies, women set up their own associations which allowed them to send delegates to meetings and conferences. Miss Towey suggested the Dadlington branch was probably an offshoot of a larger organisation in Market Bosworth. Upon our return, we called upon Mrs Kitely. She was delighted with the results of our investigations and after thanking us profusely, commented as we left, "It's not that we ever use them these days."

Michael Dix

Arson, Treachery and a Journey of a Lifetime
Adapted by Bob Quinney from a report in Leicestershire Mercury,
Saturday 25th March 1837, taken from the Denis Cash Archives.

On the evening of 1st March 1837 three 19 year old Stoke Golding men, Thomas Sheen, Samuel Kirkland and William Storer decided to set fire to a stubble stack and a straw stack belonging to Thomas Hall. The circumstances leading to their arrest are not disclosed but following the magistrates' court committal hearing Storer confessed to PC Palmer who was taking them to prison and, in return for the charges against him being dropped, turned Queen's Evidence.

After the confession Sheen said to Storer, "*Bill, I should not have cared if you had told who made the hole*" (in the stack.) Palmer asked who made it and Sheen said, "*Bill made the hole, Sam found the match and I lighted it.*" Palmer then said he thought they were all equally guilty and Sheen replied, "*Yes we are, and we ought to be punished, but I hope it will be at Leicester and not transported.*"

Giving evidence at the trial Storer said that on the night in question he had accompanied Sheen and Kirkland down the lane leading to Hall's stack-yard, about a quarter of a mile from Stoke Golding, and Kirkland had said, "*What a job it would be if Mr Hall's stubble stack was set on fire,*" to which Sheen replied, "*Yes, it would put the whole town in an uproar.*" The three men then went to the stack-yard where Kirkland gave Sheen a box of Lucifer matches and said to him "*Have you or I to go to the stack?*" Sheen and Storer then went to the stack, Storer made a hole in it and Sheen threw a lighted match into the hole. They then joined Kirkland and all three ran across several fields before returning to the stack- yard from a different direction and acting as if they were innocent spectators.

Sheen and Kirkland had the misfortune of appearing before an assize court judge with little sympathy for arsonists because, despite defending counsel's lengthy and impassioned plea to the jury, and directing his observations for mitigation to the learned judge, he would have none of it. In a scathing and censorious summing up he remarked that, "*All who have the feelings of Englishmen must deplore the foul stigma which the constant repetition of this heinous offence had cast upon their peasantry and poorer neighbours. It did not originate in want of education but from the want of a strict attention to the moral duties, and to that religious education which was the right of the poor man, and which could alone induce him to walk in the paths of virtue. How are people to exist, how are they to get their bread, if others think they have a right to set fire to the food of the earth with impunity?*"

The jury found Sheen and Kirkland guilty and his lordship said they "*should have forfeited their lives, the crime of which they had been convicted being the most disgraceful, ignominious and aggravated offence known in the country and one that merited the highest degree of reprobation, and had it not been for the fact that some of their neighbours had given them a*

character I should have felt it my imperative duty to have passed the awful sentence of the law upon them."

In sparing their lives he said, "*It would be on the absolute condition that they should be transported beyond the seas for the term of their natural lives, as being unworthy to live in the country which gave them birth.*"

CASAG - The topic for this month is Movember

This is a national and international event to promote men's health as across the world men die an average six years younger than women. There are 5 key messages:

1. Spend time with people who make you feel good.
2. Talk more, as 70% of men say their friends rely on them for support but only 43% say they rely on their friends. As the poster says "we're here for our mates but worried about asking for help ourselves. Reaching out is crucial."
3. Know the numbers - refers to PSA test for prostate cancer at 50years, especially if you are black or have a father or brother with prostate cancer then you should be asking about PSA at 45.
4. Know the nuts - refers to self examination for testicular cancer.
5. Move more, add more activity to your day with hints how to achieve this.

To show support to this campaign men around the world grow a "Mo" (a moustache).

If you go to the surgery you will see a colourful display on "autumn scenes". The Beavers, aged 6-8 years, were given freedom to experiment with leaf printing, collage or just painting what they wanted. Result - a colourful display. Enjoy.

Jennifer



Bosworth Battle Field Events - December

- Mike Ingram Talk: The French Connection – Richard III and The Battle of Bosworth: Sunday 8th December 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm
- Harry J. Tomkinson Talk: The Forgotten Queen – Lady Jane Grey: Sunday 15th December 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm
- Breakfast with Santa in the 1485 Tithe Barn: Saturday 21st December 9.00 am to 11.30 am
- Guided Walks: Saturday 28th December 11.30 am & 2.00 pm
Guided Walk: Wednesday 1st January 11.30 am to 1.00 pm

For further information go to our website: www.bosworthbattlefield.org.uk

What's On



StokeArts at the Village Hall

Dates for your diary, 2019-20

- Sat 7 December 6pm:**Jungle Book**
Sat 18 January 8pm:**Kel Elliott**
Sat 21 March 8pm:**The Beautiful Game**
Sat 25 April 8pm:**Updownsizing**

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THE METHODIST CHURCH

Christmas Fair

SATURDAY November 30th
10.00am - 2.00pm

Cakes & Preserves
Books & Bric-a-brac
Coffee and Light
Lunches



Christmas Concert Invitation

Ambion Voices (Stoke Golding and Dadlington Community Choir) invite you to their Christmas Concert at St Margaret's Church on

Wednesday 16th December at 7pm.

Come and hear us sing our favourites including a few Christmas songs and some carols to sing along with followed by light refreshments.

Free concert

(collection for Target Ovarian Cancer)

Everyone Welcome

Thursday December 19th
Carol singing round the Village Christmas Tree 7.00pm



Followed by refreshments in the Methodist church hall.

Everyone Welcome

Stoke Golding Charity Sleigh

The sleigh will once again be out just before Christmas. Can we please ask that you support us again, as you have done in previous years. Dates, start times and routes are below.

Thanks for your support, the Sleigh Committee

Sunday 22nd Dec. 4pm start

Bottom of High St.
Dadlington
Bosworth Manor
Convent Drive
Hinckley Road
Sherwood Road
Hinckley Road
Station Road
Crown Hill
Andrew Close
Top of High Street

Monday 23rd Dec. 4.15 pm start

Roseway
Whitemoors
Main Street
Goldings
Wykin Lane
Little Wykin



Baptist Chapel Carol Service

22nd December at 6pm

Seasonal Refreshments Served after the Service

Everyone Welcome

What's On



St Margaret's Church Snowman Festival



Our Snowman Festival will take place on Saturday 7th December 2019 from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

Come and see our amazing display of Snowmen in the Church and enjoy turkey rolls, sausage rolls, mince pies, mulled wine etc in the Baxter Hall.

There will also be cakes and jams for sale, plus a raffle and tombola. Parking at the school

If you make a snowman please bring it to the church on Friday 6th December between 10.00am and 6.00pm.

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 5th December
&
Thursday 9th January

10.15 am - 12.15pm

All Welcome

Crib Service

St Margaret's Church

Tuesday 24th December

4pm



All Welcome

Carols and Christmas Songs at the George & Dragon

Thursday 19th December
7.30 - 8.30pm

*Home-made
mince pie
competition*
Please bring 4
mince pies on
a plate by 7pm



*Proceeds from the sale of mince pies
during the evening will go to
The Salvation Army*

St Margaret's Christingle

Sunday 8th December
from 3.00pm - 4.00pm



Everything you need to make a Christingle will be supplied.

The Greens and Dark Blues: a Monopoly Odyssey part 4

(My attempt to visit all squares on the London edition Monopoly Board in one day.)

13:20 I am standing in front of what purports to be the offices of the London Water Meter Company, one of a row of terraced houses not far from the British Museum, but I suspect it is just an address for mail as there is no indication of any 'Water Works' on the list of flat occupants. Disappointed, I continue my journey back to Oxford Circus busy googling an alternative. **Oxford Street** (13:40) is the first of three green locations I visit on the exclusive side of the Monopoly board. It used to be the road to Tyburn, the place of public execution, and it would have witnessed many crowds jeering the condemned prisoners as they passed on their way to an appointment with the hangman. **Regent Street** (13:42) crosses Oxford Street at Oxford Circus. Here, there is a diagonal or scramble crossing where, with all traffic halted at red lights, pedestrians can cross the roads in any direction. It isn't the only scramble crossing in the UK, Aberdeen has several apparently, and it wasn't the first, but with more than 80 million people crossing each year, it is the busiest. When I came here many years ago just before Christmas, it was a big mistake. The crossing was controlled by police officers and the crowds were so compact that you could take your feet off the ground and remain in an upright position. New **Bond Street** (13:48) is not far away, the home of many top of the range fashion outlets and the auction houses of Bonhams and Sotheby's.



14:06 **Marylebone Station** was the terminus of the Great Central Railway, the last mainline railway to enter London. It passes under Lords Cricket Ground, the home of the MCC (Marylebone Cricket Club), where construction took place over the winter months so as not to disturb the cricket. I have only the Dark Blue properties to visit now, and a waterworks if I can find one, so it is back on the underground to Marble Arch station, which stands at the northern end of **Park Lane** (14:35). The Marble Arch was built as a triumphal entrance to Buckingham Palace, but when Queen Victoria moved in, the palace was found to be too small! The extension, which features the famous balcony, necessitated the relocation of the arch to its present position, marooned on a traffic island. Hyde Park stretches out to the east and today it is full of concert goers off to enjoy a Prom in the Park. They have a good line up: Josh Groban, Gladys Knight, Michael Ball and Sue Dix. My wife is due to perform as part of a Rock Choir flash mob. Turning my back on the park, I head into **Mayfair** (14:40), this being a district rather than a street (technically I've already been here as New Bond Street lies within its boundary). As regular puzzlers of Ten of a Kind may remember, the two weeklong May Fair moved to the area in 1686 but, as it gained a disreputable reputation, it was abolished in 1764.

Michael Dix



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Coming up at Baxter Hall

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27th October Children in Need

24th November Snowman Festival Prep & Isla Stone Painting

22nd December Nativity

26th January Soup Kitchen



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Update from Redmoor

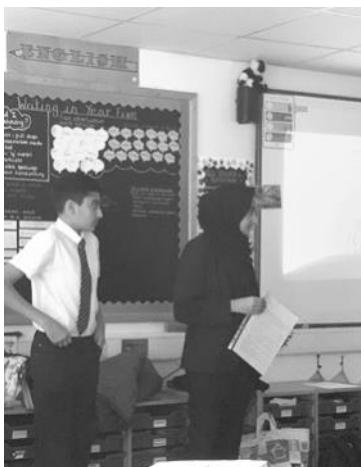
As we draw close to the end of the year, we are busy with year 11 mock exams, a whole school drive to support a charity as part of what we see to be our responsibility to others at Redmoor and, as you can see below, a variety of trips and activities. Our Christmas preparations are well under way with a staff pantomime being rehearsed, a school musical concert being practiced and Christmas dinners and jumpers being penciled in! So, from all at Redmoor Academy, we wish you a very happy Christmas and best wishes for the new year.

Restart a Heart Day

On the 9th of October, we invited all Year 9 students to participate in the national Restart a Heart Campaign. Over 160 students were trained in basic CPR skills in practical, hands on learning sessions. All students showed a high level of maturity and engaged completely with the training. This annual event involves every ambulance service in the UK, the Resuscitation Council, the British Heart Foundation, British Red Cross, St John Ambulance and local Fire Services. Last year, more than 200,000 children and young people across the country learnt (CPR) on Restart a Heart Day and with the chances of surviving a cardiac arrest dropping 10 per cent a minute if CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) is not started, the more people who are trained, the more lives will be saved.

It is intended to run this training to Year 9 every year and for it to become an integral part of our PSHCE provision.

Visit to St Margaret's Primary School



We were delighted to be invited to St Margaret's primary school in November to help with their RE lessons. We have a history of working with the school in terms of welcoming their keen readers and visiting for primary induction visits. One of our favourite visits is talking to year 5 about beliefs and practices of people from different faiths. Waleed and Waleeyah (year 8 and 10) spoke about what it was like to be a Muslim child in 2019 and brought in a variety of artefacts for the children to explore. Year 5 then asked a variety of thoughtful and meaningful questions. We were really impressed with the respect with

which these questions were asked and the knowledge Year 5 had of Islam. Thank you St Margaret's for inviting us and we look forward to next year!

Duke of Edinburgh

After a very successful 2018-19, we are currently opening up applications for students to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh award to Bronze and Silver level. We are awaiting verification of the award for the students who completed bronze last year and look forward to celebrating their achievement with an assembly in early December which parents will be invited to attend - watch this space!

We have held introductory assemblies for Years 9 & 10 to launch the Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh awards. To complete the Bronze Award, students need to complete 4 sections (Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition) over the course of the academic year, with the expedition section requiring students to navigate the countryside over the course of two days. Students will be trained for this, complete a practice expedition and then the assessed expedition.

I hope you have found this update from Redmoor Academy useful. For further information, to arrange a visit during the school day or to discuss future opportunities to work together, please call us at 01455 230731, visit our website or email at office@redmooracademy.org

Lisa Hickman Vice Principal

Ten of a Kind – December 19 / January 20

(answers on page 29)

Scots will celebrate Burns Night on 25th January, the birthday of Robert Burns, one of Scotland's greatest poets. So here are ten questions relating to Scotland.

1. Which Scottish poet, widely acknowledged to be one of the worst ever, wrote an epic poem, The Tay Bridge Disaster, which features a two line repeating refrain, "The last Sabbath of 1879, will be remembered for a very long time?"
2. England v Scotland football matches are the oldest international matches in world football. What got broken by Scottish fans after they won 2-1 at Wembley in 1977?
3. Which Scottish city has the unofficial title of 'Oil Capital of Europe'?
4. What name is given to Scottish mountains over 3000 feet?
5. Gordon Brown was the last UK prime minister to be born in Scotland. Who was the last prime minister before that to be born in Scotland?
6. What is the Saltire?
7. Where is the Queen's official Scottish residence?
8. Which part of an animal's body is used to fill with offal and oatmeal in order to make haggis?
9. Which Scottish city has the world's third oldest underground railway?
10. What unique Scottish produce was sold for a world record £848,750 at auction in Edinburgh in October 2018?

Church Matters

Church of England December Services

St Margaret's, Stoke Golding

St James', Dadlington

1st	10.30am	All-Age Service +	1st	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
3rd	6.30pm	Holy Communion	4th	7.30pm	Peace and Quiet at the end of a busy day
8th	10.30am	Benefice Service (Dadlington) Christingle Service	8th	10.30am	Benefice Service
15th	10.30am	Holy Communion	13th	7.30pm	Carol Service
22nd	10.30am	Morning Worship + Big + Small Church	15th	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
24th	4.00pm	Crib Service	22nd	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion	24th	10.00pm	BCP Christmas Communion
29th	10.30am	Benefice Service (Higham)	29th	10.30am	Benefice Service (Higham)

Church of England January Services

St Margaret's, Stoke Golding

St James', Dadlington

5th	10.30am	All-Age Service	5th	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
7th	6.30pm	Holy Communion			
12th	10.30am	Benefice Plough Service (Witherley)	12th	10.30pm	Benefice Plough Service (Witherley)
19th	10.30am	Holy Communion	19th	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
26th	10.30am	Morning Worship	26th	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer

Come and Experience Peace and Quiet - at the end of a busy day
You are welcome at St James' Church, Dadlington for short prayers
and quiet reflection

7.30pm Wednesday 4th December

Church Matters

Zion Baptist Chapel December Services

1st	6pm	Wynne Richards
8th	6pm	Mark Menzfeld
15th	6pm	Bill McIntyre
22nd	6pm	John Needham CAROL SERVICE
29th	6pm	Malcolm Welch

The Methodist Church December Services

1st	10.30am	Rev Wes Hampton
8th	10.30am	Mr Malcolm Lapper
15th	10.30am	Mr John Cooke
22nd	6.00pm	Rev Wes Hampton (Carol Service)
25th	9.30am	Rev Wes Hampton (Christmas Day)
29th	10.30am	TBA

Zion Baptist Chapel January Services

(NB Services 1st & 3rd Sundays)

1st	6pm	Wynne Richards
8th	6pm	Mark Menzfeld

THE METHODIST CHURCH Coffee Morning



SATURDAY January 11th
10.00 - 11.30am
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Come and Join us for a 'Blue Christmas' Service A Day to Remember

On Sunday 15th December at 6pm
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A Christmas service for those who need space to reflect on a difficult year.

For those who are bereaved, there will be an opportunity to reflect and light a candle for those you miss.

Methodist informal Service

On the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10.00am we hold a half hour informal service in the Methodist church hall it is followed by coffee.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

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.



Church Matters



From St Margaret's Church

December, probably the busiest month of the year, is with us once again, bringing with it the season of Advent from 1st December leading up to Christmas.

Advent is a time of preparation and waiting, but not just for the presents, the food and the trimmings, but for the celebration of the gift of God's coming among us. And we are reminded, not only of that amazing event, but also of the promise that Jesus will one day return – but this time he will not come as a vulnerable baby, but glorified as a resurrected Lord and King.

This year as we move into Advent, we are interrupted by politics in the form of a General Election. It is, perhaps, a significant time, as we wait with anticipation and hope.

Jesus, although a radical, had respect for the law ("Give to Caesar what is Caesar's") and was not against those who ruled justly with compassion for others. His ministry was to care for the poor, the outcast and marginalised; he saw a society that had become unjust, selfish and uncaring. He taught us to work for the welfare of **all** in society - the poor, the marginalised, the refugee.

St Paul encouraged us to pray for all in authority. The Bishops of Leicester and Loughborough have asked us to pray for generosity and gentleness in debates, and wisdom in policy formation; for a renewed vision for society built on shared values such as compassion, mercy and kindness.

So I encourage you to vote prayerfully, no matter how tired you are of Brexit and politics, because our vote has been hard won and is a privilege not every person in the world holds.

And as we move on to Christmas and consider that very first Christmas, St Luke tells us that the angel Gabriel visited Mary to tell her she would bear a child and that child will be the Messiah for all people 'For nothing is impossible with God.' And when the child was born and the shepherds recognised and visited the King of the world 'Mary treasured all these things in her heart'

We too can pause and treasure the gift of Christmas in our hearts. And that gift is simply Jesus, true God who became true man, who came to reveal perfectly God's truth and love to us. Treasure and reflect on the gift of Jesus and the faith we share, the one and only world leader on whom we can put our complete trust - For nothing is impossible with God.

Wishing you all a very happy and blessed Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Linda

Kitchen Corner

YOUR STARTER FOR CHRISTMAS

EXTRA SPECIAL PRAWN COCKTAIL

INGREDIENTS

*Cooked Prawns (allow 75gms.
Per person)
1 Mango
1 stick of Celery, chopped small
2 Egg Yolks
2tblsp. Olive Oil
1tsp. Dijon Mustard
6ozs.(150gms.) Cream Cheese
2tblsp. Tomato Ketchup
Salt & Pepper
Assorted Salad Greens*

METHOD

Firstly peel the mango, cut it in half and remove the stone. Dice one half of the mango and set the other half to one side for decoration later. Place the diced fruit in a bowl with the chopped celery.

Place all the other ingredients, except the prawns and salad green, in a processor or blender and puree until smooth. Pour the sauce over the fruit and celery and stir in the prawns until well mixed. This can all be done the day before and be kept in the fridge.

On the day of serving, arrange the salad on individual plates and spoon the cocktail mixture on top. Slice the other half of the mango and arrange it around the edge of the plates.

This is a little different to the '60's version, I hope that you enjoy the blends of the different flavours.

***Have a Very Merry Christmas,
Avis***

Last Month's Old Photograph



Keith Rowley, of 46 Station Road, got in touch after seeing the photos provided by Irene Batt that were printed in last month's edition of the Stoker. He recognised the gentleman in the centre at the front as the Schoolmaster Mr Broughton, who used to live in Keith's house. In fact, the house was built for Mr Broughton in 1924 by the Mistress Hester Hodges Foundation. Mr Rowley purchased the house in 1966 following an auction held at the

George & Dragon when it cost him £3,300 and has lived there ever since.

Fly Tipping

Whilst the majority of people care about the environment and their surroundings, there will always be a minority to who the thought of disposing of their rubbish in an appropriate bin or refuse site is as appealing to them as brown sauce on a fruit salad!

Recently one or two of the villagers, including myself, have recovered rubbish that includes details of a possible offender, but when passing these details (and the bag of rubbish) on to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough council have fallen foul of their policies or have been advised incorrectly that there is nothing the council can do. I have liaised with Nicholas Laville, Clean Neighbourhood Officer, Street Scene Services, who has kindly produced the below guidelines in order that we can report incidents correctly.

As a result of our conversation I have requested that some CCTV warning signs be erected at regular fly tipping locations around the village. Once erected, periodically, HBBC will deploy some covert cameras for two week periods - these deployments often result in successful convictions for fly tipping. I have agreed to act as liaison officer with the wardens when the cameras are to be deployed to maximise their effectiveness. Nan Wills, from the village, has also agreed to meet the wardens if I am not available.

If you have any locations that you think may benefit from a camera, please contact me via the Stoke Golding Community page on Facebook or send me a private message.

- 1) We access the size of the fly tip and whether it warrants a Fly tipping FPN or a litter FPN
- 2) We do this judging how hazardous the waste is and the amount (2 bags or more warrants fly tipping)
- 3) Do not move the fly tipping - please contact the Council
- 4) Take a picture
- 5) Let the council officer or staff member search it for an address (this is to do with continuity and it being searched by someone who is trained to do so)
Some waste can have harmful waste or needles. Its about minimising the risk.
- 6) The Neighbourhood officer will decide whether to prosecute or not and the best action to take
- 7) Some of the routes we can go down are:
 - a) Fixed Penalty Notice
 - b) Pace interview
 - c) Community Protection Warning
 - d) Warning to company
 - e) DVLA check and fine the driver for litter from vehicle
 - f) Temporary cameras placed on lanes
 - g) Sign and patrol
 - h) Sec. 108 to force information

The Hinckley Club 4 Young People



Cheque presented by David Abbott (right) to the Chairman of Hinckley Club For Young People, Reg Green (left). The inscribed stones behind the 2 men recognise the original Boys Club Founder, Tom Towers and the current Chairman and Senior Leader Reg Green.

David has written about the evolution of the original Boys' Club founded by Tom Towers, now known as the Hinckley Club 4 Young People. The help from the Boys Club

movement that David received as a youth has driven him to donate this £1000 cheque to the current Club.

****more of this in our next edition of the Stoker****

Obituaries

Wendy Groves

Wendy passed away peacefully on 18th October, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Brian and a loving mum, grandma and sister. A Service of Thanksgiving was held on 8th November at St Margaret's Church. Donations may be sent to Cancer Research UK through G.Seller, Funeral Director, Upper Bond Street, Hinckley.

Julia Wheway

Julia passed away peacefully on 6th November, 2019 aged 56 years. Beloved wife of Andrew (Chas) and loving mum to Craig and Scott. Julia spent her childhood in Stoke Golding and was the daughter of Jean and the late Barrie Quinney. Donations may be made to Loros through G.Seller, Funeral Directors, Upper Bond Street, Hinckley.

Douglas Watson

Doug passed away peacefully on 10th November 2019 aged 80 years. He lived on Sherwood Road, Stoke Golding from 1985-1999 and still has family living in the village. His committal will be at The Heart of England Crematorium, Nuneaton at 9:30 on Tuesday 3rd December followed by a service of Thanksgiving at St Margaret's Church at 10:30. All welcome. Any donations will go to The Stroke Unit, Leicester Royal Infirmary.

We send our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Douglas, Wendy and Julia.

Notes from Stoke Golding Parish Council – November (Draft)

HBBC Rural Strategy

Presentation by Cllr Martin Cartwright

Rural strategy will include Parish by Parish issues

Councillors to complete a list of 10 issues for clerk to collate

Lists will provide a collective understanding of issues and could direct funding more appropriately.

Report by County Councillor

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

- Café location at Market Bosworth Country Park
- Housing anxiety- HBBC housing supply shortfall ,potential for large proportion of new homes for rural settlements, implications for roads and school places .
- Convent Drive parking and children accessing school have been referred to the local safeguarding children board

Borough Cllr Jonathan Collett reported:

- Adoption of roads at Bosworth Manor
- No application at present for proposals for Wykin Lane
- Potential future challenges to five year housing supply
- HBBC – more parking, empty property discounts & Developing Communities Fund.

Public participation

No comments

Ground maintenance report

Work to Hinckley road cemetery flower beds- agreed

Removal of ivy from trees at Hinckley road cemetery -agreed

Work to turf graves – agreed

One more cut for Wykin lane cemetery in March -agreed

Moles removed from Wykin lane cemetery

Weather conditions have prevented Autumn topping at wildflower meadow at Wykin lane cemetery.

Planning Applications:

New Applications:

Laburnam cottage , conversion of existing barn to living accommodation,two storey and single storey extension at the rear.

Wykin fields Farm , agricultural building

16 Station road , works to trees

Trinity House, 16 Main Street ,first floor and rear extension

Permissions approved:

36 Station Road , erection of one dwelling (outline all matters approved)

Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC)

Minutes of the NPAC meetings held on 14th and 28th October were noted.

Consultant fees agreed

A report by Cllr Beale was noted and included:

Attendance at last meeting by chair of Friends of the Community committee

Site criteria complete and chosen sites to be investigated further .

HBBC request for any further sites -noted

Dadlington have engaged the same consultant

Update on Sport in Stoke Golding (SISG)

An update by Cllr Pegg was noted

Update on memorial safety-gravestone repairs

Hinckley road cemetery memorial safety work in progress

Following works to lay down a memorial at St Margaret's churchyard a report by a structural engineer and advice from Diocesan Advisory Committee were noted and work to make grave safe agreed.

Clerk to write to PCC with information received and rationale behind decision

Clerk to submit application for faculty.

Play equipment for 12-18 year olds

Cllr Mclean discussed initial investigations and will continue with options for a MUGA.

Works to trees

Works to lime trees at Hinckley Road Cemetery & tree stumps at the recreation field now complete.

The PC is not eligible for LCC free replacement tree scheme

Planting of 4 trees at Hinckley Road cemetery agreed.

Convent Drive play area

Councillors will have a site meeting with the Director for Environment and Planning on 18th November to discuss concerns.

Litter bins

Review of litter bins noted

Clerk to request litter bins for Convent Drive and bus stop outside St Martin's PC to review dog waste bins as they come up for replacement.

Charity of Thomas Barton

Reappointment of trustees agreed.

Cemetery matters

Drainage and flooding issues at Wykin Lane cemetery discussed

Two single plots for price of double agreed due to issues as above

Cemetery Administrator can deviate from scheduled plan in an emergency

Push taps to be installed at both cemeteries

Boundary issues discussed and decision to be made at Decembers meeting.

Communications received by the clerk

Higham PC letter regarding traffic issues noted and clerk to reply

Unitary proposals noted

Response from HBBC planning enforcement regarding Bosworth Manor noted .

Invite from Bosworth 1485 sculpture trail noted and invitation to attend one of our meetings agreed.

Next meeting: Methodist Hall, Wednesday 4th December at 6.30 pm tbc

Answers to 10 of a Kind

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| 1. William McGonagall | 6. The national flag of Scotland – a white cross on a blue background |
| 2. The crossbar on one set of goalposts | 7. Palace of Holyroodhouse (yes it's official title is all one word) |
| 3. Aberdeen | 8. Stomach |
| 4. Munros | 9. Glasgow |
| 5. Tony Blair – he was born in Edinburgh | 10. A bottle of Scotch whisky |



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