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Dadlington Matters

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Note from the Editors

The Pete Robertshaw Memorial Cricket Match (page 4) was a great community event held on Dadlington Green raising money for charity as well as providing entertainment for the whole family. The cold, rainy summer weather didn't stop everyone enjoying themselves.

We were sad to hear that St Margaret's School will not be holding a summer fete this year. It would be interesting to find out when the very first fete was held at the school - please send us any information and photographs you may have.

Despite the lack of school fete there are still plenty of activities and events to join in with during the summer including church flower festivals, dances and our very own village music festival.

We love the photo on this month's front cover - isn't it great to grow older disgracefully?!

Jane & Ruth

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Front cover - Bernard Arnold - the oldest BMXer in the village?

Stoke Golding Garden Show Society

80th Open Show - 4th September 2010

We urgently need sponsorship and donations NOW please for this years show in aid of :

'The County Air Ambulance'

If you are able to help us in any way please contact Keith Jones
01455 212794,
95 Sherwood Road, Stoke Golding.

All help and donations, large or small, will be very gratefully received.



St Margaret's C of E Primary School PTA News

Sadly the PTA will not be holding a Summer Fete this year. Concerns were raised due to the financial climate for both parents and local businesses and a shortage of helpers on the day, in previous years. Therefore the PTA sent out a short questionnaire to all parents asking their views on the Summer Fete and whether an alternative event should be held. Due to the majority favouring a Summer Disco rather than a fete, it is with regret the PTA has cancelled this year's Fete.

Whilst this is a big disappointment for many, we do hope that next year a Summer Fete will be held, that will be even bigger and better.

Stoke Golding & Dadlington Co-operative

Following suggestions from a few people, the functionality for adding Public Service Announcements to the Stoke Golding & Dadlington Cooperative has been implemented.

This means you can now post information of general interest to our communities such as proposed developments, updates on facilities, warnings of localised criminal activity, etc.

In the same way as other postings, it will also be possible for people to submit enquiries to the person who posted the information (using the site as an intermediary). There are no charges for using the site and spam is not permitted.

Hopefully this extra service will assist in keeping us all better informed.

Kelvin Hill www.virtualbriefcase.org.uk/coop

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Dadlington Matters

The Pete Robertshaw Memorial Cricket Match

The Dadlington v Stoke Golding Cricket Match held on 6th June was a huge success raising £956.75 for Pancreatic Cancer Research.

The match was a tribute to Pete Robertshaw who gave so much to the village of Dadlington.

Thanks go to all those who helped to make this event possible, particularly Simon, Rachel, Pete and Fiona on the Bar, Bea, Wendy, Sue and Eve on the Teas and Cakes, Flying Officer Walliker on Hot Dogs and so much more, and Larry from Market Bosworth who mugged everyone for Raffle Tickets. Thanks also to our resident Groundsman, Mike, who managed to get the Green up to Test Match standard for the occasion. The magnificent advertising boards that appeared around the villages were provided by Steve Wright and thanks go to him and many others for the raffle prizes which were so kindly donated.

A very special mention must go to the excellent 'Route 66' who gave their time and considerable talent to contribute to a very memorable day.

I am very pleased to announce that Dadlington were in Silver medal position.

We hope to make this an annual event and confirm a date for 2011 in the new year.

Graham Grimley



Sue Robertshaw presenting Adam Rollins with the winners trophy



More from Dadlington



Route 66'



The Battle Of Bosworth

The 22nd August 2010 is the 525th anniversary of the Battle of Bosworth, 1485. As you may know there has, for many years, been much speculation over the actual site of the battle.

Dr. Peter Foss, who wrote one of the most definitive accounts of the battle in his book 'The Field of Redemore' will be at St. James' Church, Dadlington, (where soldiers from the battle are buried) on 21st and 22nd August with a display showing his interpretation of the battle. This includes a photo copy of the Hinckley-Lyre agreement, which is the first time that this has ever been shown in public. Peter will be pleased to meet and to discuss the battle with anyone interested.

The church will be open from 10.00am until 5.00pm on both days. There is no admission charge and there will be light refreshments in the village hall.

Dadlington Book Group

Next meeting - Tuesday 13th July 7:30pm to discuss "Diary of a Nobody" by George Grossmith. New members welcome, even from Stoke Golding! Call John Whitehead 213244 for information.

Thanks...

Many thanks to Jan & Tony of Sherwood Road for hosting a coffee evening for St James' Church. A showery day evolved into a lovely summer's evening, enabling people to sit out in their delightful garden. A magnificent £367 was raised for church funds.

Jill Webster

From the Police Box

Number plates thefts to avoid paying for fuel

Almost 80 motorists have reported number plates being stolen in less than three months in south Leicestershire.

Police believe the majority are being used to cover the thieves' own number plates before they fill up with fuel and drive off without paying. Since the beginning of April, 19 number plates have been reported stolen in Hinckley.

Sergeant Phil Tebbs, South Area intelligence co-ordinator for Leicestershire Constabulary, said: "This has become an increasing problem in recent months, and now makes up the majority of thefts from vehicles. We believe most of them are being used by people who are trying to avoid paying for fuel – they are committing one theft to help them commit another. I would appeal to anyone who sees someone interfering with a car to call us straight away."

Over the same period, there have also been 18 catalytic converters stolen in Hinckley. These are part of the vehicle's exhaust system and have to be cut away from the underside of the vehicle. Most offences have taken place in car parks.

Anyone with information about this type of crime should contact Leicestershire Constabulary on 0116 222 2222, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. If you see someone interfering with a vehicle, report it immediately on 999.



Secure your bikes

A local resident has recently had his shed broken into and 3 mountain bikes stolen from it. Do make sure your sheds, garages, bikes etc are securely locked at all times.

Distraction Offences

Reports have been received about a new kind of distraction offence in this area. The circumstances are that whilst loading their shopping into their car, an elderly shopper or couple are approached by someone asking directions to a local place. Sometimes the enquirer is holding a map.

The enquirer will sometimes spread the map over the shoppers' car bonnet. Whilst the shopper's attention is directed to the map and the conversation, an accomplice steals their wallet, or their handbag from inside the car. Be on your guard. If you are approached get into your car as soon as possible, and leave the scene. Report any incidents to the Police.

More Police Matters

Warning after thefts from shoppers in Hinckley supermarket

Police in Hinckley have issued a warning after a series of recent thefts from handbags in supermarkets.

Over the past month, police have received three reports of similar crimes whereby handbags or purses have been stolen from unaware shoppers in Hinckley supermarkets.

On most occasions, it appears that when the elderly victim has left their trolley unattended to take an item from the shelf, their handbag or purse has been stolen. Officers are appealing for shoppers to be extra vigilant and alert in protecting their property.

PC Paul Hickman, from Hinckley local policing unit, said: "We would like to take the opportunity to remind shoppers to never leave a handbag or purse unattended, especially in a supermarket shopping trolley, and be aware of your surroundings. There are some very simple precautions that people can take to reduce the chances of being a victim of crime in the first place. Something like attaching a purse bell small bell to your purse, handbag or shopping bag can deter thieves as the bell will alert the shopper if their purse or bag is moved.

If people just take these small steps of keeping their property safe then we can hopefully prevent these opportunistic crimes from happening.


Please get in contact with us if you have any information regarding the people or persons responsible for these crimes."

Anyone with any information is asked to contact PC 1972 Paul Hickman on Leicester (0116) 222 2222, follow the instructions to leave a message for an officer and when prompted key in his identification number 1972. Alternatively, people can call Crimestoppers free and anonymously on 0800 555 111.



The Ashby Canal from Bridge 25

Stoke Golding Music Festival Update



With just under two months to go, we're pleased to confirm that arrangements, although changing, are firming up nicely. The third celebration of all things talented and local (and the first to span two days) will be held on the 28th & 29th August and promises to be even bigger and better than before with good music both on the Rec and in the main hall in Stoke Golding Club.

Saturday evening (28th Aug.) in the club we have The Conscripts (the young lads who played at the last charity night) starting things off, then a rock and roll band called The Roundhouse Rockers who should get a few jivers on the dance floor. They will be followed by The Gritters to play us out with some more rock.

The line up and running order for Sunday 29th is not yet finalised, but we should have a non-stop, really good spread of music including: The Freightliners, Jim Hirons, Marky T, General Jack, Route 66, Sound Dogs, and Trunkee Lookin Pants!

Added to that there will be a host of games and stalls both in the Village Hall and on the Rec, even that most work shy group, The Stoker Morris Troupe, are threatening to re-form and treat us to a couple of dances... just to scupper any chance we had of good weather.

Besides raising money for charity this is a really good opportunity for anyone planning a function in future to see a number of different bands and artists in one place. Remember to mark it in your diary.

Chris Tremain, Malc Watson & Mick Edwards

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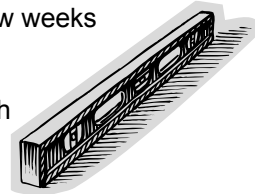
We may be able to include articles received after this date if you let us know by the 15th that you will be sending something in.

Tools for Self Reliance Update

The first batch of tools donated earlier in the year have now arrived in Uganda. The second collection which I delivered to TFSR a few weeks ago will also soon be on their way to enable individuals and communities in Africa to support themselves.

Thank you again for your generosity in donating the tools which came in all shapes and sizes!

David Goodsell 01455 212955



News from Stoke Golding Surgery

Goodbye to Helen. Helen has retired from her role as receptionist and dispenser at Stoke Golding Surgery. Helen was originally based at Castle Mead site before permanently relocating to Stoke in 2000. Helen provided an excellent level of personal service and will be greatly missed by all the patients at Stoke Golding. We wish Helen a happy and healthy retirement.

Monday afternoon surgery at Stoke Golding. This has been running since January. It gives patients the opportunity to pre-book to see a GP in a routine appointment at later times and also to collect pre-ordered medication from the surgery. It is mainly for patients who find it difficult to attend morning surgeries due to working commitments. Ask at Reception about the afternoon service.

Teenage Clinic. This is now running for 15 -19 year olds. Advice is available on a number of subjects and includes a health check. Details from Reception at the surgery.



Relaxing on the new swing in the rec.

Stoke Golding Methodist Church

All Change



Dear Friends,

This will be the last time I write in the Stoker, as we are having some changes over the next few months. From September, the ministry at the Methodist Church will be led by Rev. Julie Minns (who also has charge of Hinckley and Higham Methodists) and Deacon Phil Osbourne. I'm sure they will introduce themselves to you in due course.

The introduction of a Methodist Deacon is a progressive step for our group of churches, as deacons have a particular ministry of outreach, evangelism and service in the world (rather than concentrating on 'church'). Deacon Phil will be spending some of his time in Stoke Golding helping to develop youth outreach, particularly through the 'Solid Rock' children's club at St. Margaret's school (this will be alongside his work in Earl Shilton and Hinckley). Rev Julie will be taking pastoral charge of the church, preaching and administering Holy Communion.

I have to say that my two years with Stoke Golding have been most enjoyable. I have met and worked with some faithful and lovely people, both within and outside of the church. And I have become particularly fond of St. Margaret's Primary School – where I have met some truly delightful and talented children (and, of course, their wonderful teachers). I will miss you all. However, we must accept that ministers come and go, but the work of God never ceases. Jesus said 'I will be with you always', but that's something the rest of us can't promise.

As for me, I'll still be around the area, living in Barwell, and you may see me preaching from time to time, but my responsibilities move to other places. I pray that your families, your village, your community go from strength to strength and that each of you will know the love of God within you and all around you.

*Every blessing,
Rev'd Andy Murphy*

Methodist Church Services

July

4 th July	10.30am	Mrs Hilary Fenby
	6.00pm	Mr Malcolm Lapper
11 th July	10.30pm	Mr John Askew
18 th July	10.30am	Rev'd Andrew Murphy
25 th July	10.30am	Mrs Hilary Fenby

August

1 st August	10.30am	Rev'd Andrew Murphy
8 th August	10.30am	Local arrangements
15 th August	10.30am	Mr Colin Haddon
22 nd August	10.30am	Rev'd Andrew Murphy
29 th August	10.30am	Mr Michael Holt

What's On

St Margaret's Church **Flower Festival** **August Bank Holiday**

Sat 28th, Sun 29th, Mon 30th
Sat & Mon 10am to 5pm, Sun 11 to 5pm



'Fairytale & Fantasies'

Don't forget to come and see us. The flower displays will be amazing and so will the home made ploughman's lunches and cream teas served throughout the day in St Margaret's School Hall. Also stalls - tombola and the yearly raffle.

Free off road parking in the school. It promises to be the best yet!!

If you can spare an hour or more to help in the school hall we would love you to join us, a warm welcome awaits you.

Call Margaret Croxall on 01455 212387

What's On



Stoke Golding Club Diary Dates for July and August



Sport on 3D and High Definition TV

Saturday 10th July	Local Band The Men in Black Tickets available
Saturday 24th July	Jamie Jay 50's to present day Entertainer
Saturday 7th August	Oompah Band German Night Tickets available
Saturday 28th August	Stoke Golding Music Fest in the Concert Room
Sunday 29th August	Stoke Golding Music Fest on the Rec

Now every Wednesday, Jamming Sessions, All Musicians Welcome

During England World Cup matches we have special offers on Carling Lager
also complimentary food will be provided.

Every Tuesday Fish n' Chips on the car park 5.00 to 7.30pm

Hire the Concert Room At No Charge; also with reduced drinks prices,
(a bond is required on booking).

The Club opens at 4.00pm daily and all day Saturday and Sunday.

Remember your money always goes further at The Club.

Enquiries, please telephone Helen or Maria on 01455212221

Special Evening Date Fast Approaching

Returning by popular demand, The Munich Bierkellar Men are
returning to Stoke Golding Club on Saturday August 7th at
7.30pm... HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKETS YET?

Tickets are now on sale priced at £7.50 each and available from
Stoke Golding Club, Tony in the Middle Stores, Liz at the Post
Office, Malc Watson and Rob & Joy Hiron. This is the fun event
of the year with 100% audience participation and fun for the whole family (min.
age 12years). Don't miss out - GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Rob and Joy Hiron



Methodist Church

Saturday August 7th & 21st
Coffee Mornings for Church funds
10.00 – 11.30am

What's On

Stoke Golding Methodist Church

Flower Festival

'Let the Children Sing'

Friday 2nd July 10.00am – 6.00pm
 Saturday 3rd July 10.00am – 6.00pm
 Sunday 4th July - Church open from 12noon

Refreshments and ploughman's lunches – Friday & Saturday



Flower Festival Services

10.30am Mrs Joan Ledson
 6.00pm Mr Malcolm Lapper
 (Includes items by a soloist)



Zion Chapel Services July

4th July	J Todd
11th July	S Foxwell
18th July	J Needham
25th July	W Richards

August

1st August	TBA
8th August	TBA
15th August	S Foxwell
22nd August	J Todd
29th August	M Welch
Services begin at 6pm Sunday School at 11am	

SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS 2010

Providing a fun and active way for
children to spend their summer
holidays.

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Primary School,
AGE: FOR CHILDREN AGED 4 -14
Activity Camps: 9.00am – 4.30pm
Specialised: 10.30-3.30pm
Extended Hours: 8am-5.30pm

Children can participate in a wide
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For more information please visit
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Mark Styles 07971 338808

What's On

Happier, Healthier Living and Learning

'OVER 50s DAY'
Friday 10th September 2010

9.30 am to 4.00 pm

Hinckley Leisure Centre



Booking Forms available from:

Your local Library ▲ Doctors Surgery ▲ Age Concern ▲ Hinckley Leisure Centre ▲ Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council.

Church of England Services

July

St. Margaret's Church

4th July 10.30am Family Service
11th July 10.30am Benefice Service Higham on the Hill
18th July 10.30am Holy Communion
25th July 10.30am Morning Worship

Holy Communion at St. Margaret's every Tuesday at 6.30pm

St. James's Church

4th July 9.00am BCP Morning Prayer
11th July 10.30am Benefice Service Higham on the Hill
18th July 9.00am BCP Holy Communion
25th July 6.30pm Holy Communion – Feast of St James

August

St. Margaret's Church

1st August 10.30am Family Service
8th August 10.30am Benefice Service Witherely
15th August 10.30am Holy Communion
22nd August 10.30am Morning Worship
29th August 10.30am Benefice Service Holy Communion

St. James's Church

1st August 9.00am BCP Morning Prayer
8th August 10.30am Benefice Service Witherely
15th August 9.00am BCP Holy Communion
22nd August 9.00am BCP Holy Communion
29th August 10.30am Benefice Service, Stoke Golding, Holy Communion

Message from the Rector at St Margaret's Church



Fever Pitch!

As I write this article, the nation is gearing up to the start of the World Cup, as England play their opening match against the USA this evening. I have no idea as to what stage they will have reached by the time you read this, but there is certainly no lack of support for them. There are flags flying from cars, houses, pubs, and even on top of 10 Downing Street, as well as England kit in all shapes and sizes.

World Cup fever has infected everyone to some extent, whether old or young, male or female, teachers or students, adult or child, whether we like it or not. Football is going to dominate our screens and newspapers until mid July and much of the nation will be cheering England on, hoping that they will go through to the final and win.

You may be surprised to know that although 'football' is not mentioned in the bible, there are references to athletic activities. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians urges his hearers towards the prize of knowing Jesus through training like an athlete – not giving up, but continuing in the discipline of prayer and Christian living.

The writer of the letter to Hebrews encourages us to run our race with resolution and determination, and in the letter to the Philippians we find the words: 'I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.'

We could all use words of encouragement and support, whether or not we are athletic. So be encouraged that God is routing for us, and although we may be uncertain what the future holds for the England football team, we can depend on our hope in God.

Linda



For All Those Village Genealogists

I'm sure that all those readers interested in village history will be aware of the book 'Records of Stoke Golding' written in 1942 by Mr W.T. Hall a relative of Rosamond and the late Desmond Hall of Park House. Almost everything ever written about the village is included in his book, a copy of which is in Hinckley Library. What is not generally known is that he also wrote a slimmer volume in 1942 entitled 'Notes for a History of Dadlington', which is also in Hinckley Library and can be taken out on a library ticket. For those interested in reading the history of the two villages they are an invaluable and entertaining record of village life.

In 1930 he typed out all the details of the births, marriages and deaths records from Church Records from 1561 to 1850 which he had bound in a hard backed foolscap sized book. He also made sure that it included a names index which has ensured that those wanting to research their ancestors from the village can do so in minutes instead of the hours or days that it took previously. That book is kept in the hands of the Vicar and Churchwardens of St Margaret's Church. The Reverend Chris Gash, during his time as Stoke's Curate completed Mr Hall's task by bringing the records right up to 2000.

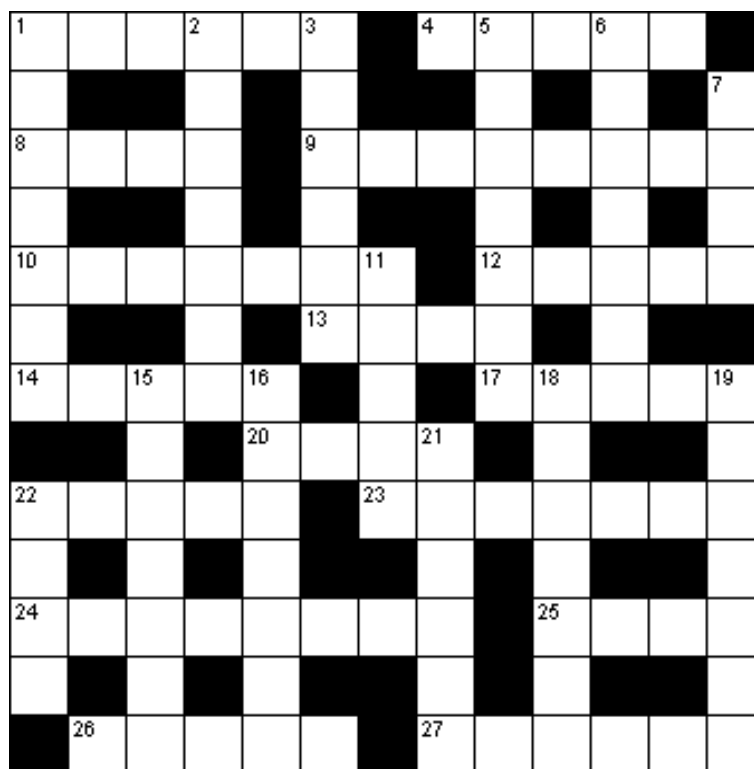
Perhaps today's genealogists do not realise who was actually responsible for the introduction of the records of births, marriages and deaths. It was in fact King Henry VIII. A historian of the time, Charles Wriothesley in his Chronicle of England wrote in 1538 :- "This yere in the moneth of September, the Lord Thomas Cromwell, Lord privie Seale, Viceregent to the Kinges Highnes sent out certain Injunctions to all bishops and curates throughout this realme, by the authority of the Kinge, that in every parishe church within this realme the curates should provide a book of the Bible in Englishe ...and that every curate shall keep a booke or register, wherein shall be written every weddinge, christninge and buryinge made within the church throughout the whole yere, the same book to remain in a chist with two lockes and two keyes in the same church provided for the same, one key to remain with the curate, and the other with the churchwardens of the same church"

So, that is why we have a Stoke chest and records. Considering there was no post or internet at the time it is little wonder that it took from 1538 to 1560 before the village Clergyman got a grip of the 'new' system and began his records.

Denis Cash

Stoke Golding village web site: www.stokegolding.co.uk

Crossword



Across

1. see 7D
4. land measurements (4)
8. Bovine (4)
9. see 7D
10. Man's name (7)
12. Permit (5)
13. Scorch (4)
14. One of 7D etc little men (5)
17. One of 7D etc little men (5)
20. Absent without leave (short) (4)
22. Claw (5)
23. One of 7D etc little men (7)
24. see 7D
25. Child's board game (4)
26. Hide goods for later (5)
27. Tired (6)

Down

1. Female star's first name in King & I (7)
2. Type of herring (7)
3. Silks and ***** (6)
5. 'Cream' for puddings (7)
6. Cover completely (7)
7. & 24A, 9A, & 1A Fairy tale about girl & little people (4,5,3,3,5,6)
11. Leave the army in short (5)
15. Hand reading fortune teller (7)
16. Slang for Americans (7)
18. Shakespeare 'hero' (7)
19. Lemony colour (7)
21. When plane had touched down (6)
22. Urban area (4)

Answers on page 23

God Save Us From This Dreadful Dirge

Just how long must this nation be condemned to suffer having the second worst national anthem in the world? It needs Roget's Thesaurus to come up with enough adjectives to do justice to the sheer awfulness of this doggerel dirge – dreary, dull, monotonous, offensive, irrelevant, misguided and appealing to sentiments of chauvinistic Victorian Empire grandstanding.

The reasons for a change are many and irresistible: firstly, it is supposed to be a British anthem, yet the Scots and Welsh have quietly and pointedly abandoned it some years ago, choosing instead the much more lively, apt and joyful 'Flower of Scotland' and 'Land of our Fathers' respectively. In Northern Ireland 'God Save the Queen' is only to be heard in Orange circles sung by men with bowler hats proudly wearing sashes and regalia echoing the prejudices and injustices of the 17th to the 21st century, while the Catholic majority simply ignore its offensiveness – or throw Molotov cocktails. Hardly, then a symbol of British unity! So England must find its own anthem.

The second reason for ditching this awful tune is that it is wholly inappropriate for an anthem which is supposed to celebrate our love for our country. All other world anthems from 'God Bless America' to 'Australia Fair' do just this while French blood is stirred by the wonderful power of the 'Marseillaise'. And what do we have? An anthem which, almost alone in the world, celebrates the longevity of an old lady, our wish to live in servility, and for her to be 'victorious', presumably to put all other nations in their place. It's a sobering and salutary thought that only one other nation in the world celebrates the wished for immortality of their beloved leader – North Korea – an anthem so ludicrous that it can be placed even below ours. If this isn't enough to make you feel embarrassed, then ask yourself why no-one plays/sings the whole of our anthem – the omitted verses being so offensively chauvinistic that they would cause diplomatic incidents throughout the world.

Now I've got nothing against the Queen herself (God bless her). There are lots of hospitals, parliaments etc to open where 'God Save The Queen' would be appropriate – but not as a country's anthem. Especially when we have ready made words and music which would do the job with some splendour and beauty. What other country could compete with Blake's classic poem 'Jerusalem' which celebrates our country's 'green and pleasant land'. The music makes the hairs stand up on the nape of the neck and is truly inspirational. Other possibilities include 'I vow to thee my country' – all about England and the patriotic love of this land.

Our anthem, 'God Save the Queen' only began life as a desperate attempt by the British Government in Georgian England to try to raise the popularity of a discredited and scandal-touched royal family who were the subject of widespread ridicule and contempt. They did so by hi-jacking a dreary tune which was wandering around some minor middle and eastern European states, and adding some awful flattery in the lyrics which any dictator would have cherished. Time, I think, to throw it back to where it came from.

Mike Emmett

What do Stoker readers think? Send us your views on this subject.

Mistress Hester Hodges Exhibition Foundation

At the next meeting of the Trustees of the Mistress Hester Hodges Exhibition Foundation in September applications will be considered for awards to students.

In order to be eligible the following conditions must be met:

- a) Two years attendance at St. Margaret's C.E (Aided) Primary School, Stoke Golding
- b) Residence in Stoke Golding
- c) Attained the age of 16 years or more and be undertaking further education in the academic year commencing September/October 2010

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

Completed application forms should be returned to A. Fullagar by 24th September 2010

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library will visit Stoke Golding & Dadlington on:-

Thursdays 8th & 22nd July
5th & 19th August
2nd Sept

Dadlington 27 Hinckley Rd - 10.15 - 10.35am

Stoke Golding

Greenwood Road 10.40 - 11.10am
Sherwood Road 11.15 - 11.45am
The White Swan 11.50am - 12.15pm
Hinckley Road/Main Street 12.20 - 12.45pm

For further details contact: Coalville Library, 0116 305 3565

email:coalvillelibrary@leics.gov.uk



Stoke Golding Parish Council - May 2010 Meeting

Cllr Ward was elected as **Chairman of the Council** and Cllr Terheege elected as **Vice-Chair**. Cllr Mayes agreed to stand as Planning Officer again. It was agreed that the Clerk take the role of Financial Officer. **Report from Local Leicestershire Police** - PCSO Chapman, based at Market Bosworth, introduced himself giving a brief résumé of his background and work within the area. He confirmed that the police visit Stoke Golding two to three times a week. He can be contacted on 01162 222 222. Voice mail: 6115

County Cllr Ivan Ould's report: A verbal enquiry had been made to LCC Highways Dept over potential vehicle access to the fields at the end of Sherwood Road. The footpath had been completed from the village to the Northern Perimeter Road – this is connected to possible school transport changes.

MarCity - following the circulation of their recent leaflet a suggestion was made to put an article in the Stoker informing residents of another developer who has been investigating the Sherwood Road site.

Hinckley Road Cemetery: A meeting with the flower tub contractor is still to be arranged re improvements to the Memorial Wall area. Positive comments have been received regarding a new name plate on the wall. An update of memorial stones is needed to establish grave work requirements. 'Memorial Safety Policy' – initial letters to grave plot owners regarding headstone safety are to be added to the Policy.

Wykin Lane Cemetery and Wild Life Area: Installation of water at Wykin Lane Cemetery – it was decided to try and establish a new contact with Severn Trent to progress this matter further. Insurance cover for Wykin Lane Cemetery pond was discussed. Work is continuing on the Information Board.

Recreation Ground: The swing and climbing apparatus are now installed with grass matting underneath.

The ditch is piped and filled in. Hedging has been planted of native species, not poisonous to horses. Young people have been working on the design for the BMX humps. The gateway has been removed and the fence replaced on the Goldings' boundary

The following items are to be decided upon: Location and maintenance of dog waste and rubbish bins, seats and picnic tables around the perimeter. Possible use of the Women's Hall money to fund some of these items. Requesting the police to include the Recreation Ground on their regular beat. Clarification of litter picking from maintenance contractor needed. Arrangements for drainage work on the football pitch to be established.

Football Club issues: A Sub-Committee of Councillors has been formed - the Clerk to arrange a meeting between the Sub-Committee and Football Club. A mini football pitch had been marked out. The meeting asked if permission had been granted for this and was it being paid for – this will be pursued by the 'liaison' Committee.

Highway Matters had been followed up from previous meeting. The poor finish on the pathway along Stoke Road - the gang was laid off due to cut backs and the work was not fully completed. Higher than normal noise level coming from a farmer's bird scarer – now resolved. 20mph zone lights at St Martin's High School are randomly flashing out of school hours, including Saturdays – to be investigated. The work on the jitty between Hinckley Road and High Street is still outstanding. The drop kerb in High Street is now in the correct place.

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Planning Applications:

New Applications: 22 Crown Hill Close – Ash tree to be removed , 1 Ivy Close – Extension and alterations to dwelling, 3 Hall Drive - Erection of one dwelling, land to the rear of.

Permissions granted: Compass Fields Farm, Wykin Lane, change of use from agricultural building to workshop

Matters arising from the Annual Parish Meeting:

Heritage Warden Report - letters to be sent re the state of canal footpath to Barry Whirrity, HBBC Conservation Officer and to British Waterways.

Consideration of alternative venues for Parish Council meetings which will meet the needs of the disabled. Publishing non ratified minutes – it was agreed to publish important points from meetings that needed to be brought to the public's immediate attention

Women's Hall Accounts – the Parish Council confirmed that these funds will be used to support the Recreation Ground project if needed.

Other matters:

Dog Waste Bins: Numerous complaints had been received regarding the lack of regular collections. It was decided to investigate a change of contractor.

The Charity of Thomas Barton is in the process of procuring a new Village Notice Board. The Charity has agreed to pay for two new grit bins. It was suggested that the Parish Council consider putting up lights around the centre of the village at Christmas. The Charity would consider paying towards the cost. It had been noticed that the old mini goal posts are no longer in the Recreation Ground -the Charity asked if the Parish Council would consider replacing this amenity. The Council decided that the football wall was a satisfactory replacement for the goal posts. It was decided to apply to the Charity regarding other requirements for the Recreation Ground such as seats and picnic tables.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

The Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 7 July will be held in the **Methodist Church Hall** beginning at 7.00 p.m.

The Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 4 August will be held downstairs in the **Village Hall** beginning at 7.00 p.m.

Due to there being no publication of the Stoker in August those wishing to see the ratified Parish Council minutes for June/July will be able to consult them on the village notice board, at the Post Office or on the village website: www.stokegolding.co.uk

We hope that residents will find the venues for the July and August meetings easier to access and will attend if they so wish. Members of the public are always welcome at the Parish Council meetings.

Notes by Cllr Pauline Goodsell

Trees

For over a century most of the trees have stood
Like sturdy sentinels in the wood
In spring a fair sight to behold
When tender leaves of green unfold

The huge horse chestnut with trifoliate leaves
Alight with scented candles of pink and white
When autumn comes, burnished conkers fall
To every schoolboys' great delight

A towering sycamore – a majestic tree
With huge boughs hangs over the boundary
In summer their seeds are widely shed
Like wings, they flutter down from overhead

The ancient beech with grey silvered trunk
And branches spreading far and wide
Sheds showers of rough hewn oral shells
With edible, three cornered nuts inside

The spires of the graceful silver birches
Rise up against the sky
Swaying in the summer breezes
A pleasing picture to the eye

No end of hollies in glossy green
And majestic 'Golden King'
Deck themselves in robes of red
Their lovely winter offering

A laburnum seedling has taken the place
Of a worn out specimen who fell from grace
Now showered with dripping golden rain
Dear laburnum – I'm so glad you came!

Nearly fifty years the Japanese acer has stood on the lawn
(Quite an 'old lady' now it seems)
In April unfurls her crimson leaves
And in the sun's golden rays she positively gleams

The tall hazel tree, once a tiny wild seedling
I left to thrive and grow
Hoping for a tasty bounty of cob nuts
But alas! The cunning squirrels are in the know

I love all the trees, from spring to fall
Their bare tracery in winter will never tire
Those dying leaves rot down into magical mould
While there's good wood ash and warmth, from a glowing bonfire!

Peggy Holmes



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