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Dadlington Matters

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Note from the Editors

Thank you for the really positive feedback following last month's 'new look' Stoker cover - we are so glad you liked it and hope you like this one too. If you have any photos with local interest that you think would look good on the front of the magazine please email or drop them in.



We love all the messages of thanks we have received to publish this month (page 5). It is so important to recognise help and kindness and reminds us of what a lovely place we live in. We would like to thank our production team and our wonderful Stoker deliverers as we couldn't produce and distribute the magazine without them.

Don't forget the events this summer including St Margaret's Church Flower Festival, St James' Church Cream Tea, Dadlington Village Hall's Quiz, StokeFest and the Garden Show .

While writing this we are in the middle of a heat wave, but it could easily be cold, wet and windy by the time you are reading this! We hope you manage to enjoy a beautiful summer whatever you are up to and look forward to being back again for the September issue.

Jane and Steve

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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).

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Cover picture: Sheep grazing in fields behind Station Road

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The Bench With a View

The bench on the corner by Fisher's Farm, High Street has been turned around to face the canal and across the fields to Dadlington following requests from villagers to the Parish Council. Bob, from Crown Hill Close, is particularly thrilled as he and his late wife Pat used to love walking to this spot to enjoy the view. Not only have the



Parish Council arranged for the bench to be moved, thanks to funding from The Thomas Barton Charity, but they have approved a plaque with 'Pat's View' written on it. Bob often goes down just to sit and enjoy the beautiful view while remembering Pat and he loves talking to people when they pass by, often joining him on the bench too.

Stoke Golding Garden Show

87th Open Show

Saturday 2nd September 2017

Stoke Golding Club
Hinckley Road

The main beneficiaries this year are:
Dorothy Goodman School and LAMP



Flowers, vegetables, homemade, baking,
novice, children's section and much more...

- 11-2pm - Competitors entries
- 6pm - Open to the public (free admission to everyone)
- 8pm - Presentations (class/section winners)
- 8.20pm - Clear Down
- 8.45pm - Fun Auction (come along and bid on the produce!)
- 9pm - Grand Raffle

Free Admission
Everyone very welcome!
For more information contact
Tina on 07809629690

A Message Of Thanks

Dorothy Coley and family would like to thank everyone who sent cards, messages of sympathy and donations when Stan passed away recently. Your thoughts and prayers were very much appreciated, and a great comfort, at this sad time.

Thank you again, *Dorothy and family*



Thank You

The Parish Council would like to say thank you to the following people:

- Malc Watson for moving two plant troughs.
- Les Broome, Theresa Case and Sarah Beale for clearing up a quantity of unspeakable waste from the rec.
- The Trustees of the Charity of Thomas Barton for funding a new bench at the rec, near the table tennis table.
- Liz Kingsley, for reopening the Post Office after the recent armed robbery.



Thank You

On behalf of the Methodists I would like to thank all the people who helped with our recent Flower Festival and not forgetting all our visitors who helped us raise over £2,000 for church funds. We are also very grateful to the Trustees of the Thomas Barton Charity for their generous sponsorship of the festival.

Once again many thanks to you all.

Margaret Lomax



Thank You

Thanks to all our residents who water the plant troughs around the village. They are looking lovely, but if you see one which is a bit dry would you give it a couple of canfuls of water please?

Ruth Fisher



A Reminder

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS for delivery of your Stoker magazine are due in August for the September 2017 to July/August 2018 period. Our collectors will be calling shortly to collect the £5 due.

If anyone would like free delivery to their home for the year please contact Rosemary on 212597

The Methodist Flower Festival

So many events seem to happen in our lovely village. It seems only a few weeks ago I found myself at Dadlington's Flower Festival, and as usual I was so impressed with their extraordinarily high standard, but when it was the turn of the Methodist Chapel, I was determined not to miss out; and was thrilled that I managed to get there. They had very different interpretation. Dadlington's theme had been 'Monumental Moments', dealing with events both globally and ever since Creation itself. The Methodist Chapel's was based on all the many historical facts in and about the village, since the nineteenth century. Having only lived here for the last ten years, I was intrigued to discover the background presented both visually, and with printed notes accompanying the floral decorations. With all the new building around the village, there are bound to be many new residents like myself who will also be fascinated to discover how the village used to be all those years ago. A shop window model shows miniature, but authentically real loaves and cobs/batches/baps?- along with these useful informative notes: *"Mr Arthur Mason, nicknamed Snowy, owned the bakery located at the rear of the 'Birches' on High Street. He baked bread, cakes, rolls and scones for 53 years until he retired in 1988. He began working in the bake-house at the age of 13, when the bakery was owned by Mr. Albert Hunter. After leaving school, Snowy would work on one of the two delivery vans, which made 60 mile round trips daily. Often Snowy would walk 18 to 20 miles each day. In 1951 Mr Hunter offered Snowy the opportunity to buy the business for*

£60. Soon after, the owner of The Birches site died, and his son gave Snowy the chance to buy not only the bakery, but also the surrounding house, cottages and land for £950. Unfortunately the bank refused to lend him the money"



The beautifully crafted miniature model of the railway station had these historical notes: "KEY DATES: *Line built by North Western and Midland Railways to serve Leicestershire Coalfields. Opened 1st August 1873 for goods, and 1st September for passengers. Station closed for passenger traffic in 1931 and for goods traffic on 6th April 1962. Line closed completely in 1971, and subsequently dismantled."* (sad)

There are so many others I want to mention, but the village shoe repairer's model grabbed my attention. There's the shop and shoemakers' tools, and a pair of ladies ankle boots from yesteryear, looking similar to those in fashion today – along with this spot of history: *"Mr Henry Towers of Ashby Road, Hinckley was the village shoe repairer for 50 years. He had a wooden workshop on Station Road. Mr Towers made his first pair of shoes under the watchful eye of his father, who had his shop in Factory Road, Hinckley, where women's shoes were soled and heeled for half a crown."*

A big thank you to everyone for a fascinating peek into our village history.

Beth

The Scouts, Cubs and Beavers Go Bike Mad

Bike week took place from 10th - 18th June. We were not aware of this when planning our programme, so it was a coincidence we have all been doing our cyclist's badge.

The Beavers were taken through basic manoeuvres by John in the car park and then had a cycle around the rec. They were also taught about helmets with an egg demonstration and how to avoid egg or brain leaking all over the pavement.

The cubs had the Thursday night cyclist group to help to support the evening and manned bases on puncture repair, bike oiling and safety and why they should wear reflective gear. Thank you to Alan, Andy, Jim, Peter, Richard and Rob for making this possible. The cubs then went and cycled around Mallory Park.

The Scouts have been planning a cycle route and will be going on their bike ride in the near future.

Although we don't have many evenings left with the group we still have a sixers and older cub navigation day, soap box derby and the raft race all to cram in.

Busy term!!!

Jennifer Michie



Stoke Golding Youth Football Club



Stoke Golding under 8s football team finished off the season in fantastic winning form. In the end of season FA tournament the lads worked really hard for each other, defended resolutely and scored some magnificent goals. Having never progressed further than the first round in previous tournaments and having to play teams that had beaten them during the early part of the season the lads were magnificent, remaining undefeated and progressing out of the group stages through into the semi finals. In the semi final they played a higher graded, very skilful attacking side who were soon two goals to the good, but the lads rallied and came back to narrowly lose 2-3. The parents and coaches were delighted and the lads made Stoke Golding proud demonstrating excellent sportsmanship, desire, team work and effort through out.



As the season ends the under 8s team are a fantastic group and have great parent support. They look forward to continuing to develop their fitness and skills next year and importantly continue to have plenty of fun!

It has been a very successful season on reflection for Stoke Golding's under11s team with fantastic moral boosting victories along the way, an exciting county cup run during October/

November and to top off the season with even some silverware. The team's manager and coaching staff have stated that they put their success down to the team's hard work and team spirit on the football field. The lads have grown together as a group since changing to a 9 aside game with bigger pitches and longer match time which



has allowed every player to develop and make a massive contribution to their games. Throughout this season they have played some attractive passing football which has enabled the whole of the team to have maximum contact with the football and progress rapidly as junior footballers. The group's team spirit really paid off in the last few games of the season as it helped them win all 5 of their games in their league group trophy, meaning they finished out right champions of their group. The team lifted their trophy in style as they were invited to Holmes Park once more following

their previous venture earlier on in the season in the U11 county cup final. The coaches would like to congratulate all of the lads for their hard work and success but also a huge thank you to the parents who get them to their games on time, fully kitted out. For the team's second 9-aside season, they are looking for a player who is keen to play in goal as well as outfield. This upcoming, talented and friendly football team welcome any youth who is enthusiastic and of any ability to a few taster training sessions for this role. They have a world class goal keeping coach! Any inquiries please contact the manager Andy Parton: 07833256021.

New Players Welcome U11's (Year 6) as of September 2017

If you are currently in Year 5 and due to move into Year 6 in September 2017 and want to play football then why not come and join us?

We train on Saturday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30am at St Martin's, Stoke Golding, CV13 6HT and on Monday evenings from 6.30pm to 7.30pm on the 4G pitch at Hinckley Utd.

We are a family friendly club focussed on making sure every child enjoys training and playing in matches. The team will be playing 9-a-side football next season so would welcome a few new players. We intend to carry on training until the end of the summer term and then re-group in early August to train for the new season.

If you need any more information please contact Pete Hill on: Mobile 07534 332850

Email: peterhill1710@gmail.com

or take a look at the website: www.pitchero.com/clubs/stokegoldingfc

Ten of a Kind *(answers on page 30)*

In Roman times, the new year began in March. The fifth and sixth months, Quintilis and Sextilis, were renamed July and August after the emperors Julius and Augustus Caesar. So here are ten questions about things that have been named after people.

1. What was the nationality of Lajos Biro, who invented the pen that takes his name?
2. The Archimedes screw takes its name from the Greek mathematician who had a eureka moment in his bath. What does it do?
3. What was added to macadam roads, created by the Scot, John Loudon McAdam in the 19th century, to cut down on dust generated when cars began to use them?
4. Which British Prime Minister had a bag named after him?
5. What was nicknamed a 'Mae West' after the American film star?
6. Who wrote the railway guide that takes his name, used by Michael Portillo in his Great Railway Journeys television programme?
7. What did Thomas Newcomen create in 1712, the first being erected in Dudley?
8. Where would you find a Plimsoll line, devised by English politician Samuel Plimsoll?
9. Which opera singer gives her name to a dessert of peaches and raspberry sauce with vanilla ice cream?
10. The Beaufort Scale, devised by Royal Navy officer Francis Beaufort, is a measure related to wind speed, e.g. Force 4 = Moderate Breeze. Which numbers are given to the lowest – calm (<1 mph) and the highest – hurricane (>72 mph)?

A Cathedral Journey – Part 7: In-spiring Times

(Continued from last month) What had seemed like a bit of a wet, windy day became a full blown storm as we crossed the exposed walkway with our young children. Waves crashed around us: it was a really awe inspiring experience; it was also an incredibly stupid thing to do! No such drama when Andrew and I headed off to Leeds for our annual Christmas shopping trip, calling at Wakefield Cathedral en route. Its spire, at a rather paltry 247 feet, is the tallest in Yorkshire and is a bit of a landmark when travelling north on the M1. It, along with Ripon and Bradford, is home to the Bishop of Leeds, and although restoration work was carried out by George Gilbert Scott (St Pancras Station, Albert Memorial), it had little to recommend it, unlike Portsmouth and Chichester, our first two cathedrals of 2003.



Portsmouth started life as a chapel dedicated in 1180 to the recently murdered Thomas a Becket. It then became a parish church and finally a cathedral in 1927. Its original tower had been used as a lookout and a lighthouse and today a small cupola stands on top of a more recent tower. With its relatively low ceilings and an interior being painted white throughout, it was quite unlike any other cathedral we had visited. Chichester was far more conventional, having been a cathedral since 1108. Its unique features are a separate bell tower and double aisles. It also has a special spire (277 feet for those keeping a record) in that it is the only cathedral spire that can be seen from the sea. We visited both cathedrals whilst staying for a weekend in the area. We'd set off on the Friday night and journeyed down to a

delightful bed and breakfast near Lee-on-Solent.

The lady of the house recommended we eat at a local hostelry, one used by the cast of the TV series *Howard's Way* when they filmed in the area. I had a crab salad with so much crab that I haven't been able to eat it since. The next morning we awoke ready to head off for Portsmouth and took our places at the breakfast table in a large rustic kitchen. There was a strange smell of burning

bacon emanating from a frying pan on the Aga and two of the guests appeared to be cooking their own breakfasts. Then our hostess arrived, wished us a good morning and began a ten-minute rant about the fickle nature of men. It transpired that whilst we had been feasting on crab the night before, her husband had informed her he was leaving and he'd gone. Along with the cooking guests, we offered whatever solace we could whilst she spat out such phrases as, "All men are b*****s!" Breakfast was a wee bit tense. It was with a sense of foreboding that we approached breakfast the next day, but now bitterness had been replaced with regret and sorrow. After a little more relaxed meal, she took us for a walk around her beautiful gardens, bemoaning the fact that she'd now lose it all, as she'd have to sell the house. We felt deeply sorry for her, whilst of course only having heard her side of the story. However, I think we all breathed a rather large sigh of relief as we escaped for Chichester. After Chichester, only six cathedrals remained, although they did include the most northerly, the most southerly and one on the Isle of Man.

Michael Dix

Beth's Corner

Corinne Wilson

Corinne's name is synonymous with creativity, as anyone will agree who remembers the visual impact that her arrangement at Dadlington's Flower Festival made. Stepping into the porch the height and vibrant colours of "The Big Bang" certainly had the WOW! factor totally consuming the entire archway. The coloured cover on last month's 'Stoker' gives some idea of this striking contribution to the theme of 'Monumental Moments'. I love the explosion of coloured twigs, emanating from a circlet of golden gerberas and carnations. The twigs have the exotic name of Velvet Mitsumata Twigs, originating from Japan. Friends of mine once commented that stepping through the car-park gates of The Courtyard into the inner courtyard garden, was like '*stepping into another world*'. On the conversion of the old Hall's Hosiery factory, the gardens would certainly have been landscaped, but since Corinne made her home here with Graham in 2003, each year sees further transformations under her creative eye and constant hard work adding new colourful plants.



Sadly she tells me, that around the age of twelve, her school careers advisor suggested she should consider a career in some office capacity, rather than something artistic. *"I accepted her advice, believing I lacked any gift of creativity, and spent much of my life working in business."*

Inspirationally, in 2003 at her wedding at St Margaret's, the gift surfaces again having been suppressed for so long. Seeing in her mind's eye how she visualises her flowers, that original spark of creativity takes over, and she realises she has the natural ability to put into practice what her imagination has shown her. Friends in the village begin to recognise her talent, and the rest (as they say) is history. She is asked to arrange the floral decorations at so many different events, but admits it's weddings she loves most. *"I sit down with the bride (and sometimes with the groom) getting the feel of their personalities and tastes."* She laughs as she admits that the first thing to be sure about is their budget. *"Once we've got that awkward question out of the way, then we can begin digging deeper into the bride's wishes, and these usually give me a little insight into her personality. Does she want a contemporary look, or traditional or romantic?"*

Alternatively she also enjoys window dressing, and does a window of her hairdresser's salon in Atherstone; *"about four times a year Beth."*

How anyone could ever deny that Corinne lacks that creative eye, is beyond me. I sit listening to her speaking, and at the same time, taking in the subtle colourings she is wearing. From the floral print of her jacket, she picks up its background of soft aquamarine or turquoise, and echoes this with two paler shades of the same hue with her two silk tee shirts.

I remember reading a quotation from Dorothy L. Sayers; which goes something like: *"Encourage, encourage, encourage until the person becomes who they believe they really are."* I believe everyone needs to hear this. *Beth.*

To contact Corinne on Facebook: [f.b.me/inspirefloralart](https://www.facebook.com/f.b.me/inspirefloralart) .
or email: m.me/inspirefloralart

Staffroom Memories 10: Stock

In primary schools, whoever controls the stockroom has great power. In my first school, this was the headteacher, an ex army captain, who ran the operation with military precision. At the start of term, you collected your allocation: paper, books, pens, pencils, and that was it, you made them last. He was so tight that when he once rewarded the staff with a brand new red marking pen each (we could hardly contain our excitement), not a single one worked, having sat on a shelf for years. As the term progressed, there would be a black market in the most used items, with teachers swapping all manner of things, mainly for packs of pencils. The head insisted that everything on the walls: posters, children's work etc., were backed, but the sugar paper we had was very low quality. A stunning display with bold red, green and blue backing in August would quickly fade to a monochrome sludgy grey by October.

I had a small walk in stock cupboard in my classroom where I jealously kept my supplies. Sometimes the children would follow me in to collect their new book or ruler, and on one occasion, I walked out and closed the self-locking door, unaware that I'd locked one of the girls inside. I was just sitting down to lunch when a child approached me; "Patricia says can you let her out of the stock cupboard now?" I've never moved faster, returning to release the poor distraught child. I decided to take the lock off the door, but this then created another problem. At parents evening later in the year, one mother enquired about 'The Paper Club.' As I sat there nonplussed, she explained that a number of the children were taking home piles of writing and drawing paper. Apparently one enterprising child was making trips to my now unsecured stock cupboard to furnish her club with resources. The club folded the next day!

Of course, when I became a headteacher, stock took on a new dimension. It was the greediest item on the budget sheet. No matter how generous an allocation of funding it was given, it was always in need of additional funding half way through the year. I'd try refusing to order more of this and that, and then the teachers would politely enquire how on earth they were going to teach the children to write when there was nothing to write with and nothing to write on. I could see their logic and up would go the stock budget again.

In one school I was in charge of stock. I quickly realised that the power wasn't all it had appeared. Everyone moaned at me: there was never enough of this or we'd run out of that. No matter what system you tried to put in place, teachers took far too much, hoarded it, and never gave you an inkling of what they needed until it was too late to order it. I didn't enjoy the job. I especially didn't enjoy it when I mistakenly ordered what I thought was a fairly frugal 30 boxes of paper tissues, but turned out to be 30 packs with 25 boxes in each pack. Rather than admit my error, I kept the delivery and distributed the 750 boxes around the school. You couldn't go anywhere for months without finding hidden stacks of tissue boxes, filling every available space



Michael Dix.



COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Want a real opportunity to make a difference in your community?

Do you have a couple of hours spare time per month?

If yes, then why not apply to be a Parish Councillor?

It is not necessary to be qualified in any particular area; you just need to have a local connection with the Parish.

For more information or to apply, please email the Clerk providing brief background details and stating why you would like to join the Parish Council.

APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED BY 10th July 2017

This position will be filled by co-option at the meeting of the Council to be held on 12th July 2017

Parish Clerk

Joanne Lowe

Email

suttoncheneypc@gmail.com

Telephone

01455 699618

A Neighbourhood Plan for Sutton Cheney Parish?

Are you happy living in Shenton, Sutton Cheney or Dadlington?

How do you want our villages to develop over the next 10 years?

What type of development do you want?

What improvements would you like to see and which areas would you like to protect?

Did you know that you could influence these planning decisions?

The Localism Act provides everyone with the opportunity to do just this through the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. This is led by the Parish Council but driven by local people representing areas across the Parish.

Sutton Cheney Parish Council are considering a Neighbourhood Plan but need to gauge whether we have enough support from the local community.

If you would like to get involved in the formation of a Steering Group or require more information, please contact the Parish Clerk, Joanne Lowe at

suttoncheneypc@gmail.com or call 07564 810817.

Dadlington Matters

Dadlington Village Hall Improvements

The Management Committee has received a grant from Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council that will enable them to complete the building work at the village hall. The alterations, when complete, will extend the area of the main part of the hall. Bi-fold doors will open onto an area of grass, recently levelled by Sutton Cheney Parish Council, and the hall will have disabled access. This is almost the final phase of the improvements planned for the hall, which has already included the creation of disabled access, a disabled toilet and a larger, fully equipped kitchen.

The management committee are grateful to everyone who has helped and supported this project and especially those who have raised funds and the two councils. They look forward to announcing a grand opening some time in the autumn, once the work has been completed.



Dadlington Village Hall's Famous Quiz Evening

Saturday 23rd September
From 7pm

Teams of up to 8
£8.50 per person including a hot meal
Contact Samantha Johnson to register
you team:
01455 212293 or email
andysamj@gmail.com

St James' Church Dadlington

Cream Tea at Hall Farm



Saturday 12th
August
3.00pm

£5.00 Adult
£2.00 Child

Tea, Raffle, Tombola etc.

Need a venue for a children's party, a special celebration,
a meeting place for your group?

Dadlington Village Hall

Book online at www.dadlingtonvillagehall.co.uk
or ring Samantha Johnson 01455 212293

Fully
Equiped
Kitchen

Disabled
access &
toilets

Car
Parking

Walk the new Battlefield

Join a walk to the new Bosworth Battlefield location.

Led by John Whitehead with commentary - Saturday 1st July

Start 9:30am Dadlington Village Hall or 10am Stoke Golding Post Office

Walk across the battlefield to Whitemoors for coffee (& loo stop)

Back to Dadlington Village Hall by 1:30pm for Soup Roll and something liquid.

Suggested donation £10 adults, £5 children (Funds to Dadlington Village Hall)

Advise numbers to John by email: jf_whitehead@hotmail.com to help with planning.

**But last minute joining on the day will be welcomed.
Just turn up!**

Coffee Mornings for Stoke Golding and Dadlington Residents

Three ladies have come forward so far to offer help with setting up a regular coffee morning at Dadlington Village Hall and we will be meeting soon to chat about our ideas. We could really do with another three people to help at this planning stage, so please get in touch if you would like to join a friendly team of people to help organise a community facility that is very much needed in our villages.

Is this something you would be interested in doing?

**If so then please contact Jane White 212416
or email: janewhitesg@gmail.com**



Dadlington Village Hall Events

Details of prices, times and how to book are available at
www.dadlingtonvillagehall.co.uk .

Note: Murder Mystery Evening Date / Time TBA

What's On

St Margaret's Church Flower Festival

August Bank Holiday Weekend

'The Oscars' and the winner is.....

Saturday 26th August 10am - 5pm

Sunday 27th August 12noon - 5pm

Monday 28th August 10am - 5pm

Refreshments, ploughmans' lunches, cream teas, delicious cakes available each day.

Raffle, tombola, cakes, jams, plants, bric-a-brac, books etc in the school hall. Parking at the school.



St. Margaret's Church



Teddy Bear Jump and Barbecue

Saturday 9th September from
12noon – 3pm

Make a parachute for your bear and see him fly from the church tower.

The Methodist Church

SATURDAY July 8th

Coffee morning 10.00-11,30

For Church Funds

The Methodist Church

SATURDAY August 5th

Coffee morning 10.00-11,30

For Church Funds

The Methodist Church July 2017 Services

2nd	10.30am	Mrs Pat Starbuck
9th	10.30am	Mrs Sheila Grice
16th	10.30am	Mr John Cooke
23rd	10.30am	Revd Wes Hampton
30th	10.30am	Mrs Gwen Coley

The Methodist Church August 2017 Services

6th	10.30am	TBA
13th	10.30am	TBA
20th	10.30am	TBA
27th	10.30am	TBA

SAVE THE DATE

StokeFest 27th August

Salsa with Just Dance in Stoke Golding

I have always loved dancing so a few months ago my friend suggested that I learn to salsa. She's been salsa-ing for the last few years and could fully recommend it. I booked a course of eight Havana Salsa lessons in Nuneaton where I learnt the basic steps along with at least twenty other beginners and, quite amazingly, managed to retain enough to dance a few simple routines. It was so much fun that I've now moved onto the Improvers class.



To add to my new found passion, I have started going to Just Dance, social dancing for lovers of Salsa and Bachata at Stoke Golding Club. Anyone can go along, whether you'd just like to learn the basics of Salsa or you're an experienced Salsero and maybe, more notably, whether you bring a dancing partner or not. It's on every Thursday evening from 8.00 – 10.30pm and for just £3.00 you can dance to the latest salsa tracks from Cuba and Latin America with a fun group of people. As a beginner I've been able to put into practice what I've learnt in class with a very welcoming group who certainly know how to dance and who have patiently guided me through the routines. If you are interested in joining in the fun and excitement of dancing Salsa, just give Just Dance's organisers, Steve and Sharon, a call on 07765561030.

Ella Orr



My husband has got a job as a teacher at St. Martin's Academy starting this September. He is now finishing a course at the University of Oxford where we are living. We have two beautiful and bright children, a one year old and a three year old. While Matthew, my husband, is busy with his final exams I

am trying to sort out our accommodation. We would love to move to Stoke Golding. I have been reading your magazine and the village seems lively and welcoming. We would like to rent for 12 to 18 months and once we get to know the area a bit better we would like to buy a property. I have contacted lots of estate agents but they don't have anything available at the moment.

I was wondering if anyone has suitable property to let, ideally in Stoke Golding but we are open to other villages around the area too.

Hopefully we will get to know some of you once we settle in the area.

Thank you very much.

Ester, esterfederica@gmail.com

Reassurance on Local Crime

Following the recent armed robbery at the Post Office and mugging of an elderly lady near Andrew Close, Sgt. Mike Francis has reported to the Parish Council that these crimes were not connected and suspects have been identified for both crimes. He assured the council that the crimes do not reflect trends or crime patterns locally, and data shows that crime in the area is generally down.

We are sure that everyone is very pleased to see Liz back in the Post Office selling her wonderful selection of greetings cards, stationery and gifts. - Eds

Church Matters



From St Margaret's Church

As you read this letter, we will be into the month of July, but I am writing it just a couple of days after the General Election on June 8th.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, made a statement in response to the result of the General Election. He says:

"In recent weeks we have seen acts of terror and violence committed against innocent people in Manchester, London and around the world by those fundamentally opposed to our shared common values. Set against that, yesterday's (June 8th) election was a powerful and vivid testimony of our enduring faith in the values of peace, freedom and democracy, and a rejection of the forces of fear, hatred and division. It is heartening to see voter turnout increase at this election and I offer my prayers and good wishes to all those elected to Parliament, to all who put themselves forward as candidates and to the countless many who make our democratic process work so well. I encourage all Christians, and people of all faiths and no faith, to hold our political leaders in their thoughts and prayers at this time. My prayer is that they may know the love and presence of God, made known through Jesus Christ, as they prepare to take on the weighty responsibility of leadership."
Archbishop Justin Welby June 9th 2017.

I, too, encourage you to pray, for our country's leaders and for the people and situations on your heart. For as the Archbishop also says:

"Prayer moves us closer not only to God, but to one another. It connects us with those whom we otherwise cannot see. Prayer breaks down division, in prayer we take each other's hands and find our safe stronghold."

Wishing you God's blessing

Linda

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

Church of England July 2017 Services St. Margaret's Church

2nd	10.30am	All Age Service
9th	10.30am	Benefice Service Stoke Golding
16th	10.30am	Holy Communion
23rd	10.30am	Morning Service
30th	10.30am	Benefice Service Higham

St James's Church

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6th	10.30am	All Age Worship Group
13th	10.30am	Benefice Service Dadlington
20th	10.30am	Holy Communion & Baptism
27th	10.30am	Morning Worship

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Zion Baptist Chapel July 2017 Services

2nd	6pm	Malcolm Welch
9th	6pm	Malcolm Welch
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30th	6pm	Richard Cotton

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Music, Poetry and Laughter by the Canal

On Tuesday 13th June, The Market Bosworth Festival came to the Ashby Canal. The venue was the fabulous new Café 1804 at Bosworth Marina. As the sun set over the meadows and marina, a sell-out audience was treated to an evening of comedy, poetry and music.

Luke Kennard is the author of five collections of poetry. He shared with us several of his poems composed during his year as poet in residence for the Canal and River Trust. They were moving, personal and reflective.

A regular on the UK comedy scene, Anthony King gave amusing and insightful glimpses into 1000 years of Kings and Queens of England. The audience particularly loved his song about Richard III.

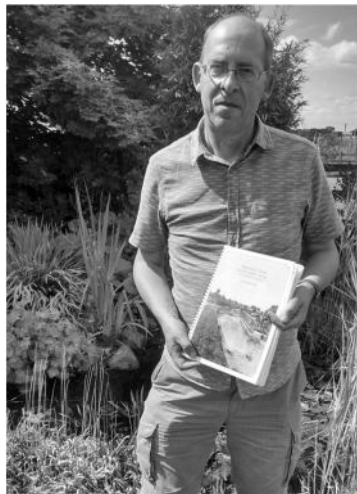
Ambion Voices choir provided most of the music, including 'Over the Rainbow' and 'Hallelujah'; beautiful harmonies drifting through the open windows to the colourful narrowboats below. Their highlight came after the interval, with the World Premiere of *Three Reflections on the Ashby Canal*.

Composed for Ambion Voices by Michael Dix of Dadlington, the suite tells the story of the Canal from the hectic Victorian working era, through the years of abandonment and decay, to the present resurgence of leisure and life on the canal. The combined talents of composer, musical directors Rachel & Jane and The Ambion Voices created a completely absorbing and inspiring work, which I very much hope we will hear again soon. It was uplifting to listen to such high quality singing from the ladies of our local villages; they not only perform to a very high standard but it is also abundantly clear that they love singing together! The piece was supported by the Thomas Barton Trust, which paid for printing of the scores.

Ambion Voices is a ladies community choir drawn mostly from Dadlington and Stoke Golding. New members over eighteen are always welcome, no awkward auditions, just enthusiasm required. They rehearse on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7.45 pm, followed by a visit to The George and Dragon (not compulsory, but singing is thirsty work). Call Jane White 01455 212416 or Rachel Rees-Jones 01455 212538 for details. At least two members of the audience were inspired to do just that after the evening's performance!

Simon Rees-Jones

*Michael Dix with his
composition 'Reflections'*



Fool on the Hill

Shed inhibitions....

Much has been made in the press of late regarding the amount of food that we buy and then chuck in the bin because the sell by date has passed. My mother's generation would have a fit if we threw away anything with less than an inch crust of blue mould or had played a part in at least 3 meals of leftovers. There is however, another area of domestic waste that is sneaking under the radar costing us far more than a soggy courgette or a black banana.

You may recall from an earlier missive that Mrs Fool, in common with many of the fairer sex, sees spring time as an opportunity to cleanse the abode of superfluous items. The loft has had its turn and now the crosshairs have been firmly fixed on the shed. My *modus operandi* for this is to select a dry day and decant the entire contents of the shed to the patio where they can be suitably evaluated for the cull that is to come. This process invariably reveals that the guilty party, when it comes to unjustifiable occupation of shed space, is the plethora of part used DIY products.

These items are far more pernicious than food waste because, by and large, food waste will either wash down a sink, flush down a toilet or if left to its own devices, quietly rot away albeit after a slightly odious interlude. DIY products, on the other hand, morph from a state of questionable usefulness to a state of toxic uselessness that renders them undesirable to even the least discerning refuse disposal facility. Fillers for example, will rarely achieve their stated purpose and then, when left in a shed for any period of time, separate into a milky fluid and an unusable solid. Nothing known to man will ever persuade the two to reunite into something useable. A generic group of cement based products including plaster will, as soon as opened, begin a transformation into what is essentially, a misshapen brick. The returning of an opened bag of this stuff to the shed in the expectation of ever re-using it, is a triumph of hope over experience. Those tools so shiny and cheap on the shelves of the DIY store are now just a length of rust attached to a cloudy piece of plastic. Tins of emulsion in every colour of the rainbow line are preserved in case there is ever the need to effect a paintwork repair. Has anyone, anywhere ever done that? And even if you were foolish enough to try it, would you know which colour goes where in your house. Can you remember which shade of green "Sage Blush" is? And why are you keeping those tiles? Nobody ever replaces one. Don't get me started on gloss paint other than to say just try getting rid of the stuff once it has developed an impenetrable crust.

The only solution is a second shed.

Available at most DIY outlets.

F.O.T.H.



From Moira Down to Marsden We are Bound

With the industrial revolution in the mid 18th century, manufacturers were looking for better ways to move large quantities of goods around the country. When the Duke of Bridgewater opened a canal in 1761 to transport coal from the mines on his estate to the factories of Manchester, it was seen as a great success, not only slashing the cost of coal but bringing in a tidy profit for his Lordship. The potter, Josiah Wedgewood, saw canals as a way not only to transport bulky clay to his potteries but also as a much better solution to transporting delicate, breakable finished goods. He and others embraced them, and they rapidly spread across the Midlands and the north, bringing further industrialization to these areas.

At the start of the 1780s, the villagers of Stoke Golding and Dadlington, largely untouched so far by much industrial change, would have started to hear about schemes to build a canal in the region. There were coalfields around Ashby-de-la-Zouch as well as lime quarries at Ticknall and a number of ideas were proposed to link these by canal to existing waterways. One plan, devised by Robert Whitworth, one of the foremost canal engineers of the day, finally received Parliamentary approval in 1794 and work began. The canal was to go from Marsden on the Coventry Canal to the River Trent. The first section, from Marsden to Moira, was to be a contour canal, built at the same gradient and so avoiding locks. Then the canal was then to have passed through a tunnel before rising to Ashby in a flight of locks before descending back to the Trent at Burton on Trent. This second section was never built. It was also designed as a broad canal, so bridges were made wider to accommodate bigger boats.

As the 1790s progressed, the landscape around the two villages would have been transformed. First the surveyors would have arrived to map out the route in detail. The County Records Office now holds the three plans they created and the picture shows the final version that has the seal of approval from the Speaker of the House of Commons on it. There is little change between the plans, a notable exception being that originally the canal was to have made a broad loop from Shenton Station to Far Coton. By the final plan, this has become straightened as a raised embankment and aqueduct. After the plans were approved, the land would have been acquired, each field affected being marked and numbered on the map.



To be continued next month.

Michael Dix

"THE PROBLEM SOLVER"

I occasionally have an ulterior motive, when deciding who to meet as my next 'interviewee.' Currently I need to try and meet a local writer, as a Writers' Fair is being planned in Hinckley library. Bob's name is given me by *'those who know'* - and the following interview is the result.

He knows The Courtyard well, he tells me, having been a friend of my neighbour, Gill Skelton, who sadly died just over a month ago. Settling himself on the sofa, I ask him would he like a coffee and that's my initial glimpse into his personality when he tentatively asks me; *"I prefer it black, but only if it's good coffee."* I assure him it is just freshly made. Next he tells me that he has been interviewed already *'in depth'* by another one of my 'Stoker' colleagues. *"Perhaps you should check up on that one first"*. I decide that it will have been long enough ago to chance another few words and thoughts from him now.

Born in Nuneaton, Bob's creative talents are discovered while still at school at KEGS. It's his ability to see an object so clearly and then to draw it flawlessly on paper, a form of 'draftsman-ship', or, as I see later in the sketches he brings with him, a natural ability for creatively painting and reproducing objects and scenery with great accuracy. Leaving school he joins Rolls-Royce, learning light engineering, which is followed by a three month contract in the merchant navy as a young engineer, visiting ports in Africa and the Persian Gulf (now Iran). He remembers how appalled he was at seeing such extreme poverty in the various ports they visited. However, his career in engineering is diverted after meeting Jane. They marry in 1964 at the beautiful old Abbey Church of St. Mary's in Nuneaton, also buying their first and only home here in Stoke Golding. The village in those days was so much smaller and more rural than Nuneaton, although Bob is still commuting to work there. He is put in charge of the drawing department in a mining and quarrying firm. I only vaguely understand the background of tungsten carbide and drilling rigs and compulsion quarrying, but Bob tells how, when working 'hands on', in one incident of quarrying he suffers a severe accident crushing one of his legs. The firm makes the decision they will now send him all over the UK and abroad as a 'problem solver' for the firm, wherever mining and quarrying problems occur. Retiring after thirty years, now his writing career begins, initially with his grandchildren. Like a number of well-known authors it all starts with storytelling, in a cosy corner, with lots of questions *"Why Grandpa? why – why?"* Then comes the urge to write those stories down and illustrate them as well. Finally he crafts them into real little hard-back books. They are works of art – totally unique, made by the hands of a 'problem solver'. A paperback is published next, written for children, and later for adults; *"Mine for Madness"*, published in 2015. Do I know the acronym for mad - M.A.D.? I find the definition on the flyleaf of his book:

(Mutual Assured Destruction)

"a doctrine of military strategy and national security policy in which full-scale use of nuclear weapons by two opposing sides would effectively result in the destruction of both attacker and the defender."

This is a scary and relevant twist to the end of our interview, leaving me with a sense of realisation as to the many depths of thought from this 'problem solver'.

An extremely long distance vagrant

At a recent meeting of The Burbage Bird Club, which incidentally take place in Sapcote, I was involved in conversation with Ken Reeves who, like me, has seen over 500 species of bird in Britain. Both of us were disappointed not to have seen a new bird during the spring migration period; first time ever for me over a period of 40 years. There had been, however, a female red-winged blackbird on North Ronaldsay between 29th April and 8th May which the more competitive listers managed to “tick,” albeit by way of chartered small planes; most from York at a cost of £500 per person. Both Ken and I felt that if you were outlaying that sort of money it would be best to spend several days on the island: making something of a holiday of the experience. Others birders of similar vein forsook the twitch arguing you could have a birding holiday abroad in Greece or Spain for that amount of expenditure.

Fortunately things have improved significantly more recently. Indeed, having monitored for a couple of days the movements an elegant tern that was showing around Church Norton, not so far from Chichester though more specifically immediate to Selsey, I decided to make a move on Sunday 11th. June; a venture that proved to be totally successful. Indeed true to form the bird was going out to sea for a few hours then coming back to the sandwich tern colony.

Its stonking great, what appeared pinkish, curved bill was immediately apparent as was the triangular, somewhat amusingly parted, black mop of feathers on top of the head; very comical. Anyway it should've been operating down the west coast of America between California and Mexico! Terns in general do travel significant distances on migration. The arctic tern, for example, probably has the longest migration of any bird. It is certainly witnessed on inland waters here in the Midlands during spring with many breeding on offshore islands in the north, particularly The Farnes.



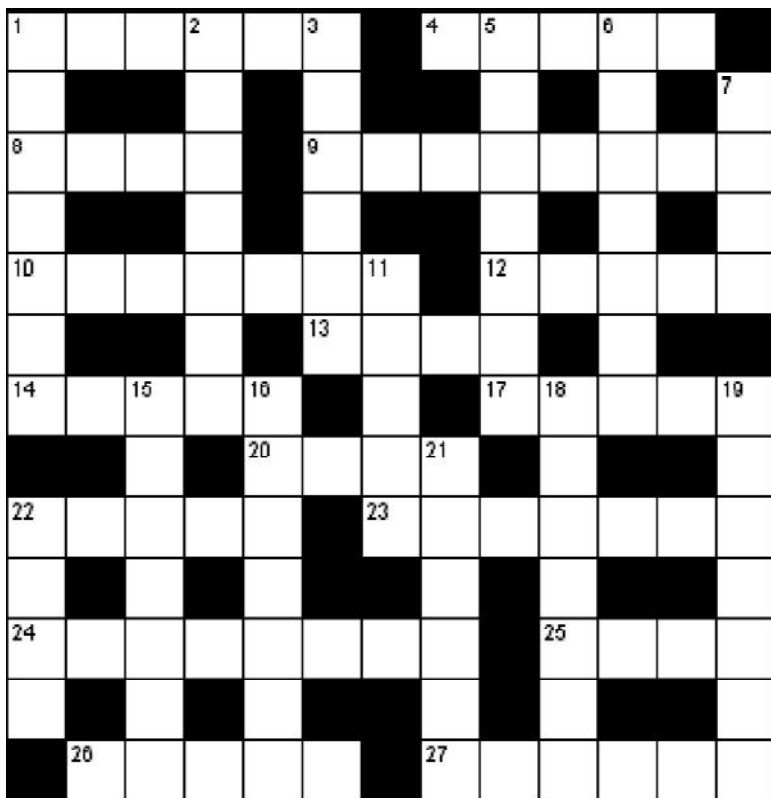
One final amusing, if somewhat poignant philosophical note, belongs to one of Staffordshire's own distinguished and extremely passionate twitchers, Anthony Bridges. Indeed it concerns my meeting with him some years ago on Scilly in late October when he was day twitching an ovenbird. I had been there for at least the week having already been treated to a cream-coloured courser up on St Mary's golf course; a cream-coloured golf courser?

I sort of grilled him on how he'd managed to arrive so promptly. The explanation being that they had chartered a small plane; two of them boarding initially nearer home and landing in Kent to pick up another two. “Blimey”, I remarked, “how much did that cost per person?” To which the reply came, “about £500 but, you know Dave, you spend a long time dead.” That shut me up! Unfortunately his enthusiastic birding father, affectionately known as Bill, died more recently; a sad loss to the birding fraternity nationally.

David Abbott

In the month of August we remember the tragic death of Diana Princess of Wales 20 years ago. This crossword contains various references to her.

Crossword



Across

- 1 Small spade (6)
- 4 Become red in the face (5)
- 8 Diana's fathers title (4)
- 9 Diana was known as the peoples ***** (8)
- 10 Sets fire to (7)
- 12 To ride a bike (5)
- 13 Any top female star (4)
- 14 Serial programme (5)
- 17 City where Diana died (5)
- 20 Scottish name for turnip (4)
- 22 Raise ones shoulders (5)
- 23 Type a news report (5-2)
- 24 and 1D Elton's song at Diana's funeral (6
-2-3-4)
- 25 Violinist & orchestra conductor - Andre
**** (4)
- 26 Prince Harry's real name (5)
- 27 Forces someone to leave school (6)

Down

- 1 See 24 A
- 2 Diana's eldest son (7)
- 3 No longer valid - expired (6)
- 5 Cover for front of camera (4-3)
- 6 Diana's family surname (7)
- 7 Small island (4)
- 11 Tough fibrous tissue in leg for e.g.
(5)
- 15 To place things in order (7)
- 16 Sharp cornered (7)
- 18 Place where Diana grew up (7)
- 19 Place where Diana was married (2-
5)
- 21 Title of William and Harry (6)
- 22 Dismisses from employment - slang
(4)

Notes from Stoke Golding Parish Council June Meeting (Draft)

Borough Councillor Reg Ward reported on the following issues:

Road flooding – Main Street/Hinckley Road junction has been reported.

Mar City – play area, pumping station and drainage issues – update from Mar City to be requested.

Morris Homes – drainage ditch, boundary fences, variation of conditions and affordable housing all on-going.

Matters arising from May's Meeting:

Crime Report for March 2017 – The following figures were obtained from the police.uk website:

2 vehicle crimes near Hinckley Road and Church Walks, 1 burglary near High Street and 1 criminal damage near Church Walks - investigations complete, no suspects identified.

A report was given by Sgt Mike Francis-Lang on the two recent serious crimes in the village. The robbery at the Post Office and the mugging were not linked to each other or to other serious crimes reported in the area. The police have identified suspects for both crimes and are working towards a positive outcome in each instance. The crimes do not reflect trends or crime patterns locally, and data shows that crime in the area is generally down.

A recent speed monitoring station set up in the village showed that most vehicles are below the speed limit, but of those that were above some were considerably over the limit. Further funding is being sought for additional monitoring, however, staffing issues mean it is difficult to enforce speed in general.

Residents are advised to use the police Facebook page for instant news on crime in the area. The police also ask that any crime, no matter how trivial, is reported, as this determines future staffing levels.

Thornfield Avenue street sign - this has been repaired, but in order to remove the sign the posts had to be cut shorter.

Wykin Lane Cemetery Notice board has been repaired and re-installed.

Ground maintenance:

Football wall – soil has been used to level the area where the matting is missing to avoid trip hazards and cover the plastic grid, at no cost to the P C.

Extra cut – an extra cut of the cricket outfield was requested by the Cricket Club in May, at a cost of £60. The Clerk will invoice the Cricket Club.

Planning Application:

New Applications:

23 Roseway – single storey rear extension.

37 Wykin Lane – erection of detached triple garage with studio and playroom. In the context of the surrounding area, this is considered to be overdevelopment on an inappropriate site.

Convent Drive – relocation of proposed play area.

12 Roseway – variation of planning permission - replacement of rear window with roof light; and addition of side detailing to brickwork.

Laburnum Cottage, High St – demolition of garage and erection of 5 dwellings with access and provision of community orchard. Clerk to prepare comments based on issues previously raised: conservation area, housing need, access and community orchard proposal, and forward to Councillors for approval before submission.

Permission approved: Telephone Exchange, Pine Close – 17.5m high monopole with associated equipment.

Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Mitchell reported that analysis of questionnaires should be complete by mid-June and he will then begin to produce the Neighbourhood Plan document.

Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire prize draw

The winner of the youth prize is ticket no. 5 - Danielle Watkins and winner of the adult prize is ticket no. 41 - Jackie Jones

Sport in Stoke Golding (SISG)

Cllr Pegg reported that the application to Pro-Help had been successful, but was still waiting to be picked up by a professional. In the meantime, he will be working with Graham Chilvers to improve the development plans previously submitted by the sports' clubs.

Trees: The following issues were discussed:

A further assessment of the oak tree at the rec has been requested and a report is awaited.

Thornfield Avenue boundary trees/hedge at the recreation field were discussed.

Clerk to reply to resident.

Trees on Church Walks. Cllr Pegg has sought a price from groundsman. Clerk to reply to resident.

The determination date for planning approval for work to trees at St Margaret's Churchyard is 16th June.

The boundary at Hinckley Road Cemetery – still awaiting revised quote.

Cllr Fisher will meet the Tree Officer on 19th June to discuss the tree to replace the Christmas tree.

A tree on Sherwood Road by the school – brickwork at base is fractured. Clerk to inform Highways.

Play equipment:

Confirmation of the Parish Councils' Initiative Fund grant of £5,938.50 was noted.

It was agreed to proceed with a claim for £3,950.00 from Tesco Bags of Help.

Relocation of dog waste bin:

The possibility of moving the dog waste bin on the corner of Whitemoors Road and Roseway was discussed, but it was agreed to leave the bin in its present location.

Memorial safety – gravestone repairs:

The 50% funding for Phase 2 should be approved shortly. It was agreed to proceed with the notice and order when funding is confirmed. Initial prices for phase three were considered. It was agreed to proceed with urgent work to eight memorial stones at a cost of

£1,390.00 + the cost of one removal.

It was agreed to proceed with further quotes for the remaining memorial stones in Phase 3.

Appointment of a trustee of the Mistress Hester Hodges Exhibition Foundation

Ann Jones would be thanked for her service and re-appointed for a further term of four years.

Appointment of two LRALC branch representatives

It was agreed to appoint Cllrs Beale and Fisher. Both would attend the next meeting on 27th June.

Data protection – preparing for the GDPR

As Data Protection Officer, Cllr Beale reported that the law will change in 2018 and twelve steps have been advised in order to prepare for that. The Parish Council is already very well prepared.

Communications received by the Chairman of the Council

Ditch at Hinckley Road Cemetery - prices to be sought to have the ditch piped and filled.

Stoke Golding Garden Show – request for donation. A donation of £60 was agreed.

Request for Youth Bus sessions to continue - this was agreed.

Jitty maintenance concerns - it was agreed to investigate the option for the Parish Council to take over responsibility for highway maintenance in the village.

Any Other Business

Cllr Fisher reported on progress with tidying of the land in front of the Post Office.

It was agreed to write to the land owners to discuss necessary work.

The rough land on Thornfield Avenue was discussed. It was agreed to ask Borough Cllr Ward to take up the issue of this brown field site being used for housing in the future.

**Next meeting: Methodist Hall,
Wednesday 5th July 2017 at 7pm**

Stoke Golding CC 1st XI vs Loughborough Greenfields

3rd June 2017

Nail-biting finish produces top of the table upset as SGCC 1st XI take on Division leaders

With 9 overs still to be bowled, 6 wickets in hand, and just 30 runs to make, the visitors looked to have a comfortable victory sewn up. Batsman, G. Singh (69) who came to the crease at the fall of the 3rd wicket was on fire, asserting his dominance with an imperious strike over wide long-on off only his third ball, and continuing with an assured display of clean hitting that dispatched the best efforts of the Stoke attack to all parts of the ground. Singh had passed 50 at the gallop and was on his way to securing the win, along with partner, Mitchell, when a change in the attack replaced Addy Waters with 'Gus' Wheatley, one of the three remaining Stoke 'Old Skool'. A 'swing-and-a-miss' saw Wheatley's first ball clatter into Mitchell's middle stump, bringing Brown out to take guard. Guy Rollins, continued his miserly spell from the top end, bowling a wicket maiden to double his tally. Canny field placing by Captain Joe Rollins rewarded Wheatley with a second wicket as the Greenfields batter attempted to clear mid-on as the scoreboard pressure mounted, providing Stoke a glimmer of hope at the denouement of a game that had resisted the best efforts of both teams to take a strangle-hold.

Earlier in the day Stoke Golding had won the toss and elected to bat on a pitch made playable despite the deluge of the previous evening, thanks to their new covers, acquired following a donation from the Thomas Barton Trust. Keegan Crawford (29) and Ben Waters (13) made a steady start, soaking up the early pressure from an accurate Greenfields attack on a testing batting wicket. The first wicket fell at 25 in the 11th over with a ball that jagged back of the pitch to elude the late-cut of Waters, shattering the stumps and bringing his brother,



Addy (47) to the middle. With a deliciously timed drive through mid-on that raced across the outfield for 4, Waters showed the shot selection and timing of a class bat in form. With the fall of the second wicket, long time consistent run scorer for Stoke, Guy Rollins (39) came to the crease, and the together with Waters and a solid contribution from Sam Rollins (30), proceeded to accumulate the runs that would help to post a defensible target for the visitors to chase. Excellent running between the wickets turned scampered singles into twos and threes as the opposition foundered in their attempts to stop the flow of runs. Contributions from Chris Ryder and Joe Rollins (Capt.) further down the order boosted the total further before a flurry of wickets helped restrict the Stoke side to 195 off the allotted 45 overs.

In reply, the Greenfields openers, K. Singh (20) and S. Sandhu (27) showed the aggression that has served to dominate bowling attacks over the past two seasons, but accurate bowling from Chris Ryder and Joe Ritchins kept the lid firmly on as both sides strived to achieve dominance. Ritchins struck first, dismissing Singh, with Addy Waters running 30yds around the boundary to pouch towering catch that looked destined to reap a maximum. Burgess joined Singh at the crease, and despite never

looking at ease, gathered a useful 27 to move the total forward and frustrate the Stoke bowlers. Not until the 21st over did a second wicket fall, but with a third in the 26th, the attritional period of play ended, and G. Singh entered the fray reducing the Stoke fielders to watching helplessly as the ball sailed over their heads and the boundary line.

The stroke-making onslaught that precipitated the change in bowling also brought with it the opportunity to apply a squeeze on the run rate, keeping the new batsman pinned back on strike with Singh unable to make the change of ends. With the diminishing overs Singh attempted to force the pace but fell, bowled by Rollins, throwing the game wide open, once again. With pressure mounting, the Greenfields' batting line-up began to exhibit a fragility that Rollins exploited eagerly. From 166 for 4, the visitors crumbled to 182 for 8, but with only 13 required, the game was still there to be won.

A valuable 2 runs in the 41st over followed by 4 more in the next eased the pressure on the batting side, then a strike for 4 through mid-wicket off a rare over-pitched delivery from Wheatley followed by a single brought Greenfield within touching distance of the win. With only 3 runs required for victory, Rollins resumed, only to concede a single off the first ball. No. 10 bat, Booth could do little with the next deliveries but saw his chance with ball 4. Advancing down the wicket, but beaten by the flight, Booth was out stumped when wicketkeeper, Ryder, gathered the ball and broke the wicket. 7 balls remaining, 1 wicket left, but just 2 runs required as new bat, left-hander Singh took guard. With the field gathered close saving one, Rollins approached the stumps for his final delivery. A good length ball that pitched middle and leg. Gripping the surface, the ball spun to off. Defence pierced, bowled through the gate. Bowled!

Stoke win by 1 run to take the full 30 points.

Gus Wheatley

Kitchen Corner

BAR-BE-QUED SPARE RIBS

It is just the right time of the year to get the Bar-be-que out. This recipe is easy and most of it can be prepared ahead of time.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 rack of pork spare ribs
- 1 ½ cups of orange or pineapple juice
- ¼ cup soy sauce
- ½ cup brown sauce (HP)
- 1 tsp. grated ginger
- 1 tsp. grated garlic

METHOD

Mix all the ingredients for the marinade together. Place the pork ribs into a shallow dish and pour the marinade over.

Leave in the fridge for a couple of hours. Place the ribs and marinade into a sauté pan (you may have to cut the ribs in half to fit). Bring to the boil and simmer for 30 minutes. This stage can be done ahead of time.

Remove the ribs from the pan and cut into individual pieces. Now simmer the marinade until it has reduced by half. Put the ribs onto the bar-be-que and baste with the marinade. Keep turning them and basting them for 10-15 minutes. The meat should be tender and almost fall off the bone.

If you haven't got a bar-be-que, this last stage can be done in a roasting pan in a hot oven.

Bon appetit!

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1. Hungarian
2. Lifts water from a lower to a higher level
3. Tar as in tarmacadam – tarmac
4. William Gladstone
5. Inflatable life vest
6. Bradshaw
7. An atmospheric steam engine - the world's first practical steam engine
8. On the side of a ship
9. Dame Nellie Melba – Peach Melba
10. Calm = Force 0 Hurricane = Force 12

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS 1 Trowel; 4 Blush; 8 Earl; 9 Princess; 10 Ignites; 12 Cycle; 13 Diva; 14 Drama; 17 Paris; 20 Neep; 22 Shrug; 23 Write up; 24 (&1D) Candle in the wind; 25 Rieu; 26 Henry; 27 Expels.

DOWN 1 see 24A; 2 William; 3 Lapsed; 5 Lens cap; 6 Spencer; 7 Isle; 11 Sinew; 15 Arrange; 16 Angular 18 Althrop; 19 St Pauls; 21 Prince; 22 Sack

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