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Including

Dadlington Matters

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Note from the Editors



As so often when we are writing the Editors Notes, we look through the content of the magazine to keep our comments relevant. This month's contributions range from the many successes in our schools and sport through to the joys and frustrations of bird

watching; from quizzes to make us think hard through to the new Kitchen Corner to make our mouths water; from What's On this month to reviews of what has been going on and from Church Matters to health promotions to the minutes of the Parish Council. In fact this month, thanks to our many contributors, the magazine is as full and interesting as ever.

All this local information provides so much interest. How else would we discover what has been happening and who has been doing what in Stoke Golding and Dadlington? Jean's poem on page 17 expresses all this very nicely – and rhymes too!

We hope you enjoy the read...

Jane and Steve

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Ben Shares Coventry City FC's Victory Celebrations

Ben Waters from Shenton Close completed his BSc studies at Leeds Beckett University last year and secured a role as the First Team Performance Analysis Intern with Coventry City Football Club. His plan is to gain all important experience in the role, for at least a year, before hopefully managing to secure full time employment in his chosen field.

The photograph is of the Checktrade Trophy which Coventry City won at Wembley on 2nd April 2017, having defeated Oxford Utd FC. It was taken inside the changing rooms following the victory celebrations. Ben can hardly believe his luck in that after graduating, and only 7 months into his internship, he has enjoyed the whole Wembley experience of going up the steps to collect the trophy with the team, joined in with the celebrations on the pitch and made it into the official team victory photographs in the papers. The stuff only dreams are usually made of.

Ben also managed to get some fabulous tickets behind the goal so that his Grandfather (Denis), who is a lifelong supporter of Coventry FC, was able to travel down and witness his team gain their victory. Denis remembers the last Coventry FC victory at the old Wembley and he says "no doubt it will only take another thirty years until the next time!" (we hope not...)

Tina Waters



Support Your Local Foodbank

It only takes a Global Crisis appearing on the television screen, presented by one of our latest screen heroes, with emaciated babies, distressed mothers and faithful volunteer teams of 'Medecin sans Frontiers' or some other amazing NGO – to pull on our heart strings. Finding our credit cards we obey D.E.C. We want to help. The generosity in the U.K. is accepted worldwide. But what happens if there are no Media and Celebrity promotions for the smaller, but equally worthwhile local groups? Sometimes a 'one-off' event opens our eyes to needs we are vaguely aware of. Last Saturday I took myself off to a 'Training Day' for volunteers of 'Foodbank'. As usual I found it in a local church hall, normally full of children. Colin was speaking when I arrived, and by the time I'd been given my pack of information and a large mug of tea, I was ready to start asking questions. Apparently only two of the current team receive any payment. "*How is that funded?*" I asked. Part of it comes from a grant they received for a year, but they also want to start 'The 300 Club'. "*Had I heard of it?*" No I hadn't. This will be a club of 300 supporters, each donating £3.00 a month to bolster any grants which they are now looking into, to fund them for the future, and to cover the part-time wages for Administrator Jo and Project Manager Andy. So far, membership is only around 35/40! Surely most of us can afford this small gift each month. If so get in touch with Hinckley Foodbank on **01455 697390** or manager@hinckleyarea.foodbank.org.uk. Hinckley Foodbank opened in June 2012 for local families who are suddenly in a vulnerable situation. Since then the Foodbank has provided 124,623 meals. In the last six months there has been a 10% increase in people coming compared to the previous six months. In the last year 26 tonnes of food have been distributed, with just over 26 tonnes donated. Every client has to be referred, and they are currently working with 74 Agencies across the Borough and County. On principle, to avoid clients becoming dependant, only three vouchers are given in a six month period unless of course there's a crisis. Foodbank is our Local Voluntary Charity which has no Media or Celebrity to promote it, but **we** can..... can't we?

Beth

Correspondence



Just a few lines to correct a mistake in the April edition. In an article 'The Village I Remember' mention is made of a Mrs Hall of Park House. At that time Charles Hall, unmarried, lived with his housekeeper Mary Rathbone I believe. Upon Mr Hall's demise, having no children of his own, the estate was passed on to his nephew Desmond and his wife. Being an eighty year old lifelong resident of Stoke, I believe it to be important for future generations that the history and heritage of the village be recorded accurately.

Alan Quinney
St Margaret's Road

Twitching and Birding are not necessarily one of the same though the latter includes the former.

On the final day of last year we ventured down to Dungeness in Kent for what we understood to be a Stejneger's stonechat which had supposedly been confirmed on the basis of a DNA analysis. Now, albeit, after birders have visited from far and wide over a period of about three weeks, it would appear the university that did the research mixed up samples. Consequently a re-analysis of DNA has proved the bird to be a rather standard stonechat, albeit of an unusual light appearance. And just to rub salt in the wounds, it was a pretty lousy day, bleak and cold. Further, it is not the most hospitable of places at the best of times.

This site, however, has produced a number of rarities for me in the past, such as Britain's one and only Acadian flycatcher, plus crested lark and thrush nightingale. The latter, though wonderfully vocal was typically extremely difficult to see. Indeed I spent a memorable amount of time on hands and knees at the base of a large splayed out shrub, accompanied by avid birder Colin Wills and, at the time, well-known feature writer with the Sunday Mirror.

In a somewhat similar scenario, about twenty years ago, I visited the Isles of Scilly for about three days during a February break from school, the objective being to sight a spotless starling which had been around for some time. I didn't need much encouragement as I was only too happy to spend a therapeutic break from teaching on these wonderful islands. The bird in question however, after somewhat dumfounding the experts, turned out to be an aberrant starling. And although some consolation came by way of finding a hoopoe, which appeared above my head like a giant moth, my decision to carry on with my own birding rather than bothering to see an American herring gull, has proved to be something of a blunder as this bird has now been raised to full species status. The weather however, considering it was technically winter, was witness to the islands reputation for being extremely mild and sunny.

In more recent years, based on the advice of some European experts who had been impressed images of what was thought to be a potential slender-billed curlew at Minsmere reserve in Suffolk, we set out in pursuit. In effect it turned out to be a slightly aberrant Eurasian curlew. And much the same tale of woe concerned a trip to Flamborough Head for an atlas flycatcher which, on more detailed and thoughtful inspection, turned out to be, quite simply, a run of the mill pied flycatcher.

All this I suppose is part and parcel of what comes with an enterprise which could be partly explained in terms of "who dares wins." Hence the explanatory, though much misrepresented concept of "twitching; " one which suggests living life somewhat on the edge as one often travels huge distances to see a bird with there being no guarantee whatsoever the bird will still be present on arrival.



David Abbott

St. Martins Catholic Academy Year 11 Netball

An end of an era..... finishing on top!

On Thursday 30th March, St. Martins Catholic Academy Year 11 netball team played their final competitive match together, finishing on a high and winning the netball tournament at TMBS, (against Dixie Grammar, TMBS and Hastings) in style.



This squad of players, most of them who have been together since Year 7, have been totally committed to their netball training throughout their time at St. Martins, and as a result have been rewarded with some fantastic success. They have been Hinckley and Bosworth champions and North- West Leicester champions 3 times and have represented Hinckley and Bosworth area twice at the Spring Youth Games at Loughborough University, finishing 4th and then 3rd respectively in the county.

Annually St. Martin's netball teams go on a netball weekend to Barton Hall, Torquay, where they play teams from all over the country. Every year these girls have always reached the final or semi-finals.

I would like to say how proud we, and particularly myself, are of them at St. Martin's. Having spent so much time with them over the years, I have found them to be the loveliest girls and they have always been a delight to be with. They have also been an inspiration to many of the younger students at school, through their excellent play, attitude and discipline. I wish them all the very best for the future and hope that they will continue to play netball. Thank you for sharing your talent, inspiration, dedication and great fun. I will miss you all.

The squad members are: Becky Wilkinson, Katie Eaves, Niamh Chenery, Harriet Draper, Alice Taylor, Rosie Draycott, Rosie Longmore, Sophia Dziuba, Tian Vivan and Lucy Connolly. *Debora Murphy - P.E. Teacher*

Crime Figures – PC minutes

The Parish Council is aware that there have been some concerns regarding the assault crimes reported in previous minutes. We used to have a monthly visit from the police/ community police that outlined things that have happened in the village. However, we are now obliged to access crime figures from the [police.uk](https://www.police.uk) website which lists crimes in very general categories. Please be aware that 'violent/sexual assault' crimes are often domestic violence crimes and as such should, therefore, not cause alarm to the general public. If there had been a serious crime in the village, that posed a general threat to villagers, the local police contact would inform the Parish Council and we would alert villagers as quickly as possible. The Parish Council would like to reassure residents that in the recent cases this has not happened, so it is likely that there is no threat to villagers at this current time. However, we have recently been alerted to the fact that some of the people who come to the door selling items may not be genuine. Police advice is to take great care not to admit such persons to your home but to phone 101 and report that there are people in the village who could be involved in 'scams' or making assessment of who is away at work or at home as part of a reconnaissance for a future crime.

The police have suggested that residents register at the Neighbourhood Link <https://leics.police.uk/advice-and-information/information-zone/neighbourhood-link-community-messaging-service> which provides tailored information according to where you live, and issues of interest. Information comes via email and the service is very user friendly.

Stoke Golding Parish Council

CASAG news

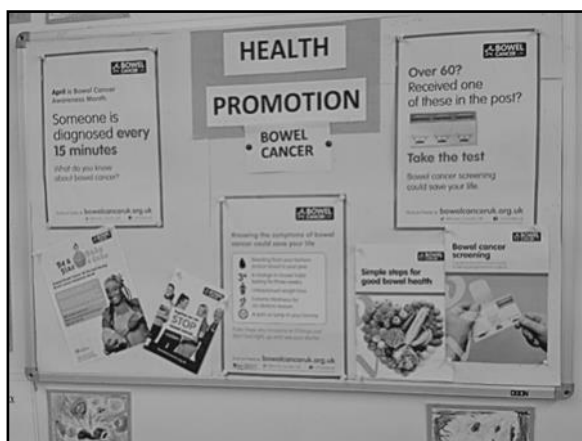
This month' health promotion topic is bowel cancer. See poster in surgery.

Feedback from CASAG April meeting:

Dr Wilmott had a really nice leaving do. Previous partners Dr Tull and Dr Yardley turned up as well. He thanked the staff and patients for all their kind gifts and thoughts.

Fortunately the practice has recruited 2 new doctors so are fully staffed again.

The feedback for Stoke Golding was very positive. The practice had hit all the Government's quality targets for this year.



Patients are kindly reminded not to stock pile medication and to sign up to the on line repeat prescription system.

Friends & Family feedback is anonymous and discussed at this meeting and action taken where necessary.

Finally this year there is a colouring in Easter art competition with the prizes.

Winner to be announced in the next Stoker

Stoke Golding website: www.stokegolding.co.uk

The Village I Remember Part III

A map of Stoke Golding any time from 1800 to 1955 would look like a spindly crooked sapling, its stem leaning to the west, a kink to the east near the top and with just two branches. It would spring from the ground at Willow Farm. Wykin Lane, Main Street and High Street would represent its stem and Ivy House Farm its northern tip. The lower branch springing off to the east would be Hinckley Road, the westerly branch Station Road. Add on the little twigs represented by Church Walk, Blacksmith's Yard and Northfield Avenue, and that would be the extent of the village of my childhood. Of its four sectors, delineated by the stem and branches only the south western sector, bordered by Station Road, and Wykin Lane, including the park, the moats and the tumulus, remain undeveloped. Potential developers must look upon it with avaricious anticipation.

Previous ramblings have drawn attention to most of the services provided in the village in the 1940's. Only the few once situated in Hinckley Road remain to be identified. The houses occupied by the village policeman and district nurse can still be found but the second of the village's builder's yards and the two allotments are long gone.

Not only have many of the village's services gone, but so have the itinerant vendors of such essentials as pots, pans, floor coverings and paraffin, the vendor of the latter nick-named "Lamp-oil." Then there were those who, on an "as required" basis, would cut your hair or repair the few electrical appliances owned by villagers at that time, the latter gentleman known as "Black Electric," probably because electricity was not then widely understood and those who dabbled in it were regarded as akin to those who practised Black Magic. One weekly service mercifully absent is the weekly collection and disposal of the contents of the outside lavatories.

Perhaps the defining characteristic of the village I remember was that everyone knew everyone else. Every generation of children walked to school and back together twice a day, starting at the old infants' school by the entrance to the church, then graduating to the bottom of the hill where they were taught in the first half of what is now the Baxter Hall, finally crossing the partition into the other half of the room where they were taught by "Daddy Broughton." They went to each other's church and chapel Christmas parties and played together in the evenings, weekends and school holidays.



Another defining feature, largely responsible for the one above, is that because mobility was limited villagers often married other villagers and consequently many families were related. One couple in Blacksmith's Yard had 12 children who in turn had 50 children. They in their turn had 60 children, which accounted for several villagers having 42 first cousins and 52 first cousins once removed. Further than that I didn't count but as mobility increased rapidly after the second world war some of them, for better or worse, left the village! However, Stoke Golding has to thank, or blame as the case may be, the humble cottages in Blacksmith's Yard for at least two village dynasties, a characteristic unlikely ever to be repeated.

William Thomas Hall MBE in his History of Stoke Golding, writing in 1928 and updated in 1940, wrote, "Most of the changes began when the bicycle appeared that largely displaced the carriers' carts: finally came the Midland Red Motor Bus which has even succeeded in ousting the railway,"

If only he could see the village now.

Thanks to Beth for setting me off on the train of thought responsible for the three pieces in this series.

Bob Quinney.

When did the last passenger train stop at Stoke Golding station?

One of the most common questions we are asked by visitors to the Battlefield Line concerns the date of the last passenger services on the line. While the regular daily service ceased as long ago as April 1931, it is well known that irregular excursion trains served certain stations on the line, including Stoke Golding and Market Bosworth until the late 1950's or even early 1960's. Destinations included Skegness, Matlock Bath and Nottingham Goosefair. The latest instance that we know about took place on September 30th, 1961, when a special train for Blackpool Illuminations departed. The train was hauled by engine number 45548 named "Lytham St Annes", a once famous express engine which had been sent to Nuneaton to work out her last days on slow freight trains. This trip to Blackpool was to prove her final journey before scrapping the following year.

Are there any readers who travelled on this train?

Does anyone have any information about trains calling at Stoke after this date? We would love to hear from you.



Dave Nelmes Tel: 01455 618132

Dadlington Matters

Murder Mystery 6th May - POSTPONED until the autumn

Apologies to all who were planning to attend. The play is ready but the actors have been delayed in Hollywood collecting Oscars and will need the summer to learn their lines. More information later in the year.

ST JAMES' CHURCH DADLINGTON

Flower Festival

29th, 30th April & 1st May

Monumental Moments

Celebrating key moments in history and in people's lives

The church will be open 12noon to 5pm

Refreshments, sales of goods, tombola etc in Dadlington Village Hall

Ten of a Kind *(Answers on page 15)*

May was a traditional time for spring fairs. The expensive part of London called Mayfair is named after one such fair, held there in the 17th and 18th centuries. As Mayfair is also a street on the Monopoly Board, here are ten questions relating to other Monopoly board squares.

1. Harry Potters catches the train for Hogwarts from which platform at **Kings Cross Station**?
2. The Royal London Hospital on **Whitechapel Road** contains the skeleton of which unusual Leicester born man, portrayed by John Hurt in the 1980 film of the same name?
3. Which world famous toyshop occupies 7 floors of a building on **Regent Street**?
4. What was **The Angel, Islington**?
5. The writer Henry Fielding created the **Bow Street** Runners. What were they
6. The Royal Suite at the Intercontinental Hotel on **Park Lane** can accommodate up to ten guests. How much would a one night stay cost – a. £3,000 b. £7,000 c. £12,000.
7. Somerset House on **The Strand** once housed records of births, marriages and deaths. In which district of London would you find a purpose built repository for these records today?
8. Which king lost his head outside the Banqueting House on **Whitehall**?
9. **Liverpool Street Station** serves Essex, Suffolk and Norfolk. Can you name the two cities that are found within this area?
10. Which three Monopoly properties are found in the lyrics to the World War I song 'It's a long way to Tipperary'?

Stoke Golding Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

What an end of spring term !!



The beavers have been making musical instruments and singing songs. They also took part in a District Jamboree which had a Beach theme with craft activities e.g. Making wind mills, woggles as well as beach themed activities of helter shelter.

The cubs have been finishing off their "Team Challenge" badge. They also did their local knowledge badge and spent an interesting evening watching and talking about old slides of Stoke Golding. The cubs also went out for a historical walk and drew a map of the village sites. Thank you to Jill Webster who came to help the cubs and turned up with an Iron Age spear head found on Hinckley road !! Thank you also to Steve Smithers for supplying the slides as a power point presentation.



A group of cubs went to RAF Cosford with other District cubs and had a fun day out.

The cubs and scouts took part in the annual Easter egg challenge. This involved securing a raw egg in a form of paper/ cardboard " capsule " and dropping it from a great height. There were rumours that the scouts capsules were so

secure they struggled to get the eggs out.. Amazingly there are few egg casualties. !!!

Thank you to all the leader teams especially for giving up their weekends for the various trips out.

Jennifer Michie



SAINT MARTIN'S KS3 & KS4 Swimming Gala

The swimming gala took place at Braunstone Leisure Centre on Wednesday 25th January. There were 8 schools that took part in the gala. We knew that we had some extremely talented swimmers at Saint Martin's with some excellent swims from Carys O'Reilly, Macy Norton, Seth Dewfield, Josh Curtis and Stephen Farrell. The final results were a lot closer than we expected with the girls



coming 1st overall, the boys 2nd and the overall combined score meant that once again **Saint Martins were the winners!** This was an amazing result, which was fully deserved by all the swimmers.

Year 7 & 8 Girls Rugby Champions!



The Year 7 & 8 girls have had a short, but hugely successful time playing rugby. After a few practices the very talented girls set off to Market Harborough RFC on a very cold Thursday in March. Our first match against Uppingham CC was very close winning in the last minute 2-1. Unfortunatley, we lost one of our excellent players, Zoe Trotman through breaking her nose in a scrum and had to be taken to hospital (Zoe has now recovered and has a straight nose again!). Our next match was against Hinckley Academy. The girls were very determined in this match due to it being a local rival school. After a close hard fought game we won 4-3. We then drew the next match and won the final match 16-0. Special mention must go to Maddie Silver, Hannah Burton and Grace Pugh on their amazing sprinting. Massive congratulations to the entire squad. You were all a credit to the school.

SCIENCE WEEK AT SAINT MARTIN'S



All Year 7 students attended the Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair on Wednesday, 15th March. The event is the largest celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) for young people in the UK. It is an award-winning combination of exciting theatre shows, interactive workshops and exhibits and careers information from STEM professionals. The aim of the event is to show young people the exciting and rewarding opportunities available to them with the right experience and qualifications,

by bringing classroom learning to life. It has grown from 6,500 visitors in its first year (2009) to over 70,000 and is made possible thanks to the collaborative efforts of over 200 organisations including Rolls-Royce and Siemens.

Wednesday, 15th March, two medical students from Leicester University, Jess, a fourth year and Harriet a first year visited for a Year 9 assembly. They provided an insight about life as a medical student, the application process and the myths and FAQ including not needing 10 A*s at GCSE although they did encourage students to check UCAS search for individual university requirements. In total 10% of Year 9 students are considering medicine as a future career.

On Friday, 17th March, 27 Year 9 students visited the National Space Centre in Leicester. They toured around the six interactive galleries, the UK's largest planetarium and the iconic 42m high Rocket Tower. Highlight of the day was a 'Tour of the Night Sky' in the Patrick Moore Planetarium where the students learned about constellations and the stories behind them. It was a terrific trip to complete Science Week for Saint Martin's.



Cricket Vandalism

In the last week, the village cricket club have experienced several instances with vandals deliberately cutting the rope around the cricket square. These malicious attempts are costing the club money which it does not have. Believed to be happening from 8pm onwards. If anyone knows anything please contact Joe on 07747794443.

Church Matters



From St Margaret's Church

On May 25th this year (the date varies from year to year depending on when Easter is), is an often forgotten about festival in the church's year. It has escaped being commercialised, no cards are sent, no presents given. Ascension Day is tucked away, always on a Thursday, and it can easily pass us by.

Jesus' ascension, celebrated on the 40th day after Easter, marks the return of Jesus, in resurrected human bodily form, to heaven. Saying goodbye, especially for the last time, can often be difficult, leaving us with a great sense of loss. But before he was removed from their sight, Jesus commissioned his disciples as witnesses of all he had said and done, telling them to continue his teaching 'to the ends of the earth' and promising to be with them forever.

To use the imagery loved by our hymn writers, the Ascension is the day Jesus was crowned. "Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne", we sing. It marked both an ending and a beginning - the end of Jesus' earthly ministry, the end of a Jesus limited by his physical body in space and time. The beginning was of Jesus' heavenly reign and the promise of the giving of the Holy Spirit, which is celebrated at Pentecost.

The challenge is that, although we might think a limited Jesus is easier to deal with – knowing the places he visited and the things he did in his earthly ministry – in fact, we cannot limit Jesus in any way. He is to be found everywhere, not just in churches and cathedrals but in schools and shops, factories and farms, war zones and disaster areas, in the shabby alley ways and back streets as well as in the respectable places.

And today, we can know that nothing and no one is lost to God. He'll always stay in touch because he's promised: "I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Wishing you God's blessings

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 May 2017 Services

St Margaret's Church

7th 10.30am All Age Service
14th 11.00am Benefice Rogation Service, Lodge Farm Atterton
21st 10.30am Holy Communion
28th 10.30am Morning Worship

St. James's Church

7th 9.00am BCP Morning Prayer
14th 11.00am Benefice Rogation Service, Lodge Farm Atterton
21st 9.00am BCP Holy Communion
28th 9.00am BCP Morning Prayer

Zion Baptist Chapel May 2017 Services

7th 6pm Malcolm Welch
14th 6pm Bill McIntyre
21st 6pm John Needham
28th 6pm Richard Cotton

The Methodist Church May 2017 Services

7th 10.30am Mr Nigel Roberts
14th 10.30am Mrs Judith Cooke
21st 10.30am Mr Michael Holt
28th 10.30am Mr John Cooke
28th 6.00pm Revd Wes Hampton
**Flower Festival
Service**

Answers to Ten of a Kind

1. Platform nine and three quarters
2. The Elephant Man – John Merrick
3. Hamleys
4. A public house. A pub of the same name has been opened near the site of the original.
5. The first professional police force in England
6. c. £12,000
7. Kew
8. Charles I
9. Chelmsford and Norwich
10. Piccadilly, Strand and Leicester Square

What's On

Stoke Golding Methodist Church **FLOWER FESTIVAL**

OUR VILLAGE LIFE WITH ECHOES OF THE PAST

Saturday, Sunday and Monday 27th 28th & 29th MAY

Saturday & Monday 10.00 am-5.30 pm Sunday noon-5.30pm

Ploughman's lunches and Cream Teas Saturday & Monday

Refreshments Sunday **Various stalls. Raffle & Tombola**



STOKE GOLDING HERITAGE GROUP

May Meeting

Thursday 18th May 7.30 Baxter Hall

Hugh Beavin, President of Hinckley and District Museum, will give a talk on Hinckley's Medicine Men. It will include the work of Drs. Nutt, Chessher, Pridmores Pharmacy and their patients.

Non-members are welcome at a cost of £2.50

Bunker and WW2 Post FREE Open Day

Friday 2nd and Sunday 4th June 10am - 4pm

(subject to reasonable weather)



The bunker and WW2 Post are located by the cemetery in Wykin Lane

Saturday the 3rd is a reunion for Royal Observer Corps persons and people who cannot come on the other days may come as well. Visitors are now able to know about every plane that flew over the village in April and May 1944.



The Methodist Church Coffee Morning



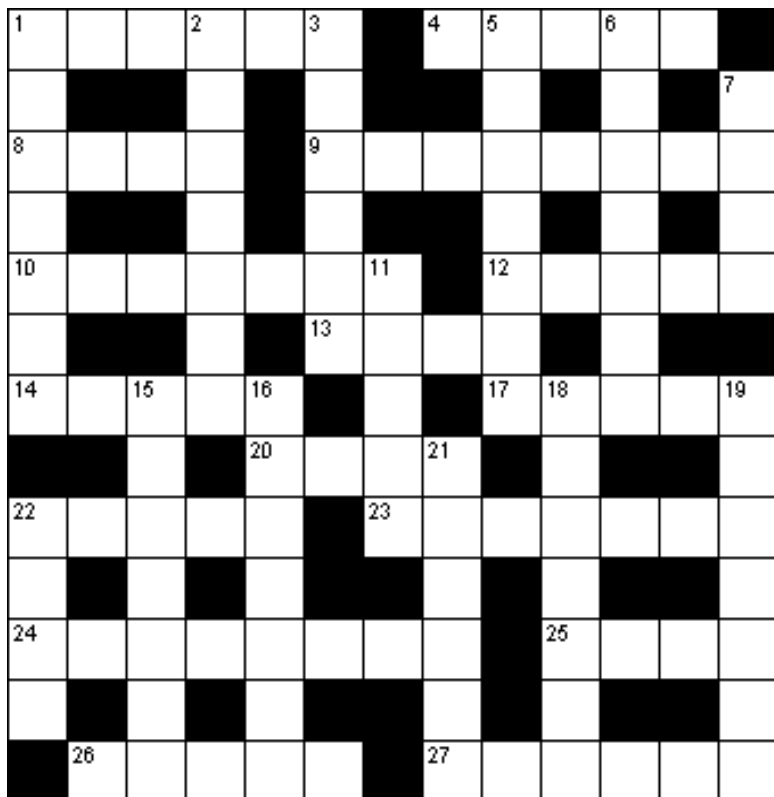
Saturday May 6th

10.00 -11.30

For Christian Aid

As Vera Lynn was 100 this year there are a number of clues with her in mind.

Crossword



Across

- 1 see 9 A
- 4 Vera's record label (5)
- 8 Russia (4)
- 9 & 1A & 10A Vera's song about something overlooking the Channel (8 & 6 & 7)
- 10 see 9A
- 12 Vera's song We'll meet ***** (5)
- 13 To harvest a crop (4)
- 14 What an artiste performs on (5)
- 17 Aroma (5)
- 20 Slang for a black marketeer (4)
- 22 Position when awarded gold medal (5)
- 23 Very tall animal (7)
- 24 & 27 Vera's song where a nightingale sang (8 & 6)
- 25 India and Burma are in the far what (4)
- 26 Sixties dance (5)
- 27 see 24A

Down

- 1 Wartime tickets for food (7)
- 2 220 yards (7)
- 3 Breed of 'red' dog (6)
- 5 Covers or envelops (7)
- 6 Weather condition (7)
- 7 College official (4)
- 11 Organise differently (2 & 3)
- 15 Staff on aeroplanes (7)
- 16 Have great respect for (7)
- 18 French house (7)
- 19 Building for entertainment (7)
- 21 Another name for gramophone records (6)
- 22 Lies (4)

Answers on page 21

Our Village of Stoke Golding

To live in a village I do feel blessed
Especially ours which is one the best
Stoke Golding is friendly, most people are kind
With lots of activities for both body and mind

With Dadlington we have formed a close bond
We support each other and we are quite fond
Of the villagers who include us all of the way
In events that are organised whatever they may.

Our village is not as pretty as others elsewhere
But for those who live here we really don't care
We have all the facilities including three pubs,
A post office, shop, village hall and the club.

We can shop in Hinckley and Nuneaton isn't far
We can travel to Leicester and Coventry by car
Easy motorway access and airports nearby
So holidays by road and of course we can fly.

Caring people have our interests at heart
They work for the community and do not depart
From the task at hand to improve all our lives
And to preserve our lifestyle together they strive

Our schools deserve a mention as they both excel
Giving pupils a good start which helps us as well
We have an active village for both young and old
And it's interesting to hear their stories unfold.

Then there are the characters who brighten our day
Who stop for a natter as they go on their way
Time is important in so many busy lives
But a friendly chat may help others survive

The receptionists at our surgery are a tonic too
Often such laughter requires a trip to the loo
I always feel better, despite being ill.
And sometimes think do I need that pill?

So long may this spirit continue to flourish
In our two villages that we love and cherish
And special thanks to those who work so hard
To retain our community and our heritage, safeguard.

Jean Matthews

FUN WITH ANTIQUES.

What a pleasure it was to have our friends Janet Wroe and Janet Greenway from The Concordia Theatre visit us again at the Stoke Golding W.I meeting in April. It was also quite amazing to see the range of their repertoire, as this time they were here to bring to us the fun of valuing antiques.

We were encourage to get into teams along with a captain and each team was given £750 (unfortunately not real money) which was to be used to value and purchase eight antiques. These antiques ranged from a glass bottle, a watch, goblets and various other artefacts. The idea was to give a correct or as near as possible purchase price for each object and the team who valued correctly or nearly so became the winners. Much discussion between team members and also a little dissent over certain prices led to a lively evening and it was extraordinary at just what the value of those objects were, but eventually a winning team was found.

The lesson I learned from this was that the team captain should always listen to their team as they almost certainly know best. But I think we all came away with a far better idea of the value of many well-known items from our past but I'm not revealing any secrets in case anyone else has the 'two Janets' to entertain them.

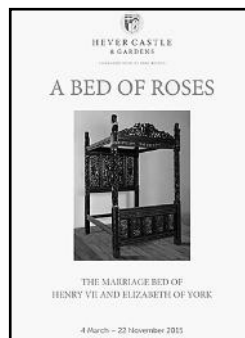
Our next meeting on May 10th at the Methodist Hall is a Social Evening with voting on resolutions and members are asked to bring along any spare plants they have.

Val Hartwell

Birthplace of the Tudor Dynasty

Did you know that the coronation chair used by Henry V11 sits in Maxstoke Castle not ten miles away?

A bed purporting to be Henry's marriage bed was



exhibited on loan from the Langley Collection and is believed to be the only piece of furniture from the Tudor



Palace of Westminster to survive. It was discovered in 2010 by Ian Coulson owner of the Langley Collection and was displayed at Hever Castle in 2015. TV historian Dr Jonathan Foyle has made extensive research and tests into this mediaeval marriage bed which he offers as persuasive evidence towards its Tudor royal origins. For full information about this bed and Dr Foyle's research see <https://tco/Nt1SiY2MqT>

"A half hour video is available to watch proving the bed's authenticity is available to watch at <https://vimeo.com/213097913/ba366b2077>

It really is compelling viewing for any Battle of Bosworth enthusiast.

Denis Cash

Stoke Golding Youth Football Club



Stoke Golding U8's have been in fabulous form and undefeated since mid January. The

success is built upon great team work, brilliant tackling and defending from the front. The focus on fitness at training each Saturday appears to be paying off, with the lads all working for each other in the matches and most importantly having lots of fun. Stoke Golding U14's having been declared League Champions in the 2015-16 season, had a reputation to live up to in Division C of the Leicester & District Sunday Juniors League this season. Having battled all season and becoming the only team in the league to defeat the league leaders, the lads finished 4th in the league which is a fantastic achievement for all players, parents and coaches.



The lads have set records that will be difficult to be broken in years to come, such as scoring 23 seconds into a match, to their striker scoring 5 goals in 8 minutes. In 18 League matches this season, they have managed to score 65 goals and concede only 32 which - for any team - is a tremendous achievement. Huge congratulations to the lads for their hard work and determination this year.

The coaches have seen all of the players develop and mature beyond their expectations, not only through the lads personalities, sense of humour or their tactics on the football pitch, but as a true team of young lads who have developed a togetherness and a bond that the coaches have not seen at such a young age. They are a true credit to themselves, their parents and the coaching staff. A huge thank you must go to the parents for their unrelenting support and to the coaching staff - Paul, Ben and Den.

A big thank you to Heath Lane Academy for their outstanding training facilities and it is the team's pleasure to welcome their new main sponsor – The Hair Shop, 68A Castle Street, Hinckley LE10 1DD Telephone 01455 233111. And a huge thank you to the owner Meloney Woodruff who has very kindly agreed to sponsor them for the next two seasons.

The next step for the team is their upcoming tournament in Brean Sands in May, where the lads will play against some of the best teams in the country, at a national football competition. The coaching staff are unsure which will be more difficult: the level of the competition or the coaches ability to control 13 young teenagers. Ben will be providing another update post tournament in the June edition of the Stoker. We wish them the very best of luck!

Staffroom Memories 8 - Assemblies

The assembly was going very wrong. I'd primed some children to answer prepared questions, but they kept forgetting the answers. I had a chart on a clipboard at the front, but the visual aids I'd stuck to it kept falling off. I got half way through a story and found I couldn't remember the ending, or why I had an empty bucket with me. I could sense the children losing their attention...

Not all assemblies went this way. As a teacher, assembly time was a bit of an irritation. Having just settled the children down, I had to trudge to the hall to sit and listen to the headteacher whilst I had a hundred and one other things I could be doing. As a head however, they were my special time with the children. At my last school, I'd take one or two assemblies during the week and as much as I loved seeing children rewarded in our achievement assemblies and watching as teachers tried to outdo their colleagues in their class assemblies, the simple act of telling a story seemed to me the perfect way to start the school day.

I loved it when I could build up a tale so the children were hanging on my every word. Or when I could surprise them. After telling them about the boy who'd climb in the deep end of the swimming pool every week but then refuse to let go of the side until the last minute of the last lesson when he finally overcame his fears and swam his first length, I'd ask for the name of the boy. One or two of the older children would work out it was me and then there'd be this strange subdued chattering as the rest realised that their headteacher had to overcome problems too. Or maybe they were trying to imagine the balding middle-aged man at the front as a skinny ten year old in trunks.

Every year, my first assembly was always about a medieval jester, fallen on bad times, who is rescued by monks. He tries to thank God by doing what the other monks do, like illuminated writing or growing vegetables, but he doesn't do them very well. Finally he shocks the monks by performing acrobatics in the abbey church; the moral being that everyone has a talent, and needs to make the most of this whilst trying hard at things they're not so good at. Now, it was a great story, but by the time they were year 6s, some of the children had heard it eight times and when my opening words were once met with a groan, I decided to disguise the story in a different way each year, so the children would be hooked before they realised it was that one again. I did it from the monks' perspective, I started halfway through, I did some juggling – but I kept them interested and delivered the message.

I had a wonderful time taking assemblies and very rarely did they go as badly wrong as the one I began this piece talking about. However on that occasion, with the assembly in total disarray, all I could think of doing was to put the empty bucket over my head and admit defeat. Now that certainly caught the children's attention.

Michael Dix

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS 1 see 9A; 4 Decca; 8 USSR; 9 & 1A & 10A The White Cliffs of Dover; 12 Again; 13 Reap; 14 Stage; 17 Scent; 20 Spiv; 22 First; 23 Giraffe; 24 & 27A Berkeley Square; 25 East; 26 Twist; 27 see 9A

DOWN 1 Coupons; 2 Furlong; 3 Setter; 5 Enwraps; 6 Climate; 7 Dean; 11 Re Jig; 15 Aircrew; 16 Esteems; 18 Chateau; 19 Theatre; 21 Vinyls; 22 Fibs

Exploring the Tweed River: Part 1 – Finding the Source

If you walk the Ashby Canal from Stoke Golding to Sutton Cheney Wharf, you will pass over a small stream not far from Poplars Farm. This is the Tweed River and, having crossed it the other day, I decided I'd like to know more about it. In the words of the Swedish band Rednex 1994 number one hit: Where do you come from, where do you go?

The river has its own Wikipedia page which states the source of the river is in Barwell. I was about to share this nugget of information with a long-standing Stoke Golding resident when she informed me the source was on the far side of the road that goes from Stoke Golding to Hinckley. Conflicting reports – who to believe? I consulted the Environment Agency's website for an official verdict but they had the source further downstream from where the river crosses the canal – and they call it Stoke Golding Brook! Stoke Golding Brook indeed: their own map shows the river goes nowhere near Stoke Golding, although it is joined by some tributaries that drain the land north of the canal in Stoke, but not until it is just south of Whitemoors Antiques Centre. I got out my Ordnance Survey maps and began trying to track the tiny blue lines that spider the page but they weren't conclusive. There was only one thing for it; I would have to go and find the source myself. Stoke and Dadlington are situated in a part of the country where the main river catchment areas meet. The Environment Agency divides England (and parts of Wales and Scotland as rivers do not recognise man made borders) into ten river basins. The Tweed River falls within the Humber basin, which drains into the North Sea at Grimsby. However, water falling 20 miles southeast, in the Northamptonshire village of Sibbertoft, goes into the River Welland and eventually flows into the

Wash, whilst the River Cherwell, a major tributary of the River Thames, rises only 23 miles south-south-east near Daventry. Just 8 miles away, the Withy Brook at Withybrook – where else – heads off to join the Avon and



discharges into the River Severn and Bristol Channel. My first stop was to find the Hinckley Road tributary. On the map, the stream starts near to Mayne's Lakes and then crosses the main road from Stoke to Hinckley near Brook Farm. From there it travels around the new housing estate, where the convent used to be, to join the other two tributaries near Harpers Hill Farm. I found water by the side of the road and began following it, only to realise, as it got further and further away from the point marked on the map, that I was walking beside a man made drainage ditch that appeared to go all the way to the Morrison's roundabout. Returning to where I had begun, I concluded, after several minutes of studying the map and relating it to the field boundaries, that the source was somewhere under Mayne's Lakes. I took a quick photo and set off for Barwell. Another tributary begins in fields not far from McDonald's but there was nowhere to park and I didn't fancy my chances having to cross the incredibly busy A47.

On arriving in Barwell, I found the stream and discovered that a public footpath ran alongside it.

This was part of the Leicestershire Round, a 102-mile circular walk created in 1980. Gardens backed down to the stream on the other side but few of the residents had made much of a feature of it, the water being a muddy little channel in a deep ditch. My map showed the source to be in a large field but the waterway crossed the field and disappeared into a large culvert under the incredibly busy A47. There was no accompanying tunnel for pedestrians and so I took my life in my hands and made the hazardous crossing. I was rewarded with what I first thought was the source: a small pool of water by the side of the road, and as I stood congratulating myself, a large water rat slid into the murky waters. However, on returning home, I discovered a more detailed map online, and this had the stream continuing towards Hinckley. Another journey was called for and, picking up the stream by the pool, I followed it back to a point where the

Hinckley end of Barwell Lane footpath becomes a road, near a children's playground. I peered down over a fence at the brown water below. Rather confusingly, there was the sound of rushing water, but the source of the Tweed, for that is what I had found, was completely still, and there was no evidence of any other water in the vicinity. So, where does it come from – Hinckley, and where does it go? That's another investigation.



Medieval and Spanish Blues at the Village Hall



Claude Bourbon's sublime guitar playing wowed the 72-strong audience at the Stoke Golding Village hall last month; earning himself a standing ovation and cries for more. Billed as playing Medieval and Spanish blues, this quietly spoken French musician played a wide range of music so beautifully. More than one person commented that they had never heard a guitar played quite like Claude played. Another rebuked the organiser (me) for not booking Claude before!!

Following his successful concert here, Claude was travelling to Germany, and is currently on his way to Canada, then on to the USA performing the same concert. We

are very lucky to be able to host top entertainment in the village hall.

Steve Smithers

Garth's mother was celebrating her ninetieth birthday in April, and I thought there must be so many stories of her life in this village. However chatting with Garth on the phone, it seemed the best way to hear those stories would be from her son. I hear the front door buzzer but on opening my door I see the silhouette of two people framed in the front door, and one is definitely female. Well what a surprise! Not only has Dad come to talk about his Mum, daughter Emily has decided to keep an eye on Dad's memories. I love first meetings, and I realise I am going to have an hour's interview with someone with a great sense of humour and charm. I am also about to discover the number of subjects he is passionately interested in, and prepared to give his strong opinions on. However, I want to know about his mother's ninety years in and around the village.

Margaret is born at Hall Farm on April 20th 1927, from generations of farming folk, who originally came from Lincolnshire. Before Dadlington, they farmed at Top House Farm in Shenton. Grandfather Edward Scrivener, by all accounts, was a real village character. He delivered the milk with his magnificent white horse and cart, and village children would come out to see him as he made his deliveries. Margaret's early school-days were spent in Higham, living with her Aunt. Later she went to Shenton primary school, and finally to Dixie High School. She met George, an electrician, and they were married at Shenton church, and lived at the station master's house there. George had a responsible post as manager of B. Team with the electricity board in Birmingham. Finally in 1953, they bought the land and built the house where Garth was born in 1962. St Margaret's was his first taste of school, but after a year and a half he left and went to St. Albert's (no longer existing) then Mount Grace and finally John Cleveland. When he left (as soon as possible he says) he was already taking 'contract' farm-work, for the many local farmers. In 1997 he and his lovely Joanne got together, and bought a house in Hinckley where Garth junior was born in 2000 and Emily in 2002. Six years ago they opened the Farm Shop and moved to Stoke Golding to be with Mum, and more easily run the business. It had started with the turkeys in 1986 for Christmas. I love hearing about the Quinney and Mayne families helping with plucking the turkeys at Christmastime, and how Nigel Lawson heard through a mutual friend, and ordered one for No.11 Downing Street! Now they have Dexter cattle, and a few pigs. The ongoing project is the Teashop and Café. I'm all in favour of this. The number of times, friends and I say *'where shall we go for a cuppa and a teacake? It would be so good if there was somewhere local.'* Garth assures me: *"the foundations are down."* I encourage him to get it done soon. It's Emily's turn for a few questions now, she's been so patient, but the moment I ask her a question, Dad starts to answer. *"Hang on Dad, Beth's talking to me!"* Emily's fourteen and is at St. Martin's school. She says her favourite subject is P.E. and I can see her enjoying considerable success on sports days, with those long slim legs, either running, or jumping the high jumps. Brother, Garth, is sixteen, and busy studying for his GCSE's., he's the academic one in the family. I know this is going out a month late, but I'm sure we all wish Margaret a Very Happy but Belated 90th. Birthday.

Beth



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Kitchen Corner

Avis, who has recently moved into Crown Hill Close, has kindly offered to provide a recipe section each month in the Stoker. So here is our first Kitchen Corner. The recipe below gets the 'thumbs up' from her grandchildren, Sam and Phoebe.

CHICKEN & BROCCOLI SAUCY CASSEROLE

This is a one-dish meal and a real time saver. You can substitute cauliflower for the broccoli or add cooked celery or carrots, the choice is yours. This can be described as a cheats recipe, as you don't actually 'make' the sauce!

INGREDIENTS

1 head of broccoli

2ozs. (50gms) butter

1 small onion, peeled and chopped

1 tin condensed chicken soup

Milk to dilute

8ozs. (225gms.) cooked chicken

4ozs. (115gms.) grated cheese

Breadcrumbs

METHOD

Pre-heat the oven to 180C (160C fan) or gas mark 4. Grease a casserole dish with a little butter.

Cut the broccoli into florets and steam for 5 minutes. Also prepare and cook any of your choice of vegetables. When cooked, place in the prepared casserole dish.

Melt the butter in a saucepan over a medium heat, add the onion and cook gently for 5 minutes. Empty the contents of the soup can into a bowl and add about half a can of milk, stir to combine. Pour into the saucepan and stir the sauce until hot. Now add the cooked chicken, season with salt and pepper. Pour the sauce over the vegetables. Sprinkle the cheese on top and then the breadcrumbs. Bake for 20-25 minutes until bubbling and the cheese has melted.



KATHLEEN (KATHY) BARBER



Kathy sadly passed away peacefully at home on Thursday 9th March 2017 aged 67 years. Her husband Tony was with her. She was a loving wife to Tony, mum to Nick and Joanna, mother in law to Natalie and a devoted grandmother (Nana) to Freya and William.

Kathy was born in Attleborough, Nuneaton where she attended Park Avenue Primary and then Higham Lane Schools before she went to work at Dorothy Perkins

where she became deputy manageress. She moved to Stoke Golding after marrying Tony in 1970 where they raised a family and then lived together for over 46 years. As the children grew up Kathy became involved with Robin Hood Playschool and later on was employed as playground supervisor and soon became popular with the children of St Margaret's.

Kathy loved the outdoors and spent many hours walking, establishing with a few friends the 'Monday walker's group' which would always include their four legged friends. She enjoyed her singing too with a community choir on Thursdays and took part in several concerts including ones at De Montfort Hall. She was also a keen member of George's Dragons.

Kathy was always positive and retained her sense of fun and adventure, but would always make time to listen to other people's problems. She was, however, a very self-effacing and private person who preferred to have no fuss and attention even when she was told that the type of cancer she had was incurable and just how little time she had left. As a result it came as quite a shock to her many friends and neighbours to learn that she had passed away. She never complained during her relatively short illness and remained so brave to the very end with her immediate family around her. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

The funeral was held at the Heart of England Crematorium on Tuesday 28th March with family flowers only. Donations if so desired may be sent in memory of Kathy payable to "Client Charitable Donation Fund" which will be forwarded onto Cancer Research UK, care of Sellers & Co Ltd, 75 Upper Bond Street, Hinckley.



BRIAN RONALD OTTEY 15.9.1948 TO 19.3.2017

JANET OTTEY 15.11.1943 TO 19.3.2017



Brian and Janet died together when their car was struck head on by a van on the road near to where they lived in Gozo, Malta on the evening of Sunday 19th March 2017. They leave their two sons Jonathan and Jamie and Brian also leaves his mother Marjorie and a brother William. They lived in Dadlington and on their retirement in 2006 had emigrated to live in Gozo.

Janet (nee Senior) was twenty when she opened Janet Hairstyles in Church Walk in 1963 which was an instant success launching the Vidal Sassoon hair styling in the village almost as soon as it had appeared in London. She was later joined by her friend Avril and both became so well known to village ladies.

On their retirement to Gozo Brian pursued his passion for golf and later turned to cooking becoming no mean chef, and he also did much charity work for Gozo Hospital, with Janet taking up her painting and music again.

Their funeral took place in Gozo on 27th March 2017 and was attended by their sons Jonathan and Jamie, Brian's brother Bill, about sixty of their island friends together with Stoke friends Margaret and Ian, and friends from Devon, Sheila and John. They were buried together in the crypt of their local church, St Mary's. It is understood that their sons intend to arrange a memorial service for them in Stoke Golding at a later date.

We send all our condolences to their family and friends .

STOKE GOLDING HERITAGE GROUP **"Cherish the past, protect the future"**

Are you interested in local history? Perhaps you are new to the village and want to find out more about its past and the area around. We need more people with an interest in finding out about the village and helping to preserve its character. Perhaps it is you. Why not come and join us at our next meeting .

If you have any queries contact us on 01455 212110

Notes from Stoke Golding Parish Council April meeting (Draft)

Laburnum Cottage development – presentation by James Hicks of Pegasus Group

James Hicks and the architect gave a short presentation regarding the revised application for 5 dwellings to be submitted shortly. Archaeological surveys have been completed and technical issues addressed. The dwellings will be of traditional construction to adhere to character of the site. The site will be opened up with the dwellings framing community open space and an improved pathway to the side. The following was discussed: parking and access, hedgerows and open space and the conservation area.

Pre-application comments can be made to James Hicks through the Parish Council.

Borough Councillor Reg Ward reported on the following:

Morris Homes – application for additional dwelling and variation of conditions has been subject to scrutiny and following legal advice planners will meet with the developer to discuss further.

Matters arising from March's Meeting:

Crime Report for January 2017 – 1 theft near Greenwood Rd – investigation complete, no suspect identified and 1 anti-social behaviour near Hinckley Rd.

Concerns from villagers regarding recent violent/sexual crimes reported were discussed. The Clerk will prepare some clarification/reassurance for publication in the Stoker; copies to Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable. The PC will continue to publish crime figures in the Stoker, but with a footnote or clarification if necessary.

Wykin Lane Cemetery sign – the Charity of Thomas Barton has arranged for its repair and agreed to fund Mike Smith to re-install.

Wykin Lane nesting boxes – the Charity of Thomas Barton has agreed in principle to funding.

Planning Application Matters:

New Applications:

Land adjacent to Cold Comfort Farm, Rogues Lane – variation of condition 2 of appeal for the addition of one static mobile home. The PC consider this to be over-development of a temporary site.

Telephone Exchange, Pine Close – 17.5m high monopole with associated equipment. The PC understands the need to improve the phone signal in the village, but considers the additional mast in close proximity to the existing mast to be visually intrusive and suggests an alternative resolution is sought.

Permissions approved:

The Birches, 55 High Street – removal of one acer tree.

24 Hinckley Rd – two storey side extension and single storey rear and front extension.

Withdrawn:

St Martin's Academy – variation of condition 2 of planning permission to enable relocation of equipped play area.

Land adjacent to Comfort Farm, Rogues Lane - erection of two day-room buildings and relocation of the site access.

Acceptance of annual review of ground maintenance contract and performance

Cllr Pegg has carried out a review of performance and found all work to be satisfactory. It was agreed to continue with the three-year contract for ground maintenance at £15,044.00.

The following additional work was agreed:

Application of moss killer to pathways at Wykin Lane Cemetery, at a cost of £138.40.

Breaking/cutting and removal of iron work and concrete at the rec, at a cost of £240.00.

Cropping of sections at the Wykin Lane wild flower meadow during May/June, at a cost of £295.00.

Neighbourhood Plan:

A report on progress by Cllr Mitchell was circulated to all councillors and discussed.

The revised cost of postcard printing, at £75, was agreed.

It was agreed that the unspent grant money of £1,341.69 be refunded.

Cllr Mitchell to proceed with the second application for grant money, cost still to be confirmed.

The frequency of meetings in the Terms of Reference can be suspended.

Analysis of the questionnaire data should be independent and impartial.

Replacement Christmas tree and ground maintenance issues around bungalows

The Charity of Thomas Barton has agreed to fund this project; the PC still awaits permission from HBBC.

Benches:

The Charity of Thomas Barton has agreed to fund a new bench at the rec at a cost of £498.77.

The cost of turning of the bench at Fisher's Farm was agreed at £130.00. The Clerk to arrange a site meeting with interested parties, to determine its new position.

Trees:

The following tree issues were discussed:

*A quote for tree work at Hinckley Rd Cemetery was discussed. A further meeting with residents will to be arranged.

*Application for permission to carry out work to trees at St Margaret's Churchyard has now been submitted by the tree surgeon.

*A quote has been sought to flail the hedgerow at the rec, near Thornfield Avenue.

*Cllr Pegg to assess the oak tree at Hinckley Rd Cemetery. Clerk to inform resident.

*It was noted that the tree near the recreation field car park has been cut back to the boundary. The PC is to identify trees that may require a Tree Preservation Order.

Village sign

The Charity of Thomas Barton is to research other local artists who may be able to carry out the renovation work before deciding on funding.

Grave memorial repairs phase 2

It was agreed to proceed with the second phase of repairs by Sellers, at a cost of £1,775.00 and to apply to the Environmental Improvement Programme for a grant of 50%.

Bosworth 1485 Legacy:

Cllr Goodsell to work with the Heritage Group to submit joint ideas for the village.

Jitty – High Street railings

It was agreed to proceed with the renovation of the railings, at a cost of £435.00.

106 bus stop improvement contribution:

The Clerk reported that LCC has agreed to refund the money for the new bus shelter at Stoke Road, as it will be funded by 106 provision.

Communications received by the Chairman of the council

It was agreed to proceed with renewal of the following memberships:

CPRE Annual subscription £36.

RCC Annual subscription £50.

LRALC Annual subscription £401.04.

Cricket Club – fees/T &Cs. Cllrs Pegg and Terheege will meet with the Cricket Club on 11th April to discuss issues.

Damaged street name plate (Thornfield Ave) – report by Clerk + photos. It was agreed to proceed with a quote from the company that supplied the signs.

Any Other Business

Cllr Fisher reported that 2 planters would be relocated this week and raised concerns about the area around the Post Office being untidy.

Next meeting: Methodist Hall, Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at 7pm

A Big Thank You for Filling in the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

Progress on The Neighbourhood Plan is moving forward nicely. We are very pleased with the response to the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaires with very good returns online and on paper. A team of volunteers is inputting all the paper questionnaires into the online system, so we have all the data together. It's too early to say how many people exactly returned their questionnaires but it looks like between 25 and 30 percent of households and about 30 to 40 Young People. So thank you to you all. Further thanks are required to all the volunteers who have helped with the questionnaires in so many ways, whether it be in publicity, developing the questionnaires, putting them online, delivering them, inputting them and acting as a collection point. Special thanks to Liz at The Post Office for acting as our collection point and Sehmbi Stores acting as a collection point on Good Friday.

Once all the questionnaires are online, they will be analysed independently. It is likely that this will be by The Rural Communities Council (RCC), a charity very experienced in neighbourhood Plan consultations.

As you might gather there is a lot in process but nothing definite for the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee to bring to a meeting at the moment. So the Neighbourhood Plan meetings will be less frequent, but The Advisory Committee will be keeping you up to date with developments.

Neighbourhood Plan Committee

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