# The Stoker



Stoke Golding Village Magazine

Including

**Dadlington Matters** 



#### Note from the Editors

We often wonder if we will receive enough interesting articles to fill The Stoker each month and we are always relieved when they come piling in and we then have to worry about whether we have enough space! We have been asked to increase the font size, so have tried to do this when we



have space.

This month we hear from wildlife enthusiasts about the wild flower meadow and how to feed our ducks. Perhaps you will have a go at trying to recognise some of our local wild flowers and then fill in the chart on page 15. It would be lovely to hear if anyone is interested in helping to set up a Good Neighbour Scheme in Stoke Golding and Dadlington (p11). It sounds such a great idea and something we would all benefit from. Sometimes people living on their own could just do with a friendly face to chat to or take them out shopping. We are a caring community but we can always do more. The Stoker team have a month off now and will be back with the September issue. Our subscription collectors will be knocking on your doors during July and August (those of you who have your Stoker delivered) to collect £5 to cover another year. We are always happy to have more subscribers so if you are interested please get in touch. We hope you all have a lovely summer.

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

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Cover picture: .Three arrangements from the Methodist Church Flower Festival "Colours"

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#### **Keep Our Ducks Healthy**

As we come closer to the school summer holidays and the need to keep little ones occupied for so many weeks, it's worth checking what can safely be given to the ducks and swans we all love to feed on our canal.

The Canal & River Trust`s website lists several reasons why bread is so bad for ducks: <a href="https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/canal-and-river-wildlife/keeping-our-ducks-healthy">https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/canal-and-river-wildlife/keeping-our-ducks-healthy</a>

These reasons, briefly, are that bread contains almost no nutrients but does fill the birds up so they don't go looking for the food they should be eating. And mouldy bread attracts rats; also, a build-up of droppings from many ducks gathering in one place can clog up the waterway and cause too much algae, which is generally bad for everyone and everything that uses the canal.



The RSPB also say that feeding bread to ducks can result in wing deformations in the ducklings, so we are effectively in danger of reducing duck populations because deformed babies can't escape foxes and other predators.

The website suggests other foodstuffs which are much healthier for the birds and for the canal itself. These include sweetcorn, seeds we feed to our garden birds, lettuce, peas, oats, and rice which can be either cooked or uncooked.

Let's all make an effort this summer to keep the birds and the water healthier by ditching the loaves of bread, the cobs and rolls, and instead throwing handfuls of rice or sweet corn or birdseed.

See you there!

A dog-walker and duck-lover xx



The portal has now opened for the funding and sponsorship needed to ensure that Stoke Golding Garden Show is able to go ahead this year. Once again we are hoping to benefit local charities and organisations as a result of the generosity of the public and businesses around Hinckley & Bosworth and Nuneaton.

We are now able to announce that this year we will be raising funds for the lovely charity 'Contact the Elderly', whose volunteers are helping to tackle loneliness and social isolation by providing a venue for 'Afternoon tea and a chat' at their own houses. Transport is provided and there are at least two active groups in our area. Have a look at <a href="https://www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk">https://www.contact-the-elderly.org.uk</a> for more information on how to get involved.

We are also supporting 'The Cinnamon Trust' which provides peace of mind for people who are not active, or who are having to spend time in hospital or a hospice. The charity ensures that their pets are well looked after and loved. There are a number of volunteers in the Hinckley & Bosworth/Nuneaton areas who are associated with this fabulous charity. More details of what is on offer can be found at: http://www.cinnamon.org.uk.

Finally, Stoke Golding Cricket Club (with the help of Stoke Golding Parish Council) is currently working hard to achieve the building of a new pavilion, so we have decided to donate funds towards this great community project too this year.

The Show will be held, as usual, at Stoke Golding Club, 42 Hinckley Road, Stoke Golding Warwickshire CV13 6DZ in the Function Room. We are indebted to the Club committee for once again welcoming and hosting us, it makes such a difference to the day as a whole.

To make a much needed donation, ask for help interpreting the rules, or to obtain further details, please contact Phil Burgess on 07963987982.

The Show is open to anyone and everyone (we cater for all ages and abilities) and we attract competitors not only from Stoke Golding but from all around the county and occasionally even further afield.



We have included sections to test ability in floral art, vegetable growing, flower growing, children's artistic ability, cake decorating, home baking, jam creation and much, much more. The result is a room displaying a riot of colour and diversity.

This year there are six novice classes, these being three beetroot, four potatoes, five tomatoes (any variety), three radishes, five dessert apples, one cucumber. Please note, our 'novice' classes are open to anyone who has not won a prize in the selected class at ANY Show, so that they can be judged purely against other novices.

Following the judging at 6pm, the public are warmly invited to attend (ENTRY IS FREE), admire the class entries, congratulate the prize winners, buy raffle tickets for the ever popular raffle and then perhaps to bid on some of the produce in our fun Grand Auction later in the evening.

Schedules will be available from the **1**<sup>st</sup> **August** from Stoke Golding Club, the Surgery and the village pubs. These are **FREE** so why not pick up a copy and have a go at entering one of the varied classes on offer?

If you need any advice, or can't find a copy of the schedule, please contact **Tina on 07809629690** and she will happily drop one round to you, or post one out if you live further afield.

One final thing – we are now on Facebook. For photographs, event information and general queries, you may prefer to simply type in 'Stoke Golding Garden Show' to find us. The page will be regularly reviewed and updated, so if you could 'like and share' the page, to increase our online presence, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you!

Tina Waters



Happy Birthday Beth

90 Years Young! With love from us all at the Stoker xxx



#### Help Please!



Are you within watering distance of a village trough? If so could you help to keep it watered as the volunteers who

plant them up are struggling in this dry weather. Many thanks to you marvellous people who are already helping out.

Dear Ed's,

Thank you for including my 'advert' for ten CD copies of Halls History of Stoke Golding in your last magazine. All ten copies sold within a few days and I wish to thank all those who purchased the CD's and the proceeds of £100 was passed to LOROS HOSPICE at Leicester. Denis Cash

#### St Martin's Catholic Academy—Sponsored Readathon!





Over a 4-week period, our year 7 and 8 students read books in order to raise money to support putting new books and resident story tellers into local children's hospitals with the charity Read for Good. We have surpassed our target and raised over £1,200!

A huge thank you for the participation and support both from the students who read and the people who sponsored them to read!

Prizes were awarded for reading the most books and reading the most variety of reading materials in both year 7 and year 8. Congratulations to Amicia (year 7) and Max (year 8) for winning the prize for the most books read and congratulations to Kaitlin (year 7) and Katie (year 8) for winning the prize for the most variety of reading materials read.





Stacy Frith

#### REFLECTIONS...

Looking closely at a flower, a bud, a leaf, a tree
They have a healing energy, that's there for you and me.
It's there and helps to heal our ills, and there to set us free.
We only have to open up... It's bountiful and...see
It's there when we can shift our minds, from gloom and jeopardy.
Just ask for help, the help will come like waves upon the sea.
So fill your being, fill your heart with nature's balm that's free.

Rosemary

#### **Speeding Traffic to Blame for Sad Loss of Pet?**

On 20th April my beautiful grey oriental cat was killed on Hinckley Road, in front of the cemetery. He was only 16 months old. His fur was like velvet, and he had a great personality. We loved him very much. I live on the Goldings, but he found his way through the cemetery and onto the road. I am not blaming anyone for this. Cats do run out into the road. I don't know if the driver picked him up off the road, or someone else. They had placed him just inside the small cemetery gates. I just want to send a huge thank you to whoever did this, because it would not have been a pleasant task.

But I wish that vehicles would not drive so fast through the village. It happened about tea time when folks would be racing home from work. I walk around the village most days and witness the speed that some motorists do. I would like to see a couple of speed bumps along the Hinckley Road, although I expect many people would object.

Marilynne Di Marco

We were so sad to hear about your loss Marilynne. We would be interested in readers' views about traffic calming measures- Eds

#### **CASAG**



June is "Breathe Easy" month focussing on the work of the British Lung Foundation.

There are leaflets and advice available on the different types of respiratory conditions such as asthma and

COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease). As well as promotions the benefits of pulmonary rehabilitation and the benefits of exercise.

We had a CASAG meeting last week and are looking to recruit new members. It's our forum, as patients, to work with the GPs and practice staff to help get the services we feel are needed locally.

CASAG, as a patient participation group, has been running for 11 years and meets bimonthly on a Tuesday evening at 6.15pm at Castle Mead surgery. These surgeries will also be setting up an online 'email only' group for those who wish to be involved and cannot attend the evening meetings.

Please ask at the surgery for information on how to get involved.

Next month's theme is how to prevent skin cancer - particularly relevant with summer approaching. Have a good and healthy summer. *Jennifer* 

# **Dadlington Matters**

#### Screen on the Green



Dadlington's Community Cinema are pleased to announce their programme for Autumn 2018. Unfortunately, we are unable to tell you which films we will be showing due to our license arrangements! However, full details are on the website – dadlingtonvillagehall.co.uk. What we can tell you is that there will

be four more Friday evening screenings, £2.50 for your first drink, pay at the door, with doors opening at 7pm. These will be on:

7<sup>th</sup> September 12<sup>th</sup> October, 9<sup>th</sup> November and 14<sup>th</sup> December.

In addition, we will be screening two matinees on Thursday mornings, payment arrangements as for the Friday evenings with doors opening at 10:15. These will be on: 18<sup>th</sup> October and 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Finally, there will be two family film screenings suitable for primary age children. Entry will be by ticket and details will be circulated nearer the time. The doors will open at 2pm. Please note - children will need to be accompanied by an adult. The dates for these are: 28<sup>th</sup> October (Hallowe'en themed) and 16<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas film).

Please note that due to the popularity of our first two events and the seating arrangements in the hall, we are having to limit entry to a maximum of 60. Entry will be on a first come basis.

#### **Sculpture Trail**

As a legacy from the reburial of Richard III, ideas were put forward last year regarding the creation of a sculpture trail that would link the villages associated with the Battle of Bosworth. Following a positive response to consultation, three proposals were presented and now a winning brief has been chosen. Invited stakeholders were able to view the proposed sculptures at Dadlington Village Hall last month. The six works of art would tell the story of the battle and the subsequent search for the battlefield location. A sculpture representing the preparation for the battle would be installed in Sutton Cheney, with other works at the Fenn Lanes battlefield site symbolising conflict, one showing the crowning of Henry Tudor in Stoke Golding and another representing the reconciliation of the houses of York and Lancaster in Dadlington.

In addition, there would be a work at the Battlefield Centre and a large earthwork in Market Bosworth that would double as a performance area. Each sculpture would signpost the other sculptures to create a trail around our locality. Following feedback from those who were invited to see the plans, there may be further modifications to the designs and the project will now seek further funding to turn it into a reality.

#### Staffroom Memories 16: The Interview

During my time as a deputy head, I had a spell as an acting headteacher and discovered, not only could I do the job but also that I quite enjoyed it. Consequently, a few years later I began applying for headships. I must have had a cracking letter of application because I kept getting interviews. Unfortunately when it came to the interviews, I was not so impressive. Most times, I'd come away thinking that went well, only to receive the "I'm sorry.." call later that evening. When I finally received a "We'd like to offer you the post," call, I had to get my eldest son to repeat what he had heard me say. "And you're sure I said, 'I'd be delighted?" "Yes, dad!" came his puzzled reply.

As a new headteacher, the tables were turned. My first job was to interview for a new teacher. One application stood out. The teacher was in her second year of teaching, she'd represented England at netball, she'd swum for her county, she'd designed stamps for the Prince of Wales. Surely she was too good to be true. Her date of birth was 1<sup>st</sup> April – someone was winding me up. I invited her to interview but she withdrew, confirming my suspicions, but when someone contacted her school to enquire as to why she'd withdrawn, it turned out she was just an exceptional person.

The lady applying for a Key Stage 1 post was a different proposition "So how would you introduce a new concept in maths?" I asked. She gave a long, fairly poor reply but then concluded with, "And then we'd gather round the piano and sing some songs." Well that was a positive I suppose: counting songs, no doubt. When the question about a balanced curriculum also ended in a singsong around the piano, I started to have doubts. Such was the importance that she attached to playing the piano that it made an appearance during the course of every answer. "We'll contact you later today," I smiled, showing her out. As I re-entered the interview room, one of the two governors on the panel looked up and asked, "Do you think she can play the piano?"

I once made the mistake of interviewing with just one governor and when it came to deciding who would get the job, we both favoured different candidates. Knowing the class they were going to teach was quite challenging, I plumped for the young dynamic teacher with inner city experience. The governor championed an older lady who only worked two terms a year and "chose the schools she applied for carefully." That put my back up for a start. "But she'll add quality to the staff," argued my governor. "She'll struggle with that class," I replied, reckoning that if we appointed her she'd only last a term. The governor bowed to my professional judgement and the young dynamic teacher was offered the job, but she turned it down, reckoning our children were 'too nice.' Reluctantly I offered Mrs. Choose-my-schools-carefully and she began a few weeks later. I was wrong: she didn't last a term, she lasted just two weeks before handing in her resignation.

Michael Dix

#### Fool on the Hill

#### Brides Wed revisited...

Generally speaking, I am quite a fan of all things Royal but, like many of my fellow menfolk, my RWAR (Royal Wedding Avoidance Radar) was set to maximum prior to the goings on in Windsor. Very happy for the young couple of course, but I have never quite seen the appeal of any wedding, however high profile, as a spectator sport. Unfortunately, in a slightly devious outflanking manoeuvre. I was corralled into a family barbeque where the womenfolk had decided that the nuptials had to be watched in minute detail before there would be any suggestion of a carbonated banger. This enforced starvation was somewhat ameliorated by the necessity to toast the bride and groom which meant that copious consumption of ale was, for once, deemed appropriate. In a mellowed state, I found myself surprisingly captivated by the proceedings and when the frisky little American pulpit thumper took to the stage, I was almost tempted to offer a rousing "Alleluia" every time he paused for breath. Whatever your take on his supercharged sermon, one thing is irrefutable. St Georges Chapel Windsor, as with many aspects of this wedding, has never before seen the like.

You may recall that the last time a Royal chanced his arm with an American divorcee, it was not greeted with anything like the current level of acceptance. This wedding will come as a stark reminder to we who have grown old, that the values and social norms that shaped us, have been considerably altered by the passage of time and quite rightly so. Youth shapes the future, always has and always will. I well remember that my parents held firm to the belief that the Beatles and the Rolling Stones were the very spawn of Beelzebub so they would probably be quite surprised now to discover that some of them are Knights of the Realm. Times move on and attitudes change so good luck to the Royal couple and the generation of multi- cultural, race embracing, sexually inclusive, gender-sensitive and religiously liberal folk that they have come to symbolise.

As I seek to cling onto the coat tails of your rapidly changing world could I please just ask a couple of favours? Please can you alter the internet pages so that I can just simply type in the year of my birth? That business of scrolling back through the years is, frankly, depressing and I live with fear that one day the scroll will end without reaching my particular year of arrival. The other thing is, when your printer runs out of ink, which incidentally, has just happened, could whoever of your generation is running Hewlett Packard do something about the ink cartridges? It is bad enough that they cost half of the original price of the printer but it really does rub salt into the wound when the first thing that happens after you install one, is the machine half empties the cartridge printing a meaningless page of dots and squiggles.





A Good Neighbour Scheme in Stoke Golding?

### Are you a Good Neighbour?

Then why not put your name forward as a volunteer and set up a Good Neighbour Scheme in Stoke Golding

Good Neighbour Schemes are community projects that link local people who are in need with volunteers willing to help them. This can involve anything from changing a light bulb to picking up prescriptions or driving them to the supermarket. Even a chat over a cup of tea can make such a difference!

Volunteers can say when they are available, how often they can help and what tasks they are happy to do. Requests are coordinated by the committee who run and manage the scheme.

Not only is it a great way of meeting new neighbours in your community, but it also lets local people live more happier and independent lives as well as making them feel more connected with other people.

It is a simple, easy to run scheme which is fully supported and funded by us at the RCC. All we need are some enthusiastic volunteers from the community.

Are you interested or want to find out more?

Please email Joanne Lowe on

ilowe@ruralcc.org.uk or phone 01455 856330

I look forward to hearing from you!

Volunteer and offer a helping hand for whatever time you can spare

Make sure everyone in your community is getting the help they need

> Bring your community together



#### What's On

THE GEORGE & DRAGON'S

Summer Charity Afternoon Sunday

12

AUGUST
12-4 PM

BARBEQUE TOMBOLA PLANTS CRAFTS AUCTION CAKE STALL

#### <u>LIVE MUSIC WITH MARKY T</u>

PLUS MAGIC SHOW, PONIES AND MUCH MORE

All proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated to SNIPS, Phoenix Ponies into Schools and Cancer Research!

# THE METHODIST CHURCH Saturday July 7th

Coffee morning 10.00-11.30 For church funds

Saturday August 4th
Coffee morning 10.00-11.30
For church funds

#### Stoke Golding Garden Show

88th Open Show

Saturday 1st September 2018

Stoke Golding Club 42 Hinckley Road, Warwickshire CV13 6DZ

The main beneficiaries this year are:







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

Open to public 6pm

Presentations 8pm

Clear Down 8.20pm

Grand Auction 8.45pm

Grand Raffle 9pm

Free Admission Everyone welcome

For more information contact Tina on 07809629690

# Teddy Bear Jump and Bar-B-Q

at St Margaret's Church, Saturday 8th September from 12 noon until 3.00pm. Bar-B-Q, cakes and drinks available

Bring your bear with its parachute and watch it fly £2.00 each bear

(Please do not bring your favourite bear)

Teddy Bear rescue and first aiders on site

#### What's On

#### St Margaret's Flower Festival 'ANNUAL EVENTS'

August Bank Holiday

Saturday 25th August 10am - 5.00pm Sunday 26th August 11.30am - 5.00pm Monday 27th August 10.00am - 5.00pm



Ploughman's lunches, cream teas, cakes, rolls and drinks available every day. With the usual stalls: tombola, raffle, cakes, jams, plants, bric-a-brac etc in the school hall opposite the church.

If you are a flower arranger and would like to help us, please ring Corrine on 07890654125. Expenses will be reimbursed.

Free parking in the school playground

#### Coffee and Chat at Dadlington Village Hall



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

Thursday 5th July 10.15 am - 12.15pm All Welcome

#### 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.





#### **Cream Tea at Hall Farm, Dadlington**

Saturday 11th August 3.00 - 5pm

All Welcome

#### **Scout Group News**

Some of the Scouts went out for a cycle ride to Shenton and had chips and soft drinks there. This was towards their adventure challenge badge. The weather was ideal and the Scouts enjoyed the bike ride.

Thanks to Ryan's dad, Samara 's dad, Ella's dad and Sam's dad for dusting the cobwebs away and helping out.

The Scouts have enjoyed themselves learning to sail at Bosworth Water Park.









#### **Treasurer Wanted**

The Scout Group are seeking a treasurer. The task involves attending approx 4 meetings a year, preparing a basic financial report and paying some bills e.g. Village Hall rental.

A lot of the financial business is done on line as there is a new on line scout manager system.

So if you are at a bit of a loose end and want to support a village activity please give Fionna a call on 01455 212908. Thank you.

Jennifer

#### Why not have a Closer Look...

at the 'mini meadow' between Hinckley Road and Bennetts Close. This little meadow is supported by the Parish Council and is maintained by volunteers. At this time of year it has reached a height of around half a metre – this lush growth is due to warm wet weather earlier on and the fact that the soil is still too nutritious for wild flowers. However there is a good variety of plants and they are attracting many beneficial insects. When you have a moment take a look and see what you can spot – do watch out for a few nettles though! And of course please don't pick or eat any of the plants.

Earlier on this year did you spot Snakes Head Fritillary, primrose, and Cowslips? For I.D. help look on Thewildlifetrusts.org see Wildlife and then Species.

#### David Goodsell

WILD FLOWERS	TICK IF SEEN
Buttercups	
Campion - White	
Campion - Red	
Cleavers – 'goose grass'	
Clover – red	
Common Vetch	
Corncockle	
Cranesbill - Field	
Hedge Woundwort	
Knapweed	
Ladies Bedstraw	
Musk Mallow	
Nettle	
Sorrel	
Yarrow	
Meadow Yellow Vetchling	
Willow Herb	
GRASSES	
Cocksfoot Grass	
Pea grass	
Yorkshire Fog	
INSECTS SPOTTED	

#### **Stoke Golding Methodist Church Flower Festival.**

May 2018 saw the members and friends of our church very busy at our annual flower festival. However there was much hard work done in the weeks prior to the festival preparing for it, for the dedication of many people, we say thank you.

The theme this year was colours. I am sure we all take colours for granted, can you imagine living in a world that is all either black or white?

The individual displays, the glory of summer, the deep blue sea, the four seasons, the artists palette, the rainbow, flower power, the coral reef, the Royal wedding, a carnival and in the vestry the Mums and Tots group presented colour in the form of the sunshine. It has to be said the Church was a picture of colour.

But not only were our senses aroused by the beauty of the flower arrangements, but we had a time to sit and share time and memories with friends both old and young over a cup of tea or coffee and light refreshments. This showed what an open door our church is and if anyone offered help in anyway or for how short or long times it was welcomed with open arms. So if you on reading this are in that category we say thank you.

There were many unsung heroes over the weekend, thank you.

Our two services were in the morning led by our own Joan Ledson and in the evening by our lay pastor John Cooke. In the evening service we were blessed with the company of Newbold Verdon Christian Community Choir who sang 3 items for which we say a big thank you.





John Cooke Local Pastor

Thanks must be given to the Barton Trust for the generous grant of £500 towards the cost of putting on this event.

Finally as already said, imagine a life without any colours, maybe you are in a dark place at the moment, perhaps lonely, or worry, don't shoulder it alone or in silence, join us on Sunday morning at 10.30am or pop in for a coffee at 11.30am. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in the month we have a coffee morning from 10am till noon, join us there and enjoy a time of friendship and a welcome cuppa.

Financially it was successful, raising £2.500. Thank you everyone.

If anyone reading this would like to help at the 2019 festival please contact our senior steward Margaret Lomax on tel. No.01455 212980

#### Stoke Golding Youth Football Club



Stoke Golding U'8s travelled to Leicester for the end of season league tournament on Sunday May 13, and acquitted themselves really well. They won their first game with a goal which was literally the last kick of the game, followed by a 1-0 defeat which meant they needed to win against Hinckley in the final group match to win the group and progress to the semi finals. Despite Stoke dominating the game, Hinckley came through with a late equaliser concluding the match with a 2 all draw. On another day the lads could of quite easily have played their way through to the semi's, however it was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon for both parents and players who soaked up the pleasant sunshine!



All Stoke Golding Youth Teams managed to finish all their games before the end of the season, which was a challenge with teams playing catch up games due to the many cancelled games over the winter. Teams were playing games mid-week and even some Saturday mornings.

After five years of being together, the U15's have decided to go their separate

ways. With some players progressing to a higher level of football and with GCSE's next year, the squad felt it was the right time. To celebrate the end of a great five years, the squad played in a tournament at the King Power Stadium. It was a great experience; one team was runner-up in the final and the other came fourth. The management team and Club would like to thank the lads for their passion and commitment and are sure that the lads will have made friends for life. We wish them every success and happiness for the future!





# MINI DRIBBLERS

FOR CHILDREN AGED 5 & 6

Come and join the football fun



9:30-10:30am

Saturday

Stoke Golding Youth Football Club

30th June, 7th July

2018

St Martins Catholic Academy Stoke Golding CV13 6HT

Stoke Golding Football club are offering FREE football sessions for your child to

experience football training.

We believe that team cooperation and physical wellbeing of children are im-

portant building blocks of your child's development.

They will experience the joy of team sport with children their own age and build confidence on the pitch.

The event allows your child a taster experience of our club.

Stoke Golding FC are run by fully qualified coaches FA level 1 coaches.

Stoke Golding Youth FC Enquires to club secretary footballpartons@btinternet.com

All you need is a drink and suitable footwear such as trainers or football boots.

#### Ten of a Kind: July/August 2018 (answers page 20)

First of all: an apology. Last month's Ten of a Kind contained an error in the last question. Iceland beat England in the 2016 European Championships not the 2014 World Cup as quoted in the question.

Now, as the long, hot summer days beckon, here are ten questions about summer.

- 1. In which year was the social phenomenon, The Summer of Love?
- 2. Which band's debut single, In the Summertime, reached number one in the UK charts in1970?
- 3. Which country has hosted the most summer Olympic games?
- 4. "Sumer Is Icumin In" is the oldest known example of what?
- 5. In which Asian capital city would you find the Summer Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site?
- 6. Which two actors sang the duet Summer Nights in the film version of the musical Grease?
- 7. In which town in West Yorkshire was the TV comedy series Last of the Summer Wine filmed?
- 8. The summer solstice falls within three days in June. What are they?
- 9. What is the name of the Queen of the Fairies in Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream?
- 10. In Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, what was, "done all on a summer's day?"

Stoke Golding website: www.stokegolding.co.uk

#### Latitude

You may recall from last month's edition, Stoke Golding and Dadlington lie on the co-ordinates 1.4° west and 52.6° north. Unlike the lines of longitude running north to south, lines of latitude, or parallels, are all of different length, numbered according to the number of degrees north or south of the equator they are, the equator being 0 degrees. The north and south poles are at 90° and the other named lines of latitude are the Arctic and Antarctic Circles at about 66° and the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn at about 23°.

If you were to travel along the 15,000 miles of 52.6° north, you would leave the UK at Great Yarmouth and initially visit The Netherlands, Germany, Poland and Belarus. For 6,000 miles you would travel through Russia with brief excursions into Kazakhstan and China. You would also transverse 4,000 miles of Canada before reaching the Atlantic. A short hop across the pond would bring you to Ireland and finally back into Britain at Twynn on the Welsh coast. You'd have passed through six cities en route: Peterborough, Berlin and Wolverhampton and the less well known Russian cities Biysk and Angarsk and Poland's first capital city, Plock.

The different lengths of each line of latitude have caused considerable problems to map makers. If you look at the most commonly used map of the world, the Mercator's projection, you will see the equator is the same length on the map as the Arctic Circle, which in reality is less than half as long. This means that countries become distorted and stretched the closer they are to either pole. So Greenland appears much bigger than Australia when, in reality, Australia is over three times bigger. Other mapmakers have tried different ways to create a world map that more accurately reflects the relative size of countries but none are perfect. The parallels have often been used to settle borders when new states and countries have been formed. A map of USA states shows a host of horizontal lines, whilst the border with Canada follows the 49th parallel in the west and the 45th in the east.

The equator, the imaginary 24,901 mile long line that runs around the centre of the earth, is actually longer than the lines of longitude running through the poles. This is because the earth is not a perfect sphere: it bulges around the equator. Mount Chimborazo in Ecuador would be the highest mountain in the world if measurements were taken from the centre of the earth rather than from sea level. The speed that we spin in space decreases as we get closer to either pole. Someone on the equator will travel nearly 25,000 miles in a day whilst someone a mile from the North Pole will only go about three miles. This, along with the fact that the poles are closer to the centre of the earth than the bulging equator, means that gravity gets very slightly weaker as you move towards the equator. Forget about crash diets: if you want to lose weight go south and climb a mountain.

#### **Church Matters**



#### From St Margaret's Church

#### When and why do we pray?

Many people will say that they pray at significant moments in their lives: When a family member has a health scare; the day of a job interview; walking into an exam room; during a crisis in relationships. It can seem natural to cry out to God.

But we don't necessarily have to have a problem to pray. We can be moved to prayer by the beauty around us – the view from the top of a hill; the intricacy of a flower in our garden; a stunning sunset. There are times that we want to express both pain and joy in prayer.

Or we may simply want to know if there is something that can make sense of life.

I know that many people, myself included, can sometimes have trouble praying. Even Jesus' disciples found prayer difficult, so they asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. And so he taught them the prayer that we know today as the Lord's Prayer. It is straight forward and to the point and is used daily all around the world.

In essence, prayer is basically having conversation with God. It can be like talking to a friend or family member, and can be in all sorts of situations from a still and quiet location to the busyness of a shopping centre. We don't need to use unfamiliar words or use a special voice. We can pray out loud or silently. God knows how we are feeling, he accepts us just as we are and we can talk to him about anything.

Jesus says: 'Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with them and they with me.'

Everyone can pray: The young, the old, the rich, the poor, the strong, the weak, in joy, in sorrow, in any nation, in any language, all can pray. Why don't you give it a try?

Wishing you God's blessings Linda

#### Answers to Ten of a Kind

1. 1967, 2. Mungo Jerry, 3. USA – 4 times, 4. A written down musical composition, 5. Beijing, China, 6. John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John, 7. Holmfirth, 8. June 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9. Titania, 10. The Queen of Hearts made some tarts.

#### **Church Matters**

Church of England July Services					
St. Margaret's Church			St. James's Church		
1st	10.30am	All Age Service	1st	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
8th	10.30pm	Benefice Stoke Golding	8th	10.30am	Benefice Stoke Golding
15th	10.30am	Holy Communion	15th	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
22nd	10.30am	Morning Worship	22nd	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
29th	10.30am	Benefice Witherley	29th	10.30am	Benefice Witherley

Church of England August Services					
	St. Margaret's Church			St. Jam	es's Church
5th	10.30am	All Age Service	5th	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
12th	10.30pm	Benefice Higham	12th	10.30am	Benefice Higham
19th	10.30am	Holy Communion	19th	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
26th	10.30am	Morning Worship	26th	9 00am	BCP Morning Prayer

July 2018 Services					
1st	10.30am	Mr John Cooke			
8th	10.30am	Revd Dr Tim Woolley			
15th	10.30am	T.B.A			
22nd	10.30am	Mr Charles Davies			
29th	10.30am	Mr Michael Holt			

**The Methodist Church** 

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1st	6pm	Malcolm Welch
8th	6pm	Bill McIntyre
15th	6pm	Steven Connor
22nd	6pm	Richard Cotton
29th	6pm	Malcolm Welch

Zion Baptist Chapel

# August 2018 Services 5th 10.30am Mr John Cooke 12th 10.30am Mrs Joan Ledson 19th 10.30am Revd Michael Haighton 26th 10.30am Mrs Gwen Coley

The Methodist Church

	Augus	t 2018 Services
5th	6pm	Wynne Richards
12th	6pm	Malcolm Welch
19th	6pm	Bill McIntyre
26th	6pm	John Todd

**Zion Baptist Chapel** 

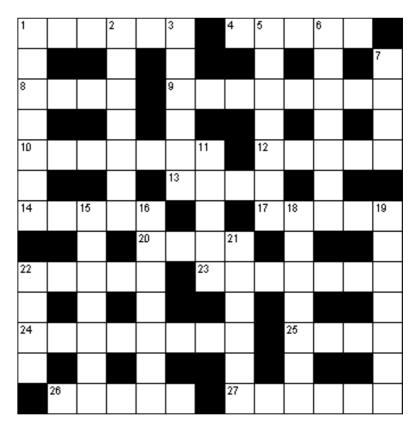
#### BACKSTAGE WHISPERS - (Resting No.1)

Having embarked on this rather perilous journey of my life in theatre-land, I have to admit that a very large part of an actor's life is between jobs, which is amusingly referred to as 'resting'. To the actor however, it's not amusing at all – it's just a fact of this way of life and we all have to find a 'second string to our bow' as a way of paying the bills. The number of times I've used actor friends to paint and decorate. They are usually highly creative and love to follow the ideas they are given, and because of the friendship – quite often having worked together in a show – it becomes a fun project together, plus the financial benefits on both sides. Others work in bars and restaurants, or do temp' work of all kinds. Of course there is the option of 'signing on' but this can get complicated, when you get a 'voice-over' or something similar which only takes one day's paid employment. This has to be declared, and the whole 'signing on' has to start again from the beginning, filling in forms and ticking boxes, standing in queues forever.

Once I had a great stroke of luck when I was wondering how to make a bit extra to buy my three children some fancy Christmas presents. While I was discussing this with another parent, they suggested signing them up with a Children's Commercial Agency, to appear in those adverts which use 'winsomely appealing' small tots for everything from baked beans to breakfast cereals. This meant getting 'winsomely appealing' photos done, and then we were well away. Auditions for all three, came in plenty of time for buying the Christmas presents. Our three children thoroughly enjoyed themselves with all the other children they met at the studios. I teamed-up with another girlfriend and her two small kids who were already friends of ours, and we enjoyed the 'shoots' together as chaperones. However this was just the beginning of a new fascinating 'bow to my string' for me. The agency was situated opposite a Further Education College, and I suddenly got a phone call asking whether I would be interested in teaching an extracurricular subject to the students on the secretarial courses. Meeting the principal I discovered this was to be called SPD or 'Speech and Personality Development' and I could plan my classes which-way I liked! What I didn't know when I agreed, was what fun I was going to have with all my future students, between jobs on stage and 'telly' and what happy memories I still have of our times together. (to be continued).....

Beth





#### CROSSWORD WHICH THIS MONTH HAS A LOT OF 'FISHY' CLUES

#### **Across**

- 1 & 4A Most popular meal in a fish shop (3-3-4) 1 Seaside molluscs sometimes with
- 4 see 1A
- 8 Hard shelled animal that walks sideways (4)
- 9 Fish that provides caviar (8)
- 10 Detests (7)
- 12 Photo (5)
- 13 See 14A
- 14 Shagreen is this fish's outer layer (5-4)
- 17 To shine (5)
- 20 Go 'inside' (4)
- 22 Go over what has already been said (5)
- 23 Facial feature (7)
- 24 Piece of cauliflower (8)
- 25 Popular fish sandwich often with sweetcorn (4)
- 26 A Romany (5)
- 27 To go through a book again (6)

#### Down

- mussels (7)
- 2 Someone who decides a dispute (7)
- 3 Items on a menu (6)
- 5 Fish normally pickled (7)
- 6 Get a meal ready (7)
- 7 Joint in leg (4)
- 11 A fish for Torville & Dean? (5)
- 15 Small salty tasting fish (7)
- 16 Smoked breakfast fish (7)
- 18 Large expensive hard shelled animal (7)
- 19 Male duck (7)
- 21 Mollusc with a pearl (6)
- 22 Basic 'boat' of wooden planks (4)

"I have recently been appointed Tree Warden by the Parish Council, which I have now volunteered to do."

This first sentence appeared on my emails a few days ago, and after a few more paragraphs, it ended with; "Can you help me please." My interest was aroused, but I'm not very good at repeating other folk's activities, unless I know much about the subject, but I love meeting new people, so I got in touch with the sender, and we arranged to meet.

Karen's arrival for coffee was punctual to the very minute that we had agreed, and I immediately knew that this tall slender woman would be very much committed to the task she had taken on. However, as she stressed to me. she felt as a newcomer to the village, that she was concerned not to appear 'too pushy'. Although she only moved in a year ago she had already come to the decision that our community was a very caring one, especially when it came to the conservation of our beautiful rural surroundings. Another sentence that caught my attention is as follows; "I have been concerned with the number of trees which are disappearing from the village..." She wonders if the interests of the community are being taken on board, and I am assuming that this is a subject she has taken to heart. She also brings up the problem of maintaining the drainage system as Hinckley Road was again flooded last winter, and her own garden was under water for four months. I soon realise that Karen really cares for this village, and begin to find out a little more about this enthusiastic activist in our midst. Although she only moved in last July, Karen's parents lived here since 1975. She inherited the bungalow in 2011 after the death of her father, with whom she was very close, and often stayed with him in his later years. Deciding it was too soon to move in at once, she then rented it out for six years.

The family originally lived in Buckhurst Hill near Woodford and her childhood was spent roaming around the glorious Epping Forest. "Perhaps that's where my love of trees comes from." After finishing her grammar school education, she began commuting to London, working and being trained in Insurance. By the age of 21 she wanted to get out of London and moved to Bristol. "Why Bristol?" I ask — "Did you have friends there?" Her reply is indicative of her personality; "No, I just put a pin in the map and began applying for jobs in insurance." She bought her first property there by the age of 22, met her husband to be, a Dental student, and helped him setting up his first practice, looking after the business side of it. By 1977 they moved to Norfolk, just before her first child was born. She has three children, two boys and a girl, now, of course grown up with their own families, living in Yorkshire, West Wales, and Utrecht in Holland.

Sadly she and her husband separated and, although a single Mum of three pre-teen and teenage children, she went to East Anglia University studying English History and Philosophy. Her parents were very supportive, and the children often stayed with them, getting to know the village well.

This brings us full circle and, apart from trees and their conservation, she loves gardening and reading and has already joined the Book Group and a couple of gardening groups. I think our trees are safe in her very capable hands.

Thank you Karen.

Beth



Here is a photograph of the ancient oak on the corner of Hinckley Road taken just before it was felled. We featured it in our November 2016 Stoker Karen says

"I do feel that it would be in the interests of the village if a record of important trees was raised (my role as Tree Warden) and a discussion on the impact of trees and property and people. The oak outside my property takes up 200 gallons of water an hour in the growing season (RHS); an alternative figure is 20,000 gallons per year. "

Food for thought - eds

#### Kitchen Corner

#### **GAZPACHO**

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 Clove of Garlic, peeled and chopped
6 Large, ripe Tomatoes
1 Large Onion
1 Large Green Pepper
1 Cucumber
5 tblsp. Olive Oil
4 tblsp. Lemon Juice
Salt, Cayenne Pepper
3/4 Pint (425ml.) Tomato Juice
Croutons

#### **METHOD**

Roughly chop 4 of the tomatoes, half of the onion, quarter of the pepper and half of the cucumber. Firstly blend the tomatoes and garlic in a liquidiser, then add the onion, pepper and cucumber and blend again. Strain the mixture through a sieve into a large bowl, pushing the mixture through with a spatula. Chill in the refrigerator. Just before serving, blend together the olive oil, lemon juice, salt, a pinch of cayenne pepper and the tomato juice. Stir into the chilled vegetable mixture and add a few blocks of ice.

Chop the remaining tomatoes, pepper, onion and cucumber for the garnish and put each into separate bowls. Place the prepared croutons in another bowl. Serve the soup and let your guests help themselves to the garnishes, whichever takes their fancy.

Lovely on a hot summer's day, Avis

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

Public participation

A resident queried the difficulty pushing the new roundabout. It was agreed that the Clerk continues to liaise with the contractor to resolve this issue and a further issue with safety surface.

Matters arising from May's Meeting:

Updates:

Stoke Road pathway -

A reply from LCC was noted; due to lack of funding, work would only be possible as part of a large-scale scheme.

Convent Drive play area -

HBBC Planning is awaiting the signed legal agreement which will enable approval of the planning application and work to commence to make the play area accessible to the public. The Clerk to request a date for expected resolution of this matter. County Cllr Ould to raise with the Local Safeguarding Children's Board.

Memorial grave repairs -

It was noted that EIP funding of 50% has been confirmed and work on the final phase of repairs will commence after the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

Ground maintenance -

Additional work to wildflower meadow at Wykin Lane Cemetery was agreed at a cost of £295.00.

It was also noted that the area in front of the post office has been cleared and weed killed.

It was agreed to proceed with the planting of 12 apple trees, at a cost of £20 per tree + the cost of stakes and guards.

Village Planters -

The summer planting has been carried out at a cost of £331.46. Thanks were noted for the volunteers.

Cemetery Administration -

The expenses of the Cemetery Administrator for 2017/18 were agreed at a cost of £83.71.

Reports of Council representatives and Clerk:

Cllr Smith reported on the Hinckley Road bus shelter – it was noted that it was safe and a report of necessary maintenance work was still pending.

Cllr Beale reported on the building materials stored on Church Walks – it was noted that clearance of the site had commenced.

Planning Application Matters:

New Applications:

12 Station Road – T1 oak – fell. The PC is concerned at the number of oak trees being felled in the village and request that everything possible is done to save this tree. T2 Sycamore – fell. Removal of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension.

4 Greenwood Road – variation of condition 2 of planning permission to enlarge single storey rear extension previously approved.

Laburnum Cottage, High Street – variation of conditions 2,10 and 12 of planning permission to amend the previously approved landscaping scheme and landscape management plan.

1 Crown Hill Close, SG - works to tree.

Permissions approved:

The Blacksmiths, 37 Andrew Close – T1, T2 holly - crown reduction to 3m in height, T3 conifer – reduce to 2m in height.

Westmorland Farm, Rogues Lane, Hinckley – new detached garage.

Laburnum Cottage, High Street – demolition of garage and erection of 5 dwellings with access and provision of community orchard.

22 Station Road – two storey side/rear extension.

Neighbourhood Plan:

The next NPAC meeting will be on 18th June 2018.

The Site Allocations document is still pending.

It was agreed to enter into a Data Sharing Agreement with the RCC for storage of data from the NP questionnaires.

Works at Hinckley Road Cemetery

Wall and Gate Damage

It was noted that the contractor has made a claim for the wall against their insurance and will update the PC when to proceed with work.

Ditch

Cllrs Pegg and Terheege to meet with the resident to discuss the matter.

Boundary

Cllr Goodsell raised concerns about the state of the boundary which were noted.

Litter Basket

The Clerk to seek prices for a double enclosed replacement bin and to request funding from the Charity of Thomas Barton.

Tree Warden

It was agreed that the tree Warden should start to look at possible sites for new trees in the village in the future.

Churchyard Gates

The Charity of Thomas Barton will fund this work and the work has been logged with the Diocese of Leicester OFS. Work will commence the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

Wicker apple

The wicker apple will be displayed at an exhibition in Regents Park, London and will then be stored by Tom Hare until the Parish Council is ready to install in the village. Recreation Field – car park extension

The Clerk will prepare a job specification and together with Cllrs Pegg and Smith will seek quotes for a car park extension.

Remembrance Day service

It was agreed to have 2 wreaths for Remembrance Day.

The Scout Group would like to lay individual handmade wreaths and to read the names, and also intend to arrange a Peace Tea after the service.

The bell ringers may be able to ring a 'Quarter Peal' after the service.

Cllr Smith to ask the White Swan if they would be willing to light the beacon.

Data Protection

The Parish Council is now compliant with GDPR.

Communications received by the Chairman of the council

Written

- Stoke Golding Adult FB Club request for pitch hire was noted but declined.
- Stoke Golding Youth FB Club query regarding pitch hire was noted. The Clerk to wait for information from HBBC and then reply to the club.
- Cricket Club request for a car park sign was agreed.

- Resident's idea for recreation field facilities was noted. Cllr Smith to meet with resident to discuss further.
- Stoke Golding Garden Show Committee donation to sponsor a class request was agreed at a cost of £60.00.
- Resident's comments regarding traffic speed issues were noted. The Clerk to reply and forward the concerns to the haulage company in question. Information regarding RCC/HBBC Good Neighbour Scheme was noted. *Any Other Business*
- Cllr Fisher reported on the state of the jitty. Parish Council to carry out emergency work. Clerk to seek price from Groundsman.
- Cllr Beale suggested that a donation to the First Responders should be considered in the future.
- Clir Goodsell reported on the bench in Main Street and the Battle of Bosworth Sculpture Trail.

Cllr Smith raised concerns regarding data protection during Parish Council meeting when public are in attendance. Clerk to seek advice from LRALC.

Next meeting: Methodist Hall, Wednesday 4<sup>h</sup> July 2018 at 7pm



#### **Obituaries**



We offer our sincere condolences to the families and friends of the following residents who have recently passed away.

#### **Cynthia Quinney**

Cynthia passed away peacefully at home on 27th May. Much loved wife of Ron, dear Sister-in-law to Janet and cousin to Ann, Sue, Sandra and the late Margaret. The funeral service took place at The Heart of England Crematorium, Nuneaton, on Friday 15th June at 11 am. Donations if desired to the Mary Ann Evans Hospice at Home Team and Manor District Nursing Team may be sent via Devall & Son Funeral Directors, The Green, Attleborough, Nuneaton.

#### **Edna Geary**

Edna passed away peacefully on 1st June aged 97 years. Beloved wife of the late Kim and loving mum to Rosemary and mum-in-law to Bill, nan to David and 'grandma Edna' to Danielle. Edna and Kim ran the George & Dragon public house in Stoke Golding for 40 years from 1946-1986, following on from Kim's father who was the publican for 30 years. The funeral service was held on 15th June at St Margaret's Church, Stoke Golding, followed by burial at the Hinckley Road Cemetery. Donations, if desired, to St. Margaret's Church, Stoke Golding.



#### **Obituaries**



#### Chris Gash

Chris Gash passed away peacefully on 29th April at The Leicester Royal Infirmary. Loving brother to Valerie and the late Stephen. A very caring uncle to Guy, Chris, Robert, Anthony and Louise. He will be greatly missed by all his loving family and many parishioners. Reverend Gash was the incumbent of the two parishes of Stoke Golding and Dadlington from 1989 until 2001. Chris was well known for his lengthy home visits ,which, having only the two parishes in his care, he was able to do. Chris also looked after his mother, who lived in Church Walk. His funeral service was held at St Margaret's Church on 30th May, followed by a private cremation.

Donations, if so desired, to St Margaret's Church.

#### **Olive Irene Rogers**

Olive passed away peacefully at home on 9t h May aged 98 years. Beloved wife of the late Steve, mother to Margaret and Michael, mother-in-law to Karen, nana to Louise, Dale, James and Georgina and great nana to Chelsea and Zac. Olive had lived all of her life in Stoke Golding, most of it in the house where she sadly passed away. Olive and Steve moved to the Close when they were first married and Olive was instrumental in the naming of the close - Pine Close. The funeral service was held at the Stoke Golding Methodist Church followed by burial in Hinckley Road Cemetery.

Donations if so desired to Stoke Golding Methodist Church.

#### Ivy Causer

Ivy Causer of Sherwood Road, Stoke Golding, sadly passed away on 1st May aged 95 years. Beloved wife of Ray and mum to Graham and the late David, the two sons of her first marriage. Ivy was born in Plumstead and during World War Two she worked in the Royal Woolwich Arsenal, preparing and assembling bombs. Ivy and Ray came to Stoke Golding in 1985, first to Whitemoors Close and then to Sherwood Road. They enjoyed using their narrow boat on the canals and rivers of the UK and holidays spent much further afield. Ivy also enjoyed sewing, music and embroidery. The funeral service took place on 4th June and donations can be made to the Adam Bede Ward at the George Eliot Hospital or The Salus Dementia Care.

#### Rosemary Ann Dodd

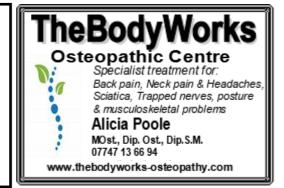
Rosemary Dodd of Stoke Golding passed away peacefully on 4th June aged 71 years with her family by her side. Beloved mother, grandma, daughter, sister, aunty and a dear friend to many. The funeral service was held on 19th June at the Heart of England Crematorium, Nuneaton. Donations in Rosemary's memory can be made to LOROS via Co-operative Funeralcare/A.J Murray, 48 Lower Bond Street, Hinckley LE10 1QU



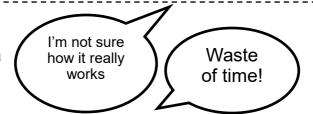
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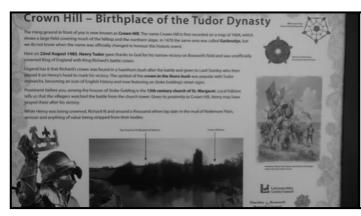
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#### Signs Pop up over Marina Bridge

Does anvone have information about the two signs about the Battle of Bosworth that have recently appeared either side of the Marina bridge along the canal? If so we would be very interested for next month's magazine. *Eds* 

#### CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Across 1&4 Cod and chips; 8 Crab; 9 Sturgeon; 10 Loathes; 12 Image; 13 see 14a; 14 Shark skin; 17 Gleam; 20 Into; 22 Recap; 23 Eyeball; 24 Floweret; 25 Tuna; 26 Gvpsv: 27 Re-read

Down 1 Cockles; 2 Arbiter; 3 Dishes; 5 Herring; 6 Prepare; 7 Knee; 11 Skate; 15 Anchovy; 16 Kippers; 18 Lobster; 19 Mallard; 21 Oyster; 22 Raft

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