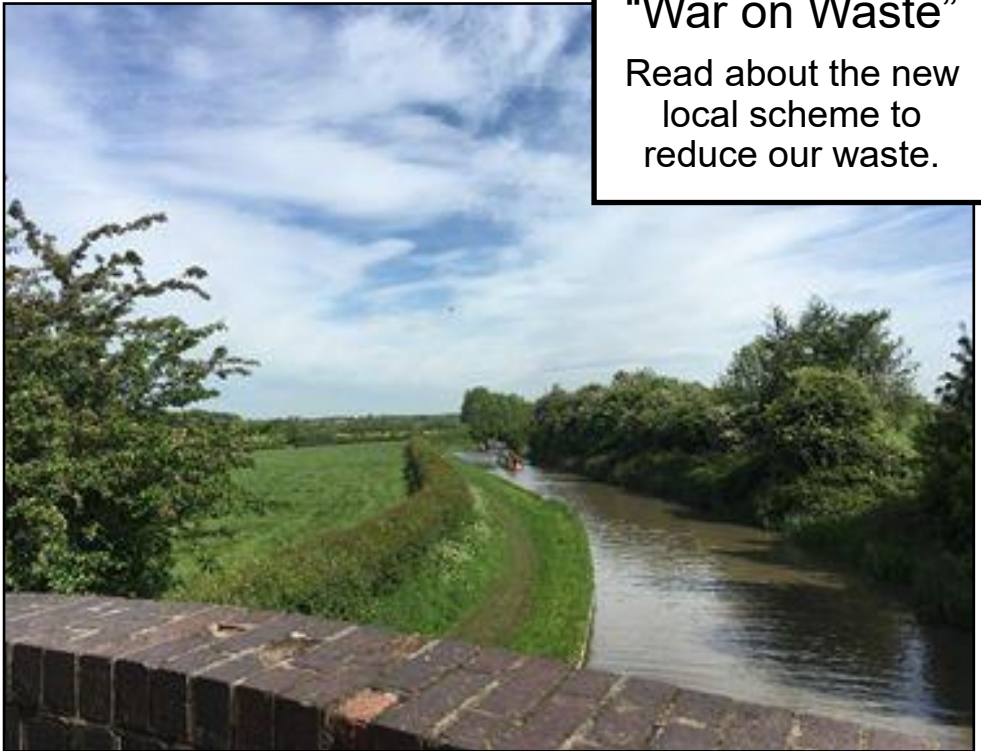


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Note from the Editors



Hello again! I edited the first issue of 2019 and I can't believe we're halfway through the year already and here I am again! It's been a pleasure, once again, for me to edit this bumper issue for the summer. There certainly is plenty to look forward to in our villages – tea /coffee and cake gatherings, fundraisers, a flower and a scarecrow festival and the 90th anniversary celebrations for the Stoke Golding Club.

There are so many aspects that show we have a friendly, lively and imaginative community and we care about the planet too, hence the new War on Waste initiative.

In this world of digital communication, we do value having our little magazine as a printed publication for readers to enjoy, but printing costs have increased due to using colour for our cover and centre pages and the number of pages in the magazine has swelled too. Therefore, it is necessary to increase the price of the Stoker to 70p per issue from September.

For those who subscribe, £7 will be collected in September to begin your yearly subscription for 10 issues from the start of October. September's issue for subscribers is free, as the cost for the printing of the Dec 2018 issue was generously covered by a donation from the Charity of Thomas Barton. It would be very much appreciated if you could have £7 ready in an envelope ready for when your collector calls.

Do enjoy this issue with your feet up and your favourite beverage and can I wish you, on behalf of the Stoker team, a very happy summer.

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

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

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Cover picture: Stoke Golding canal by Sally Halstead

Stoke Golding's War on Waste

Is your garage full? Your attic maybe? Do you have things you no longer use and no longer need? An apple tree that produces more than you can use? An abundance of tomatoes? Perhaps you are a keen gardener who has skills to share in exchange for a birthday cake you would like making, maybe you want to read a new book but can't buy one and the library isn't convenient - someone could lend it to you.

I started Stoke Golding's War on Waste to tackle waste within our community - wasted goods, wasted time, wasted skills, wasted food. Every year millions of tonnes of household goods, clothing and other purchases end up in landfill sites up and down the country. Environmental issues are big news and while the governments and business make changes, we can also make changes in small ways that have a big impact to not only the environment around us but that also helps the needs of others.

If you are on Facebook please look for the group 'Stoke Golding War on Waste' and join our growing community of people looking to rehome items, to swap skills, share recipes, give excess produce and more.

Alternatively please email me at sgwow@gmail.com and anything you might need or any questions you have I can post to our community on your behalf.

Sally Halstead

Stoke Golding Scarecrow Festival

Stoke Golding is hosting its very own **Scarecrow Festival** on Sunday 25th August to coincide with the Club's ninetieth birthday celebrations. Whilst the venue for the main event has still to be finalised, organisers have confirmed there will be stalls and a bouncy castle and any profits will go to local charities and community groups.



Anyone wishing to join in the fun making a scarecrow needs to have it completed and on display by Friday 23rd August ready for judging. There will be prizes for the judges choice and the public choice. A £5 entrance fee to enter the scarecrow competition will be charged.

The festival organisers would be interested to hear from you if:

- you would like a stall on the day
- you can donate a raffle prize or provide sponsorship
- you would like to advertise in the trail programme
- you can help on the day of the festival

For more information please contact Rachel Tel: 07388 521582 or email: rachelle74@me.com

More details of the Festival will be posted on the Stoke Golding Community Facebook page and on the village notice board.

Stoke Golding Football Club

A summary of an exciting season!



The 2018/19 football season has drawn to a close and it's given us an incredible race for the Premier League title as well as two thrilling semi finals in the Champions League (even though the final didn't quite live up to its billing).

Closer to home, and it's been another great season for teams of all ages at Stoke Golding Football Club.

In their first year, the Under 6's started learning basic skills of passing, dribbling, and tackling. They have now played a number of friendlies against local opposition and have even played in their first tournament. The coach, Rob Parker, is already looking forward to next season and said, "The boys have had a lot of fun, played with a smile on their faces and have been a pleasure to coach."

An amazing season for the U8's has seen them develop into a really strong group. A brilliant run of results will see them move up another level next season for the second successive year. This has been topped off by winning two end of season tournaments. The first was a 14 team tournament that saw them win all six of their group games without conceding a goal, before going on to win the semi final and final. The last event of the season was another tournament where the boys again got their hands on the silverware after some brilliant team displays.

The U10 side have also tasted success this season after winning their cup competition. Dave Sandall, who has been coaching the side for four years, said that this was just reward for the team's effort, determination, and team spirit, and he's looking forward to the challenges next year as the team steps up to 9-a-side matches on larger pitches.

Finally, the U11 side have had another good season, culminating in a tournament at Butlins, Skegness where they reached the semi finals, but were beaten by a team from Manchester. Their coach, Jason Hickman, was proud of the team's performances as well as their respectful behaviour both on and off the pitch. He went on to say, "Most of all we have had a blast, and seeing the boys being together as a group of friends will hopefully stay with them forever."

Whether it's at the Bernabeu or Butlin's, football is there to be enjoyed and the kids at Stoke Golding FC have certainly had fun this year. Bring on next season!

(Photos on page 16)

Scout Group News - Getting Near the End of Term!

The Scouts have been embarking on their skills challenge badge which, regular readers of The Stoker will realise, is a hard badge consisting of many parts. They have been preparing a two-course meal from scratch and learning how to light fires and cook sausages!

The Cubs have been working on their athletes badge and have a final part to do. They have also been doing their cyclists badge. They had a practical night learning how to oil a bike, mend a puncture, made a poster about bike safety and the importance of locking bikes, reflective gear and helmets. A BIG thank you to some of the Thursday night cyclists - Rob, Andy, Richard and Jim for coming along to help the Cubs complete their badge, they couldn't have done it without them.

Unfortunately the night planned for the cycle ride at Mallory Park was the night when there was a month of rain in 2 days so the ride was cancelled and will happen later.

Talking about rain, 14 intrepid Beavers turned up, many clad in



waterproof trousers and tops, and had a fun time jumping in large puddles all the way to the Battlefield Centre from Sutton Cheney Wharf and, guess what? - they jumped all the way back and had a great time despite the soggy conditions. This was part of their Explorer badge.

The Beavers have also completed part of their adventure challenge badge by

making a trail, making sculptures and pictures out of vegetation and learning about the country code.

So, despite all the rain, they have had fun as we roll on to the end of term.

Jennifer

Camino de Santiago – Pilgrim Path through North-West Spain

If you enjoy walking through leafy lanes, passing tiny hamlets, and into small, unspoilt towns, with a few hills and varied forest areas (including eucalyptus), the Camino may be for you. We crossed rivers and brooks by bridge, stepping stones and elongated stride, but we were so fortunate with dry weather! No wet socks to change, nor discomfort from drenched clothing...



I had the privilege of travelling with a group of 17, four of whom I knew well. Each of us probably had a different reason for making the trip, although most of us belong to a church in this area, Kibworth or Market Harborough. I had two principal reasons for embarking on the adventure: I wanted to do the walk in memory of my Mum who had a Catholic education, and I had never been to Spain. Also, it dawned on me that the church in Dadlington is dedicated to St James the Greater, the saint whose bones are said to be held in the cathedral in Santiago (which takes its name from St James).

Now comes confession time: we walked the Camino the easy way, carrying in our backpacks only what was necessary for the day. Our group leader (more used to guiding folks on the ascent of Mont Blanc!) had organised our overnight accommodation, evening meal, and breakfast, as well as transport of each person's suitcase to the day's destination. I greatly admire those who, like our Rector Linda, carry everything they need with them, and rely on spaces in dormitories along the way. Having told you that, we did walk the prescribed distance every day, varying from 5.6 to 11.8 miles, for 9 days. Others passed us, on foot, on bicycles, and one couple were on horseback, all permitted to gain the official certificate of completion of the Camino.

Our Pilgrim Passport is a record of stamps from the churches and chapels we visited, the overnight stops, and the various points at which we were refreshed – wonderful coffee made with steaming hot milk, or freshly squeezed orange juice or just a humble bottle of ice cold water. The local specialities of almond cake, different filled omelettes and a meat or tuna pie all went down well. Once we reached our day's destination, ice cream, Spanish beer and 'tasters' from the hostleries kept us going until our late evening meal. The hospitality was remarkable! Some of us were adventurous enough to sample the local dish of seafood paella containing baby squid and octopus (calamari).



The grey colour of the rice was off-putting, but really tasted very good. At the end of the walk, we entered Santiago cathedral square through an archway TOGETHER, despite 'blisters on blisters', our 80-year-old having fallen in the garden the week before, and a lady who sprained her ankle on the second day. The journey had been as important as our destination. We made new friends along the way, and deepened relationships. The whole experience was spiritually uplifting, even if exhausting. We are planning a reunion, and perhaps even another pilgrimage... And I want to go back to Santiago: it's beautiful.

Carolyn Patullo

Ten of a Kind – July 19

At this time of year, our thoughts turn to summer holidays: sun, sea and sand. Here are ten questions with a link to 'sand'. How many can you answer? (Answers on page 30)

1. Sandie Shaw's 1967 Eurovision Song Contest song was the first winning entry for the UK. What was the song?
2. What is the name of the affluent peninsula at the mouth of Poole Harbour where land value, by area, is the 4th most expensive in the world?
3. In European folklore, what does the Sandman do?
4. What was the nom de plume that French novelist and Chopin's lover, Amantine Lucile-Aurore Dupin used when she wrote?
5. In which 1978 film does John Travolta sing a song called 'Sandy'?
6. Sandown Park is one of four Surrey horse racing racecourses. Can you name the other three?
7. What kind of creature is a sandpiper?
8. On which geographical feature was Jesus when, according to St. Matthew's gospel, he told his followers about the foolish man who built his house upon the sand?
9. There are three types of rock: sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous. What kind is sandstone?
10. Which food item could you make with a bridie, or a scuffler, or a barm or a bora, depending which part of the UK you live in?

Lime Trees in Summer

Walk near a Lime tree in flower in late June or early July and you will be sure to be intoxicated with the sweetest scent. Combined with the delicately drooping heart shaped leaf the tree is the source of much romantic poetry, particularly on the continent.

'O the scent of the limes on the linden tree!
How it brings the love-days back to me,
How it wakens the mem'ries of long ago
Of summer months with their sunlit glow
And the hum of bees in pastures green
And the purling of streams which wound between,
And sequestered haunts we used to know
When we were young in the Long Ago.'

Jeffrey Dolezal

Hrbek

Park your car underneath the branches and the aphids attracted to the same blooms will leave a sticky honeydew mess behind, which, as the season progresses turns to a sooty fungal mould.

The small leaved lime (*Tilia cordata*) was the dominant tree in Lowland England around 4,000 BC. The region stretched north and west from the southern counties to the Humber Estuary, Welsh borders and Devon. It is now a rare tree, surviving in only a few ancient woodlands in Suffolk and Essex and as a specimen tree occasionally elsewhere. It remains a mystery as to why the tree disappeared. Like most native trees it regenerates after felling and as a standing tree will not burn. One possible cause was disease, a phytophthora root rot or climate change - who knows.

Revival came with the development of parks and gardens in the eighteenth and nineteenth century in the form of a hybrid between the small and large leaved lime (*Tilia vulgaris*). Many large country estates planted avenues of limes along rides and drives. Houses like Sandringham planted pleached espalier lime to provide a walk for ladies away from the direct rays of the sun and as the tree proved amenable to training this extended to arbours, tunnels and arches which are still popular today.

Karen Jones

A Journey in Flowers - - Methodist Church Flower Festival

The end of May bank holiday was the date for the Methodist church flower festival and the theme was "A journey in Flowers". The arrangements varied from Lands End, Norfolk, the Angel of the North and Scotland with the compulsory Loch Ness Monster. Obviously not the real one as I doubt if that would fit into the church!

Yet again I am amazed by the ingenuity and creativity of the flower arrangers and their ideas behind the themes.

It was also lovely to see contributions by Stoke Golding mums and tots which were very colourful.

I of course had to wander into the hall for the compulsory tea and cake to sample. I believe the Victoria sponge cake with cream and strawberries was particularly delicious. A very pleasant time was spent having a bit of a chat with some locals including Bob, one of Stoke Golding's older residents.

The Methodist church members were very welcoming and worked hard to cater for everyone including those filtering in for their ploughman's lunch which looked appealing as well.

Jennifer

(Photos on page 16)

Thank Yous

To the people who visited and those who worked hard at the recent Methodist's Flower Festival a big Thank you, and also to the Trustees of the Barton Trust for their generous donation. This helped us to raise £2,227 for church funds.

Many thanks to you all

Margaret Lomax

Many thanks to those who contributed to *Christian Aid* in May. I was able to send off a cheque for £160 towards the current projects *Christian Aid* is campaigning for. All donations are gratefully received.



Carolyn Patullo

Every so often in the world of news reporting, something comes along which seems to receive a disproportionate amount of exposure. These items seem to occur in what the journalists refer to as a slow news week, usually these days when there is a lull in the Brexit proceedings.

One such event recently was the demise of the Hollywood screen icon Doris Day. I have to say that the news came as something of a surprise to me as I had been labouring under the delusion that she had shuffled off to the great stage set in the sky decades ago. Although no doubt a fine exponent of the art of acting and, in all probability as good an all- round egg as ever trod the boards, it still seemed to me that the amount of airtime devoted to her passing had a marked tendency towards the generous end of the spectrum.

If you are detecting a hint of bitterness in the general tone then may I speak on behalf of an impressionable 10 year old who, in the late 1950's, had been forcibly taken with his much loved, but fairly insistent, maiden aunt to a showing of the film Pillow Talk. Older readers will, no doubt, recall that this cinematographic offering featured not only the aforementioned recently deceased, but her male counterpart of many similar offerings, one Rock Hudson. This innocent, if slightly press ganged child, was to fall hook line and sinker for the image of romantic bliss, pursued in a manner of utmost chastity, offered up by the Hollywood machine. Imagine then the anguish that ensued in later years with the revelation that Miss Day experienced four failed attempts at the state of marital bliss and furthermore it transpired that Mr Hudson's emotional proclivities were parked very firmly on the other bus.

Whilst still wrestling with the concept of gullibility, the young child was now subjected to another barrage of misinformation from the evolving world of television advertising. One tinkling advertisement would have us believe that a Double Diamond works wonders. Though they could scarcely be described as such, the wonders turned out to include cirrhosis and obesity. The only true wonder was how they ever managed to sell any of this awful liquid that, in the words of Noel Coward, so closely resembled the sulphuric urinations of an aged horse. If this assault on our health was not enough, we were reliably informed that a Mars a day would help us work, rest and play. No mention of diabetes and in all probability the only thing it would help would be your dentist in the purchase of his new BMW.

When Mrs Fool wakes in the wee small hours wondering why the fates have decreed that she should share a roof with an ageing, cynical curmudgeon who delights in ranting at the television, the answer is very simple.

Blame it all on Doris Day and the boys with red braces at Saatchi and Saatchi.

F.O.T.H





Work.Live.Leicestershire set to support local success stories

Work.Live.Leicestershire are offering free, tailored support to Hinckley and Bosworth residents looking for training, volunteering or work. The project will be providing support to anyone over 18 years, living in Leicestershire and not currently in work to guide them towards achieving their goals and aspirations. Work. Live. Leicestershire is funded by the European Social Fund and the National Lottery Community Fund, who have allocated £2.4 million for the programme to run until June 2020.

There are a range of services available including free training courses, business start-up advice from specialist advisors, volunteering opportunities, help with CV writing and interview preparation and

support to search, apply and secure work in your local area.

The project has been designed with residents in mind, with transport and childcare provisions available and services being delivered in the heart of local communities. Whether you are lacking in confidence, stuck at a cross road with your future or finding it difficult to secure a job, Work.Live.Leicestershire can help you.

To find out more please contact our friendly team by telephone on 01455 856330 or email hello@ruralcc.org.uk
Check your eligibility at www.ruralcc.org.uk/will

Stoke Golding website: www.stokegolding.co.uk



Stoke Golding Garden Show 89th Annual Open Show – 31st August 2019

Stoke Golding Garden Show is delighted to announce that preparations are now underway for the spectacular annual show. We are once again hoping for funding and sponsorship to help us along the way and we are actively appealing to the generosity of the public and businesses around Hinckley & Bosworth and Nuneaton.

For 2019, we have chosen to fundraise for and donate mainly towards The Air Ambulance, asking that the money be ring-fenced for local use. We will also be donating to Stoke Golding groups and charity events, so that we can ensure we are supporting the local community in their efforts to help others.

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 or Tina on 07809629690.

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 novice classes once again, 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 1st 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 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, we look forward to hearing from everyone.

Stoke Golding Garden Show 89th Open Show

The main beneficiary will be



Would you like to do something for the community?

Please consider helping the historical annual Stoke Golding Garden Show stay alive and thriving by sponsoring a class or making a donation.

If you are able to help us in any way please contact Phil Burgess:

Telephone: 07963 987982
3 Stoneley Road, Stoke Golding

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

Stoke Golding Garden Show 89th Open Show

Saturday 31st August 2019
Stoke Golding Club
42 Hinckley Road,
Warwickshire CV13 6DZ

Flowers, vegetables, homemade, novice, childrens' section and much more...

6pm - Open to the public
(free admission to everyone)

8pm - Presentations
(class/section winners)

8.20pm - Clear Down

8.45pm - Grand Auction
(come and bid on the produce!)

9pm - Grand Raffle

Free Admission
Everyone welcome
For more information contact
Tina on 07809629690

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SATURDAY 6th JULY
Coffee morning 10.00-11.30
For Church funds

SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST
Coffee Morning
10.00-11.30
For Church funds



What's On

Ambion Voices Summer Concert

Wednesday 10th July at 7:30
The Tithe Barn, Bosworth Battlefield

Featuring the first performance of
Battle

The story of the battle as seen by villagers
from Stoke Golding & Dadlington

Tickets: £2.50 from Bosworth Battlefield
on 01455 290429

StokeArts at the Village Hall **Dates for your diary, 2019



Saturday 21 September: Claude Bourbon

Saturday 30 November: Flossie Malavialle in Concert.

All concerts start at 8pm (doors open 7.30pm).

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Tickets for all concerts: £10 (£8 child).

<https://stokearts.yapsody.com>

tel: 01455 213798

email: stokearts@gmail.com

Coffee and Chat (Monthly)

at Dadlington Village Hall



Thursday 4th July
Thursday 1st August

10.15 am - 12.15pm
All Welcome

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

What's On

St. Margaret's Flower Festival 2019

This year the theme is "A Night at the Museum"



August Bank Holiday Weekend

Saturday 24th August 10.00am until 5.00pm

Sunday 25th August 11.30am until 5.00pm

Monday 26th August 10.00am until 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.

It would be wonderful to have some new helpers this year, so please contact Margaret Croxall on 01455 212387 after 6.00pm, or email jenny@thehirons.com if you can spare a couple of hours any day over the weekend.

Free parking in the school playground

George and Dragon summer charity event



Sunday 11th August

12:00 -16:00

Plants stall, cake stall, craft stall tombola, auction, barbecue and Live music and lots lots more

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.

Records Wanted

Rock, Metal, Sixties, Seventies etc.



Single items or complete collections

Fair Price paid

Tel John
07739 906038

Methodist Church Flower Festival 2019

(report on page 7)



Stoke Golding Football Club



Stoke Golding Club is 90 years old!



We are looking for photographs of bygone times at the Club for our wall of memories which, if we get enough to use, we'd like to have made as a mural for a wall in the members lounge. There must be so many memories from the past few decades...or even as far back as the early days - 90 years ago. It should be amazing.

Maggie Caswell



Dadlington Matters

Dadlington Neighbourhood Plan

Addressing the needs of Dadlington parishioners

A group of Dadlington residents met last month to begin the process of creating a neighbourhood plan. This will look at every aspect of life in the village including transport, traffic, housing development, the environment, local business and heritage, taking into account the views of villagers, the aspects of the village they treasure and the concerns they have about its future. A finished plan can be used to influence decisions taken at local and regional levels. Further information will be coming to every household over the next few weeks and a purpose designed website will keep residents informed on the plan's progress.

Dadlington Village Hall Summer Ball



On the evening of Saturday 8th June 60 locals and friends dressed up in their finery and gathered at a beautifully decorated Village Hall to eat and drink and dance the night away.

Caterers provided a superb barbeque, followed by strawberries and ice cream.

Dean Thomas was the guest artiste, with a wonderful range of songs to get pretty much everybody up on their feet and dancing.

A highlight of the evening was the raffle, with a first prize valued at £150 – a day trip on the Ashby Canal for 10 people provided by the Ashby Boat Company.

Many other local businesses supported the raffle with a range of fabulous prizes donated by Mallory Powder Coatings; Eskdale Motors; The Hair & Beauty Salon; The George and Dragon; Sparkenhoe Cheese and Tammy's

Hairdressers.

The evening raised enough money to enable us to replace our leaky hot water boiler, so we would like to thank everyone who attended, and our sponsors.

Dadlington Village Hall Management Committee

St James' Church Dadlington Cream Tea at Hall Farm

Saturday 10th August

at 3.00pm

Entrance (to include tea) £6.00, children £3.00



Reds and Other Bits and Bobs: a Monopoly Odyssey part 2

09:52 I am on a quest to visit all the squares on the London Monopoly board in a day and, having completed the browns and light blues, I'm standing on Whitechapel Road, looking for the British Bangladeshi Media Centre, the recipient of a grant from the Mayor of Tower Hamlets's '**Community Chest**.' Sadly, there is no sign of it, but a quick Google search finds me another Community Chest funded organisation, the Clifton Trade Centre. This east end of London has seen a succession of immigrants settling here, starting with French Huguenots in the 17th century, followed by Irish Weavers, Ashkenazi Jews and more recently the aforementioned Bangladeshis.



10:06 The Tower of London never fails to thrill me. The might of the White Tower, the mystery of those disappearing princes, the macabre executions: what history. It will serve as my '**Jail**' square although it hasn't operated as prison since 1952 when the last ever prisoners were the Kray twins, held, not on account of their criminal activities, but because they'd done a runner from National Service and were imprisoned by their regiment who were based inside the Tower at that time. A short walk from the Tower brings me to **Fenchurch Street Station** (10:10). It is one of the few London stations I had never been inside. Unlike the other London termini, it has no underground connection but it does have free toilets! On my return to Tower Hill station, I spot a parking notice that informs drivers of the '**Free Parking**' after 2pm on a Sunday. I take a quick snap and then grab the underground to **Liverpool Street Station** (10:40). My last visit here was on my way to Heathrow and my credit card was cloned in the ticket machine, so to be safe, I use an Oyster Card which gets me to St Pauls and a long sweep of red properties.

11:00 **Fleet Street**, is synonymous with the press, although the newspapers mostly decamped to Docklands in the 1980s. The road is named after the River Fleet, one of London's many underground rivers. By the time it was hidden beneath the city, it had become a filthy receptacle for the waste of a growing metropolis. I pass the Royal Courts of Justice (11:06) where judges probably don't say, "**Go to Jail**," and certainly don't tell prisoners, "Do not collect £200," as they pass 'Go'. A few steps further and the road becomes the **Strand** ((11:10). I forget to locate Bush House, the home of Her Majesty's Revenue and Custom, well versed in demanding '**Super Tax**', so I have to retrace my steps at the end of the day, finishing my quest there at 15:10. I do find 1-3 Strand, the offices of The National Grid (11:33), our modern day '**Electricity Company**' on the edges of **Trafalgar Square** 11:34). When they demolished the Royal Mews, the original plan was for the Royal Academy to have their headquarters in a building where Nelson's Column now stands. The 145 foot high column was paid for by public subscription and work began in 1839. Nelson made his way to the top four years later but the lions that surround the base took another 24 years to arrive. I've arrived at my final red square, having visited a fair number of other squares en route. Oranges next.

Michael Dix

Fair Wages and Stolen Fowls

As I read further into the Denis Cash Archive, especially the chapters on local crime and punishment, I am impressed by what they reveal about the social history of a typical village in the 19th century and particularly the relationship between, and the laws relating to, “Master and Servant”. This designation crops up frequently in the law reports of the time because the governing classes saw the criminal law as a legitimate means of protecting their own established economic interests while keeping in their rightful place their servants, or what a Hinckley magistrate, in a case I outlined in May’s Stoker, referred to as “the lower orders”.

The Northampton Mercury of 5th March 1803 reported the sentencing by Hinckley Magistrates of Robert Pegg, John Dennis, Richard Hincks and William Broomhall, all framework knitters of Stoke Golding, to two months imprisonment in Leicester County Goal for having entered into a combination to obtain an advance of wages, and of inducing others to attend meetings for that purpose.

Combining, what we would now call organising, in order to gain better working conditions, was made a criminal offence by the Combination Act of 1799. It applied only to mill workers but was replaced by the Act of 1800 which applied to workers of all kinds. It ostensibly applied equally to employers but I have been unable to find any record of an employer ever being prosecuted, which could have something to do with the fact that it was enforced by Justices of the Peace, most of whom were either land or factory owners.

The Stoke Golding “combination case” took place 21 years before the legalisation of Trade Unions and the 2 months sentence imposed was a lenient one for its time. Ten years later the Tolpuddle Martyrs were sentenced to 7 years penal transportation to Australia, ostensibly for breach of the Unlawful Oaths Act of 1797 but actually for refusing to work for less than 10 shillings a week, agricultural wages having been reduced to 7 shillings and due to be reduced to 6. After mass protests, and supported by Lord (later Earl) John Russell, a great reformer of the criminal law who 10 years later was to become Prime Minister, they were pardoned in 1836. Who knows? Had the “Stoke Golding Four” been sentenced to transportation to Australia rather than Leicester we might now be honouring the “Stoke Golding Martyrs”!

This being the last Stoker before September I hope the editors will allow me a few more words to return to a crime which appears to have been endemic in and around our two villages in the 19th century.

In a case reported in the Leicester Chronicle of 20th October 1883, John Towers, framework-knitter of Dadlington, was found by Thomas Shirley hiding under a hedge. Towers ran off and, while attempting to jump over another hedge, two live fowls dropped from under his coat.

They were the property of James Ratcliffe, also of Dadlington and master of servant John Wright, who had seen the accused lurking near the fowls' roost earlier in the day. Towers, who admitted a previous offence, was prosecuted, found guilty, and sentenced to five years penal servitude. The report fails to record whether or not the previous offence was one of fowl theft.

Bob Quinney, with thanks and acknowledgements to Denis Cash.

CASAG

The topic this month for Health Promotion at the surgery is Mental Health. Anyone who listens to the radio, reads newspapers or watches TV will be aware that this is a very topical issue.

The Charity MIND has a very useful web site. The opening page of their web site states “ We’re Mind, the mental health charity. We won’t give up until everyone experiencing a mental health problem gets both support and respect”

The web site is full of information from diagnosis and what the terms mean e.g. personality disorder, bi polar and schizophrenia to where to get help and self care for mental and physical health.

It also includes a section on Work and Mental health including how to tell your employer, what if Work makes your mental health worse to four key things about returning to work when having mental health problems.

There are also sections for the family members/ friends/ colleagues on how to help someone with mental health in all circumstances e.g. panic attacks, self harm, OCD, eating problems to name but a few.

The Charity also launched a Blue Light programme involving over 3000 emergency services personnel across England and Wales to change the way mental health is seen within emergency services.

There are boxes clearly identified at the top of their web site stating “ Talk to us” and “ I need urgent help”. So help is there - just get in touch.



BEAUTIFUL FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS.

On a truly horrendous evening of heavy rain it was a surprise that so many members turned up for the June meeting of the Stoke Golding W.I. but as we were all coming to see Wendy Chamberlain give a demonstration on Flower Arranging maybe it should not have been unexpected, and indeed we were not disappointed.

Wendy brought with her three small arrangements on sea shells that she had made at home and then she proceeded to astonish us with crafting some truly beautiful larger ones.

Using memories of her recent holiday in north Wales she recreated a woodland walk that she, her husband and dog had taken. Oak and maple leaves, ferns, ivy and beautiful foxgloves and harebell were some of the foliage and flowers she used to create a very natural arrangement.

Next Wendy designed a card which included eucalyptus leaves, roses and three other flowers all taken from a reasonable priced supermarket bouquet along with further greenery. This resulted in a subtle and pretty gift card that would bring delight to the recipient.

Then using a child's bucket and spade along with a colourful blown up rubber ring she tuned into the sunshine of a beach holiday with bright yellow Gerberas, Golden Rod, Elaeagnus and other yellow and green foliage. Finally she finished this arrangement off with other beach tools and finally a stick of rock. We immediately felt cheered up in spite of the weather.

Her final arrangement was of a sea shore setting using oak, pine, Michaelmas daisies, valerian, alstroemeria, gerbera and even the leaves of the eucalyptus to give the effect of pebbles on the sea shore. This was completed with a lovely piece of Welsh slate to bring to life a picture of her holiday in Wales.

All in all some truly stunning arrangements and all interspersed with Wendy's friendly chat.

Our next meeting on 10th July is about Wallis Simpson and the following one is in September on the 11th and is asking what records you would pick if marooned on a desert island. Come along and join us at the Methodist Hall, you would be very welcome.

Val Hartwell

Terry Bottrill

Terry passed away peacefully on 16th May, 2019 aged 70 years. Beloved husband of Ann, much loved dad of Helena and Max and loving grandpop of Poppy, Noah, Willow and Marlow. The funeral took place on 4th June at the Heart of England Crematorium. Donations may be made to Dementia UK via G.Seller, Funeral Directors at Upper Bond Street, Hinckley.

Peter Mobbs

Pete, of Stoke Golding, passed away peacefully on 9th May 2019 aged 79 years. Beloved husband of Joyce and loving step-father to Paula and Pete and beloved Gramps to six grand children. Pete's funeral took place on 5th June at the Heart of England Crematorium. Donations may be made to The Hope Unit, via G. Seller, Funeral Directors, Upper Bond Street, Hinckley.

Roger Henderson

Roger, of Stoke Golding, passed away on 3rd June, 2019 aged 66 years. Beloved husband of Andrea and loving dad to Laura and father in law to Miki. Much loved grandad of Ellisa and Jake. Roger's funeral to take place on 26th June at the Heart of England Crematorium. Any enquiries to Co-operative Funeralcare at A.J.Murray, Lower Bond Street, Hinckley.

We offer our sincere condolences to the families and friends of the above.

Church Matters

From St Margaret's Church



By the time you read this letter, I should have returned from a holiday in Greece, where I anticipate some beautiful weather but will be taking my waterproof jacket just in case!

July and August are the main holiday months for families with school aged children, so for those of you going away in the coming weeks, I hope you are able to enjoy the break.

The word 'holiday' was originally two words: Holy Day. These were days (and there were lots of them) when the church encouraged people to stop work and to celebrate the life of a saint or other holy event. They would spend part of the day in a church service but then they would spend the rest of the day feasting, enjoying entertainments, dancing and partying. They were days of spiritual as well as physical and emotional refreshment and enjoyment. God made us to work but also to rest and we shouldn't feel guilty when we take time out or time off.

The world we live in often seems unrelenting; people work long hours, hold down several jobs and are in constant communication with family or work by mobile phone. We all need times of rest, time to recharge in order to function properly.

The Gospel of Matthew 11:28-30 reads: "Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads and I will give you rest. Take my yoke and put it on you, and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit; and you will find rest. For the yoke I will give you is easy, and the load I will put on you is light."

I find that the holiday period presents a good opportunity to take some time out to reflect and give thanks for the past year and to pray and plan for the future, even for those of us who aren't so young anymore. Even if nothing huge is changing in our lives, making the most of every God given year, month, day, hour and minute is so worthwhile.

My prayer for everyone in our parishes is that summer brings sunshine, warmth, rest and time to enjoy this beautiful world in which we live.

May God bless you and be with you in whatever you do.

Linda

Church Matters

Church of England July Services

St. Margaret's Church

St. James's Church

7th 10.30am All-Age Service
14th 10.30pm Benefice Service
Dadlington
21st 10.30am Holy Communion
28th 10.30am Morning Worship

7th 9.00am Morning Prayer
14th 10.30am Benefice Service
21st 9.00am BCP Holy Communion
28th 9.00am BCP Morning Prayer

Church of England August Services

St. Margaret's Church

St. James's Church

4th 10.30am All-Age Service
11th 10.30pm Benefice Service
18th 10.30am Holy Communion
25th 10.30am Morning Worship

4th 9.00am Morning Prayer
11th 10.30am Benefice Service
Stoke Golding
18th 9.00am BCP
Holy Communion
25th 9.00am BCP Morning Prayer

The Methodist Church July Services

7th 10.30am Revd Vivienne Atter
14th 10.30am Mr Neville Spark
21st 10.30am Mrs Anne Haddon
28th 10.30am Mr John Cooke

The Methodist Church August Services

4th 10.30am At Higham
11th 10.30am Tba
18th 10.30am Mr John Cooke
25th 10.30am Revd Wes Hampton

Zion Baptist Chapel July Services

7th 6pm Malcolm Welch
14th 6pm Steven Connor
21st 6pm Bill McIntyre
28th 6pm Richard Cotton

Zion Baptist Chapel August Services

4th 6pm Wynne Richards
11th 6pm Malcolm Welch
18th 6pm Bill McIntyre
25th 6pm Richard Cotton

Our New Borough Councillor, Jonathan Collett, Chats to Jennifer

Jonathan runs his own business with one of his main clients based in London so often spends 3 days a week down in London. However he travels back on the 4.46pm train back to Nuneaton which allows him to attend the various meetings in the evenings before going back the next day.



He is the Borough Councillor responsible for Ambien Ward and contained within that ward are the following villages : Sibson, Sutton Cheney, Wellsborough, Dadlington, Higham on the Hill, Upton, Shenton and Stoke Golding. He is also invited to attend 4 Parish Council meetings - Sheepy, Sutton Cheney, Stoke Golding and Higham on the Hill. He is also a Parish Councillor for the ward of Sibson and attends Sheepy Parish Council in that capacity too.

As the Ambien Ward Councillor he attends the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and is on the Finance, Licensing, and Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

As you can see he is a busy person. He feels that his position gives him a wonderful opportunity to meet all people within these communities. He recently met the owner of the Dog and Hedgehog and the person who delivered him into the world in Higham, amongst many others.

Despite being only in post since the beginning of May he has already been involved with local issues and helped facilitate the bridge to Higham being completed earlier to lessen the effect on local businesses and the removal of the fly tipping down Fox Covert Lane recently.

He has a background interest in politics having completed a Politics and Modern History Degree at Manchester University. He was the press secretary for Michael Howard when he was leader of the Conservative Party. He was recently Chairman of the Nuneaton Conservatives; several of whom helped him with his campaign to get elected.

His family have a 400 year old history in Stoke Golding and he was brought up in the village. His mother was the St Margaret's Church organist and his father who is a local historian and wrote the history of St Margaret's church. His Grandmother Hilda Collett introduced him to politics at the age of 8 and the kneelers in the Lady's Chapel at St Margaret's Church are dedicated to her.

In the village cemeteries are buried a number of his antecedents and his daughter Lydia who is 9 years old lays a wreath on the grave of her five times great grandmother Sarah Underwood at Xmas.

Outside politics, Jonathan is passionate about local history and proudly informed me of four key features within his ward, namely the Battlefield site and he is involved in the developments of the sculpture trail to mark the legacy, the Geographical centre of England at Lindley, the birth place of the Tudor Dynasty here in Stoke Golding and Geoffrey Fisher from Higham, who was the Archbishop Of Canterbury who crowned the Queen. It's all happening within his Ward!!!!

Jonathan has also recently been to Bayeux during the Commemoration of the D-landings on a personal visit. He found the experience moving and saw the graves of young boys/ youth about 16 who gave their lives. He attended the ceremony with Theresa May and Prince Charles and spoke with him.

In the past Jonathan has played cricket for Stoke Golding Village Cricket Team and is still the Secretary of the Nuneaton Rugby Club.

So an interesting interview with Jonathan who clearly explained his role and was passionate about getting involved with local issues across his ward and juggling both family and work commitments as well.

On behalf of The Stoker Team we welcome him as Councillor for the village and no doubt will be hearing about his involvement with the local issues in the future.

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Kitchen Corner

SPECIALITY HAMBURGERS

It is now the Bar-be-cue season (weather permitting), so here are a few ideas to make your hamburgers a little different.

Start with your basic burger recipe, e.g. Lean Beef Mince, chopped onion and seasoning, combine well and add your choice of the following before shaping into patties.

3 tablespoons of Bar-be-cue Sauce

175gms. (6ozs.) chopped ham, sweet pickle & French mustard

75gms. (3ozs.) strong grated cheddar cheese

3 tablespoons chopped walnuts

3 tablespoons plain yoghurt, chopped

parsley

50gms. (2ozs.) chopped mushrooms

50gms. (2ozs.) chopped olives

Take a small nugget of hard blue cheese, push into the middle of the patty, making sure that the cheese is sealed by the meat.

Let us hope that the sun shines and you all have wonderful summer.

Avis

Notes from Stoke Golding Parish Council – June Meeting (Draft)

Co-option of Councillors: It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Amanda Mclean and Andrew Clover.

Reports by County and Borough

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

Highway issues including signage and further closures.

St Margaret's School no waiting zone.

St Martin's School unresolved parking and road adoption issues.

Resident's flooding issue.

1485 Sculpture Trail.

Matters arising from previous meetings: Heritage street name signs have now been installed on new developments in the village.

Ground Maintenance Report

The summer maintenance of planters has been carried out, at a cost of £388.26.

Thanks to the volunteers.

- Spring cropping of the wildflower meadow was agreed at a cost of £295.00.
- It was noted that previously agreed tree work by JG, at the recreation field, is now complete.
- Concern regarding crumbling tree stump at the recreation field was noted and work to remove it will be carried out as soon as possible.
- An update on area cleared by the containers was noted.
- An update on removal of fencing and goal posts was noted.

An update on FB pitch marking was noted.

Report by Clerk

An update on Website Accessibility was noted: the NALC has provided some government guidance on producing an Accessibility Statement. The Clerk has contacted the website provider for the relevant information required for this statement and to check progress with ensuring compliance.

Planning Applications: New Applications: 27 Crown Hill Close – variation of condition 2 of planning permission to amend the width and height of proposed dwelling. Land east of Higham Lane – agricultural building.

Permission approved:

49 Station Road – single storey side extension.

29 Wykin Lane – two storey side and single storey rear extensions.

Refusals:

16 Ivy Close – erection of detached annexe.

Minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC) meetings

Minutes of the NPAC meetings held on the 13th May were noted.

The Service Level Agreement with HBBC was agreed and signed by the Chair.

A report from Cllr Beale was NOTED and included: Strategic Environmental Assessment, (SEA). Progress on draft. Criteria for judging land.

Letters to interested land owners and developers.

Workshops to include Councillor attendance. Future open events.

Update on Sport in Stoke Golding (SISG)

The following was RESOLVED:

An update by Cllr Pegg on progress was noted and SISG will meet shortly to discuss the initial plans and costs.

Works to St Margaret's Churchyard wall

The contractor has been booked for August, awaiting confirmation of EIP funding.

Memorial safety – gravestone repairs A faculty has been submitted and will be assessed by the DAC on 13th June. All families have been contacted where details are available. Work has been completed by families on three memorials.

It was agreed to proceed with phase 1 – high risk repairs, at a cost of £6,535.00, budget and reserves were discussed.

Tree inspection report and works to trees

It was agreed to proceed with urgent tree work - the Clerk to seek quotes. A resident's concern regarding trees at the churchyard were noted and the Clerk to reply. The Clerk to draft a Tree Maintenance Policy.

Wykin Lane Cemetery pathways

EIP funding of 1/3rd of cost should be available. Specifications for the work were discussed and Cllr Pegg to discuss options with contractor.

Proposals for a pump track: The Clerk to check implications for insurance and planning and Cllr Smith to investigate funding.

A Neighbourhood Watch Scheme: The Clerk to seek further information from HBBC.

Hinckley Road Cemetery boundary matter: Advice from the Legal Consultant at LRALC was noted and a reply to the resident was agreed

B T Phone kiosk usage: It was agreed to continue with the service.

Street Cleaning: It was agreed to reschedule this item after the roadworks have been completed.

Communications received by the Clerk

Written

A request to contribute to Hinckley and Bosworth Employment Land and Premises Study was declined.

A request to contribute to Hinckley and Bosworth Rural Heritage Trail leaflet was declined.

A request for a donation for the Stoke Golding Garden Show was agreed at a cost of £60.00.

Village Hall Management Committee annual accounts summary was noted.

A letter to the grave owner regarding stones around a memorial was agreed.

Resident's concern regarding goal post holes was noted and has been resolved.

Severn Trent Water's request to temporarily remove bench to carry out work to the water mains was agreed.

Verbal

A resident's concern regarding grass clippings at the recreation field was noted - the Clerk to remind the Cricket Club on agreed area for disposal.

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



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1. Puppet on a String, 2. Sandbanks
3. Puts people to sleep and gives them pleasant dreams, 4. George Sands
5. Grease, 6. Epsom, Kempton Park and Lingfield Park, 7. A bird
8. A hill/mountain (The Sermon on the Mount)
9. Sedimentary
10. A sandwich: they are all regional names for bread rolls



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