

The Stoker



Stoke Golding Village Magazine

Including

Dadlington Matters

70p



Note from the Editors

Putting The Stoker together keeps us very busy.

"If it wasn't for all of you pesky contributors, we could be living the fine life!"



Seriously though, it's an honour to collate and record the many activities and articles from the Stoke Golding and Dadlington communities, please do keep sending them in.

One member of the Stoker group, currently challenged with poor health, couldn't attend our meeting and wrote to the team, "This really is to tell you I miss you all, plus our jolly evenings round Jane or Steve's table. Having had a browse through the draft of the September Stoker, I am amazed at the wealth of fascinating & well researched articles. These reflect the full spectrum of village activities, from children's holidays to the Obituaries and from Karen's knowledge of trees, to those mouth-watering recipes from Avis, our own lady MasterChef! What more can anyone want?"

It's true, we do have fun editing the Stoker. Have you taken out a subscription yet? A snip at £7 a year means you're less likely to miss out on our own very local news.

Jane and Steve

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Cover picture: Charnwood mud for the Scout Group—see page 24

Hello.

My name is Sue and I live in Arnold Rd. Over the last few months a company has been conducting an environmental survey in the field to the rear of Arnold Rd, the one that fronts Wykin Lane. It has been looking at the flora and fauna and taking water samples from ponds. Then last Friday, along came the 'bat' man. I fear they can only be doing it for one reason, but I don't know who is funding the survey. The wildlife there is fantastic, ranging from bats, barn owls to newts. Please, no more building.



Regards,
Sue

Help Needed for the Stoker

We are very proud of the fact that Stoke Golding and Dadlington's Community magazine has been running successfully for 18 years, but we now need some help to take it forward in the future.

We recognise that the Stoker needs to be relevant to the whole community and think having two or three new members on our production team would really help. Some of us have been on the team since it began!


So, don't be shy. We would like help with researching and writing articles and one or two people who would be willing to learn how to put the magazine together each month.

We are a very friendly, happy team who have fun at our monthly meetings and we are all very supportive of each other.

If you would like to find out more please contact us on our email: thestoker@gmx.co.uk or phone Jane (07909 132255) or Steve (07841 431992)

Thank You

St Margaret's Church

 Jane, our wonderful jam and chutney maker, has run out of jam jars after making so much for St Margaret's Flower Festival in August. She now needs more jars so that she can start making jam, chutney and lemon curd for the Snowman Festival in December.

If you have any spare jam jars, with lids, please leave them in church (which is open every day) or contact me and I will collect them.

Many thanks, Jenny Hiron

Email: jenny@thehiron.com or Tel: 01455 699734

Stoke Golding Scout Group

It's the end of term.....

What an end to the summer term. The cubs finished off their athletes badge.



The scouts went out on a cycle ride- 11 miles in total and cycled to the outskirts of Market Bosworth for chips and back to the village hall. It was a bit like the TA going out on manoeuvres with a line of luminous vests. Thank you to all the dads some of whom dusted their bike down for its annual outing.

The beavers managed to have their water fight although it wasn't exactly a terribly warm night and they had to run about a bit to keep warm but had a fab time.



The annual AGM was particularly well supported by parents and members across the sections who watched a fantastic slide show on All we do. Which if you are a regular reader of this column- it's LOADS.

There was at least over 100 people because all the 140 sausages went !!

Normally at this time I applaud the leaders and in particular John and Fionna for giving up all their free time and all their endless hard work

behind the scenes to make the group so successful and FUN. I encourage them all to have a well earned rest, however, at the end of July, for a week, 30 scouts and leaders are off to Charnwood with approximately 5,000 others. So rest for some leaders won't be possible.....Watch this space as they say !!!

Jennifer

See page ?? Ed's

Tea and cakes at the club!

On Saturday at the end of July I wandered down to the Stoke Golding Club for the tea and cake as seen on the billboards outside and in The Stoker.



We were greeted by a lovely warm welcome by Maggie and her team. She explained that she felt it was important to provide the tea and cake and bring the community together. The event had proved to be very popular and in fact had extended not only to tea and cake but breakfast with sausage and / or bacon rolls.

The Saturday we went we just had a variety of cakes and tea all favourably priced and homemade. We sampled the Bailey's cheesecake, carrot cake and rocky road. There were four of us not only me!

It was all delicious and to be recommended. There were also some nice touches with the linen tablecloths and vase of flowers as well, much appreciated. There were also a number of regulars as well and the banter developed.



So, I can thoroughly recommend the tea and cake event at the club by Maggie and her team. So go down and give it a try and join in with the banter.

For regular updates, see their website <https://www.stokegoldingclub.co.uk/> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StokeGoldingClub/>

Jennifer

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BETH'S CORNER

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A 'PROFESSIONAL' CARER

I eventually owned up to our local Hospital Chaplaincy Administrator the other day that I was now too old to be part of our team, after about fifteen years visiting each week. I've been putting it off for ages feeling that the 'magic' day will come when I will be able to jump behind my steering wheel again and drive myself over to Hinckley & Bosworth Community hospital. But that 'magic' day keeps eluding me, and the only person that seems to have taken over my steering wheel, along with making my meals, my washing and dressing is my daughter, my 'carer.' So what happens when she's not available? This is when the patient needs that professional care... and I discover that we have this essential service right here in the village.

Jo Tomlinson and her colleague Lynne (who also live in the village) came to explain exactly what they can provide, and in case there are other folk like me who could use their care services, they suggested we could fill you in with a series called; "A DAY IN THE LIFE OF,"... giving you a better idea of what you could expect from this more personal service. As so many folk are away during July/August, I'll leave the series until September. In the meantime, here are a few of my own tips. Social Services provided me with a 'care package' when I first came out of hospital.

Originally I opted for the first and last visits of the day. The half-hour slot at 7.00.am. was really too early, if we had been able to choose, but the front door buzzer soon became a habit we became accustomed to. I was gently persuaded to slip out of my hospital-style bed into my en-suite while Mary (*not her real name*) had filled the basin with warm water ready for a quick flannel wash. Tooth brush came next, before selecting the clean clothes for the day.

Normally, the carer can prepare breakfast, but in our case, my daughter and I have ours together. All in all this took just half an hour. With Amanda living here, we didn't need the lunchtime slot. We tried having someone coming at 8.00pm, but found the timing unreliable- and cancelled it after two nights. We were fortunate to have six weeks care allotted to us by Social Services, but we understand that due to lack of funding these have now been reduced. One of the bonuses with 'Mary' was having her regularly each morning of the six weeks, so that she knew where everything was kept, and we worked well together. Obviously, when working with one's own private 'carers' a natural relationship is built, with a sense of continuity between 'carer' and client. Jo and Lynne have both had many years' experience as carers working in larger organisations, and feel they can give their clients a hundred-per-cent more personalised service working individually. Getting to know each person's needs, their personalities, their likes - and equally important their dislikes. But let me leave it to the two of them to fill you in themselves. Here goes.....A DAY IN THE LIFE OF (as written by Jo Tomlinson) - In January this year experienced

carers Lynn Bliss and Jo Tomlinson decided to 'go it alone' for their clients in the rural areas surrounding and including Stoke Golding. It was a big step to take, a leap of faith, but one that's worked so well. They've now been joined by Tom Payn and Paulina Sczcepanska, forming the now named 'Rural Care Team'. The motivation behind their decision 'to go it alone' was the desire to provide excellent one-to-one care for people in their own homes.

Their Key selling point is Continuity of Care. One of the biggest criticisms of the care provided by care companies is; "*you never know who is coming.*" The high staff turnover in the care industry means a constant array of changing faces, a situation far from ideal when you are opening your home to strangers. This can be very unsettling, particularly for people suffering from dementia, and is exactly the opposite of what is being offered by Lynn and Jo. All their clients know exactly who is coming to each call. It's the same face every day. They also decide which clients they can accommodate. Care companies just pile clients onto, quite often very inexperienced staff. All of this means the team are able to build strong relationships with their clients, and are able to closely monitor their day to day wellbeing, providing clients and their loved ones with peace of mind.

Word has soon spread, and the team are often contacted directly by people considering care or their families and also by Social Services with potential clients.

(to be continued)...

In the meantime it's great to be back. *Bless you Beth*

Mistress Hester Hodges Exhibition Foundation

At their November meeting, the Trustees make awards of small amounts of money to students.

To be eligible, the following conditions must be met:

- Two years attendance at St Margaret's C of E Aided Primary School, Stoke Golding
- Resident in Stoke Golding
- Attained the age of 16 years or more and be undertaking further education in the academic year September/October 2019/2020

Application forms are available from September either from Paul's shop, or 85 Hinckley Road or by emailing hstrhodges@gmail.com

All Application forms must be returned to 85 Hinckley Road, Stoke Golding by 28th October 2019

Charity Afternoon Fun at The George



Spots of rain on a Sunday afternoon were not going to dampen the enjoyment of everyone who went along to The George and Dragon on 11th August for their summer charity event. It was lovely to see families, friends and local folk visiting the various stalls: plants, tombola, cakes, crafts and children's games, bidding at the auction and enjoying music from local musician Marky T.

The star attraction was Alfie the therapy horse and his pony friends who received lots of attention from the youngest visitors at the event.

Alex, manager at the George and her team, including many customers and friends who ran stalls and donated prizes, did a



Ella Orr

fantastic job of organising it all and were delighted to raise over £2700 for Alfie's Ponies and two other local charities, Work Link and the Hinckley Food Bank. All round, it was a super community event.

Keep an eye out for other charity events at the George in the future.

Staffroom Memories 20: Delegation

The art of delegation is a key leadership skill that takes time to perfect. It not only makes your job a lot easier but it empowers others. When I became responsible for the safety, well-being and education of 300 children, I was loathed to let anyone else do what I saw as my job. By the time I retired 13 years later, my staff would say I had cracked delegation. They'd even suggest that I used it when there were particular jobs I didn't fancy doing: as if.

My first effort at delegation was not a great success. I had a very capable deputy head who'd suggested a way to transform the children's play areas. The school was only a few years old and the expansive grounds consisted of a field, a little spinney that was ripe for development, and a fine row of young trees that bordered the playground. My deputy organised a task force of parents and badgered local garden centres to give us saplings for next to nothing. On the first day, the parents duly arrived with spades and wheelbarrows, and with electric saws to thin out the spinney. There was even a JCB to dig a couple of small beds in the otherwise featureless field. Delegation lesson number 1: don't just hand over the job and leave them to it. When I went out to inspect the progress at the end of the day, huge chunks of field had been dug out, the spinney had been decimated and the fine row of young trees bordering the playground had all been cut to the ground. Well, not quite to the ground: a series of stumps had been left.

And the stumps were the first problem: they were a 'health and safety nightmare.' We couldn't dig them out because they'd been planted in hardcore. When my premises officer perceived that I wasn't overly concerned about the trip hazards, he got someone to write to me anonymously, threatening to bring the Health & Safety Executive in. We roped the area off and then one parent came up with the idea of making little seats out of the stumps, which was lovely until the spring when the stumps all began sprouting shoots, making the seats impossible for the children to sit on. The task force had put bark chippings around the stumps, but by the end of the first week not a single chipping could be seen. It turned out they had become the latest collectable fad and children were going home with their pockets stuffed full of the stuff. We issued an amnesty and got a surprising amount of it back.

The vast expanse of soil that had been planted with saplings pretty soon became engulfed in weeds, and at this point Ofsted decided to pay us a visit. The grounds looked awful and I discovered that delegation means considerable more than handing over a project and washing your hands of it. It means looking at plans, monitoring progress and providing encouragement and support. It all turned out right in the end but it took many years before the saplings grew into fine bushes and trees that provided the children with places to make dens.

Michael Dix

A Win for Ambion Voices



In 1485, Henry Tudor triumphed at Bosworth and 534 years later Ambion Voices followed suit with a superb performance at the Battlefield Centre's Tithe Barn. The Stoke Golding and Dadlington community choir filled the magnificent building, not only with their music but with a highly appreciative audience of around ninety.

Their ever expanding repertoire ranged from the traditional Welsh folk song The Ash Grove to songs from the musicals Mamma Mia and Chicago via classics such as Something Inside So Strong and Dream a Little Dream. A number of items were sung a Capella, that is unaccompanied, creating some beautiful harmonies.

Now I have to declare an interest here as I am their accompanist and I also write for them. We had chosen the Battlefield Centre as our venue because the choir were performing a new piece for the first time. 'Battle' tells the story of the days around the Battle of Bosworth as experienced by the medieval villagers of Stoke and Dadlington. The choir then sang a number of other pieces based on the theme of war and peace.

Many in the audience considered this one of the choir's best performances over the four years they have been in existence and showed this in the standing ovation they gave at the end. The choir had one final treat: a lively performance of Bring Me Sunshine to conclude a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Michael Dix

Stoke Golding website: www.stokegolding.co.uk

What's On



Saturday 21st September at 8pm Claude Bourbon StokeArts at the Village Hall

Claude's last visit to Stoke Golding blew the audience away with his amazing ability to make extraordinary music from the six strings of his guitar. This French-born guitarist grew up in Switzerland where for a time he was classically trained, but now based in the UK, he is highly acclaimed for his finger-picking style—plucking, picking and strumming at such speed that his fingers seem to appear just as a blur.

Doors open 7.30pm for 8pm start

Tickets: <https://stokearts.yapsody.com> OR tel: 01455 213798

OR email: stokearts@gmail.com

£10 /£8 under 16yrs

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

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****No available Parachutist****

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Dadlington Matters

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 September 10.15 am - 12.15pm

******October's Coffee and Chat will be in aid of Macmillan******

Dadlington Harvest Festival at St James' Church

Sunday 29th September at 6.30pm

Dadlington Village Hall



HARVEST SUPPER



**Monday
30th
September**

7 for 7.30pm

Please ring Caroline
on 212212
to reserve a place

SCREEN on the GREEN



We have four films lined up to show you before the end of 2019. They are all very different, but they all have a music theme. Prices have been kept at £3 for your first drink. All the films are on Fridays with doors opening at 7pm and the film starting at 7:30pm.

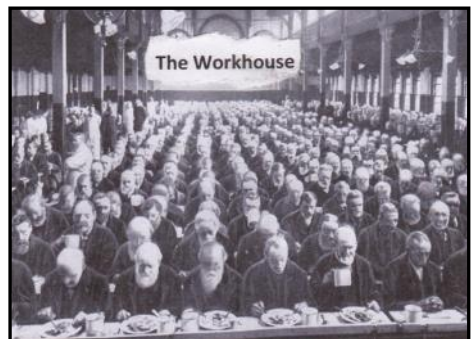
**Sept 13th: Green Book,
Oct 11th: Bohemian Rhapsody,
Nov 8th: Wild Rose,
Nov 29th: Fisherman's Friends**

Hard Times in Dadlington

Leicestershire Mercury reports from the Denis Cash Archives adapted by Bob Quinney

Poor Law of some kind has existed in England since Elizabethan times, prior to which relief for the poor was provided mainly through Christian charity by monasteries and churches.

The 1601 Elizabethan Poor Law provided for a compulsory "poor rate" to be collected and administered in England and Wales



by unpaid “worthy men of the parish” called “overseers of relief” to provide for “setting the poor on work.” An Amendment Act of 1834 tightened the law so that an able-bodied person was unable to claim poor relief unless he or she went to live in the workhouse.

One might think that those called upon to pay the poor-rate were better off than those who benefitted from it, but that wasn't necessarily the case. The Leicestershire Mercury of 19th October 1839 reports that “*a poor man of the name of Hammond,*” after failing to pay 2s 2d (two shillings & two pence) poor-rate to the parish overseers of Dadlington, “*was handcuffed by Barsby, the Peckleton policeman and dragged to prison from his wife and six small children wholly dependant upon him for support.*”

A few days before his imprisonment Hammond's goods had all been distrained by his landlord, to whom he was indebted, and his wife and children were taken to Market Bosworth Workhouse. “*Thus is this poor man's home for ever destroyed for the first poor-rate he was ever asked to pay.*”

Ten years later on 3rd March 1849 the Leicestershire Mercury reports that “*Thomas Coley, a poor day labourer, was brought before the court by Mr. Henry Moore, farmer and overseer of the parish of Dadlington, to show cause why he refused to pay the sum of 1s.8d (one shilling & eight pence) for poor rates to the said parish.*”

Coley, in an impassioned plea to the court, said he worked for ten shillings a week, paid a weekly rent of 1s.9d (one shilling and nine pence), and had a wife “*that can earn scarcely anything at all and had three children all under seven years of age.*”

The chairman of the bench, Mr. Heming, put it to Mr. Moore that Coley was unable to pay. “*You hear this poor man's case. ---You must know that it cannot be done. Nevertheless if you say - and say it officially - that you believe he can pay, the Bench has no alternative but to enforce the payment A warrant of distress will be issued upon his good and chattles (sic), and you will make the poor honest labourer a pauper at once.*” Mr. Moore replied, “*the gentlemen of Dadlington had had a vestry meeting, and they had every one agreed that the defendant was able to pay the rates.*”

It appeared that “*Coley and some other poor labourers belong to Shenton and other parishes, but they are compelled to live at Dadlington because there is not a single house in the parish where they belong, and where they work, for them to live in*” because “*the owners in that parish will not have any built.*”

Coffee and Chat

Charles Frisby, a prolific amateur historian who has written many histories about local villages and their inhabitants, presented Bob Quinney with two books "for safe keeping" at last month's coffee and chat meeting in Dadlington village hall on July 4th.



Charles Frisby (left), Bob Quinney

One of the books, "Stoke Golding School - The Class of '21" is written by Charles himself and contains many photographs of children attending both the "top" (infants school), now a private house, and "bottom school" (now the Baxter Hall) in 1921, together with detailed biographical histories of them and, in many cases, their parents, grandparents and other ancestors. The other, "Stoke Golding United - Football Teams of Old" was researched and collated by Denis Cash. It contains photographs of teams from the 1930's

to 1950's, again with biographical histories of the players although some of them, unfortunately, remain unidentified.

Both books are interesting, informative and valuable local historical documents.



Dadlington Village Hall coffee morning

Ten of a Kind

All the people in Britain went to bed on 2nd September 1752, and woke up on 14th September. This was not a collective lie in, it was because the country was changing its calendar from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian one and this necessitated losing 11 days. Here are ten questions about 'missing'.

1. Which famous crime writer turned up 11 days after she went missing, in a hotel in Harrogate?
2. The Piltdown Man was a set of bones that amateur archaeologist Charles Dawson claimed to have found in 1912. What two-word description did he give them?
3. Two missing recordings of which comedy double act were broadcast in December 2018 after their discovery in an abandoned cinema in Sierra Leone?
4. According to the 1940s comic hit song, covered by Danny Kaye with the Andrews Sisters, The Platters, Nat King Cole and The Chipmunks, what was it that they all wanted for Christmas?
5. The central character in a number of books and sitcom by David Nobbs, which fictional character faked his own disappearance by leaving his clothes on a beach?
6. And whilst we're on that subject, which politician tried exactly the same thing in 1974?
7. In which country were the two seasons of the BBC drama 'The Missing' set?
8. What went missing from the coronation chair in Westminster Abbey in 1950?
9. What is the name of the gate in Ypres, Belgium, where all those who went missing during World War I with no known grave have their names inscribed?
10. According to the Collins Dictionary, if you miss an opportunity you are said to have missed the what?

Answers on page 23

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



Saturday 21 September: Claude Bourbon

Saturday 30 November: Flossie Malavialle in Concert.

Saturday 7 December: Jungle Book 6pm (Doors 5.30pm).

Unless stated otherwise, all concerts start at 8pm (doors open 7.30pm).

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

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

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We survived Charnwood 2019!!

A strange title for the scout/ guide camp of 5,500 young people including international guides/scouts, however, read on.



Fionna and John arrived in the sunshine and set up camp apart from the scouts' tents on the Friday pm. Then Saturday, late am, it rained and that was the start. Fortunately we were a bit up the slope as by Sunday evening the lower groups were flooded and had to decamp to a local scout hall.



There was a dry day on the Monday and early am Tuesday and then the heavens opened. The torrential rain and gusting wind proved to be a challenge and whilst the scouts sheltered in the dining

tent and fed on hot chocolate and cake ; trenches were dug to prevent the potentially flooding water entering the tent.



Wednesday saw the group leave site and do various trips out of water sports, trip to Nottingham for ice skating and visiting a park, battlefield centre and Medieval experience at Warwick; which they all enjoyed immensely. It was decided by the Higher powers to close the camp on the Thursday 2 days early.

The parents helped to take down the tents and as the roads for access were impassable all the kit had to be carried to the top road. The scouts helped and parents as well and helped unload the van at the village hall that evening.

Yes there was mud over a foot deep in places, the toilets despite being regularly cleaned got very muddy and wellies were the order of the day for the whole camp.



However the scouts battled on in the rain and had a great time with various fun activities from crafts, inflatables, building solar cars to name but a few. The leaders were particularly impressed that the scouts despite being given the chance to go home early battled on in the adverse conditions, continued to enjoy themselves and looked after and supported each other especially the younger scouts.



So yes we survived the camp to the end - a memorable camp.

The leaders were a bit overwhelmed by the thanks of parents and the help we had to exit the camp and get back to the village. *Jennifer*

Kitchen Corner

CHICKEN, MUSHROOM & TARRAGON

INGREDIENTS

2 Large Chicken Breasts, diced
150gms. Streaky Bacon, diced
1tblsp. Olive Oil
1 knob of Butter
1 Large Onion, peeled and chopped

250gms. Chestnut Mushroom, sliced
1 Can of Condensed Chicken Soup
Milk
1tblsp. Chopped Tarragon
Salt & Black Pepper

METHOD

Melt the oil and butter in a large pan or wok, add half of the bacon and chicken, cook for 6-7 minutes, turning from time to time until cooked through. Remove from the pan into a dish. Repeat with the rest of the bacon and chicken, remove to the dish.

Turn the heat down and add the onion and mushrooms. Cook for about 10 minutes, turning frequently. Now add the contents of the can of soup and stir until well mixed. If the mixture looks too thick add a little milk, stir until well combined then add the tarragon, salt and pepper.

Return the chicken and bacon to the pan and heat through.

Let the mixture go cold, and then either put into a pie dish and top with rough puff pastry and bake in the oven @ 180C for 30 minutes, or put the mixture into pre-made crepes, roll up and place in a buttered dish top with grated cheese and bake @ 180C for 20-25minutes.

This is another 'cheats' recipe, but the taste is truly great.

Painting the Village



Dadlington Sheds sketch by Malcolm Clayson

On a warm July evening, the village of Dadlington became akin to Toulouse-Lautrec's Montmartre or Van Gogh's Provence as a group of artists moved in to capture the delights of our locality in sketches and paintings. The 40 strong Desford and Peckleton Art Club have been in existence for about 25 years and meet up every Wednesday to work in a wide variety of media. They decided on Dadlington as a venue for an evening in the open because, as artist and former headteacher of St Margaret's school, Graham Luker told the Stoker, "Dadlington seemed the perfect place as everything is so central and there is plenty of history." The group retired to The White Swan for refreshment after their labours, The Dog and Hedgehog being unable, on this occasion to accommodate them. They hold two exhibitions annually in Peckleton, one in April/May time and the other in November with about 80 to 90 pictures on show, most of which are for sale, and where you may be able to pick up a Dadlington village scene in a few months time.

Michael Dix

St James' Church Dadlington Cream Tea at Hall Farm * a great success****



Despite the English weather (read - cool, windy and showery), this years Cream Tea raised £979 for St James' Church

Well done to all those that took part, whether organising, baking, serving or eating cakes and drinking tea!.

Fool on the Hill Ulterior motives.....

Did you know that Boris Johnson is a fluent speaker of Walloon and that he is a high ranking member of the Belgian secret service? He has been infiltrated into the British political system on the orders of the European Union to wreak as much havoc as possible with the aim of making membership of the EU look appealing. This I have discovered from my association with a local group of like-minded individuals.

Every month there is a meeting of the local branch of the Conspiracy Theorists Discussion Group. I would tell you where we meet but, frankly, you never know who might be reading this. I can tell you, however, of a particularly sinister plot that is going on under our very noses and in which many of us are unwitting accomplices. It concerns the seemingly innocuous little plastic bottles containing personal hygiene products that we find in our hotel rooms.

To understand the deception you have to ask yourselves three basic questions. For ease of recognition why do the manufacturers not have a universal colour coding system for these products, i.e. Red for shampoo, blue for body wash and white for conditioner? This would make them easily identifiable no matter where you were in the country. Secondly, since a shower is the last place on earth that you would be wearing your glasses, why is the print on these bottles in a font last used on the Dead Sea scrolls and at a size that can only be read with a microscope? Thirdly, why, when the logical shape for the cap of the bottles would be something that afforded maximum grip in a damp environment, do these bottles have a top like a polished sphere? Every element of these little containers is designed to make them as user unfriendly as possible and for a stunningly simple reason. They don't want you to use them. What they want you to do is what the vast majority of people do, and that is to steal them.

To understand why we have to go back to 1972 when there was a sudden massive surge in the sale of domestic dish washing machines which resulted in a huge slump in demand for washing up liquid. Manufacturers found themselves with huge stocks of the stuff and were facing potentially ruinous costs to dispose of it. They contacted a shadowy group called SASH (Secret Association of Seaside Hoteliers) and devised a scheme to dye washing up liquid to look like shampoo and shower gel then place it in small untraceable bottles that would be left in hotel rooms across the country. These would then be stolen by the general public to be stored in perpetuity at the back of wardrobes across the country. In one fell swoop the disposal problem was solved whilst the hoteliers benefitted by appearing genuinely concerned for the health and welfare of their customers. Fiendish isn't it? Oh, by the way, don't open the conditioner.....



Redmoor Academy

Welcome to the final update from Redmoor Academy of this academic year. We have celebrated our successes, shared our achievements and have been, quite rightly, very proud of our students. We have just had a week of real contrasts, saying goodbye to our Year 11 students with a fantastic leaver's ball at Twycross Zoo whilst in the same day we hosted our new Year 7 students who greatly impressed us. We look forward to welcoming them back in August. This edition celebrates our amazing enrichment week where our students participated in a wide range of activities to develop their confidence, leadership and resilience. I hope you enjoy. Further details and pictures can be found on our social media platforms.

Redmoor Enrichment Week

Every year, all of our Key Stage 3 students participate in REC week, a week designed to give our students a full range of possibilities and opportunities outside of the classroom. This is a vital part of our school ethos, in that we believe in developing the whole child not just the academic side. From the photos below, you can see that our students participated in a range of



activities that developed existing skills and talents, but also opened new doors for them. Students learnt to ski, surf and canoe. They climbed, walked alpacas and learnt to horse ride. They were taking on

a culinary tour of France and had cookery lessons in French bakeries and patisseries. They pushed themselves to the limits in terms of perseverance and resilience in the 3 Peak Challenge, travelling as far as Scotland to achieve an

amazing feat. On the trip to Poland, Redmoor students fully appreciated the impact of the holocaust when they visited Auschwitz and the need for greater tolerance in our world.

Whatever our

students' talents, hopes or dreams, there was something for them to participate in that would help them grow as individuals. We are immensely proud of the way they conducted themselves and also our wonderful staff who spent so long planning these life experiences for our students.





Vocation Day

Living Your Life for God

On Wednesday, 26 June, we held a vocation day at Saint Martin's Catholic Academy. The students from year 8 had the opportunity to listen to five guest speakers and then ask them questions. The topics were all related to finding out what it means to live your life for God.

We were joined in school by various groups and people who have dedicated their lives to following God's plan for them. They spent the day sharing their lives with the students at St Martin's. Fr Martin Hardy, Deacon Seamus, Sr Dorothy, and Oscott College Seminarians, among others, spoke about why they have chosen to listen to God's call for them.

The students were very interested in why these people had chosen to go into religious life or to dedicate their lives to God. "The session with Fr Martin (documentary about silence) was the most engaging session. It made me think about how they got closer to God and how I could if I tried." – Year 8 student

We look forward to our next vocation day and hope our students were inspired!

"I just wanted to thank you for inviting me to the school yesterday, to talk to Year 8 students on Vocation. I was most impressed by the respect and the way the students responded and interacted with my sessions. It was a joy for me to be in the school, the Dominican ethos was evident from both staff and students." - Sister Dorothy



Church Matters



From St Margaret's Church

Connections

What does the particular title for Sunday 15th September, and what happened to me on a 16th September long ago, together with what I was doing between 1959 - 1962 and a local cathedral have in common? If you feel life's too short to worry about the answer – I understand. However, if you have a moment, I will explain.

A few weeks ago, we took Robert, one of our grandsons to Coventry Cathedral. He was duly impressed. (But more, I suspect, with the Transport Museum which we also visited.) The old cathedral was bombed in November 1940. This was the same year that during the Battle of Britain our home in Orpington, Kent, was bombed on the 16th September. I was two years old, in an air-raid shelter at the time and I don't remember much about it!

Many years later, as part of an extended national service in the R.A.F. (1959 - 1962), I was stationed at Biggin Hill – the home of Churchill's 'few' - and was able to go and visit where our family home had stood; by then, of course, re-built..

I hadn't realised until I started writing these musings that this year Battle of Britain Sunday falls on 15th September. (I remember 'standing guard' in St. George's Chapel on the R.A.F. Biggin Hill site especially on this Sunday when we had several visitors.)

And so, a life-threatening event, R.A.F. service life, Coventry Cathedral and 15th September 2019 are all connected in my life with the air battle that ranged over Britain during the Second World War.

The violence and ugliness of war – leading to the death and wounding of thousands of human beings – becomes associated with the incredible courage and selflessness of some of the same people and of others. And also connected with re-building homes and a cathedral – and in some cases new lives.

Somewhere, weaving his way through all this I see God. In healing and comforting, in starting again and having strength to carry on, in times of utter sorrow but also in the sheer wonder of human fortitude and courage – God blows his breath through our human existence and somehow gives it shape.

'Shaped by God' is a phrase used for some years in our Diocese of Leicester. On 15th and 16th September this year I will remember and in remembering encounter once again the Living God.

Alan Davis

Church Matters

Church of England September Services

St. Margaret's Church

1st	10.30am	All-Age Service
8th	11.00am	Benefice Service - Witherley
15th	10.30am	Holy Communion
22nd	10.30am	Morning Worship
29th	9.00am	Holy Communion
	10.30am	In Loving Memory

St. James's Church

1st	9.00am	Morning Prayer
8th	10.30am	Benefice Service - Witherley Church
15th	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
22nd	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
29th	9.00am	Holy Communion - Stoke Golding
	10.30am	In Loving Memory - Stoke Golding
	6.30pm	Harvest Songs of Praise

The Methodist Church September Services

1st	10.30am	Mr Colin Haddon
8th	10.30am	Mr John Marfleet
15th	10.30am	Mr John Cooke
22nd	10.30am	Revd Wes Hampton (Harvest Festival)
29th	10.30am	Circuit Service at Earl Shilton Methodist Church

Zion Baptist Chapel September Services

1st	6pm	Mark Menzfeld
8th	6pm	Steven Connor
15th	6pm	Malcolm Welch
22nd	6pm	John Needham
29th	6pm	Bill McIntyre

Answers to Ten of a Kind

1. Agatha Christie, 2. Missing Link (between apes and man), 3. Morecambe and Wise, 4. Their two front teeth, 5. Reginald Perrin, 6. John Stonehouse, 7. France, 8. The Stone of Scone / The Stone of Destiny, 9. The Menin Gate, 10. Boat

The Honorable Member: Part 2

What we now know as the constituency of Bosworth, came into being after the 1884 Representation of the People Act. This extended the numbers of men who could vote from just 15% fifty years earlier to about 60%. The first Bosworth MP was Glenfield born James Ellis who was a liberal, supporting prime minister Gladstone's views on free trade and low taxation. Another liberal succeeded him in 1892: Charles McLaren, a Scottish landowner and industrialist. When he decided not to stand in 1910, his son Henry won the seat with both men taking the title of Baron Aberconway. Henry was instrumental in developing the gardens at their family home of Bodnant in North Wales.

After World War I, the women's suffragette movement had its first victory with another Representation of the People Act (1918). The government recognised both the work women had done during the war when so many men were away fighting. They also realised many men returning from the front were disenfranchised as they didn't own property. The vote was given to all men aged 21 and over and property owning women aged 30 and above. 1922 saw the election of Major Guy Paget, an Ibstock man, soldier and historical biographer of women who played key roles during the Wars of the Roses. He is described as a Unionist, which was how the Conservative party styled itself back then. The seat alternated between liberal and conservative for the next eight years with MPs George Ward (liberal boot manufacturer), Robert Gee (conservative Victoria Cross winner who got fed up of politics and disappeared off to Western Australia) and Sir William Edge (liberal and a Methodist who laid one of the foundation stones of Stoke's Methodist chapel.) During Sir William's tenure, voting was extended to all women of 21 and over.

The first labour MP, Arthur Allen, was elected in 1945. Whilst not achieving any major role in parliament, he did get involved in a number of foreign parliamentary visits and in 1947 had an interview with Joseph Stalin. He eventually became private secretary to the labour leader, Hugh Gaitskell. He was followed by a political heavyweight, Woodrow Wyatt, another labour politician who became one of the party's biggest critics after he left parliament. He became chairman of the state betting organisation, the Tote and was a prolific journalist. An admirer of Margaret Thatcher and a fixer for Rupert Murdoch when he moved News International out of Fleet Street, he attracted much opprobrium from those on the left. Just before he left politics, the 1969 Representation of the People Act gave the vote to 18 year olds who would have had their first chance to vote the following year when Adam Butler (son of former Chancellor, Home and Foreign Secretary R. A. Butler) took back the seat for the conservatives after a 50 year gap. He served as a Minister of State and was made a Privy Councillor in 1984.

Michael Dix

RENOVATIONS AND REPAIRS TO ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

You may remember reading a few months ago about the repairs and changes planned for the interior of St Margaret's Church. We have now been granted permission by the Diocese of Leicester (a Faculty) to carry out the work following a number of meetings, a visit by the Diocesan Advisory Committee and a Public Consultation which lasted 4 weeks.



You may also remember the substantial amount of money that is needed to carry out the work - £139,000. We are delighted to tell you that the grant application we made to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council has been successful - and we have been awarded £58,800 towards the project. This is a fantastic start to our fund raising and has encouraged us enormously to think that we can now apply for further grants.

At the same time we have a separate commitment to carry out repairs to stonework and roofing on the exterior of the Church. This work has been costed at £50,000. We have yet to apply for grants for this work as permission is in the process of being sought.

You will see from the above that a massive effort is needed to bring these projects to completion. On an on-going basis the Church has to raise money through the normal ways such as the Flower Festival, collections and donations etc. in order to pay for the day-to-day running of the Church – presently over £500 per week.

Please let us know if you can help in any way – a number of people have already done so. St Margaret's Church is an amazing building that belongs to the whole village, not just church goers. We are all responsible for the maintenance of the outstanding medieval masterpiece which is a feature of so much of village life in Stoke Golding.

Church Wardens of St. Margaret's

PEOPLE POWER!

Yes - sorry it does sound rather like a political statement but please read on... Each year the National Trust organises 'Heritage Open Days' or HODs for short. These take place in September and highlight all sorts of buildings, places and events that celebrate our historical, cultural and social heritage. Sometimes, for example, buildings are open to the public that are normally closed. Often places hold special events to celebrate their heritage. This year the National Trust has chosen the theme 'People Power'! It is up to individual organisations as to how they interpret that.

In Stoke Golding there will be a small exhibition in St Margaret's Church where the part three local people played in giving residents more independence and status as a community will be featured. And yes they are all men! But please remember that last year the exhibition concentrated on women.

So highlighted this time are: Thomas Barton, Sir Henry Firebrace and Robert Baxter. If you would like to find out more about the difference these people have made - and continue to do so in Stoke Golding, come along. Our thanks go to last year's Year 6 pupils from St Margaret's Primary School, who have made a great contribution to the displays - and also to Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council for their funding.

The Church is open every day – the exhibition begins on Saturday 14th September from 10,00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. On Sunday (due to a service in the morning) 12.00 noon to 5.00 p.m.

Free entry, Light refreshments available, Church Trail leaflets for children, parking in the school grounds opposite.

CASAG



The Health promotion for the month of August is Skin Cancer.

Prevention is best with hats, suntan cream, seeking shade during peak hours of 11-3 and covering up with a long sleeved top or protective clothes especially for young children and babies.

There is The A,B,C and D rule for moles which can be in any part of the body not necessarily exposed to the sun e.g legs. If in doubt see the

GP earlier the better.

The next CASAG meeting is Wednesday 2nd October at 6.15pm at Castle Mead Surgery



Obituaries



Peter Jones

Peter of Dadlington passed away peacefully on the 24th June 2019 age 89 years. Beloved husband of Kathleen and much loved Dad of Stephanie and Dianne and loving Gramps to Lucinda, Simon, Helen, Sarah Jane, and Jessica and six great grandchildren. The funeral took place at Saint James Church, Sutton Cheney on the 10th July 2019. Donations in memory of Peter for the Air Ambulance may be sent to M G Evans & Sons Funeral Directors, Long Street, Atherstone.

Maureen Harper

Maureen, a past resident of Stoke Golding, passed away peacefully on 16th June , 2019, aged 85 years. Dearly loved wife of the late Reg, much loved mum of Elaine, Roger, Julia and Dave and a loving grandma and great grandma. Donations for Hinckley Park Nursing Home Comfort Fund may be made to W.S.Smith & Sons, Funeral Directors, Avenue Road, Nuneaton, CV11 4JT

Bryan Quinney

Bryan, of Stoke Golding and Hinckley, passed peacefully away on 29th June, 2019, aged 88 years. Beloved husband of the late Margaret, loving father of Elaine, , Karen and Andrew, much loved grandfather of Stefan, Michael, Clair, Adan, Rachel, Christopher and David and great grandad of Austin. Donations to Leicester Animal Aid may be made to the Co-operative Funeral Care, A.J.Murray, Lower Bond Street, Hinckley.

We offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Peter, Maureen and Bryan

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

Report by County Councillor

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

Local flooding issue – Stoke Road.

Concerns regarding the shortfall in the HBBC 5-year housing supply.

Road surface dressing in Stoke Golding.

Ground Maintenance Report

Urgent work to remove a crumbling tree stump from the recreation field was agreed at a cost of £70.

Maintenance of the wildflower area at Bennett Close was discussed. The Clerk to liaise with JG to carry out necessary work.

Split guttering on the village hall was noted and VHMC have been informed.

Urgent tree work at Wykin Lane Cemetery was agreed at a cost of £120.00.

Problems with brambles on the solar panel boundary at the recreation field were discussed. The Clerk to contact the landowner and solar panel company.

Planning Applications:

New Applications:

Blacksmiths Cottage, Blacksmiths Yard – work to trees.

52 High Street – work to trees.

Permission approved:

16 Whitemoors Close – single storey rear extension.

Refusal:

Land east of Higham Lane - agricultural building.

Withdrawn:

1 Church Close – removal of dead branches on 1 sycamore tree.

Minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC) meeting

Minutes of the NPAC meetings held on the 8th July were *noted*. A report by Cllr Beale was noted and included:

A resident's comments regarding the shortfall in the HBBC 5-year housing supply.

Work on first draft is now 85% completed.

Borough Councillor support and attendance at next NPAC meeting.

Funding - it was agreed for the consultant to proceed with an application for a Locality grant of £8,513.50.

Update on Sport in Stoke Golding (SISG)

An update by Cllr Pegg was noted - full initial costings are still pending.

Update on work to St Margaret's Churchyard wall

EIP funding has been confirmed and the contractor informed. The Clerk to liaise with the contractor to make necessary arrangements.

Update on memorial safety – gravestone repairs

The Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) has recommended the application for approval, and the public consultation period will commence on 5th August.

Comments from HBBC Conservation Officer regarding the railings around a grave at the churchyard were discussed. The Clerk will proceed with quotes for repair of the railings.

A memorial previously laid down at Hinckley Road Cemetery was discussed and it was agreed that it should be temporarily moved to a safer place.

Tree inspection report and work to trees

Planning permission for work at the churchyard was still pending.

Approval from the Diocese for work at the churchyard and Hinckley Road Cemetery was still pending

Urgent inspection work and stump grinding at the recreation field was complete.

It was agreed to proceed with a quote for works to trees, at a cost of £260.00.

Wykin Lane Cemetery pathways

Three quotes have been received. The Clerk to submit the quotes for EIP funding and Cllr Pegg to liaise further with the contractor.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Two residents have expressed an interest in setting up a scheme in Stoke Golding.

The Clerk to contact the residents and put them in touch with the NHW Development Officer for Hinckley

Laburnum Close Community Land

It was agreed to proceed with the instruction of Thomas Flavell and Sons to act for the Parish Council in the transfer of community land.

Works to the recreation field pathways

Ring-fenced reserves for maintenance of recreation facilities were noted, at £16,094.70. Cllr Pegg to liaise with JG regarding necessary work.

Hinckley Road Cemetery boundary matter

Comments from the resident's consultant were noted. Land Registry guidance and comments from LRALC consultant were discussed. The Clerk to draft the agreed reply and send to Cllrs for approval.

Heritage street name signs

A reply from HBBC regarding the directional access signs on the Morris Homes development was noted and it was agreed that the Parish Council should seek EIP funding in the next financial year for these signs.

Installation of benches

A donated bench has been received and the location was agreed. It was agreed to proceed with installation, at a cost of £80.00 which has been paid by the donor. The circular bench and tree options were discussed, and it was agreed to seek a quote to reinstall the bench in the previous location, with no tree at this time.

A request to change a burial plot for a cremation plot

It was agreed to change a burial plot for a cremation plot and proceed with a refund of £290.00.

Consideration of a request to meet Pegasus Developers

A request by Pegasus to meet with the Parish Council, to discuss a future proposal for a site in Stoke Golding was declined. It was agreed, by a majority vote, to suggest that an open public event be arranged and held by Pegasus to inform residents of the future proposals.

Communications received by the Clerk

Written

A request from Scope regarding a clothes bank site was noted.

Verbal

Resident's information regarding land surveys on Wykin Lane was noted.

Contractor's query regarding land for a food union was noted and passed on to the NPAC.

Resident's query regarding a grave at Hinckley Road was noted and the Clerk will reply.

Next meeting: Methodist Hall, Wednesday 4^h September at 7pm

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