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Stoke Golding Village Magazine

Including

Dadlington Matters

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Note from the Editors

October's Stoker is full of celebrations including a diamond wedding anniversary, sporting achievements, Garden Show winners, champion teddies and the local schools' GCSE results.

Sadly we also bring you the worrying news that there have been a number of house and

car burglaries in Stoke Golding and Dadlington over the past few weeks. Please make sure you lock up and secure all your belongings and report any suspicious behaviour to the police. By working together as a community we can hopefully make it much harder for thieves to succeed.

A special well done to Samara for writing about her school trip to Wales - we think she could be a Stoker editor of the future! We hope this might encourage more young writers to send us their articles.

Whatever your age we always look forward to hearing your news and views and reading your articles, so please keep sending them in.

On behalf of the Stoker production team we would like to thank all the willing volunteers who collected Stoker subscriptions this year. We really appreciate your help.

Jane and Steve

The Stoker Team

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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: Kate Anderton with her winning apples at the Stoke Golding Garden Show.



Diamond Wedding Celebrations

David and Sheila Rawlings (maiden name Parker) were married at St John the Baptist Church, Baginton, Warwickshire on 13th September 1958.

They have lived in Roseway and Wykin Lane and now live in Sherwood Road.

Many villagers will remember that Sheila used to be the post lady in Stoke Golding before retiring.

They celebrated their milestone with family and friends at The Red Lion Hotel, Atherstone.

Congratulations from the Stoker team

Yet More Housing Development for Stoke Golding?

Following articles in recent editions of the Stoker about the threat of more housing development in Stoke Golding, developers are active once again and are intending to hold a meeting (not yet scheduled) to present proposals for the land off Station Road. We need to be prepared for aggressive developers trying to make a fortune by building on our valuable open countryside. Considering the village was originally required to have 60 houses built between 2006 and 2026 (HBBC Local Plan) and has, so far, had nearly 160 (mainly those built by Mar City and Morris Homes) surely this should be sufficient to take us through at least the next ten years and hopefully a lot longer?

Developers will try to influence our opinions by promising all sorts of wonderful community assets in return for allowing them to build, but these very rarely seem to materialise - often because the original company responsible for the development closes down before they have fulfilled their obligations.

Hopefully the Neighbourhood Plan, when it is completed, will provide some protection against unwanted developments by influencing what goes into Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council's Local Plan (see Jim Hope's article on page 19).

Jane White



When I was contemplating moving into the Midlands countryside from home in Notting Hill, I was met with shocked murmurs of disbelief from friends and family: "Oh Beth you'll hate it- you're a Londoner not a country woman". I arrived just at the time of the Foot and Mouth disaster, and I've become more concerned with farming problems and their distinctive life-style every year I've lived here.

"You really have to be born into this way of life – or be mad!" Ethel laughs when I discover she's the product of generations of farmers and married to a farmer. She was born in the village at 'Stoke Fields' farm, next to the old Convent lodge, and went to St. Margaret's Primary until she was six, when the family moved to Sheepy Parva. Leaving school she trained as a hairdresser, but by the age of 21 she was married to Terry.

"How did the two of you meet" I ask. Here Ethel bursts into a delighted chuckle. "At a Young Farmers' Club dance." She then adds with a naughty twinkle in her eyes: "Oh yes Beth, many a marriage begins through the YFC."

Ethel's openness is captivating. She tells it as it is - without any 'side'. I keep getting diverted, as we gossip together forgetting to stick to her story. Their wedding took place at Witherley church, and before I ask "Why Witherley Ethel?" She explains "That's where Mum had me baptised. It was her Parish church you see, living down Atterton Lane." I'm beginning to sense strong traditional values in the family, and in Ethel herself. Their married life continues in Desford, as Terry goes to work on Ethel's Dad's farm. Ethel is busy giving birth to their two children Teresa and Antony, as well as doing some free-lance hairdressing. Teresa has followed in the family's footsteps, marrying a famer in Wellesborough. They have one little boy of 10years old. Antony is also married with two children, living in Kirby Mallory and drives one of those enormous articulated lorries complete with crane.

After a number of years at Desford, Ethel's Dad moved back to the Sheepy Parva farm, which meant a move for the young family as well, with Terry working alongside Ethel's Dad. It was here they also started a smallholding with pigs, and also bought their first lorry, eventually planning to start their own haulage business with a fleet of them, transporting grain from the farms to the mills. Their final move to Vale farm coincided with the years of the Foot and Mouth disaster and, like all the farms surrounding them, they were immediately closed. Here they were, all prepared to begin farming on a large scale, completely powerless.

"That's where the B & B began Beth – we were broke. I had to find a way of bringing some income into the family coffers. We began, with three bedrooms in our own home and the first year didn't look promising. I guess we had 'one man on a bike', she says with a wry laugh. Perseverance finally saw a break-through, with 'regulars'-mainly businessmen, and 2005 saw the conversion of the barn, giving two doubles and a twin bedded room, all with en-suites, and a dining room. In 2011 they added the cow-sheds, making three more doubles, and are now planning three on the

opposite side of their very pretty farmyard with its climbing roses and colourful pots and flowerbeds. For city friends, seeing cows grazing as they drive down the long driveway into the farm gives the authentic country touch, added by Ethel's homemade jams and marmalades, and the stories she can tell them about Vale Farm's 300 year history, and even more about the hazards of running the farm, along with their 200 head of cattle, as well as the daily routine of a successful B & B. Long may it prosper.....

Beth.

Dear Editors

On behalf of myself and my 'other half' I would like to thank you for the outstanding production of 'The Stoker' magazine.

We moved to Dadlington in July of 2017 and received a lovely 'Welcome Pack', which included this wonderful magazine full of information, ranging from adverts for local businesses, beauty salon, local events, recipes, coffee mornings, crosswords and much more. The stories created by 'The Fool On The Hill' is an absolute must read for me with its humour and entertainment factor with every story. It is written so eloquently by the author, whoever that may be? Congratulations FOTH!

We have been able to use several of the businesses advertised (all good I might add) and which we feel is important in supporting the local community. The many events we have attended, have given us the opportunity to also meet and make new friends.

Well done 'The Stoker', you should be very proud of yourselves. I look forward to receiving my next edition.
Kind regards

Dadlington 'newbie's' aka Julia & Tim

Thank you Julia and Tim for your lovely 'pat on the back' - eds

Correction - Signs on the Marina Bridge

The article about the signs on the Marina Bridge should, of course, read 'Henry VII' not 'Edward VII'.

Our apologies to Tony Collett for this error.

St Martin's Catholic Academy Pupils Achieve Excellent GCSE Results



Well done to all our pupils who received their GCSEs, some excellent grades were achieved with Joe Burton our highest performer with five 9 grades (9 is the equivalent to an A**) and five 8 grades (8 is the equivalent to an A*).

Overall 89% of pupils achieved a grade 4

(Equivalent to a C grade) in English and 87% in maths. On the old measure of 5+ A*-C grades we would have achieved around 82%.

Well done to all our pupils who again did so well this year as well as their teachers who have worked so hard for their success.

Stacy Frith

Congratulations

Redmoor Academy's GCSE Success

Following our article about Redmoor Academy in the September issue, we were pleased to receive this update about the school's GCSE results from the Principal, Mr Nicolle.

"Redmoor received its second set of GCSE results in August 2018 and they are massively improved from the previous year in every area and compare well against national benchmarks for good schools. Of particular note is the performance of the most able students who amassed an impressive 62 grade 9s in a year where this top grade was more difficult to reach. Mr Nicolle is incredibly proud of his students and staff for their hard work and subsequent success."

Well done everyone!

Stoke Golding Youth Football Club





Stoke Golding Under 11's enjoyed a fantastic season playing in the 1st division of the Leicester Mutual League.

The boys have largely been together since they were 6 years of age, with some excellent additions into key positions over the seasons. Over the season they have developed into one of the strongest sides in the county recently

winning the very competitive green towers end of season tournament. Currently the under 11's play all of their home games at St Martins Academy on a Sunday morning.

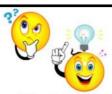
The Under 13's have kicked off their season with determination and resilience, looking stylishly vibrant in their new kit with the kind support of The Charity of Thomas Barton.

The Club is also very grateful to The Stoke Golding Boys Charity, The White Swan Bonfire Committee



and The Stoke Golding Charity Sleigh, in assisting the Club with the purchase of two aluminium folding football goals, for matches played at the recreation ground.

Dadlington Matters



Dadlington Village Hall's Famous

QUIZ EVENING

Saturday 20th October at 7:30pm

Teams of 6 to 8 £8.50 per person (includes a hot meal)

For tickets, contact Sally-ann Faulks at: dvhmc2015@gmail.com

Tickets must be paid for by 8th October

St James' Dadlington



HARVEST SUPPER



Monday 8th October

Please ring Caroline on 212212 to reserve a place.





Thursday 18th October: Our first matinee

Doors open at 10:15 for a 10:45 start. £2.50 at the door for a tea, coffee or soft drink. Informal seating – interval. Why not join us?

Unfortunately, our license requirements mean we cannot tell you the name of the film. What we can tell you is that it features an orphaned Italian boy,

brought up by a circle of English and American women in Italy before and during World War 2.

Certificate: PG Duration: 2 hours Released: 1995

St Margaret's Children Enjoy a Welsh Adventure

On the 3rd September 2018, years 5 and 6 went on a 5 day residential at the Red Ridge Centre in Wales. They had tons of fun! If you have a child who will be going to Red Ridge maybe in the next 2 years, I highly recommend it.

When you're there you will do rock climbing, archery, kayaking etc. Here is a little bit of writing I've done.

Excitement ran through my veins. That's it, there is no turning back now. We're here! We got off the coach and a man called Rob introduced us to our rooms. We put our bags in our rooms and then had lunch. My group's first activity was kayaking. I was very wet after we had finished. I had a shower and



then waited for the other groups to come back. We had dinner and afterwards we did our night activity, orienteering. We got ready for bed, then it was lights out. The next day our activities were going on the big climbing wall, artificial caving (where we practised to do the real thing) and archery. Our activity that evening was a night walk. On Wednesday we went off site and did caving and rock climbing. Then I think we did my favourite activity in the evening, movie night! We went canoeing and biking, then Thursday night DISCO! It went so fast it was already the last day! We went on a hill walk and then we were off back home. I enjoyed Red Ridge so much!

By Samara

Putting the Record Straight

Denis Cash has provided the crossword for the Stoker since the magazine started in 2001 and has been assisted by his nephew Jeff for the last couple of years. In our introduction last month we missed out this fact and gave Jeff the credit for providing the puzzle since 2001.

Denis was one of the founder members of the Stoker, providing huge enthusiasm and support for this community magazine. He was treasurer for a number of years and has regularly provided historical articles as well as the monthly crossword.

Thank you Denis for all you have done and continue to do to support the Stoker.

Fool on the Hill

Fair Cop Guv....

At any given time in the UK there are some 84,000 of our citizens being detained in Her Majesty's Prisons. Women are severely under represented within this demographic accounting for less than 4,000 of total number. The total figure is a mere 0.13% of the whole population and this leads me to two obvious conclusions. Firstly, the male of the species is considerably less law abiding than the female which is probably true. The second assumption is that 99.87% of the population is completely law abiding which is almost certainly not true. Be honest here, have you never committed any little act of criminality however trivial or unintentional? Never done 32 mph in a 30 zone or pinched a traffic cone in your student days? Ever been tempted to pay a tradesman cash to avoid VAT? You may well have been parked on those double yellow lines to pick up your Grannies prescription but try telling that to the traffic warden. At the more bizarre end of the petty crime spectrum, there is a recorded instance of a lady who attempted to steal a frozen joint of meat from a supermarket by concealing it under her hat. She was only discovered because the extreme chill on her head caused her to faint on the way out of the shop. Crime comes in many different forms and guises but the prison population is different because, in the words of Ronnie Barkers criminal alter ego Norman Stanley Fletcher, they got caught.

There is an old saying that virtue is only insufficient temptation. No doubt, being the good citizens you are, if you found a purse or wallet in the street you would hand it in to the police. But what if you found a sack full of unmarked notes in a ditch that had, no doubt, been dumped by some fleeing felon? It would indeed be a strong mind that did not take a moment or two to consider the options. Particularly if one was in the middle of a poor run with the horseflesh. The other factor in this, apart from greed, is power. Money will undoubtedly open a life of privilege and influence to you and once you have got yourself into such a position you would probably mud wrestle your own mother to stay there. It has struck me of late that there is a very fine line between the activities of professional criminal gangs and the goings on in the world of big business and, sadly Government. When an organised gang seeks to rob us with some nefarious activity it is called fraud. When the Banks do it, it is called miss selling PPI.

If you are of the thinking that crime does not pay, then may I draw your attention to that wordsmith of note Geoffrey Archer who, despite committing perjury and spending two years in jail, remains to this day a peer of the realm.

No hint of power and privilege there then.



Rose Buttercream Cupcakes

Maggie won first prize for these beautifully iced cup cakes in the Garden Show and has shared her recipe with Stoker readers. She is willing to organise a demonstration for anyone who would like to learn how to ice cakes. If you are interested just give her a ring or send an email to: maggiecaswell0@gmail.com

Vanilla Butter Cream Ingredients

250g unsalted butter, softened.

500g icing sugar.

3 tsp vanilla essence.

3 tsp milk.

Method

Place the butter in a mixing bowl and beat it until it is smooth and fluffy.

Add in half of the icing sugar.

Add the rest of the sugar, milk and vanilla.

Beat the ingredients together until smooth.

Creating a rose with buttercream

Equipment needed: A piping bag, Wilton 1M tip (star).

Make your buttercream using the recipe.

- 1.Cut the tip of your piping bag, but only enough for your tip to poke through.
- 2.Fold over the top of the bag until folded in half, I use a pint glass and fold over the glass
- 3.Fill with buttercream
- 4.Roll back the piping bag
- 5.Squeeze the icing down to remove air bubbles. Just like when you're trying to get the last bit of toothpaste! BUT take care not to allow the icing to come out of the tip.
- 6.Twist the bag removing any air.
- 7.Hold the cupcake in one hand and pipe with the other.
- 8.Begin at the centre with piping bag perpendicular/straight up.
- 9.Apply some pressure while piping bag still straight and let the frosting release like a small flower.

10. Now make a swirl overlapping the

frosting working outwards

11.Finish it off by slowly releasing pressure towards the end swirl.
You have a rose

buttercream cupcake.

Maggie Caswell



CASAG



September 2018 is blood cancer month. Just a reminder from the surgery staff that Saturday 13th October is the flu clinic 8.30-11.30am. So if you are over 65 years old or suffer from a chronic illness (you will have received a letter to attend for a flu jab), then please ring for an appointment. The clinic will be very busy with patients booked in every minute. Therefore parking is extremely

restricted. Please can you only use a car for transport if you can't get there by any other means.

Congratulations to Amanda the surgery nurse who has passed her prescribing course and will be running minor illness clinics in the future.

Jennifer

What's On



BOLD UKULELES & AMBION VOICES come together for a CONCERT



on Saturday 6th October, 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm) at Dadlington Village Hall

Tickets £5.00 each, available from Martyn & Ruth Fisher 01455 212489, ruthsg21@btinternet.com

Bar and light refreshments available.

All proceeds to Hinckley Homeless Group.



hospice for children and young people

What's On

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

Books

Thursday 4th October 10.15 am -12.15pm



All Welcome

C_{rafts}



In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Lifts are available if you find it difficult to get there - ring Jane 212416



The Methodist Church

Coffee Morning

Saturday October 12th 10.00 - 11.30

For Church Funds

Stoke Golding Heritage Group A History of Spirits

(Booze not Ghosts)

by John Whitehead

Thursday October 18th at 7.30 in the Baxter Hall

An evening to raise your glasses with whatever the spirit you prefer and find out more about its history. Come and enjoy! Visitors welcome.

Roy Mitchell

The Arts Society - Sparkenhoe

- **5 November 2018**: The Life and Work of Thomas Chippendale. No cabinetmaker's name is better known than his. This lecture, marking Chippendale's tercentenary, concludes that he was to English Furniture what Shakespeare was to English Literature! Janusz Karczewski-Slowilowski is a renowned freelance lecturer and researcher in English furniture, and an antiques dealer. He makes a welcome return to The Arts Society Sparkenhoe.
- **3 December 2018 The Magic of Pantomime**. The history of this enduring and peculiarly British institution is explored, from its origins in 16th century Italian *commedia dell'arte* through the influence of 19th century music hall, to the family shows that are still much-loved today. **Ian Gledhill.** From designing underground railways for London Transport, to appearing in panto with Julian Cleary, Ian has had a very varied career and has been giving lectures for over 20 years.

Talks are held in the **Dixie Grammar School Hall**, Market Bosworth, CV13 0LE and start at 7.30 p.m. Guest fee of £5 payable.

For more information please contact: Margaret Birch on 01455 291052; Bridget Flavell on 01455 290300; or John Hawkes on 07590 496150.

St Margaret's Church Heritage Open Doors Weekend September 7th, 8th and 9th 2018



The 'pop up banners' looked really good. They explained the lives of three women connected with Stoke Golding and its Church. Firstly the history of the Patron Saint of the Church, St Margaret of Antioch was explained. Followed by Queen Philippa - wife of Edward III - and famous for her learning and compassion. She reputedly pleaded for the lives of the Burghers of Calais to be spared and this is immortalised in the Rodin statue. St Margaret's Church, as we see it today, was largely built during her reign. She is commemorated on the parapet of the church tower by a sculpture of her headnow very badly deteriorated due to centuries of weather damage. Finally Mistress Hodges, main founder of education in Stoke Golding - the memory of whose generosity is maintained in the present day Foundation Charity which helps the primary school and young residents going onto further education with bursaries for Bibles and other books.

The Friday was marked by a visit from an enthusiastic and interested Year 4 group of pupils from St Margaret's School who followed the 'Church Trail' for children. Over the weekend visitor numbers ebbed and flowed – but many

people were impressed by the wonderful heritage of the Church and Stoke Golding itself. In fact a good number of adults followed the Church Trail answer sheet! - And with the help of the banners and accompanying leaflets discovered many hitherto unknown facets of the history of the Church and the chosen 'Extraordinary Women'.

St Margaret's Parochial Church Council would like to thank all the people who helped to steward the event, as well as Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council for their funding and Diane Sinclair for the great graphic design work on the banners. Also Queen's College, Oxford for the use of photographs of their patroness, Queen Philippa.

If you didn't get an opportunity to see the display over the weekend we are sure it will be 'Popping Up' again at some point! The Church is open every day for people to enjoy the tranquillity, history and beauty of this wonderful building available to us in our village. Please visit soon.

Staffroom Memories 17: Lost Property

Despite asking parents on a fairly regular basis to ensure everything a child brought into school was labelled with their name, many parents didn't bother or else, after countless washes, the labels were unreadable. Come a spot of warm weather, 300 children would go out to play in identical jumpers, discard them and, at the end of playtime, about 280 of the jumpers would be reunited with their owners: the rest went into Lost Property. Come the end of the day, there would often be an irritated parent demanding that staff stopped whatever it was they were doing immediately in order to carry out a full-scale investigation for some unlabelled item their offspring had mislaid.

The Lost Property box overflowed, with not just school uniform but shoes, hats, gloves, coats and scarves. Anything labelled was returned to its owner and each term what was left would be put out on display. After that, the Parent Teacher Association would take the unloved and unwanted items of school uniform and resell them, which was a boon for families who found the cost of new uniform a real problem unless it was their child who kept losing it. Of course, from the child's point of view, nothing was ever lost, it was always 'stolen.' Without any evidence whatsoever, aspersions would be cast on little Frank or young Lisa because," They were in the cloakroom at lunchtime and I saw them by my peg!"

One particular missing item stays in the memory. A perfectly reasonable parent came into school at the end of the day to enquire why her son only appeared with the one shoe on. She was pretty sure that she'd sent him out with two that morning. We searched high and low, to no avail. And then I remembered that whilst I was in the staffroom at lunchtime, I'd heard a strange bang from above. I'd ignored it, but now, on closer inspection of the cloakroom next door, I found a hole in the ceiling where a broken polystyrene tile had been removed for repair. I fetched a ladder, climbed it, felt around in the space above the staffroom and found the shoe. Then I descended the ladder, with a cheery, "Here it is," as if finding shoes in the roof space was a normal, everyday experience.

Residential visits always brought their share of unclaimed items. We'd hold them aloft and a few would be recognised, but many travelled back to school for a stay of execution before ending up in the bin. I could understand the child whose underwear was being dangled in front of the group not wanting to admit they were theirs, but there were some very distinctive and expensive pieces of clothing that ended up back in the box at school. One year, we found a sealed washing pack, with unused flannel, soap, toothbrush and shampoo. The owner was soon found: a rather scruffy and smelly child who'd not washed all week. Reluctantly he accepted the bag was his, but begged us not to tell his mum when she collected him. I rather suspect she discovered it for herself

Michael Dix

St Margaret's Flower Festival

Yet again the talented flower arrangers came up trumps with their theme of "An Annual Event" which ranged from The Six Nations Rughy

The Six Nations Rugby, Pancake Day, Bonfire Night, Wimbledon and St Patrick's day, to name but a few. Due to various commitments I didn't get a chance to wander down to the festival until about 12.30 pm on the Monday, but the displays were still in full bloom. The attention to detail was exquisite including the archway into the church, the arch near the pulpit and a beautiful garland between the pillars with decorated wicker heart decorations.



The church was busy, which was nice to see, however on entering the school hall to be greeted by friendly

faces, it was standing room only with all the tables full. It was incredibly warm in the

hall and I admire the ladies and me who were working at the stalls, tombola, refreshments etc to serve all these people.



Jennifer Michie



So the moral behind this story is to get down early and see the splendid floral arrangements and then there might be space to sit down and have the compulsory tea and cake as you can't have a flower festival in Stoke Golding or Dadlington without the refreshments. Well done to all.

St Margaret's Church Teddy Bear Jump

Thank you to everyone who came to the Teddy Bear Jump. There were lots of excited children who watched their teddies or other soft toys parachute from the church tower.



Teddy Bear rescuers were kept busy as lots went on the church roof or into trees, and one toy got stuck on a telephone wire, which took two hours to rescue on the Sunday. Thank you to the rescuers, to Roger our launcher, Margaret and Ian who did the bar-b-que, and to everyone who helped in any way. We had a lovely few hours

Our winner was Isla. Ben and Isabella won the "How many bears in church" competition. There were 46.

The winners of the "Best Dressed Bears" were Hannah and Harry. Best parachute went to Oliver, Archie and Theo, and Riley guessed the name of the bear, which was Charley. *Jenny Hirons*

HOT NEWS! Something Fantastic to Celebrate...

Dressed Bears"

Our Chairperson at SGGS entered the National Vegetable Society event in Yorkshire this week - and came away with a 1st prize!!

Just think if you were kind enough to bid for and purchase any tomatoes at our SGGS Grand Auction this year, you may have been eating beauties of this calibre. Congratulations Mr Phil Burgess - you may now take a bow for this achievement extraordinaire.

Tina Waters



BACKSTAGE WHISPERS

Apart from my classes on 'Speech and Personality Development' to *my girls* at the Chiswick Polytechnic, I also had another fascinating job that was offered me by Anthony, a rather smart young Defence Lawyer, husband of an actress friend of mine. I would go into prisons or magistrate courts and remand centres to interview Anthony's client in preparation for the pending court case. He needed to have an overview of their background, and to hear their own account of the supposed crime committed. I was always too soft-hearted, and wanted them all to be let off. This little guy was one of my favourites - a young West Indian teenager. Let's call him Jason.

<u>ME:</u> Hi Jason I'm Beth. I'm representing Anthony your defence lawyer, to hear your side of the story. Shall I tell you all he's told me? He nods; "Jason has been remanded and found guilty of stealing a girl's necklace from a playground in Hounslow, West London. Is this right?"

<u>JASON</u> "Yes miss. Please miss have you got a cigarette? We are always told to take cigarettes with us. I hand him the pack. He just takes two and hands me the pack.

ME "What made you take the necklace Jason? Tell me the whole story. And why have you run away from home?"

<u>JASON</u> (there's a pause as he lights his cigarette) "My real home's with me Gran in Jamaica. But Dad left us so Mum flew to England to get a job, and somewhere to live for us both – and..." He pauses, looking down on the floor.

<u>ME</u> "OK Jason. So - how did you like being left behind with your Gran?" He doesn't answer for a moment, and then looking up at me with enormous brown eyes.....

JASON "Gran an' me was so happy together Miss. I loved her so much. She was ever so kind and funny. Everyone loved her. Then Mum wrote to say she'd met a guy and she wanted me to come and join them. Gran cried ever so - but said I must go."

ME "Then what happened Jason?"

JASON (looking at the floor, and wiping his eyes with the back of his hand)"Well he didn't really want me there and found every excuse to give me a beating with his belt. It had a buckle end and,,,,

ME What kind of things did he beat you for?

<u>JASON</u> "He just made things up – cos I know he just wanted to be alone with Mum. I didn't want to be with them no more – so I run away."

ME (making notes) OK Jason. Now what about the necklace. You've admitted you took it – Why?

<u>JASON</u> Well miss – I saw two girls playin' in this playground, an' I asked them for a fag, but they didn't have none. But they let me share their school lunch. They was great. One of them had this necklace, an' when I

said how nice it was she took it off to show me, and said it was real gold and cost hundreds of pounds. Well I had it in my hand like – admirin' it like, and they started havin' an argument about how much it cost, and while they wasn't watchin' me, I run off. But please Miss don't let that policeman send me back to Mum and that man.

ME big sigh) Oh Jason...! What do you want me to say to your lawyer? JASON Please Miss – please say I want to go back to my Gran...(complete breakdown into sobbing tears.)

Beth

Neighbourhood Plan Update.



Dear All,

We apologise that it has been some time since you've had an update on Stoke Golding's Neighbourhood Plan.

Sadly Roy Mitchell has recently resigned as Chair of The Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee for personal

reasons. I and the rest of the Advisory Committee would like to thank him for all the hard work he has put into The Neighbourhood Plan in his role as Chairman. Nevertheless the work of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan will continue.

The development of Neighbourhood Plan Policies is approaching completion. The main outstanding issue is site allocation for future housing development. At the time of writing this article, we were waiting for the latest site availability document to be published by The Borough Council. The Advisory Committee understand that site availability and site designations (which sites are developable) have changed so, once we have the full information, we will be conducting another household survey to find out where you consider development is most acceptable/least unacceptable. The Neighbourhood Plan does not have the power to stop all development so no matter whether you agree with development or not, please fill in the survey fully when it eventually arrives. This will help us get the Neighbourhood Plan as close to the village's wishes as the regulations will allow.

Finally we have learnt that a New Local Plan is being developed by The Borough Council and is scheduled to be adopted in 2021 and will run until 2036. It will take the place of the current Local Plan, which would have ended in 2026. A Local Plan is a Borough Council's overall Plan for the area and includes development. Our Neighbourhood Plan is not allowed to include anything that contradicts The Local Plan, so the goalposts are changing. We want our Neighbourhood Plan to be in place in good time so that it can influence what goes into The New Local Plan.

We hope you will continue to support us in developing Stoke Golding's Plan, even if it's taking a lot longer than any of us would have hoped.

Jim Hope

Church Matters



From St Margaret's Church

This month we are delighted to celebrate the licensing of Michelle Nelson into the Reader Ministry of the Church of England. After having undertaken three years part-time training, Michelle will be licensed as a Lay Reader on October 13th at Leicester Cathedral, being authorised as a public lay minister in the Fenn Lanes Group of parishes.

The following day, Sunday 14th October, there will be a special united Benefice Service of Holy Communion at St Michael and All Angels, Fenny Drayton, to welcome Michelle as our newly licensed Reader.

What is a Reader? A Reader is a theologically trained lay minister, who is authorised by the Church of England to preach and teach, to lead worship, and to assist in the pastoral, evangelistic and liturgical work of the Church in the parish or area where they are licensed.

Michelle lives in the parish of Fenny Drayton, where she has, for several years, been a part of the leadership of the Church and has brought much inspiration and encouragement to both Church and Community. As a Reader she will continue to make a valuable contribution to the work and mission of our churches, including working alongside myself and other members of the Ministry Team (many of you will know our other Readers: Carolyn Patullo, Jan Harding, Wendy O'Brien; and our Pastoral Assistant Keith Cornford), in leading worship, preaching, teaching, running groups and visiting in our parishes.

It will be a real blessing to have Michelle sharing in the leadership of The Fenn Lanes Group, but it's important for us not to lose sight of God's calling to all of us; that all members of the body (that is, the Church) are called to be an active part in it. St Paul tells us that we each have a role within the body of Christ and that we need different people with different gifts and skills to enable the church to flourish and grow. Many people **do** give of their time and for that we are very grateful, but perhaps **you** have a gift or skill which God is calling you to offer. Whatever it is, however small, we'd love to hear from you.

Wishing you God's blessing

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Church of England October Services

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14th	10.30pm	Benefice Service Fenny Drayton	14th	10.30am	Benefice Service Fenny Drayton
21st	10.30am	Holy Communion	21st	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
28th	10.30am	Morning Worship	28th	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer

The Methodist Church October 2018 Services

7th	10.30am	Mrs Hilary Fenby
14th	10.30am	Mr John Cooke
21st	10.30am	Mr Colin Haddon
28th	10.30am	Mr John Cooke

Zion Baptist Chapel October 2018 Services

7th 14th	6pm 6pm	Wynne Richards Martyn Owens
21st	6pm	Bill McIntyre
28th	6pm	Malcolm Welch

A Vision Morning

The five parishes of the Fenn Lanes Benefice invite you to a Vision Morning on Saturday October 6th, 9.30am – 12.00 in The Community Centre, Higham on the Hill School. We will be considering questions such as: Where are we? Where is God calling us to be? How will we get there? - as we look to the preparation of a Growth Action Plan.

All are 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.



Fast Track to Heaven - the Chantry

If you thought the unrequested letters that drop through your door asking for charity donations are a modern day phenomenon, then think again. On the wall in St James Church, Dadlington, are copies of two Tudor documents that allowed the church wardens of the time to send begging letters to the neighbouring dioceses of Lincoln, Chester, Worcester and Norwich with Royal approval. The letters asked for money "for and towardis the bielding of a chapell of Sainte James standing upon a parcell of the grounds where Bosworth feld, otherwise called Dadlyngton feld, in our countie of Leicestr' was done." According to Peter Foss in his book The Field of Redemore, the 'building' referred to was unlikely to have been a new church or even an extension, rather that the money would go towards repair and upkeep.

It is believed that many bodies from the battle are buried in mass graves in the churchyard, and the money raised would have paid for a priest to say mass for their souls, a practice known as chantry. The Catholic doctrine of purgatory, where the souls of those destined for heaven spend time whilst their sins are cleansed away, led to the growth of chantry chapels and priests in medieval times. The belief was that by employing priests to say masses for your soul, you would have to spend less time in purgatory. Those wealthy enough would spend small fortunes on elaborate buildings: stand alone chapels or additions to existing churches. All Saints church in Sapcote had a purpose built chantry chapel, established by one Ralph Bassett in 1361 with a license from Edward III costing £20. Edward's great grandson, Henry V, had a magnificent chantry chapel constructed within the shrine of Edward the Confessor in the heart of Westminster Abbey.

The money raised for St James would have come from donations. Most chantries however were supported by incomes from land the benefactor had left in their wills. By the time of Henry VIII, some of the chantries had amassed great wealth and, after the break with Rome, Henry decided to help himself. The first Chantry Act of 1545 saw only four chapels close but Edward VI, approved a second Chantry Act two years later and that resulted in 2,374 chantry and guild chapels, along with the land that supported them, passing to the crown. Some of this land then went back into private ownership. A number of chapels had diversified into the field of education and these were eventually allowed to continue as schools. A quick Google search brings up many schools across the country named after King Edward VI, including the current sixth form college in Nuneaton the King Edward VI Grammar School - KEGS. A study of Dadlington parish registers by C. F. Frisby, suggests that the chantry salary of the curate employed at St James continued to be paid, most likely by the Lord of the Manor, until the end of the sixteenth century. In more recent times, a mass for the battlefield dead was held annually in St James when Father Bardsley was the vicar of Stoke and Dadlington.

Michael Dix

Congratulations...

To David Paddon (originally from Stoke Golding) and his team-mate Rob Codling on winning the Jersey Sprint (a swim/run). They ran a total of 14.2km and swam 4.6km in just over 3 hours.

This was the morning after he'd cycled from London to Amsterdam, over 2 days, and raised £595 for Children's Wish Charity.

We're very proud of him.

Martyn and Ruth Fisher



Wow What a Show!

A well-deserved standing ovation rewarded the cast of 'RENT the Musical' when they performed recently at the Concordia Theatre. This gritty, poignant show from the 1990s - loosely based on La Boheme - tells the stories of struggling New York based flat mates Mark and Roger and the people in their lives. It covers the problems facing them including AIDS, drugs, homelessness and lack of money. The young cast sang and acted their hearts out - it was brilliant.

Yet another quality show at our local theatre - well done to everyone involved.

Jane White

Ten of a Kind (answers on page 30)

October 2015 saw the publication of the first Ten of a Kind and took as its theme 'firsts'. As this is the fourth October quiz, the theme this time is fourths.

- 1. What do Americans celebrate on July 4th?
- 2. Two British Kings who were brothers were also called 'the fourth' (they had IV after their name.) Who were they?
- 3. When Channel 4 became the UK's fourth TV channel in 1982, what was its first programme?
- 4. What is the fourth prime number?
- 5. Jodie Whittaker is the 13th doctor in the BBC's Doctor Who. Who played the fourth doctor?
- 6. Which profession is known as the Fourth Estate?
- 7. Who was the fourth British Prime Minister to serve Queen Elizabeth II?
- 8. In which decade did FIFA include the fourth official in the rules of the game of association football?
- 9. Who was Henry VIII's fourth wife?
- 10. Which group's fourth UK number one hit single was SOS?

Update on the Scout Group



The group has a break over the school holidays, so has just started back and always begins with a games night across all sections. The Cubs and Beavers have been working on their Book Reader badge and have given feedback on their favourite books that they have read over the summer.

You would be amazed at what fictional grannies have been up to at night with stories of stealing the Crown Jewels, Harry Potter is always a favourite and a mixture of non fiction

books from a Cub who read a book on reptiles, as she wants a bearded dragon, to The Diary of Anne Frank.

The Beavers also did a drawing of their favourite book - they worked hard on this task and we were all impressed with the end result. The photos are of the beavers doing this task.

The Scouts have been doing their world challenge badge and learning about an aspect of local community life. Ruth Fisher kindly explained the role of the Stoke Golding Parish council and how it links into local government. One scout described it as " a school council for grown ups". The Scouts then had to do an activity on what they would do if they were a member of the Parish Council. Some suggestions were toilets at the rec to more activities for young teenagers to do.



The Scouts are off to the Leicester Outdoor Pursuit Centre for a splash camp involving lots of water - based activities and camping for the weekend of 21-23rd September. Twenty five scouts and four leaders are going.

Watch this space to hear all about it.

Jennifer

Crimes Reported in Stoke Golding

We are aware of several burglaries from cars, houses and outbuildings that have taken place over the past few weeks in our village. Items stolen have included a car and computers from a house in Station Road, computers from a house in Wykin Lane and damage to cars, a TomTom sat nav from a car in Station Road and a set of motorbike leathers from a garage in Hinckley Road. Whilst these have not been violent crimes, they have caused distress to the victims. CCTV cameras in the area have caught images of two criminals and have been sent to the police to help their enquiries.

Jane White

St Margaret's Flower Festival Thank You

We had a wonderful weekend for the festival, with many friends, old and new visiting us. Our thanks go to the ladies and Geoff who did the fantastic displays, many of our visitors said it was the best yet.

Thank you to all those who gave donations for the festival, and also for the delicious cakes, jams, ploughman's and cream teas which were donated.

Thank you to everyone who welcomed people into the church, and to all those who manned the stalls and worked in the kitchen. We make a great team!

All our efforts resulted in us raising £4,683.70 for church funds.

Thank you to the Thomas Barton Trust for their generous donation and others who donated towards the flowers.

Jenny Hirons

Kitchen Corner GREEK-STYLE SHEPHERD'S PIE

INGREDIENTS

3tblsp. Oil
600gms. Lean Lamb Mince
1 Large Onion (diced)
Salt & Ground Black Pepper
2 Cloves of Garlic (crushed)
1tblsp. Freshly Grated Ginger
2tsp. Ground Cumin
½ tsp. Ground Cinnamon
2tblsp. Tomato Paste
1 Large Carrot (grated)
I Can of Chopped Tomatoes
3 Cups Vegetable Stock
1tsp. Chopped Rosemary
½ Cup of Chopped Parsley
Parsnip and Carrot Mash

METHOD

Heat a large pan or wok, add half the oil and fry the seasoned lamb in batches until browned, then set aside.

Add the remaining oil to the pan &

cook the onion with the garlic, ginger, cumin and cinnamon over a medium heat until softened.

Add the tomato paste and stir for 2 minutes. Add the lamb, carrot, tomatoes and stock and simmer for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Mix in the parsley. Place the mixture into a casserole dish and cover with the mash. Bake at 200C for 30-40 minutes.

For the mash, boil the carrots and parsnips for 25 minutes and drain and mash, add 4tblsp. butter and salt and pepper.

This is a variation on the 'normal' Shepherd's Pie, but with the varying spices and herbs it proves to be very different. The mash is very unusual, but you can use a potato topping if you prefer. I do hope you will try it and enjoy.

Avis.

Notes from Stoke Golding Parish Council, September Meeting (Draft)

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

- 1. Update on incident of child safety. 2. MIRA planning application for new track.
- 3. Convent Drive proposal for parking restrictions.

Borough Cllr Reg Ward reported on the following:

- Site map for MIRA application was considered and Cllr Ward will update the Parish Council on the future progress of the application.
- The Parish Council agreed that there was no objection to the Convent Drive parking restrictions' proposal.

Updates:

- Remembrance Day Service The following information has been forwarded to HBBC Cultural Services Team as requested: 1. The usual service at St Margaret's Church will be followed by the annual laying of wreaths at Hinckley Road Cemetery. 2. Church bells at St Margaret's Church will ring half-muffled 9.00 9.45 prior to the morning service in St Margaret's Church, then a Quarter Peal of continuous ringing without muffles, 12.30 13.15 in harmony with bells worldwide. 3. There will be a display-net of poppies in St Margaret's Church. 4. 1st Stoke Golding Scout Group will be hosting a PEACE TEA at Stoke Golding Village Hall from 11.30am following the Remembrance Day service at Hinckley Road Cemetery.
- It was agreed to allocate a budget of £250.00 for Remembrance Day leaflets to mark the centenary of the Armistice Cllr Goodsell to prepare the leaflet.
- The Clerk to investigate possible funding with Cultural Services and the Charity of Thomas Barton.

Ground maintenance:

- Prices for on-going maintenance of the ditch at Hinckley Road Cemetery and the jitty were noted.
- It was agreed to add two cuts for each to the contract for 2019/20 and JG (groundsman) to inform the Parish Council when further work is required.
- It was agreed that dead trees at Hinckley Road and Wykin Lane cemeteries should be removed and replaced with a similar species. The Clerk to obtain a quote from JG for removal and replacement with a similar species.
- The Clerk to apply to the Diocese of Leicester for permission under List B6(2) (a) The felling of a tree that is dying or dead and B6(1) The planting of trees. Playground inspection:

Monthly report: The following were noted and will be monitored due to dry ground conditions: pathway edges – trip hazards, climbing frame – movement in posts, gap in tiles under the slide. End caps missing from chest press/pull down will be replaced from stock. The Clerk reported on progress regarding the roundabout issues. Clerk to seek advice from the RCC regarding the roundabout and then contact the contractor.

Planning Application Matters:

New Applications: 1 Pine Close - work to trees.

Permission approved:

• Laburnum Cottage, High Street – variation of conditions 2,7,8 and 12 of planning permission to amend site levels, hammerhead design, boundary treatments and minor amendments to house types.

The Old Coach House, 24 Wykin Lane – section fell T1 Chestnut and T2 Acer.
 28 Crown Hill Close – work to trees.

Neighbourhood Plan

Minutes of the NPAC meeting held on 20th August were noted.

- The NPAC is still awaiting the new land availability map (SHLAA) from HBBC.
- The resignation of Cllr Mitchell as Chair of the NPAC was noted.
 A possible future exhibition by a developer about possible future development of the land at the rear of Station Road was discussed.

Sport in Stoke Golding (SISG)

- A report on funding and building implications by Cllr Pegg was noted.
- A report on S106 funding by the Clerk was noted.

It was agreed that a meeting of SISG should be arranged to discuss how to proceed in light of information and advice received.

Work at Hinckley Road Cemetery:

Wall and Gate Damage: It was noted that confirmation of the claim against the contractor's insurer is still pending and has been chased.

Oak Tree: The arboricultural contractor's report is still pending and has been chased. Ditch: It was noted that the work to the ditch is almost complete.

Boundary: Cllr Pegg has confirmed the arrangements for the work on the boundary with the resident. The Clerk to confirm arrangements in writing to the resident.

The resident with a boundary issue at the rear of cemetery is willing to wait for the work to be completed at the front boundary before meeting with the Parish Council. *Litter Basket:* It was noted that a request for funding from the Charity of Thomas Barton is still pending.

Conifer Tree: A resident's concerns regarding a conifer at the rear of his property were noted. The Clerk to reply to the resident and to contact the Diocese of Leicester for advice.

Vehicle Activated Sign: A letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner re speeding in the village was agreed, subject to minor changes to wording.

Review of employment policies and contract

The following documents were agreed and adopted by Stoke Golding Parish Council and will be published on Stoke Golding Village Website:

Employment Lifecycle Policy, Equality Policy, Grievance Policy, Disciplinary Policy, Sickness Absence Policy, Homeworker Policy.

The Publication Scheme has been updated and will be published on Stoke Golding Village Website.

StokeFest: The cost of emergency work to cracks at the recreation field was agreed at £440.00. Advice from HBBC Public Open Space Team regarding cracks was noted. The Clerk to ask a MW to roller the damaged field by the entrance. The Parish Council have been invited to the StokeFest debriefing meeting to discuss issues and future planning needs. Public liability insurance was discussed. The risk assessment noted items of risk by the containers in the rec, that need to be removed. The Clerk to contact the Cricket Club regarding their removal

Communications received by the Chairman of the Council Written

• LCC notice of proposed order to impose 'No Waiting at Any Time' on part of Covent Drive and Hinckley Road was noted.

• National Highways & Transport Public Satisfaction Survey was noted. Cllr Goodsell to complete the survey on behalf of the Parish Council.

Views of a resident regarding parking restrictions were noted.

Any Other Business

- Cllr Goodsell to prepare a list of possible events/days when the St George's flag might be flown.
- The Clerk to enquire about a mobile post office service for Stoke Golding.
- The Clerk to ask the Charity of Thomas Barton about funding a life-size (6ft) lightweight aluminium silhouette of a soldier for display next to the war memorial sites or in other poignant places.
- The Clerk to report anti-social behaviour and needles found at the recreation field to the police.
- The Clerk to ask MW to remove bollard from the recreation field.
- The Clerk to seek an update from the Planning Enforcement Team on the play area at Convent Drive and repeat concerns for child safety.
- It was Agreed that the Parish Council will seek Environmental Improvement Programme funding for Heritage street name plates to match the rest of the village, for the Convent Drive/Morris Homes developments, subject to adoption of the highways.

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

MISTRESS HESTER HODGES EXHIBITION FOUNDATION

At their November meeting the of the Mistress Hester Hodges Exhibition Foundation will consider applications for small grants of money.

To be eligible the following conditions must be met:

- a) Two years attendance at St. Margaret's C.E (Aided) Primary School, Stoke Golding
- b) Residence in Stoke Golding
- c) Attained the age of 16 years or more and be undertaking further education in the academic year commencing September/October 2018

Application forms may be obtained from Paul's shop or 26 Wykin Lane or email hstrhodges@gmail.com Completed application forms should be returned by email or to 26 Wykin Lane by 28th Oct 2018

Stoke Golding website: www.stokegolding.co.uk

Stoke Golding WI



LOL Over Oil Painting

Ladies of Stoke Golding WI had an hilarious September meeting when Mike Peachey came along to tell us all about the fun that can be had when Oil Painting.

He took up the art full time 15 years ago when he was made redundant, but he not only paints for pleasure and of course to help make a living but he also goes weekly to 'Headways' the Northampton hospital for head injuries and to Daventry hospital to help give patients something that they can occupy themselves with to take their minds of the reason they are in hospital. If anything goes by the way he kept us all highly amused while he was with us I'm sure all the patients really benefited from his visits including the N.H.S itself.

He began by setting up his easel and asking what would be a good subject to paint and a stormy sea scape was requested. But unbeknown to ourselves we were expected to participate in this painting and soon members were adding their touches to the subject. While this was progressing he kept us enthralled with his stories of his search for a model, his Swan with a hidden ladies face and a reproduction of John Constable's The Hay Wain that he had encouraged people in a home to produce complete without the horse and cart, to name just a few.

Mike produced some of his own paintings for us to see including one of Sid James and of The Duchess of Cambridge and a particular brilliant one of a lady gazing into the distance.

All of this time the painting of the seascape was progressing helped by a number of volunteers until the final touch was added, that of two seagulls and as a frame was put around the painting we all had to agree that it looked quite professional.

So our first meeting after our August break was voted a real success as was the visit to the Alpaca Farm and Sam's Pork Batch night that had taken part during that break.

Our next meeting at the Methodist Hall is on 10th October and is about the Lady of design and Fashion Fame herself, Laura Ashley. Join our W.I and you will have some fun evenings so please do come along.

Val Hartwell



Obituaries



Derek Doughty

What a wonderful thing it is to live in Stoke Golding amongst the many charitable people who reside here. No one could be more so than Derek who passed away in hospital on 30th August 2018, aged 84, following a fall and breaking his hip. He was a resident of Leicester, becoming a building project manager and expert carpenter, before moving with his late wife Mary to Blackpool to run a boarding house, then moving to Stoke to take on the tenancy of the White Swan where his charitable work came to the fore. With the help of friends he constructed the Christmas Sleigh and over the Christmas periods that followed for many years, the 'snow men' and 'snow girls' collected many thousands of pounds to fund village and other charities. He and Mary and their helpers



organised quiz nights, firework displays and even more events to raise funds for an annual Christmas dinner held at the pub for the pensioners of Stoke, cooking for up to 70 in their little pub kitchen and many they invited had never entered the premises for a 'drink'. A charitable man indeed!

Derek's funeral is to be held on 28th September at 10am in St Margaret's Church followed by interment at the Hinckley Road Cemetery.

We offer our sincere condolences to Derek's family and friends

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Wed 6.15 pm DADLINGTON Village Hall
Thurs 10.00 am SHARNFORD Community Centre
Thurs 12.15 pm The Parish Rooms, MARKET BOSWORTH
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Answers to Ten of a Kind

1. Independence Day, 2. George IV and William IV, 3. Countdown, 4. 7 (The number 1 is not considered a prime number), 5. Tom Baker, 6. Journalism, 7. Sir Alec Douglas-Home, 8. 1990s (1991), 9. Anne of Cleves, 10. ABBA

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