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# The Stoker

**Stoke Golding Village Magazine**

*Including*

**Dadlington Matters**

**50p**



### **Note from the Editors**

*November is the month when we remember soldiers who lost their lives for their country and this year, 100 years since the end of the First World War, there will be special commemoration events across the country including, at Stoke Golding Village Hall, a Peace Tea organised by the Scouts*



*following the Remembrance Service at St Margaret's Church. (See page 12 for details)*

*Many of you will remember Denis Cash, who sadly died on Saturday 13th October after a long illness. He made a real difference to the village community - you can read more about him in his obituary on page 24. The Stoker team will particularly miss Denis as he helped to get the Stoker 'off the ground' back in 2001 and, as well as being Treasurer until 2009, he has regularly provided historical articles for the magazine including one he sent in a just a few weeks ago for this month's issue. He leaves a huge legacy that will keep informing our historians in the years to come.*

*Please keep sending all your articles, news and views - they are what make the magazine a truly local and relevant production.*

*Don't forget next month is a double issue covering December and January.*

**Jane and Steve**

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## Support for Macmillan from our Villages



Stoke Golding and Dadlington events have raised a fabulous amount to help Macmillan Cancer Support with its crucial work. Coffee mornings at St Margaret's Church, the Methodist Church, Dadlington Village Hall and Tammy's Hairdressers raised a total of £1,233.

Delicious home made cakes,

craft stalls, raffles and support from our local community all contributed to the total raised and everyone enjoyed themselves. What a lovely way to raise money by eating cake, drinking coffee and chatting to friends.



## Memories of Rural Life by John Haines

A new book about the local area, including amusing incidents, has just been published. It has been written by John Haines who has lived in Stoke Golding for 77 years.

Copies are available from Tomlinson's Farm Shop and cost £12.

## The Day The Guns Fell Silent

As dawn broke on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 1918 a mist enveloped the Picardy and Somme regions of Northern France. At 04.20hrs precisely the ground trembled and, as one observer put it, a “bedlam of noise” shattered the silence as thousands of guns simultaneously opened fire along a 20 mile front and 500 tanks cranked-up their engines and rumbled slowly towards the German lines. Behind them tens of thousands of British, Australian, Canadian, French and American troops waited impatiently, after a night of little or no sleep, for the order to advance and a thousand aircraft waited for the mists to clear.

The Battle of Amiens had commenced and with it, although no one knew, or dared to hope, the beginning of the end of the Great War. The armies included the British Cavalry Corps, called upon at last to perform its role as cavalry rather than that of trench-bound infantrymen, as they had been for the past four years. The Cavalry Corps included the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry Brigade and in that brigade were three young men from Stoke Golding, Ambrose Beeby, Albert Hopkins and Elliot Quinney. Four years previously, on the day war was declared, they rode to Melton Mowbray on borrowed horses to join their regiment, the Leicestershire Yeomanry.

In April 1918, after a distinguished record earned in many battles, notably Frezenberg in 1915 where, in 24 hours, the regiment lost nearly a third of its men, dead and wounded, the Leicestershire Yeomanry was split up in order to fill the gaps in the regular cavalry regiments. ‘A’ Squadron, in which Ambrose, Albert and Elliot served, joined the 5<sup>th</sup> (Royal Irish) Lancers, ‘B’ Squadron the 16<sup>th</sup> Lancers and ‘C’ Squadron the 5<sup>th</sup> Hussars. The regiment did, however, retain its identity and uniforms; its name was recorded separately in the Order of Battle and it was awarded battle honours in its own name.

Elaborate precautions had been taken to maintain secrecy and mislead the German armies which were taken completely by surprise. The Allied armies progressed 7 miles on the first day, leaving in their wake over 50,000 dead and wounded German soldiers and their prisoner cages were filled to capacity with 15,000 men. Total Allied losses were 8,568, of which 600 were cavalrymen. After only five days twenty German divisions had been defeated and by the end of August the number of prisoners taken had increased to 34,000. The enemy was in full retreat, the “Pursuit to Mons” was gathering momentum and the Allied governments were now aware that Germany was no longer capable of sustaining a serious conflict.

I wouldn’t want to give the impression that the advance from Amiens to Mons was a walk in the park, spectacularly successful as it was. The Germans fought a series of desperate rear-guard actions and many fierce battles took place, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cavalry Brigade suffering significant casualties while acting as advance-guard cavalry.

The last day of the war, 11<sup>th</sup> November 1918, was a memorable one for the three Stoke Golding yeomen, their brothers-in-arms of the Leicestershire Yeomanry and 5<sup>th</sup> (Royal Irish) Lancers, now under the control of the Canadian Corps. At 0630hrs Mons was finally taken by Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and the 5<sup>th</sup> Lancers received urgent orders to take the north-easterly high ground around St Denis where, by strange coincidence, the first cavalry skirmish of the war had taken place in the summer of 1914.



The 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month

The Lancers were mobbed by cheering crowds which held up their advance but they arrived at their destination at 0945hrs and immediately engaged German patrols at Bois de Vignette and Bois d'Haynon. Their mission was accomplished and Captain R.A.Heath, Leicestershire Yeomanry, was awarded the Military Cross for his part in this operation.

Orders had been received that all hostilities must cease at 1100hrs and 30 seconds before the deadline, as a last brazen show of defiance, a Royal Horse Artillery battery attached to the 5<sup>th</sup> Lancers, fired a salvo at the German lines. As the shells sped toward their target, private George Elliston of the 5<sup>th</sup> Lancers was shot and killed by a German sniper. He was the last British casualty of a prolonged and pitiless war that killed around 40 million and, as private Elliston fell, the guns fell silent.

*Bob Quinney.*

### **George and Dragon Raises Money for Charity**

The summer charity event organised by the George and Dragon on August 12<sup>th</sup> raised a fantastic £2075.40. This has been shared between three charities:- The Phoenix Children's Foundation, SNIPS (Special Needs Integration Project) Hinckley and Cancer Research.

Thank you to everyone who helped and attended



*Alex Burton  
George & Dragon*

## Fool on the Hill

The traffic was terrible...

Be honest, how many times have you ever used that as an excuse for your late arrival for some critical event? Probably about the same number of times that you have heard the M25 described as one big car park. But are our roads really as overcrowded as anecdotal evidence would have us believe or are we just overreacting? On the news the other night some chappie was saying that the M6 through Birmingham, at peak times, will back up at the rate of one mile a minute if there is an incident that blocks the carriageway. That sounded pretty incredible to my feeble brain and so I wondered, just how many vehicles does it take to block one mile of 3 lane motorway? Dust off your calculator, fasten your seatbelt, and let me take you on a whimsical mathematical flight of fancy. I should warn you that I am not above using sweeping generalisations to dramatize dull statistics.

Cars obviously come in many shapes and sizes but they average out at about 5 metres in length. Trucks are anything up to 18 metres but they are far fewer in number even though, if you have ever spent much time on the motorways, you may find that a bit hard to believe. Just for the sake of the maths, let's say 6 meters is the space occupied by a vehicle. Being British we would never be so vulgar as to park too close to the car in front and so a gap of about 1 meter would be deemed to be socially polite. Unless of course you are a 40 ton truck in which case 10mm is considered more than enough. Except if one is travelling at 60 mph behind you in the centre lane in which case 5mm or less is fine. If you are still awake, this means that each vehicle in a jam is occupying around 7 meters of space. 1 mile = 1,609 meters divided by 7 means it takes just 229 vehicles to block one lane for one mile. British motorways usually have 3 lanes in each direction so  $(6 \times 229)$  1,379 is the number of vehicles required to fill one mile of motorway in both directions. It will definitely be blocked in both directions because when anything happens on one carriageway, everyone on the other side will stop to have a look. Keeping up? Good! At the last count the UK had 2,173 miles of motorway so to completely and utterly log jam our motorway network with vehicles nose to tail requires  $(2,173 \times 1,379)$  2,996,567 automotive contrivances. Yes, that's right, to turn our entire motorway network into the carpark commonly ascribed to the M25, requires just less than 3 million vehicles.

When you consider that at the last count we were just short of 37 million cars, trucks and buses, you may find the terrible traffic argument a little more credible next time someone turns up late.

F.O.T.H.



## **St Margaret's Primary School PTA Family Challenge**

Over the summer, St Margaret's Primary School PTA ran a Family Challenge which encouraged children and their parents to get out and about answering questions about Stoke Golding and the history of the village. We were grateful for support from three local businesses - Tammy's Hair Design, the George & Dragon pub, and the Three Horseshoes - who 'hid' letters in their shop windows which, at the end of the challenge, could be arranged to spell out the name of the school dragon! The Parish Council and St Margaret's Church were also very supportive of the challenge from the very beginning. One of the challenge questions involved some creative thinking by writing a short piece which included all the names of the village pubs! There were some great entries by the children but there was one poem by a parent which we thought deserved a special mention. Thank you to Mr Dewi Lewis for this wonderful contribution:

*Toni Gummow*

### **A Poem featuring our local Pubs**

Commissioned by St Margaret's PTA

"It's a 3 horse town, this place" said a man  
"Are you sure?" said another, unconvinced of his plan  
"Yes I am!" said the man, "though by 3 I mean Inns"  
"... in what?" said the other, thinkin' of dobbins'...  
"don't be daft!" said the man... "by Inns, I mean Pubs...  
... a shrine to a beverage! levity!! grub!!!?  
a place to unwind from the dross of the day  
so step aside Mars with your work, rest n' play  
we got Swans oh so white & a Dragon & George  
surely enough should you want to engorge?  
But no, though a village of beverage renown  
This hamlet, my friend, is a 3 horse town"

*By Dewi Lewis*

# Dadlington Matters

## Joyous Strumming gets the Village Hall Humming



If you had to use one word to describe the Ukulele Evening at Dadlington Village Hall, it would be 'fun'. Recent research has shown that making music together is good for our physical and mental health: well they needn't have bothered. The enjoyment that the 18 members of Bold Ukulele had from playing and singing along was palpable. The group, who meet on Wednesday evenings at The Old White Swan in Newbold Verdon, hence the 'Bold' in their title, are part of a Midlands-wide organisation called Go Crazy Ukulele.

With a few words of introduction from Martin Fisher, they launched into their first number, Alexander's Ragtime Band, followed by a succession of classic songs from the 50s and 60s which they encouraged the 40 strong audience to singalong with. The only 'sad' part of the evening was a rendition of Oh, Oh, Antonio, a 1908 lament, in which one of the ladies in the group became so upset that by the final verse she was drowning out the performers with her sobs, wails and indiscriminate disposal of used paper tissues: the audience loved it! The ensemble played a variety of ukuleles, including a cross between the banjo and the Ukulele, the banjolele and, in a tribute to probably the best known ukulelist, George Formby, they gave a spirited performance of 'Leaning on a Lamppost towards the end of their second set. There was even a bravura performance by Ruth Fisher on that wonderful instrument, the kazoo.

Either side of the interval, local community choir, Ambion Voices, performed a selection of songs from their ever growing repertoire, ranging from the beautiful Eva Cassidy version of Somewhere Over the Rainbow to the razzmatazz of All That Jazz. Not only did they delight the audience during this part of the programme, their voices became increasingly louder in the singalongs as the Bold Ukuleles brought the concert to a close. The concert raised £317 for Lawrence House in Hinckley, an organisation that works to support the homeless.



## SUDOKU

Fill in all the squares on the grid so that each row, each column and each of the 3x3 squares contain all digits from 1 to 9.

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### Ten of a Kind *(Answers on page 26)*

Since 2007, men have been urged to grow beards and moustaches in November, as a way of raising money and awareness for various men's health issues. So as 'Movember' is upon us once again, here are ten questions connected to facial hair.

1. In which country did a group of young men first come up with the idea of Movember?
2. How many of the Walmington on Sea Home Guard, who appear marching in the closing credits of the original Dads Army programmes, sported moustaches?
3. Which part of a bicycle is also the name of a kind of moustache?
4. What was the nickname of English pirate Edward Teach (or possibly Edward Thatch) who operated in the West Indies and the east coast of America in the early 1700s?
5. To whom were the words, "Not by the hair of my chinny chin chin," addressed in the fable first published in 1890?
6. With a moustache similar to the man he was parodying, who starred as the great dictator in the 1940 film of the same name?
7. In 1698, which Russian Emperor brought in a beard tax in an attempt to force Russian men to look more like their Western European clean shaven neighbours?
8. Which is the only dwarf in Disney's Snow White and the Seven Dwarves not to have a beard?
9. According to Guinness World Records, what, to the nearest half metre, is the record for the longest beard ever recorded?
10. Who was the last British prime minister to have a moustache?

## **THE LAURA ASHLEY STORY**

Stoke Golding members were amazed at the remarkably well informed talk that Jo Golby was able to give on the life of Laura Ashley.

Apparently the future designer had, from the age of 5, had to take over as surrogate mother to her siblings as her mother was ill and unable to cope and in her early teens spent much of her time at her Grandmother and two of her aunt's homes. These homes were a cottage, an Edwardian and a Victorian house which she absolutely adored and from where she started her love of styles for her textiles and home décor.

She met her future husband Bernard at a dance but Bernard was classed as a 'bad boy' as indeed he turned out to be as he indulged in many affairs and rarely worked enjoying life in the pub far more. He did join the Ghurkhas in the war and was trained as an engineer a training he attempted to put to use in their business as it grew.

Laura had always worked in many jobs unbeknown to her husband, including for the W.I, but it was not until they went for a free holiday to Rome where they saw Audrey Hepburn wearing a printed red and white spotted neck scarf when she was filming Roman Holiday, that their business really began. On there returned to England they began producing similar scarves in their kitchen and soon Harrods and other well-known shops began to sell them and they very quickly came to be in huge demand. I should say it was Laura's business really because most of what Bernard contributed turned out a disaster and at one time they were pursued for non-payment of taxes.

Never the less they remained together, had children and made a huge success of the business and were able to purchase a private yacht, a jet, a helicopter and numerous houses. The story ends as many know when Laura fell down the stairs in her daughter's home and died. A tragic end but the story was told brilliantly by Jo, all with no notes. We all appreciated a really interesting evening.

Our next meeting at the Methodist Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> November is our Annual Meeting followed by a talk by Pat Hall called Life Can Be Funny. We welcome all who would like to come.

## **BACKSTAGE WHISPERS :** (Resting – aided with Pepsi Cola & Tesco)

Working in the further education college in Chiswick teaching Speech and Personality Development to my classes of potentially smart young secretarial students, brought me to the attention of the Inner London Education Authority – ILEA. In one of their monthly newsletters about plans for future projects, I discovered they were looking for part-time teachers for their evening classes mainly for their Youth Clubs. I was fascinated to read that they were encouraging each Borough Council to present a teen-age fashion show. I got in touch with Head Office asking them how they were visualising this. Were they going to provide music, a catwalk, a commentary, as I had done all this before in a professional capacity? They were immediately interested, asking me to come and meet with them. We got on well together and I could see they were more than grateful for my input. It was agreed that they would install each venue with all the necessary facilities, and they would also give me a couple of young guys who worked as D.J.'s, to be at my beck and call. This was going to be real fun. Pepsi-Cola and Tesco were jointly financing the scheme. Tesco stores were about to launch a brand new clothing department, designed especially for the teenage market, so this was a promotional opportunity for them. It was to be highly competitive, with the winning Youth Clubs modelling the latest fashion range from Tesco at the prestigious Café Royal.

This project was to prove one of the biggest eye-openers for me. I was visiting clubs in some of the most deprived boroughs in London, and meeting their wonderful voluntary youth club leaders who were so dedicated to the youngsters in their care week in and week out. I explained the simple routine of keeping the flow going down the catwalk one way to allow the next model on, while the previous one made their exit. Then I would need a list of the participants' names with a brief description of their outfit. We were in the early seventies, with tank-tops and flares, and big hair. The West Indian clubs were especially exotic with the boys and girls wearing 'Afro' hairstyles, and the skimpiest mini-skirts on the girls. I remember one young participant- Dennis - wearing an enormous wide-brimmed hat, like Kevin Keegan, with such attitude. He was having a ball. There was a team of judges, including a couple from the new Tesco department, and a couple of D.J.'s from teen pop-music radio programmes. The initial shows were presented at each of their local venues. I would drive out and meet up with my young D.J crew, getting the electrics to work, and making sure the catwalk was in place, well before the youngsters all piled in with their anxious leader trying to keep them in order. There were well over 20 boroughs to cover. The Tesco judges teased me about the way I made it obvious I wanted one or another youngster to win by the way I enthused over his or her outfit. I believe Dennis was one – I just loved his cheekiness. My main worry always was that a really super acting part would suddenly be offered me, and I would have to let these kids down, they had become so important to me. I had been worried they would think I was too 'posh' for them, but instead they revelled in my calling them '*darling*' and giving them lots of encouragement backstage. Thankfully, during this initial round nothing interfered, and we made it to the glorious final presentation at The Café Royal in Piccadilly Circus. My DJ boys and I had worked on the background music for the show, with one of the James Bond theme tunes belting out, as the first two young models strutted down the catwalk. They were brilliant! Dear old Jack Cohen was amongst the judges. He was thrilled with the show. Chatting to me later he said I must come and work for him. "*You can come and sell my new fashion garments anytime my love.*" All said with a great twinkle in those ageing eyes.

Next time – the Beth Ellis 'road show' goes Nationwide.....

# What's On November

## The events on Sunday 11th November 2018 to which all are warmly invited.

- ◆ **Church bells** at St Margaret's Church will ring half-muffled **9.00 - 9.45am**.
- ◆ **The Remembrance Service** at St Margaret's Church will begin at **9.45am**.
- ◆ **Act of Remembrance 10.45 am** at Hinckley Road Cemetery.
- ◆ The 1st Stoke Golding Scout Group will be hosting a **PEACE TEA** at Stoke Golding Village Hall from **11.30am** following the Hinckley Road Cemetery Act of Remembrance.
- ◆ **A Quarter Peal of the church bells** continuously ring without muffles **12.30 - 1.15pm** in harmony with bells worldwide.



## 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 1st  
November  
10.15 am - 12.15pm**

**All Welcome**

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



The Methodist Church

## Coffee Morning

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10th**  
Coffee Morning 10.00- 11.30  
For Church Funds



*G N WESTERN CONNECTION*

## Line Dancing Class

For Complete Beginners  
Starts on Tuesday 13th November 2018  
Dadlington Village Hall  
7.00 - 7.45pm £5 pp  
Get fit, make new friends, have fun  
Tel. Glenis for more information 212189

# What's On December

## Methodist Church

### Christmas Fair

Saturday December 1st  
10.00am -2.00pm



**Cakes & Preserves  
Books & Cards  
Raffle & Tombola  
Coffee & Light  
Lunches**

## The Grand Dadlington Christmas Lights Ceremony

Friday 7th December at 6:30pm  
at the Village Hall

Drinks & Nibbles All Welcome

## St Margaret's Snowman Festival

Saturday 8th December 2018 from 10.00am to 5.00pm

Come and see our amazing display of Snowmen in the Church  
and enjoy turkey rolls, sausage rolls, mince pies, mulled wine etc in the  
Baxter Hall

There will also be cakes and jams for sale, plus a raffle and tombola.

Parking at the school



If you make a snowman please bring it to the church on Friday 7th December  
between 10.00am and 6.00pm.

## St Margaret's Christingle



Sunday 9th December 2018  
from 3.00pm - 4.00pm

This year we are celebrating 50 years  
of the Christingle

Everything you need to make a  
Christingle will be supplied.

## Festive Lights Switch On in the Grounds of Park House Thursday 6th December

Mulled wine served from 6.15pm  
Lights switched on at 6.45pm

**Come and meet Santa and  
listen to the brass band  
Everyone Welcome**



*by kind permission of the residents at Park House  
and thanks to the Charity of Thomas Barton*

## The George & Dragon December Dates for Your Diary

More details in your December Stoker

20th Dec. - Carols and Christmas Songs 7.30 - 8.30pm

27th Dec - Christmas Quiz



## A Wet but Enjoyable Weekend

The scouts went on a county Splash camp. A report below is written by some scouts. They had a great time.

See the next Stoker as the whole group have been making wreaths for the Remembrance Day Parade and 100 years since the end of the 1st World War.

*Jennifer*

Splash Camp 2018 was amazing. We joined 300 other scouts from Leicestershire to choose from over 30 different activities, some were land based some were on the water.

When we arrived we had to put up our tents, this was almost impossible as it was so windy they kept blowing away. On Saturday we began our activities. One scout really enjoyed the crate stacking, others were lucky enough to go to sub aqua where they either snorkelled or did proper sub aqua complete with air tanks. E's favourite activity was the Cavebus, but she did say that all her activities were great. We enjoyed the food and really did eat five big sandwiches for lunch.

Despite the terrible weather, it was an amazing opportunity. Fionna and all the leaders were really awesome and we really appreciate them giving up their time.

*1<sup>st</sup> Stoke Golding (St. Margaret's) Scouts*



## Stoke Golding Garden Show 2018 Breaks its Fundraising Record

Earlier in 2018, expectation was already running high for the Stoke Golding Garden Show 2018 to be a record-breaking event. We are delighted to report that it certainly did not disappoint. All the usual signs indicated that we would have a fabulous turn out from both competitors and supporters, and the committee has been truly blown away by the dedication, kindness and generosity shown by everyone involved.



It really makes all of the seemingly endless work of the planning stages so worthwhile, when the response is simply outstanding. The challenge of the unusually long, hot summer was met head on by our vegetable and flower competitors, veteran and novice alike, our bakers, flower arrangers and child competitors excelled. It was a mark of the welcome shown to everyone, that

you could hear friendly advice and banter being given to anyone who stood still long enough to receive it. The refreshments provided encouraged competitors and their supporters to stay with us for a while, have a rest, catch up, exchange advice and information, and natter possibly with old acquaintances they don't generally see to speak to, other than perhaps briefly at rival shows.



The Show committee would like to extend an enormous thank you to the local community, competitors, sponsors and judges for their



very generous contributions. It would especially like to thank 'The Charity of Thomas Barton', the 'George Ward Charitable Trust', 'Tesco Bags of Help' (who kindly nominated us as one of their recipients for a charitable donation) and all

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of our generous sponsors who helped financially to ensure that the show could take place. Stoke Golding Club deserve a special mention for allowing us to take over the function room for the day and of course not forgetting Maria, who once again provided the ever popular filled baps to keep everyone's energy levels up. It was lovely to have Jean Jones once more at the Secretary's table helping to enter the competitors – much appreciated by all involved.

**This year we are incredibly delighted to announce that we have been able to donate £1200 to Contact the Elderly, £800 to The Cinnamon Trust, £500 towards Stoke Golding Cricket Club pavilion fund and £250 towards the cost of the food for The Villiers Family 'Big Breakfast event' (due in November 2018) raising funds for the Acute Respiratory Disorder Syndrome charity.**

We have but one plea for next year...if any kind soul has a few hours during the evening of the Show next year that they would be willing to donate to help with the Grand Auction and raffle, we would be extremely grateful. It is a very long day (for an aging committee!) and fresh pairs of legs and arms would be a real tonic at that point in the proceedings.

#### **Date for your diaries**

the 89<sup>th</sup> Open Show will be held on Saturday 31st August 2019.

Schedules will be available from late July 2019, but in the meantime if you have any questions, queries or suggestions please contact Tina on 07809629690.

### **Kitchen Corner**

#### **PLUM CHARLOTTE**

##### **INGREDIENTS**

50gms. (2ozs.) Butter

175gms (6ozs.) Fresh White

Breadcrumbs

750gms. (1 ½ lbs.) Fresh Plums,  
halved and stoned

100gms. (4ozs.) Soft Brown Sugar

2tsp. Lemon rind

Juice of half a Lemon

225ml. (7 ½ fl.ozs.) Orange Juice

##### **METHOD**

Pre-heat the oven to 190C/375F or Gas mark 5. Grease the base and sides of a shallow oven-proof dish

*with a little butter.*

*Put a layer of the plums (flesh side down) in the dish, sprinkle with some of the sugar and a little lemon rind and juice, dot with a little butter and continue these layers until all the ingredients (except the orange juice and breadcrumbs) have been used. Finally, finish with the breadcrumbs and dot with the remaining butter, now pour the orange juice over the dish and bake for 40-45 minutes. The plums should be tender and the top golden brown.*

*Serve from the baking dish with custard, fresh cream or ice cream.*

*This recipe can be halved. It really is mouth-watering.*

*Enjoy, from Avis'*



## WOMAN DROWNED IN VILLAGE WELL

### KING RICHARD II's CORONER VISITS FOR FIRST TIME

At an inquest taken at Stoke on Friday in the Feast of the Translation of St Thomas the Martyr, 20 Richard II (i.e. in the 20th year of the reign of King Richard II) before John Wychard - Coroner upon the view of the body of Joan Roger, wife of Robert Roger of Stoke by four men from four neighbouring villages, viz:- Hynklegh, Wyken, Hygham, and Barwell, by the oath of John Purlegh, Stephen Page, John Wareyn, Richard Coupere, John Hedke, Henry Pieres, Richard Bayly, John Marshall, Thomas Barker, William Flanville, Roger Cokke, and John Barton, who by their oath, say that the said Joan went to draw water out of a certain well in the garden of William Wryhte of Stoke and by misfortune fell into the said well so that she was drowned on Thursday next before the said feast above said, no one being about. Thomas Gardiner first found her, who came before the Justices Itinerant John Bareyn and Richard Gylefor ((Roll 60) and Robert Roger identified his wife.

Following Joan's discovery the village reeve and bailiff sent for the Coroner from Leicester, who arrived riding a black stallion, a former warhorse, as befitted his standing as the second senior law officer in the county. Dressed in a grey tunic and cloak he carried a broad sword and a short dagger. He was accompanied by his officer and aide, a big man who towered a good six inches above his master, and arranged the inquest and also his clerk in Holy Orders who recorded all details of the inquest on vellum for the Justices Itinerant who came at rare intervals. The villagers stared in awe as this cavalcade arrived in the village bull ring.

Having selected his jury Wychard nodded to his officer who silenced the throng by shouting "All ye who have anything to do with the King's Coroner for the County of Leicester draw near and give your attendance."

Joan's body lay before the jury on a wooden pallet covered by a dirty length of sacking which bore many signs of previous use. Wychard shouted, "I am John Wychard, our Sovereign King Richard II's Coroner for this County. We are here to enquire as to where, when and by what means this woman came to her death. Who was the first finder?" The sacking was lowered from Joan's face and Thomas Gardener looked at her and agreed that he had found her in the well. The Coroner drew the jury round Joan and drew their attention to the rigid body, its whiteness and his officer gently pressed on her chest which produced a bloodstained foam from her lips, typical of a case of drowning.

Her face was re-covered Wychard addressed the jury, "Do you agree that by misfortune Joan Roger had gone to the well for water, fell into that water and was drowned" The foreman conferred briefly with his other jurors and said "Yes we do".

Joan's body was then handed over to the village Priest for burial in the Churchyard of St Margaret's. Wychard closed the inquest and seen safely back onto the Leicester road.

BUT did she fall, or was she pushed? WE shall never really know!

*Denis Cash.*

# Church Matters



## From St Margaret's Church

### Re-Member

For years I have been fascinated by the double meaning of 'remember'.

Obviously, it usually means recalling or bringing to mind something from the past. But if you imagine a body being dis-membered, arms or legs amputated, but then put back together again, that is also re-membering.

In church sometimes the beginning of a service is called the Gathering. It can also be described as Re-membering, that is the members coming together again.

A favourite biblical passage of mine comes from the letter to the Hebrews;

"Therefore since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us."

I imagine an athletics stadium where we are running the race and the stands are filled with those who have gone before us. In my case I imagine my Mum and Dad, my brother, the vicar and college principal who greatly effected my life. But also Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, St. Peter, St. John and the author of Mark's Gospel. A whole cloud of witnesses cheering me on.

And so when we remember, of course we bring to mind those people who have now died. But with the picture of the stadium in my mind, I bring those who have lived this life before me and have now died somehow into our presence – we are re-membered as a congregation as a group by those whom we remember.

"We will remember them."

Alan Davis

### St Margaret's Church Coffee, Chat & Book Swap

Free coffee, tea and a chat on Wednesdays

**10.30am - 12 noon in Church**

Everyone is welcome, we do hope you will join us.



# Church Matters

## Church of England November Services

### St. Margaret's Church

4th	10.30am	All Age Service
11th	9.45am	All Age Service
11th	11am	<b>Remembrance at Cemetery</b>
18th	10.30am	Holy Communion
25th	10.30am	Morning Worship

### St. James's Church

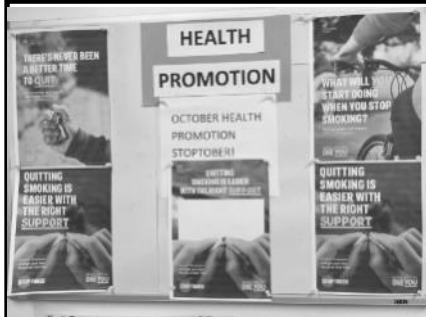
4th	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
11th	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
11th	9.00am	<b>With Remembrance</b>
18th	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
25th	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer

## The Methodist Church November 2018 Services

4th	10.30am	Revd Wes Hampton
11th	9.45am	at St Margaret's Church <b>(Remembrance Sunday)</b>
18th	10.30am	Mr Michael Holt
25th	10.30am	Mr John Cooke

## Zion Baptist Chapel November 2018 Services

4th	6pm	John Needham
11th	6pm	Mark Menzfeld
18th	6pm	Richard Cotton
25th	6pm	Steven Connor



## October is Stoptober

October is Stoptober with emphasis on how to stop smoking and help available.

On Saturday 13th October the surgery opened its doors on a wet and rainy day and approximately 280 of you filed through that morning.

It was a slightly complicated process this year with different flu vaccines for the under

and over 65s which held the timing up a bit.

You waited patiently and caught up with friends. I heard someone comment that he didn't know so many people lived in Stoke Golding.

Well done to all those involved for all their hard work on the day and behind the scenes.

*Jennifer*

## Let's Walk the Length of England 5: The Thirlmere Way

In 1894, the people of Manchester started receiving water from a new source: Thirlmere in the Lake District. Water is conveyed to the city through a 96 mile long aqueduct that just uses gravity, the water travelling at 4mph and taking a day to reach Heaton Park in Manchester. As my wife Sue and I, plus friends Helen and Andrew, were heading northwards on our journey to the Scottish border, and as someone had helpfully planned a long distance walk that followed the route of the aqueduct, we set off one bright morning to walk the Thirlmere Way.

The first part of our journey took us through endless suburbs of Manchester with frequent crossing and re-crossing of motorways. Just when we thought we'd escaped urban sprawl, we were greeted by the Reebok Stadium, home of Bolton Wanderers FC. Having called at the Etihad Stadium on a previous walk for coffee and cake, we added the Reebok to our list of 'football stadiums we have snacked in'. Fortunately, the walk skirted Bolton. Housing estates, allotments and industrial parks were replaced with fields and streams and impressive hills. We stayed in Blackburn for our walk from the Reebok to Chorley and here we encountered the worst fish and chips any of us could remember. This was strange, as a drunk in the fish and chip shop had assured me that, "These are the best fish and chips in the whole world." Perhaps when they were cooked they were, but ours turned out to be almost raw.

We walked the length of Lancashire and what a fantastic county it is. The places we walked through had a Tolkienesque feel that matched the dramatic scenery: Salmesbury Bottoms, Goosnargh, Oakenclough, Dolphinholme – we expected to encounter a hobbit at any moment. It was on this stretch of the walk that a very unfortunate incident occurred. We'd parked at a pub where we intended to end the day's walk and I'd rushed inside through the pouring rain to enquire whether we could park the car there. On my return, I was informed that the rain was too much and nobody was going walking that day – mutiny! The rain caused another rumpus a day later when our friends discovered they'd only brought one waterproof between them. What started out as a considerate, "No you have it dear," soon became a battle of wills that ended up with them leaving the waterproof abandoned on the road and both of them getting completely soaked. We visited Preston whilst we were in the area and encountered the worst curry any of us could remember!

The walk took us through the treeless Forest of Bowland, with views of Blackpool Tower in the distance, alongside the picturesque River Lune and up onto some sparsely inhabited moors south of Kendal. Then, as mountains began to rise all around us, we entered the Lake District, through Windermere, Ambleside, Grassmere and finally to a monument, erected by Manchester City Council, at the northern end of Thirlmere. With the Thirlmere Way completed, the Scottish border was beckoning. We could almost hear the bagpipes.

*Michael Dix*

## Stoke Golding and Dadlington Maps Through Time - 1

Today, we take maps for granted but it has not always been so. Up until Elizabethan times, there had been maps of England showing the major towns and cities, but nothing detailed. All that changed when Christopher Saxton began his survey of England. The first appearance of Dadlington on a map is his 1576 map of Leicestershire and Warwickshire which appeared in the world's first atlas. Strangely, Stoke is absent from the map but it does appear in this 1603 map by Smith along with the modern day spelling of Dadlington.

Mapmakers were adept at copying each other's work, making a few changes and calling it their own. In 1670's, John Ogilby complained that some printers had, "Rob'd my book!" This copying was one of the reasons the Bosworth battlefield site was incorrectly located until recently. Note the sword symbol on Bowen's 1767 map after the word feild. This becomes cross swords in later copies and it's position on Ambion Hill results in historians siting the battle on Ambion Hill due to its position south the hill. (The hill on the map is south west of the Tweed River.)

One of the earliest maps to show any detail of the actual villages came with the construction of the Ashby Canal.

Mapmakers drew up very accurate maps of the fields the canal was to pass through and rather less accurate representations of the two villages. However, we can see there was housing around the green in Dadlington along High St. in Stoke with some development on Main St and Station Rd.

*Michael Dix*



**Saxton 1576**



**Smith 1603**



**Bowen 1767**

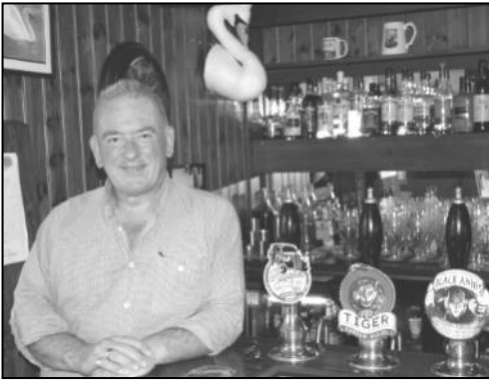


**Ashby Canal Plans 1794**

*To be continued.*

## BETH'S CORNER.      **ANDREW MARRIOTT @ THE WHITE SWAN.**

*"We have a new landlord at the White Swan, Beth."* I had no idea that Jamie had left us. It seems only the other day that I was interviewing him as he was moving into the village. It was also about this time of the year as I remember he was very enthusiastic about being part of the village community, intending to continue with the tradition of hosting the 5<sup>th</sup>. November bonfire and fireworks. It was one of our first-rate detectives on The Stoker team who had called me with this information, while she was taking our Welcome Pack to Andrew. *"I've had a word with him Beth and told him you'll probably be in touch with him."* So you see how the village grapevine works so efficiently.



The voice I'm speaking to at the end of the phone line sounds friendly and outgoing, as we make a date for our get-together. Andrew only moved in three weeks ago, but he's already started to find his way around the village and I'm looking forward to meeting our new pub landlord. My immediate impression is that Andrew is a complete contrast from Jamie who last ran The White Swan. I notice the country styled tweed jacket with its leather patched elbows, the check shirt and khaki slacks, which all point to the image of an outdoor countryman. I discover I'm right when

Andrew or 'Andy' admits his favourite hobby is field-sports, especially rough shooting. This is a totally unknown world to me, but Andrew seems to fit the picture, especially when he talks about his much loved fourteen month old Springer gun-dog Lexi.

The White Swan is a big and exciting career change for Andrew, having worked in engineering for most of his life, but let's begin from the beginning. *"I'm a Leicester man. My Dad's background was in coal mining as a fitter at Merlees mine in Derbyshire."* Sadly he lost his Dad at the age of 19 through a tragic mining accident. *"Mum worked for Co-op Dairies in Leicester."* He started school at Glenfield primary continuing at Fosse Secondary. *"Leaving school I was apprenticed as a fitter for four years at Marconi in Leicester, ending up as Production Co-ordinator."* This is when he met Debs (Deborah) 27 years ago. When Marconi moved to Portsmouth, he stayed in Leicester, joining Racal Decca until 2010, when he decided to branch out on his own lecturing students on Health & Safety, and the intricacies of Employment Law. It was in 2015 that Debs confessed to a life-changing career for them both: *"I've always wanted to run a pub."* Knowing Everards is the local Brewery, the obvious next move was to apply to them, and receive their rigorous training in 'cellarmanship', and the business side of running a pub, before being pointed to Stoke Golding and The White Swan.


We talk a lot about his philosophy on the role of pubs and their landlords. *"I believe the pub is a centre for getting together and discussing the 'pros and cons' of the news and local events, and that the role of the landlord is being part of this."* He has already met three of the groups that use the pub for their meetings, and is delighted they are going to continue. I tell him I'm part of the Book Club, and discover he has already met with Hilary who leads the group. In fact, true to his word, he introduces himself to us later that week, taking an interest in the books we have been reading.

He's already well primed about the annual Bonfire and Fireworks night, looking forward to joining in with the local community. One of the many things he mentions about the village is how overwhelmed he's been with so much friendliness and welcoming conversations. Being part of his Dad's mining background, he believes has given him a love for strong community. At present he's here on his own but Debs is joining him in two weeks.

Whereas Jamie's focus was on the food, being his own chef, Andy has given this to Luke, a younger man he has known for many years, who has always longed for his own kitchen. He insists however that all produce will be fresh and locally sourced. There will be an 'ever-changing' menu, with a 'Specials' board chosen by Luke.

So now Andy can concentrate on the cellar, and he and Debs can both enjoy being Front of House with their guests. They sound like the perfect couple for this traditional country pub. Good luck Andy and Debs.

*Beth*

 <p><b>THE WHITE SWAN</b> <b>BONFIRE NIGHT</b></p>	<p>Doors open at 6pm, we will light the bonfire at 7pm followed by kicking off the fireworks at 7.30pm!</p> <p>Adults £4/ Children £2 / Children under 4 - free!</p> <p>We look forward to seeing you all!</p> <p>Andy and Debs</p>
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## Obituaries

### Janet Reid

We send our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Janet Reid. Janet, of Stoke Golding, passed away on 21<sup>st</sup> September aged 77 years. She was the much-loved wife of the late Ian and loving mum to David and Rosie.

Janet's funeral took place at Stoke Golding Methodist Church on 9<sup>th</sup> October. Janet trained as a nurse and spent most of her career in industrial nursing. Janet and Ian will be remembered for their long association with the Ashby Canal, their Morris Minor cars, especially Janet's car, Gertie. Janet was also a keen supporter and volunteer at the Concordia Theatre. They also loved to travel and had twice been around the world.

Donations can be made to the Ashby Canal Association and/or the Methodist Church, Stoke Golding vis McCartneys Funeral Service, 47 Coventry Road, Hinckley LE10 0JR

## Denis Cash



Denis was born in a small village in Lincolnshire called Laceby in 1938. Whilst still a babe in arms his family moved to Hinckley to escape the German bombing of the nearby Grimsby Docks. Two weeks later they bombed Coventry. He attended Westfield Infant School and then Hinckley Grammar School. He worked for the local bus company for a short time before joining the Leicestershire Constabulary at 19. He served all over the country in uniform, CID and traffic departments and was an advanced rider of police motorcycles and a member of their frogman unit.

He was promoted to Sergeant, becoming Hinckley's Crime Prevention Officer and setting up the town's first Crime Prevention Panel. He moved to Stoke Golding in 1972 and was promoted to Inspector, serving in various posts throughout the country and finishing his career as Administration Inspector at Hinckley.

With his good friend Bob he bought the village shop and named it "The Middle Stores" where he got to know almost everyone in the village. He often said "That's what village life is all about, helping folk and knowing everyone".

Five years later he and Bob bought the old farmhouse and derelict stables at Dadlington which they converted into the Ambion Court Hotel.

Before retiring to Spain Denis had become a founder and secretary of the Neighbourhood Watch Committee. Despite enjoying their time in Spain Denis and Bob returned to this country and final retirement in Stoke Golding. Denis spent a good deal of time serving the public here. He was a trustee and secretary of the Charity of Thomas Barton for 13 years, a founder member and chairman of the Heritage Group, a founder member and treasurer of the village magazine (The Stoker). He was the Cemetery Administrator for over ten years, helping others find a final resting place for their loved ones.

He also took to writing, with the charity book on the Blue Plaque Walk and the series of village leaflets. He wrote "For King and Country", with full details of the village men who died in the two World Wars, "The Class of 21", a collection of details about the boys and girls who formed the village school in 1921 and "Stoke Golding Magpies", the village football team of the 1930s. In 2017 he produced a book of pictures of Stoke Golding and Dadlington from the historic sides of the late Gordon Webster.

Denis passed away at home on 13<sup>th</sup> October after suffering with cancer for several years and he wanted to thank all at Pine Close Surgery, who have been so wonderful and all doctors, nurses and staff within the NHS Leicester who never failed to go that extra mile to keep him pain-free. He also wanted to thank his neighbours, friends and family for their love and friendship over the years.

His funeral will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon at St Margaret's Church, Stoke Golding followed by interment at the Hinckley Road cemetery. Donations can be made to LOROS rather than flowers please.

*Our thoughts are with Denis's family and friends at this sad time.*



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

### *Reports by County and Borough Councillors*

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

1. Drug Abuse Awareness Campaign.
2. No waiting zone at Convent Drive – concerns of residents passed on to the LCC.
3. Update on footpath at Stoke Road.

Borough Cllr Reg Ward reported on the following:

1. Horiba Mira application for new track has been agreed.
2. Unitary Authority.
3. Discretionary council tax support for those leaving care, up to the age of 25 years.

### *Playground inspection:*

It was noted that the repair of the roundabout surface had been carried out to a satisfactory standard and the adjustment of the roundabout was still pending.

### *Ground Maintenance Report*

- Price for removing two trees and replacing them with a similar species was noted and it was agreed to proceed with the work, at a cost of £800.
- The Clerk to apply to the Diocese of Leicester for permission to fell a tree that is dying or dead, and the planting of new trees.
- The work to the ditch at Hinckley Road Cemetery has been completed, at a cost of £320.
- Emergency work to clear fallen trees has been completed, at a cost of £160.

### *Planning Applications*

*New Applications:* 12 Station Road – work to trees.

*Amended:* [34 Roseway – two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.](#)

*Permission approved:* 1 Pine Close – work to trees. 34 Roseway – two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

### *Neighbourhood Plan:*

It was agreed to appoint Jim Hope as Chair of the NPAC and Cllr Beale as Vice-Chair, and to appoint Bernard Lamb, Mervin Ward, Cllr Terheege and Cllr Fisher as committee members.

### *Work at Hinckley Road Cemetery*

*Wall and Gate Damage* - the Clerk to write to the contractor, giving 14 days to reply before legal advice is sought.

*Oak Tree* - confirmation of the arboricultural contractor's report is still pending.

*Ditch* - work to the ditch is complete.

*Boundary* - the hedge removal work would take place on 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> October and Cllrs Pegg and Terheege will meet the resident with a boundary issue at the rear of cemetery once the work at the front boundary is complete.

*Update on Vehicle Activated Signs* – a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner was still pending.

*Pitch hire concerns* - Youth FB Club concerns regarding pitch condition and fees were noted - the pitch is now in use and condition issues resolved. It was agreed to remind users of the recreation field about the need for public liability insurance.

*Convent Drive play area:* Concerns from a resident were noted and the safety of children entering the site was discussed. The Clerk to write to the Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children Board and copy to County Cllr Ould.

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*Remembrance Day arrangements:* It was agreed to proceed with the printing of 400 commemorative booklets at a cost of £198. The Clerk to confirm if the Charity of Thomas Barton are funding this project, so a thank you can be included on the booklet.

*Road names for development adjacent to Laburnum Cottage:* Options for road names were noted and it was agreed to confirm Laburnum Close as the Parish Council's favoured choice.

*Procedures for consultations between developers and the Parish Council*

It was agreed that the Parish Council should only proceed to consult with developers once the developer has made their application known publicly through independent action. The Parish Council would then make residents aware of the application and its intention to talk to the developer.

395/25 To resolve upon the Monthly Schedule of Payments

*Communications received by the Clerk*

*Written: The following were noted:*

- A letter from HBBC Deputy Leader and Executive Lead for Rural Areas regarding a proposal for a unitary structure for local government.
- A letter from a resident regarding concerns on the Neighbourhood Plan.
- A letter from Cllr Mitchell regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.

*Verbal*

An update from HBBC on the Morris Homes Open Space was noted.

**Next meeting:** Methodist Hall, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm

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## Answers to Ten of a Kind

1. Australia, 2. Three: Captain Mainwaring, Corporal Jones and Private Walker  
3. Handlebar, 4. Blackbeard, 5. The Big Bad Wolf, 6. Charlie Chaplin, 7. Peter the Great, 8. Dopey, 9. 2 and a half metres (5cm less in fact), 10. Harold Macmillan

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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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