

# The Stoker



**Stoke Golding Village Magazine**

*Including*

**Dadlington Matters**

**50p**



### **Note from the Editors**

*We are amazed at the amount of events on the What's On pages this month - anyone would think it is nearly Christmas! It really seems as though there is something for everyone - carol singing, an art exhibition, a snowman festival, two light 'switch-ons' and a Christmas fayre to*



*name but a few.*

*We are delighted to be able to bring you this edition of the Stoker in full colour thanks to the generous funding of the Charity of Thomas Barton. You can find out a little more about our local charity on page 4 following Beth's interview with the Chairman, Paul Spokes. It is impressive to read about how many village 'projects' they have funded over the years.*

*Photographs from Remembrance Sunday (pages 16-17) show what a lovely community we live in. The Peace Tea at Stoke Golding Village Hall was a huge success and Dadlington joined the nationwide WWI Beacons of Light Ceremony on Armistice Day to mark the centenary of the end of the Great War.*

*Can anyone in our wonderful community consider helping the Scout Group (p.3) or the Garden Show committee (p9) if you have a few hours to spare?*

*We wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas, a healthy and peaceful new year and we look forward to being back for the February issue.*

**Jane and Steve**

### **The Stoker Team**

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*Cover picture: 'Moonlight Sonata' results of a workshop in acrylic painting with the local ladies's group, George's Dragons...a very enjoyable evening was had, with art, wine and nibbles!*

## Art on the Front Cover

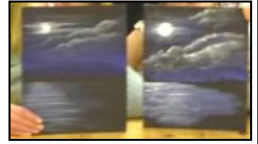
We were very proud of our pictures following an art workshop run by the amusing and talented Diane Sinclair, an artist living in Stoke Golding.

Diane runs a number of art classes in Hinckley including watercolour and pastel classes.

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## Halloween and Diwali activities - Stoke Golding Scout Group

The Scouts have been taking part in various Halloween festivities. The Cubs and Beavers followed the traditional routes with chocolate game, jelly eating game, doughnuts on string and apple -dunking. The Cubs also had a not so scary Halloween story by candlelight.

The Cubs and Beavers were all dressed up in various costumes, some more scary than others!



The Scouts had baked potatoes and made their own chilli. I did hear that they were very good at cooking and eating, but less good at the washing up. Great fun was had by all.

The Cubs also celebrated Diwali by decorating a glass or paper lantern and then had a selection of exotic snacks.

Plans for end of term involve snowmen, paint, nativity and no doubt glitter and glue!  
It's that time of year.

The whole Scout Group have been very involved with Remembrance Day activities- see centre pages.



**Beavers are between the ages of 6-8 years, Cubs 8-10 years and Scouts 10-14 years. Leaders 18+. If you are interested in joining the waiting list please email [Fionna Shilladay](mailto:Fionna.Shilladay@1stSGSG.Gsl@gmail.com) on [1stSGSG.Gsl@gmail](mailto:1stSGSG.Gsl@gmail.com)**



***If you are 18+ and interested in helping out at any of our sections please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you.***

## BETH'S CORNER

### Paul Spokes (Chairman of the Thomas Barton Charity)

*'In the reign of King Henry IV THOMAS BARTON "Moved by Kindness and Holy Charity bequeathed land and buildings for the provision of Pavements and Cawsys"'*



Left to right: Steve Avent, Bernard Arnold, Alan White, Paul Spokes, Morris Bolton  
Seated: Ann Jones, Gillian Groom

My remit for this month is to write about Paul, but when this self-effacing, retired dentist arrives, he insists I focus on the Charity, of which he is the Chair. To endorse this, he sets a six-inch-high pile of folders, files and legal documents on my coffee table with a throwaway remark; *"If you find a little time to spare"*. I promise myself I'll do just that, but quite honestly the most satisfying information I find, is in the excellent booklet based on the 'Blue Plaque Walk of Historical Stoke Golding' funded by the Thomas Barton charity. This was a collaboration between some of the older, better informed, members of the village and the final editing was carried out by Denis Cash, one of the most loved, and respected members of Stoke Golding, who generously gave so much of his time and knowledge to all of us, and sadly died this last month.

Paul's story begins in Sheffield then Eyam, Derbyshire (close to Bakewell). His decision to study dentistry sends him further north to Scotland, to Queen's College Dundee for the next five years. Happily, this is where he meets his future wife, Judy. Her brother was studying medicine in the same year as Paul, and Judy was a couple of years behind the two men - studying physiology. Their engagement had to cope with the challenge of the many miles between Judy in Scotland, and Paul, busily setting up his dental practice in Earl Shilton. The big day eventually came about at Judy's family home in Poynton, in the beautiful Peak District. Their first married home was

in Hinckley, which is where their three daughters were born. In 1986, on the lookout for a large family home, the final move was made – to ‘Oaklands’ in Wykin Lane. During their increasingly busy family life, and becoming very much part of the village community, Paul’s decision to retire came just twelve years ago, in 2006.

Having already been elected as Parish Councillor, he found himself drawn onto the Board of Trustees for the Thomas Barton Charity, inspired by the excellent work that is being done for so many village organisations and community projects. The seven trustees meet around every six weeks to discuss any new grant applications, and Paul emphasises that the Charity will consider applications for a grant from any organisation, or suggestions for projects for the general benefit of the inhabitants of Stoke Golding, for which provision is not made out of rates, taxes or other public funds.

I find my imagination drawn to Thomas Barton who signed that Deed on July 10<sup>th</sup>.1400 in a tiny village of about 120 people, nearly all clustered in and around the church. I know how delighted he would be to know that the Trust still owns a ‘*very healthy portfolio of paper investments*’, enabling the charity to continue its work. I also notice that in the accounts for 2018 over £21,000 has been spent on village projects, far too many sadly to list here. Over the last few years the charity has funded the village sign, gates and wall at the new cemetery, installation and running costs of church flood-lighting, Christmas lights including ‘switch on’ refreshments, new village Christmas tree, grants to village groups (Scouts, Garden Show, cricket, football, community choir) benches and bus shelters around the village and various items for both St Margaret’s and St Martin’s Schools. For this we have to thank Paul and his trustees for their careful and continuing hard work, to further the vision of one Thomas Barton Esquire.

*Beth*

## **Remembrance Sunday at St Margaret’s Church**



A commemoration service was held on Sunday 11th November at St Margaret’s Church at 9.45am, prior to the Act of Remembrance at the Hinckley Road Cemetery.

The church was full to capacity with about 200 adults and children. The service was led by the Rev Linda Blay, and assisted by the Scouts and Beavers, who had produced paper wreaths that were displayed in two windows representing the 21 fallen villagers. After welcoming everyone Linda reminded us of the sacrifice of the fallen, represented by the 2 "There but Not There" Perspex silhouettes seated in the pews. The Scouts read the lesson taken from the Sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the Children of God".

The congregation were asked to write a prayer on a card poppy which was placed on the poppy net attached to the altar.

At the end of the service Linda reminded the congregation of the history of Jelly Babies. They were launched at the end of The Great War as Peace Babies. The congregation were offered Jelly Babies at the end of the service.

Nearly all of the congregation then walked to the Hinckley Road Cemetery for the Act of Remembrance.

*Ian Hiron*

## Free Stickers



I have a small supply of these 30mph bin stickers available for local residents. If you would like a couple for your bins, please call and collect them.

Advice from Leicestershire Police and the Road Safety Partnership is:

*Place the sticker on the bin facing oncoming traffic and leave the bin out on collection day as normal..*

It isn't necessary for every resident to use a sticker. Priority will be given to residents living on Station Road, Wykin Lane and Hinckley Road. *Ruth Fisher, 21 Hinckley Road*

## Stoke Golding Neighbourhood Plan update

Welcome to readers old and new. As many of you know, Stoke Golding is developing its own Neighbourhood Plan based on the views of Stoke Golding's residents. Once the Plan is fully adopted, it becomes part of Hinckley and Bosworth's planning regulations and needs to be considered when planning decisions are made.

### **What is the role of the Advisory Committee?**

An Advisory Committee of Stoke Golding residents is working on the Plan on behalf of The Parish Council who have overall responsibility to deliver it. We are trying to pick up the pace to get it ready as soon as we sensibly can.

Meetings are now every two weeks on Monday at 7:00 in The Methodist Hall. Come along and keep up to date with what's happening.

We have been having discussions with various bodies including The Rural Communities Council (RCC) and The Borough Council Planners. We've learnt a lot.

### **What is the next step?**

Those who read our last article will know that we are planning to reconsult households to ascertain which housing development sites around Stoke Golding residents consider are most favourable/least unfavourable for development. We feel this is necessary, because we have learnt that the available sites we used in our 2016 survey have changed. Unfortunately, at the time of writing we do not have the full details needed and so the survey is not likely to occur until next year.

We have a lot to cover finishing writing policies, continuing to write The Draft Plan, conduct and analyse the new survey and much more. We hope to achieve this in the next six months by tackling the issues in parallel. Much of the rest of preparing The Plan is subject to statutory timescales or the speed of work of others. With this in mind, we anticipate The Neighbourhood Plan will be fully adopted around about August 2020.

### **How can you help us to keep the momentum going?**

We need people to join our Advisory Committee and actively contribute to our work. We also have a small team of dedicated minute takers; however we would like to expand the team to cope with two weekly meetings.

If you are willing to volunteer, please contact: [sgnpjimhope@btinternet.com](mailto:sgnpjimhope@btinternet.com)

*Jim Hope*

## The White Swan Bonfire Night

The Annual Bonfire took place at The White Swan on Saturday 3rd November 2018. The conditions were good, a bit chilly but no rain and many hardened villagers of Stoke Golding turned up.

The timetable began with the gates opening at 6.00pm (thanks to Ron for his efforts), so that the refreshment of hot dogs, beef burgers, hot pork and stuffing batches could be enjoyed - thanks to Margaret, Jean, Ian and Clare for all their hard work serving the food. Thanks to the bar staff for serving the drinks, both alcoholic and otherwise. Apologies to all that attended this year who experienced delays in getting the food and drinks.

The bonfire was lit at 7.00pm and the **ultimate firework extravaganza** (supplied by Jordans of Leamington Spa) started at 7.30. Our thanks go to Kevin Hardy and his team for once again providing a very good safe display lasting over 45 minutes.

This year a profit of £1045 has been raised to provide Xmas Lunch for local OAPs and to benefit the village's youth and children.

Finally, if there is anybody who would like to help organise and assist on the night do not hesitate to get in touch and thanks to Andy and Everards for allowing us to use their facilities. *Gareth Jones*

### Thank You

Ruth Hunter would like to thank everyone who helped her when she took a tumble in Sherwood Road earlier in the year. She was taken to the George Elliot Hospital where she had 22 stiches in her hand and was told she may have suffered a stroke. Her sister, Doreen Rollins, rang us to let us know she is doing really well now and is up and about again. Ruth is so grateful for the support she has received from people in the village and wishes everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.



### Ten of a Kind (Answers on page 11)

"We three kings of Orient are," begins the well known carol, its tortured grammar allowing the writer a rhyme with star. Here are ten questions involving 'Kings'. How many can you get?

1. The biblical three kings brought gifts. along with gold and myrrh, what was the third gift and can you spell it correctly?
2. Which of the kings involved in the Wars of the Roses founded King's College, Cambridge?
3. Through which two London boroughs does the iconic Kings Road pass?
4. The song, 'God Save the King' was first published in 1744. Which other European nation uses the same tune for its national anthem?
5. What job did Mervyn King do from 2003 to 2013?
6. Who played the part of King George VI in the film 'The King's Speech'?
7. Who plays their home games at the King Power Stadium?
8. King's Cross St Pancras underground station is the biggest interchange on the London Underground. How many lines meet there?
9. Who wrote the musical, 'The King and I'?
10. How many times have kings of England been immediately succeeded by their brothers?

## Stoke Golding Garden Show Fundraising Benefits Local Causes

Members of the committee of Stoke Golding Garden Show have been busy rushing around locally, eager to hand over the cheques from the profit of the highly successful village garden show held earlier this year in September.

The committee donated cheques totaling £1200 to Contact the Elderly, £800 to The Cinnamon Trust, £500 towards Stoke Golding Cricket Club pavilion fund, £250 towards the Snowman Festival at St Margaret's Church, £250 towards the cost of the food for The Villiers Family 'Big Breakfast event' raising funds for the Acute Respiratory Disorder Syndrome charity, and more recently, £250 to Stoke Golding Club towards the cost of the 2018 Children's Christmas Party. We are especially delighted to include our village club on our list of causes to benefit this year, as the committee has supported the garden show superbly for nearly 90 years.

The committee are also very grateful to The Charity of Thomas Barton, Tesco Bags of Help, The George Ward Charitable Trust and Thistle Loo Hire for their generous donations and support this year.



Andrea, The Cinnamon Trust



Margaret Villiers The Big Breakfast



Joe Rollins, Cricket Club



St Margaret's Snowman Festival



Rose Daniels, Contact the Elderly



Maggie Caswell, Stoke Golding Club



## **Do you perhaps have a few hours a year to spare?**

Stoke Golding Garden Show committee currently have a vacancy for the post of Treasurer and would like to take the opportunity to encourage a new committee member to step forward to be involved with our future annual shows.

We are a very relaxed and friendly little committee, the members working together to keep this lovely village tradition going. It is worth noting that the Treasurer's role is supported closely by an unofficial sub-committee consisting of the Chairperson and the Secretary, so that the job never become an onerous task at any time.

**So what is involved and how can we tempt you? We absolutely promise that it is really not very time consuming and, even more tempting, no experience of vegetable growing, flower growing or home baking is needed.**

You would maybe need to consider offering something in the region of:

Approximately one hour a month from May to September, to attend an evening meeting (in the bar at Stoke Golding Club) to ensure none of the essential preparations get overlooked.

Availability from approximately 11am on Show Day (usually the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in September) to help with the smooth running of the proceedings – however, we are very flexible if you are not able to commit to the whole day.

Availability the following day, or the day after, to work with the Chairperson and the Secretary to count the takings and to deposit them in the bank. This usually takes no more than an hour and tea plus cake are generally involved.

The Treasurer has overall responsibility for the bank account and cheque books plus any withdrawing/depositing/bill payments and organizing of the prize money for Show Day.

The Treasurer is also responsible for producing a mini account statement for the post Show meeting in September and a short report for the AGM the following May. Guidance and templates for these tasks are readily available and nothing too grand is expected at all.

**A fabulous high Tea is included on Show Day – this is a major perk of the role – and you get to be an integral part of a longstanding village tradition. The Show day activities are a great deal of fun to be involved in, and we do our best to raise money for our chosen beneficiaries each year.**

*Please be aware that we are always on the look out for general committee members who can offer even less time during the year, but more so on Show day. Our committee members are dwindling (and aging...but I won't be popular for writing that) and we currently haven't really got enough pairs of hands and the muscle power/energy needed to cover all of the various activities!*

**Please consider helping us out.**

**If you would like to have a chat about the role please contact Tina Waters on 07809629690 or simply knock on the door at 3 Shenton Close, Stoke Golding.**

## **BACKSTAGE WHISPERS** (On tour with the 'Tesco & Pepsi-Cola ladies')

After the success of the final fashion show for the Inner London Education Authority's Youth Clubs at London's Café Royal, plans were soon afoot to widen the horizons. We were booked to take the shows nationwide. The CEO's of both Tesco and Pepsi realised this was a great way of promoting their products, with the added bonus of being seen encouraging the work with the youngsters and the many Youth Club leaders, who worked so faithfully with their local young folk week after week.

I was now employed alongside Tesco and Pepsi's staff - a complete eye-opener for me. In the theatre, you were given a list of landladies and B&Bs that took theatre folk and expected to organise your 'digs' by yourself *and* pay for them out of your weekly pay-packet. The Tesco women were amazed when I told them this. "*Do you mean you have to pay for your own accommodation?*" They were always booked in to a smart hotel by Tesco *and* had an expense account for a couple of drinks from the bar in the evening, after the show. I thoroughly enjoyed those evenings relaxing and hearing their experiences of working for Tesco. Apparently Jack Cohen kept a kindly eye on his staff, while wandering around the factory. If he noticed a new young telephonist or receptionist, straight from school, he'd make a note of their attitude to the job. If he felt they had that special something, they would get the opportunity to progress up the staff ladder, going out with senior assistants learning the rudiments of a 'buyer' – travelling all over the world. Jack never brought someone in to fill a position, if he had noticed one of the junior staff with the promise to fill it. They seemed to be proud and happy to be working for the firm. Our tour went from Wales in the South, to Sheffield in the North.

I drove myself to our various venues, meeting up with the others on arrival. We had some interesting additions to our panel of judges. One was a well-known DJ on Radio, who was nicknamed 'Fluff' something or other, due to wearing his favourite fluffy pullover, which eventually went into small fluff balls all over. He presented 'Pick of the Pops' and was a household name on Radio. When I met him he was a genial middle-aged man, whose banter included addressing his young audience with "*Hallo all you 'pop-pickers out there.*" It was quite a challenge knowing I was being watched by such a well-known professional presenter, but he kept insisting I had a gift for working with these young people. The last date we had was at a night-club venue in Sheffield – I doubt if it's still there. It was a great 'glitzy' venue to end with and, again, the manager of the club asked me to come and work for him as a DJ as I had such a '*connection with the kids*'. I was very flattered, but as I hadn't a clue about 'pop' music I'd be useless. I think my '*connection*' was only due to the affection the kids and I had for each other. I knew they trusted me. Anyway my first love was theatre and I'd just heard my next job was soon going to be at beautiful Pitlochry, with some wonderful leading parts.

But there was still the final London show to do at an enormous conference

venue seating a few thousands, mixing the Inner London clubs with the finalists from the wider UK's clubs. I was looking forward to the challenge – but - would I be able to bring some Order out of the expected Chaos? I remember standing onstage, safely behind my lectern, surveying all those upturned young faces with their Mums and Dads and aunts, uncles, grandmas, grandads and youth club leaders. My two young DJs were waiting for the start signal. I tapped the hand-mike which gave a reassuring tap back. *“Hi Guys, a very special welcome to all you finalists, to our panel of judges and a very big thankyou to Tesco and Pepsi, who have made this all financially possible.”* Immediate applause. I waited – there were the first few bars of music and a reassuring hush fell over everything. I sighed with relief and began for the last time... Beth

## **Stoke Golding Parish Council - Cemetery News**

### **Grave Memorial Repairs**

Following a memorial safety inspection at Hinckley Road Cemetery, unsafe memorials were laid flat or temporarily made safe using structural supports. The Parish Council then gave notice that they would embark on a three-year programme of repairs to re-instate the memorials, for which families could not be traced, as it is essential to ensure the safety of people working in and visiting the Cemetery. The final phase of the repairs is now complete. The Parish Council will continue to monitor and inspect memorials to ensure future safety.

### **New Designated Bins**

The Parish Council would like to thank the Charity of Thomas Barton for kindly funding new enclosed bins at each of the cemeteries, with separate compartments for dead flowers and paper/plastic. This will keep the cemeteries tidy and provide an additional facility for use by families visiting graves. The Parish Council is currently seeking permission from the Diocese of Leicester and the bins will be installed in 2019.

### **Cemetery Byelaws and Dogs**

Unfortunately, there has been several incidents of dog fouling at Wykin Lane Cemetery recently. The Parish Council wishes to remind villagers that dogs are not allowed in either cemetery. A copy of Hinckley Road and Wykin Lane Cemetery byelaws are available on the Stoke Golding Village website.

*Theresa Case, Clerk to Stoke Golding Parish Council*

## **Answers to Ten of a Kind**

1. Frankincense
2. Henry VI
3. Chelsea and Fulham
4. Liechtenstein
5. Governor of the Bank of England
6. Colin Firth
7. The magnificent Leicester City Football Club
8. Six: Circle, Metropolitan, Hammersmith and City, Northern, Piccadilly and Victoria
9. Rogers and Hammerstein
10. 4 times: William II & Henry I, Richard I & John, George IV & William IV, Edward VIII & George VI. Not Edward IV & Richard III as Edward V came between them.

# Dadlington Matters

## Harvest Festival & Supper

In our modern, technology-driven world, it is good to revisit old traditions. Harvest Festival is one such event, coming from earlier times when much of the population was involved in food production and October was a good time to thank God for the harvest. A packed St James' church in Dadlington followed this tradition and that of the harvest supper, which took place the following evening.

The church was beautifully decorated with seasonal displays in the windows and the congregation sang well-known harvest hymns and listened to readings that described harvests of years gone by. Carolyn Patullo led the service and was there at the harvest supper, one of a number of helpers providing the many attending with their food. Under the auspices of organiser Caroline Fielden, the evening was a celebration of tasty food, the odd beverage and good, traditional community friendship. The event raised £650 for church funds.

*Michael Dix*

## A Defibrillator for Dadlington

Thanks to the generosity of villagers, Dadlington Village Hall Committee has been able to install a defibrillator in the redundant red telephone box situated on the corner of The Green and Main Street next to the bus stop.

Special thanks to Tim Hood for refurbishing the telephone box which now has "Defibrillator" signage, to Eddie Smallwood and John Whitehead for contributions from speaking engagements, and for all those sponsoring John to cross Morecambe Bay and still paying up despite weather conditions prohibiting the crossing on three occasions.

The defibrillator has been registered and within a week had its first emergency call when a person collapsed in Dadlington, and the emergency services asked that a defibrillator was brought to the casualty in case of need. In the event it was not used.

First Responders are offering familiarisation training for any villagers, free, just to give anyone the confidence to use a defibrillator in an emergency. This will be 7:45pm Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Dadlington Village Hall. If you wish to attend, please e-mail [jf\\_whitehead @ hotmail.com](mailto:jf_whitehead@hotmail.com) (or tel. 01455 213244).

If you would like to support the ongoing maintenance of the defibrillator, Dadlington Village Hall Committee has an earmarked account to which you can make a one-off payment. Alternatively you may opt to join the Dadlington Village Hall Lottery to support the maintenance of both the hall and defibrillator. For details please e-mail [jf\\_whitehead @ hotmail.com](mailto:jf_whitehead@hotmail.com)

## WW1 Beacons of Light Ceremony

Dadlington joined the nationwide WW1 Beacons of Light Ceremony on Armistice Day to mark the centenary of the end of the Great War.

A beacon, built by David Fielden in 2005 to celebrate the bicentennial of the Battle of Trafalgar, was used for the occasion and, along with some 1200 other beacons across the nation, was ignited at exactly 7pm.

Positioned on high ground beside Dadlington's Ballast Hole, the beacon was a glorious blaze of flame which would have been visible for three or four miles in a 180 degree arc to the north of the village.

*John Walliker*



### Kitchen Corner

#### CHICKEN OR TURKEY CORN CHOWDER

##### INGREDIENTS

- 1tblsp. Butter*
- 1 Large Onion (peeled and chopped)*
- 1 Green or Red Pepper (cored, seeded and chopped)*
- 1tblsp. Plain Flour*
- ¾ pint (425ml.) Hot Milk*
- ¾ pint (425ml.) Chicken Stock*
- Salt & Freshly Ground Black Pepper*
- 1 ½ lbs. (700gms.) of diced Cooked Chicken or Turkey*
- 1 lb.(450gms) Potatoes, peeled and chopped*
- 1 Large Can of Sweetcorn, drained*

##### METHOD

*Melt the butter in a large pan over a medium heat. Add the onion and pepper and fry gently until soft for 4-5*

*minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in the flour and cook for a further 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the hot milk, followed by the chicken stock. Return to the heat and slowly bring to the boil, stirring all the time. Season to taste and add the remaining ingredients. Lower the heat, cover and simmer for 25 minutes or until the potatoes are tender. Serve with crusty French bread. This is another idea of what to do with left-over turkey. This recipe will serve 4-6 people.*

***Merry Christmas and happy cooking, Cheers, Avis***

## **A Night of Business and Uncontrollable Laughter**

It was a very busy WI meeting this November with a great deal of business to cover before we were able to listen to our speaker Pat Hall. As it was also the AGM the usual program of reports etc were considered and voted on, as was the election of the new committee. Three hard working members of the previous committee were no longer standing, two of whom, Margaret Bliss and Anne Fullagar, had given long and dedicated service and would be very sorely missed, as indeed would Kathy Allen. But new members had agreed to stand and I am sure will help to carry on the good work that those before had started. Carol Hale agreed to carry on as President, a role she has worked at tirelessly for the previous two years and so our WI will, I am sure, go on from strength to strength.

So began 'A Life Can Be Funny' by our speaker Pat Hall and from the sound and sight of uproarious laughter and weeping eyes it looked as though at least Pat's life most definitely had been.

Pat began by telling us of four letters that she had written, as from women to family members during the First World War. The first from a lady of high society to her serving son, complaining of the sacrifices that she had had to make, such as no one to warm her pearls for her due to losing servants to the war effort and having to mix with 'ordinary 'people' when she joined the local WI. Followed by a young lady to her mum as she moved from a city to the country to work the land, and being dismayed with the lack of shops and the smell as she cleaned out the pig sties, but being pleased when she was told by a WI member that she was fighting the enemy doing such important work in the fields. Two more letters, one from a serving Brigadiers wife who was bringing her local WI to order by encouraging them to make bandages from petticoats and dressings for wounds from knicker gussets and most definitely discouraging 'inappropriate' songs, and the final one to a seaman to tell him she was 'up the spout' with yet their eleventh child but not to act the hero as she wanted him home again.

During all of these tales Pat dressed in the clothes of the writer and every part of the letters were full of highly amusing anecdotes that had us all rolling with laughter.

Pat then went on to tell us a little bit about herself and continued with poems, jokes and stories finally finishing with the tale of the three balloons which made us all laugh uncontrollably.

Every member agreed that they went home even more cheerful than when they had come and were very happy that Pat had come to give us such a brilliant talk.

Our next meeting on December 12th will be our Christmas event when members are asked to bring some refreshments and we will have entertainment and of course our 'secret Santa.' But before then we have our Christmas meal to look forward to and then on January 9th there will be the first meeting of the New Year at the Methodist Hall where everyone is invited to attend who would be interested in joining our organisation and having a really good time.

*Val Hartwell*

## PILLARS OF THE COMMUNITY



I am trying to work out how to make an easy filing system on my laptop, as I'm always being told by *folk who know* - that it's the only way to find information quickly and easily. When, for instance, did I first start writing for The Stoker and who did I ask to be my first victims? This is where my non-existent filing system proves a fascinating diversion for the rest of the morning. Somehow car MOT's insurance certificates and appeals against parking fines, and letters to friends and relatives are all included with The Stoker articles. There are all my stories written for "Scribblers" – my writing group in Hinckley, YES!- The time has definitely come to start filing!

**'Pillar' No.1** I got in touch with The Stoker in 2012 – answering their plea for new volunteers on the editorial team so, concerning 'Pillars of the Community' it must go to those faithful volunteers, gathering so much information about everything going on in the village, getting it printed and into the shops and to your homes on time every month.

**'Pillar' No.2** My very first Celebrity Corner was also in 2012 with Tammy at Tammy's Hair Salon, along with her great friend Liz at the Post Office. I recently read that Tammy had raised £640.76 for McMillan Cancer. This was then joined to both churches' coffee mornings, and came to £1,233. Speaking to her to verify this, we reminisce about that first interview in 2012, and also when she was celebrating the salon's 20<sup>th</sup> birthday three years ago, we gave her a full page to herself. Now we've lost the Post Office, it's Tammy who has taken a large supply of The Stoker each month. Also as anyone who is a regular client will know, the Salon is the social hub of Stoke village. Tammy becomes a personal friend.

**'Pillar' No.3.** Often a Pub reflects the personality of the manager, and so with Alex, at The George and Dragon. In Midsummer she and I met to tell her story, and she was excited about all her plans for their big Summer Garden Fete. The fantastic sum of £2,075.40p was the result of the hard work and support of the many volunteers, who all came together to give their time and expertise to support Alex and The George.

It's still very early days to claim Andrew at the White Swan as a 'Pillar of the Community', but he's already passed the first test, hosting a glorious bonfire night, and raising just over £1,000 for local charities, and the cosy snug is an oasis for a number of local village groups, who rely on a quiet space to meet. The Three Horseshoes, Paul's shop and the Club are all stalwarts, but it's the stories of the many men and women I remember most, among them;... Chris the postman, Councillor Reg Ward, Charles Frisby, Carolyn Patullo (& bike) Rev.Linda Blay, Tina Waters and The Garden show, everyone at 'The Stoker', and of course my very first interviewee – Tammy - who does so much for the village.

Beth

# Remembrance Day

The Community comes together.....



As many of you will be aware the Remembrance Day service this year marked 100 years since the end of World War One. This year 1st Stoke Golding Scout Group, together with other community groups representing the Church, Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee, worked together to commemorate this special event.

This year the Scout group chose to produce twenty one wreaths dedicated to each person listed upon the village memorial from World War One. The Scouts, Cubs and Beavers helped to research the fallen with the Beavers painting green hand prints which formed the leaves, the Cubs painting the poppy petals and the Scouts assembling the wreaths. This group effort



helped the Association to remember all that came before them in a poignant and respectful fashion. The Cubs also made ceramic poppies which can still be viewed in St Margaret's Church.

When the Scouts researched WWI they found

out that many villages held a Community Peace tea to celebrate the end of the war and decided to host a Tea again. Together with the Village Hall Committee, Parish Council and members of the Church, not only were the tables decorated for The Peace Tea, but the hall was decked with bunting as well.

Not only were the wreaths and poppies made by the Scout Group in St Margaret's Church but the Church and Cemetery were also decorated with poppies and green garlands by the community groups. The Thomas Barton Charity kindly sponsored the Commemorative booklets specially designed for the day.





There was a significant turn out from the Scout Group and local village, all coming together as one to remember the fallen.



The Peace Tea saw a large local turn out with people coming together and sharing joyous community spirit. Thank you to all who provided the delicious cakes and worked hard behind the scenes and on the day to make the Peace Tea such a successful event. In total the Peace Tea raised £140.00 in donations for the British Legion. The Scout Association is incredibly proud of

the efforts of the young people and were thankful for all their efforts in helping to support the tea. Their exemplary behaviour across the group was commented on by many and made the group leaders feel very proud.

So finally thank you to all who attended and took part in the Remembrance Day activities and helped to make it such a successful community event. Also reminded us why we remember those who died for their country and why we are proud to live in Stoke Golding.

*Jennifer Michie*



### **Remembrance Sunday 'Thank You's'**

I just wanted to say thank you to two groups for helping to make the remembrance tributes extra special last Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Firstly, a big thank you to Stoke Golding Parish Council for their contribution towards making the Hinckley Road cemetery ready for Remembrance especially the gates adorned with poppies, the two commemorative benches (which are particularly poignant) and the special memorial service booklets.

The whole morning of remembrance at the church and the war memorial was very moving.

Also, a huge thank you to the 1<sup>st</sup> Stoke Golding Scout Group for a brilliantly organised and delicious Peace Tea in the village hall afterwards. The cakes were really tasty, and all the young people were fantastic hosts. Our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and their dedicated, hardworking leaders are a group to certainly feel proud of.

*Ella Orr*

# What's On



## Christmas Concert Invitation

**Ambion Voices** (Stoke Golding and Dadlington Community Choir) invite you to their Christmas Concert at St Margaret's Church on

**Wednesday 12th December at 7pm.**

Come and hear us sing our favourites including a few Christmas songs and some carols to sing along with followed by light refreshments.

**Free concert** (collection for charity)  
**Everyone Welcome**

## Stoke Golding Charity Sleigh

We will be making our annual journey around both Stoke Golding and Dadlington. Can we please ask again for your support, as you have given in previous years.

**Saturday 22nd  
Dec. 4pm start**

Bottom of High St.  
Dadlington  
Bosworth Manor  
Convent  
Hinckley Road  
Sherwood Road  
Hinckley Road  
Station Road  
Crown Hill  
Andrew Close  
Top of High Street

**Sunday 23rd  
Dec. 4pm start**

Roseway  
Whitemoors  
Main Street  
Goldings  
Wykin Lane  
Little Wykin



Thank you from the Sleigh Committee

## 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*

## 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.

## Bosworth Battlefield Events

**Guided Walks:** Weekends at 11.30 am and 2.00 pm

**Bosworth Discovery Zone:** FREE entry see website for opening times

**Christmas Fayre:** Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm

**Snowman Treasure Hunt:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December when site is open

**Christmas Lunch in the Tithe Barn:** 1<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> December 12.00 pm to 2.00 pm daily

**Breakfast with Santa in the Tithe Barn:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December from 9.00 am

**Boxing Day Guided Walks:** 11.30 am & 2.00 pm

**New Year's Day Walk:** 11.30 am

For further information on our Christmas 2018 / New Year 2019 Opening Times and events visit our website <https://www.bosworthbattlefield.org.uk>

## 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.

## Carols and Christmas Songs at the George & Dragon

Thursday 20th December  
7.30 - 8.30pm

### *Home-made mince pie competition*

Bring 4 mince pies on a plate or just come along and join in with the singing.



Please bring your mince pies by 7pm

*Proceeds from the sale of mince pies during the evening will go to The Salvation Army*

## 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 6th December  
10.15 am - 12.15pm  
All Welcome**

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

## Heritage Group

After the winter break, the Heritage Group starts its new year program on January 17th at 7.30pm in the Baxter Hall, with an illustrated talk by Roy Mitchell entitled "Power Position & Gardens". Stowe, Biddulph and Nymans, National Trust Gardens, were developed by their owners to make statements about their position in society. Roy explains the hidden messages that the owners were promoting.

# What's On

## Christmas Dance

Featuring

### Take It from the Top

The 'little BIG band' sound

Featuring Guest Singer **Dean Thomas**

**SATURDAY 22 DECEMBER 2018**

Doors open 7.30pm  
Dancing from  
8pm-11pm



**STOKE GOLDING  
VILLAGE HALL  
CV13 6EA**

Bring your own drinks and nibbles & DANCE the night away

Tickets £8

Enquiries - please phone Dave  
on 07833 327012  
Email: [dvdhind66@googlemail.com](mailto:dvdhind66@googlemail.com)

Profits to

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CANCER UK**

## Art Exhibition and Sale

to 'showcase'  
Stoke Golding artists



**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December in  
the Baxter Hall. Open  
from 10.30am - 4.00pm**

No entry charge and cups of tea and coffee will be available.

*Absolutely no obligation to buy anything but a donation will be made to LOROS from any sales made.*

Please pop in and see a range of art – large and small – and you may find that elusive Christmas present.

*We look forward to seeing you.  
Diane Sinclair and Pauline  
Goodsell (Organisers)*

**Children's Christmas Party**  
At Stoke Golding Club  
Magician, Disco, Buffett,  
Meet Santa and receive a  
gift  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018**  
3.30pm – 6.00pm  
Free to members  
Open to non-members £5 per child

Wednesday  
December 19th  
**Carol singing  
round the Village  
Christmas Tree  
7.00pm**  
Followed by  
refreshments in the  
Methodist church hall.



**Everyone Welcome**



The Methodist Church **Coffee Morning**  
Saturday January 12th 10.00-11.30am For Church funds

## THE MOST FUN YOU CAN HAVE IN A HI-VIS WATERPROOF

What do cool dudes do on a Thursday evening, while some of the Prem's almost-top teams are playing Europa League matches against clubs with weird names like 'FK Qarabag', or more worryingly, 'Young Boys'? Well, they take part in the weekly Stoke Pub Cycle, of course.

The Pub Cycle is a weekly ride to one or other of the local pubs that aren't too far away. On arrival we have ONE pint (well, most have a pint but some drink dodgy concoctions such as 'Water', which is manufactured from gases like hydrogen, or 'Coca Cola', which is made of dubious vegetable matter).

While we have our pint, we talk about all sorts of things (once we've got our breath back), put the world to rights and eat peanuts. Then we cycle back to Stoke, if possible, by a different route.

We usually cycle between 15 and 20 miles, which tends to take us to places like Shackerstone, Ratcliffe Culey and Carlton. In the Summer, when the evenings are long, we sometimes go a bit farther, maybe 21 or 22 miles. We don't go very fast and our fitness levels and the quality of our mounts are variable, so nobody shows off. The excursions provide a little exercise, but the social aspect is just as important.



We meet OUTSIDE the George & Dragon at 7.15 p.m. and usually get back between 9.30 and 10 p.m. If it's raining, very cold, icy or snowy we don't go. Otherwise we go every week, all year round. We usually have a quick round-up beforehand by email or WhatsApp if the weather looks bad or if not, many can make it.

Currently the team has a core of six blokes. BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE LIKE THAT! Occasionally we're joined by a female cyclist, and WE'D LIKE MORE PEOPLE TO GET INVOLVED, regardless of age, gender etc.

If any of this appeals to you, just turn up on any Thursday at 7.15 p.m. You need a bike with at least two wheels, a waterproof, something hi-vis to wear, and GOOD front and rear lights (those lanes can be very dark). We all wear helmets, but that's up to you. Any queries - drop me an email (below). See you next week?

Andy Tomsett email: [andyrhtomsett@gmail.com](mailto:andyrhtomsett@gmail.com)



### 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

## From St Margaret's Church



How are your Christmas preparations coming along? Are you someone who started planning back in September with endless lists, or will you leave it all to the last minute?

Many of us spend so much time 'preparing' to be as ready as possible for a 'perfect Christmas', but in fact that first Christmas when Jesus was born was actually so far from being perfect and prepared!

There was the unmarried, heavily pregnant teenager, Mary, carrying a baby which is not Joseph's, travelling miles from home to be counted for the Roman census.

There was no Trivago or Booking.com; all the places to stay were full and as we know, the baby, Jesus, the King of the world, was born, not in luxury, but in dirt and straw.

The first Christmas was raw, not perfect. It maybe that circumstances this year mean that, for some of you, 'raw' is closer to how you feel. God meets you there.

It may be that circumstances mean this is a particularly special Christmas filled with the joy of angels. God meets you there.

God was incarnate in Jesus (That is, God came to us in bodily form in Jesus) to meet us, whatever our circumstances, however prepared or unprepared we are, however raw or joyous we are.

The Christmas message is one of love, God loves us and came to us, and comes to us still.

Wishing you God's blessings for Christmas and the New Year.

*Linda*

### Church of England January Services

#### St. Margaret's Church

#### St. James's Church

6th 10.30am All Age Service

6th 9.00am BCP Morning Prayer

13th 10.30am Plough Service  
Witherley

13th 10.30am Plough Service  
Witherley

20th 10.30am Holy Communion

20th 9.00am BCP Holy Communion

27th 10.30am Morning Worship

27th 9.00am BCP Morning Prayer

# Church Matters

## Church of England December Services

### St. Margaret's Church

2nd	3pm	All Age Service
9th	10.30am	Benefice Service Stoke Golding
9th	3pm	<b>Christingle Service</b>
16th	10.30am	Holy Communion
23rd	10.30am	Morning Worship
24th	4pm	Crib Service
25th	10am	Holy Communion
30th	10.30am	Benefice Service Fenny Drayton

### St. James's Church

2nd	9.00am	BCP Morning Prayer
9th	10.30am	Benefice Service Stoke Golding
16th	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
19th	7.30pm	<b>Carol Service</b>
24th	10pm	Holy Communion
30th	10.30am	Benefice Service Fenny Drayton

## The Methodist Church December

2nd	10.30am	Revd Wes Hampton
9th	10.30am	Mrs Pat Starbuck
16th	10.30am	Mr John Cooke
23rd	6.00pm	Revd Wes Hampton <b>Carol Service</b>
25th	09.30am	Revd Wes Hampton Family service
30th	10.30am	Mrs Gwen Coley

## Zion Baptist Chapel January 2019 Services

6th	6pm	Richard Cotton
13th	6pm	Wynne Richards
20th	6pm	Malcolm Welch
27th	6pm	Bill McIntyre

## Zion Baptist Chapel December Services

2nd	6pm	Wynne Richards
9th	6pm	Mark Menzfeld
16th	6pm	Bill McIntyre
23rd	6pm	<b>Carol Service</b> John Needham
30th	6pm	Malcolm Welch

## Baptist Chapel Carol Service

**23rd December at 6pm**

**Seasonal Refreshments  
Served after the Service**

**Everyone Welcome**

## Fool on the Hill

## Talking Rubbish...

My old Grandpa used to say to me, Son (he never did get our relationship properly figured out) never run when you can walk, and never walk when you can ride. He was a lazy old devil. I think he was referring to what the Management Studies boys today call Ergonomics. This is the art of performing any given task in the most comfortable way with the minimum amount of effort. For Grandpa this usually meant getting me to do it. Let's say that there are three items to be conveyed upstairs. Taking them all at once on the stair lift is an optimum solution. Using a woman for the task will be even more efficient because when a man has three things to remember he will forget one of them. In fact the man will have to make another trip because having been reminded about the third item, with some eye rolling, a further trip will become necessary as he will have forgotten where he has been instructed to place said item. This has happened frequently in the Fool household.

Recently, and thanks to the good offices of the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, my life has taken an ergonomic turn for the better. As a result, no doubt, of many focus group meetings and much discussion, our bin collection day has been moved to Friday. Now, instead of depositing our bins at the side of the road on Tuesday evening, they are to be deposited on Thursday evening. By way of a happy coincidence, Thursday also happens to be the night for a gathering of chums in the local hostelry. The roadside drop off point for the bins is exactly equidistant between the back door of my house and the front door of the pub. Ergo, having dropped off the bins, I can continue my journey to the pub thus eliminating a return journey to the house until it is incorporated into the unsteady totter home at closing time. A little bonus to this arrangement is that the bins provide a place of concealment from where I can observe the arrivals at the pub door, thus ensuring that one of our gathering is safely committed to buying a round before I make my entrance. I fear I may be giving a little too much away here.

On one such occasion, from my place of concealment, I was becoming increasingly aware that, within the bin, my failed attempt to gut a mackerel was being a very poor bedfellow to the discarded remains of a particularly aggressive Mutton Vindaloo. I was aware that this odious combination would do little to enhance the lot of the bin collection operatives for whom, I have the greatest respect. That evening I noticed my chums keeping a respectful distance, my aftershave having come in a poor second to the bin fragrance. What the contents of the nation's 27 million wheelie bins is doing to the air quality is a matter of speculation.

F.O.T.H.





## Dadlington Maps Through Time - 2

In 1843, an accurate map of Dadlington was drawn up in order to clarify the tithes or taxes that the inhabitants had to pay. It shows a collection of houses around the green with a few on Shenton Road (now Shenton Lane). Along with the map is a scroll detailing who owns and lives in each property. Two farms (8, 9) occupy the lower right corner of the map and The Dog and Hedgehog (15) is shown opposite the church (1).

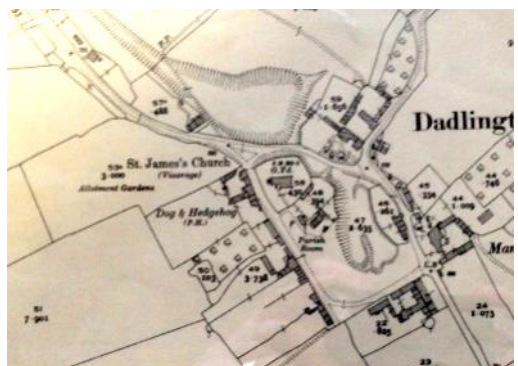
The Battle of Culloden in 1746 had a major impact on map making in this country. The victorious English army found they had great difficulty tracking down the defeated Scots as they had no accurate maps. A military survey of Scotland began and in 1790 the Board of Ordnance, a forerunner of the Ministry of Defence, began a full scale survey of the whole country. The first Ordnance Survey maps were published in 1801 with a scale of one inch to one mile. The earliest version of this area in the local archive is from 1888. It is labelled so we know that there was a Parish Room, an Independent Chapel and two gravel pits. The 1928 map, drawn up 85 years after the tithe map, shows virtually nothing had changed. Further housing along Shenton Lane, Stapleton Lane and along Hinckley Road were still to come, as was the filling in of the gravel pit on the green, the demolition of the curate's house south of the church and the transformation of the Parish Room into the Village Hall.



**Tithe Map 1843**



**Ordnance Survey 1888**



**Ordnance Survey 1928**

## Do you know where these defibrillators are situated?



There are 5/6 defibrillators in the village. Two are at St Martin's school, internal to the school and are only available during school hours. There is another one situated in the doctor's surgery in Pine Close. Again this is only based in the surgery and available during surgery hours. There is one on the wall of the Stoke Golding Club and one on the wall of the Methodist church on Main Street.

The final one is based in the old phone box at Dadlington on the Green.

Why is important to know?

We are particularly vulnerable in the village due to the fact it takes time for a paramedic to get to us. Sometimes a First Responder comes first.

So the defibrillators are accessible, know where they are. Read the instructions to tell you how to ring the emergency services to get a code to open the box.

Within the box there is the Defib and a kit with scissors and razor as the pads can only be applied directly to the skin, hence the scissors to cut through clothes and razor in case of a lot of hair on the chest.

Follow the instructions on what to do, where to put the adhesive pads and the Defib machine will tell you how and when to press the button to shock. Speed is of the essence in a heart attack situation.

You can do no harm - potentially save a life so don't be afraid.

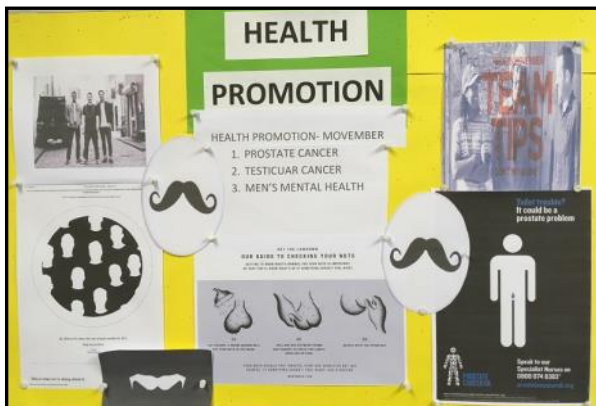
The Defib need to be registered with the National Defibrillator database ( NDDb) managed by the charity Community Heartbeat Trust

[www.communityheartbeat.org.uk](http://www.communityheartbeat.org.uk) and [www.nddb.uk](http://www.nddb.uk). The defibrillators need to have an electricity supply to charge the

batteries which should be checked on at least a monthly basis. *Jennifer*



## The Health Promotion is Movember focussing on men's health both physical and mental health.



The surgeries are shut on 25/26th December and the 1st January.

Please order your repeat prescription drugs in time to allow for the bank holidays. The doctors and staff of Castle Mead and Stoke Golding surgeries would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

## Obituaries



### **Colin Edwards**

Colin passed away on 4th November at the George Elliot Hospital, aged 66 years.

He was born at RAF Cosford in Shropshire on 5<sup>th</sup> January 1952 then Pakistan was home for the first 9 months of his life. His schooling was somewhat disrupted as he had to move many times owing to his father being in the RAF.

Finally his parents settled in Kenilworth so he could finish his education and it was here that he met Kathy, his future wife, in 1972. On completing his education he went to the Ordnance Survey Headquarters in Southampton to train as a Cartographic Surveyor, a job which he loved and was in for 34 years. He then spent a number of years working for Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council as Footpath's Officer and Planning Technician. His hobbies included walking and no one ever got lost with Colin! He loved walking weekends with friends and family. In latter years cycling became a passion and he would go off every Monday morning with friends from the village, always enjoying coffee and cake along the way.

He used his surveying skills whilst a member of the Parish Council and plotted the new cemetery in Wykin Lane.

Family life was important to Colin and he loved a get together with extended family, particularly a BBQ when he always took on the role of 'Head Chef'. Colin will be sadly missed by his many friends and particularly by his wife Kathy, son Paul and his wife Tracey, daughter Joanna and her husband Adam, grandchildren Ollie and Theo.

Colin's funeral will take place at the Heart of England Crematorium on Friday 30th November at 11.45pm. The family has requested bright clothing to be worn please. Family flowers only and donations can be made to 'Parkinson's UK'.

### **Keith Morris**

We are sad to hear of the passing of Keith Morris who lived in Sherwood Road.

### **Sandra O'Donnell**

Sandra, of Station Road Stoke Golding, passed away on 5<sup>th</sup> November aged 73 years. She was the beloved wife of Charles and loving mum to Nigel and Belinda, Annabelle and Gian, Nicholas and Dianna. She was a loving grandma to Joel, Charlotte, Michael, Niall, Rebecca, Tennessee, Havana and Siena.

We offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Colin, Keith and Sandra.

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

Before the meeting started a minute's silence was held in memory of Denis Cash and Colin Edwards.

*Borough Cllr Reg Ward* reported on Unitary proposals – LCC continuing to prepare for consultations despite lack of support from MPs.

*Matters arising from previous decisions of the Parish Council:*

*Post Office Services* – It was noted that the Post Office Ltd Transformation Team will look at whether anything can be done to resume post office services in Stoke Golding.

*Annual ROSPA Playground inspection:*

MS has tightened bolts on climbing ropes. The roundabout has been checked and greased and is only designed to move through 1.5 to 2 rotations per heavy push as it is a DDA equipment. It was agreed to consider updating the swings should play equipment funding be available in the future.

*Ground Maintenance Report*

It was agreed to proceed with the removal of a second cherry tree at Hinckley Road Cemetery, next to the one previously agreed, at a cost of £85.

- Removal of both trees and replacement with one cherry tree has been agreed by the Diocese of Leicester.
- It was agreed to hire a digger for removal of soil at Hinckley Road Cemetery, at a cost of £75.
- The birch at Wykin Lane Cemetery has been removed, but due to the root system it was agreed not to replace.
- A hedge at the recreation field has a considerable overhang towards the pathway and needs work. Councillor Pegg to meet with JG to discuss the required work.
- The apple trees have been planted as previously agreed.
- Autumn topping and removal at Wykin Lane wildflower meadow has been carried out, at a cost of £75.
- It was agreed to proceed with the clearance of a memorial at St Margaret's Churchyard, at a cost of £95 and to add to the contract for 2019/20. The clerk to contact the mole catcher to attend Wykin Lane Cemetery.

*Planning Applications:*

*New Applications:*

- 37 Wykin Lane – proposed studio and playroom above approved garages (resubmission of 18/00098/HOU). In the context of the surrounding area the Parish Council considers this application to be overdevelopment on an inappropriate site. The Parish Council requests that if the application is agreed a condition should be imposed to restrict future use to the that stated in the application.
- 16 Ivy Close – detached double garage.
- The Post Office, 1 Church Walks – proposed external alterations and installation of glazed panel to the front elevation.
- 16 Stoneley Road – two storey and single storey rear extension, first floor extension over garage.

The Croft, 59 High Street – work to lime tree.

*Amended:*

Laburnum Cottage, High Street – variation of conditions 2,7,8,12 of planning

application 17/00484/FUL to amend the site levels, hammerhead design, boundary treatments and minor amendments to house types.

*Permissions approved:*

- Basin Bridge Farm, Basin Bridge Lane – variation of condition 5 of planning permission 15/00828/FUL to allow the solar farm to operate for 40 years.  
12 Station Road – works to trees.

*Appeals:*

37 Wykin Lane – proposed studio and playroom above approved garages was dismissed.

*Minutes of Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Committee (NPAC)* meetings held on the 8<sup>th</sup> October, 22<sup>nd</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> November were noted. An update by the Chair of the NPAC was noted. It was agreed to allocate £1000 to the Neighbourhood Plan account, as previously agreed in the budget for 2018/19 and to update the budget for 2019/20 to show a budget of £2000 for the Neighbourhood Plan.

*Sport in Stoke Golding (SISG)*

The SISG constitution has been dissolved and will now operate as a sub-committee of the Village Hall Management Committee. SISG will investigate options to extend the Village Hall to provide pavilion facilities and multi-use space. Initial design drawings are currently being sought from architects.

*Works at Hinckley Road Cemetery*

*Wall and Gate Damage*

The Parish Council has received written confirmation of liability from the contractor and it was agreed to proceed with work to the wall in November

*Oak Tree*

Assessment and quotes have been sought from three arboricultural contractors and reports are still pending.

*Boundary*

The boundary work at the front of the cemetery boundary is nearing completion and councillors have checked the correct position of the boundary line. Cllrs Pegg and Terhegge will meet with the resident with a boundary issue at the rear of cemetery this week. The Clerk to write to the resident to provide evidence for change of boundary fence responsibility.

*Litter Basket*

A request for funding from the Charity of Thomas Barton is still pending. It was agreed to proceed with the purchase of new bins for both cemeteries, at a cost £1089.90 and to proceed with the addition of these bins to HBBC litter/dog waste collection.

*Recreation field – BMX trail*

Following a feasibility report by JG it was agreed not to proceed with this project due to lack of an appropriate space. Councillor Smith to update the resident who made the initial request. It was agreed that non-sporting recreation facilities for older children in the village need to be addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan and kept on the radar when considering future Parish Council projects.

*Memorial safety - gravestone repairs*

The final stage of memorial repairs is complete and all graves identified in the 2008 safety inspection are now safe. Further inspection is necessary for Hinckley Road Cemetery, Wykin Lane Cemetery and St Margaret's Churchyard.

*Proposals for a Unitary Authority*

Councillor Smith to attend further meetings of the LCC Unitary Proposals Focus Group and gather information to enable the Parish Council to make informed representation when the consultation takes place.

*Continued overleaf*

**Payment of Information Commissioner's Office (ICO):** It was agreed to set up a direct debit mandate for payment of the ICO annual fee.

**Tree concerns:** The Clerk to log concerns regarding the tree on the corner of Greenwood Road and Hinckley Road with the dedicated parish email for highway issues.

**Christmas lights along Church Walks :** A proposal by the Charity of Thomas Barton to continue Christmas lights along Church Walks was noted and would be supported by the Parish Council, subject to the necessary permissions, health and safety precaution, insurance and risk assessments.

**Noticeboard on the Wykin Lane footpath:** Councillor Beale to request a quote from the contractor who previously repaired the noticeboard.

**1485 Trail:** A report by Broadbent Studio was noted; the Clerk to request that the Parish Council is kept up-to-date and involved in any decisions relating to Stoke Golding.

**Tree Warden matters:** A report by the Tree Warden on Hinckley Road Cemetery was noted.

**Re-location of noticeboards and planters:** A request for relocation of the noticeboards and planters in the centre of the village was noted and it was agreed to relocate the Parish Council noticeboard. It was also agreed to move the planters forward on to the gravel area and the village noticeboard will remain in its current position.

**Next meeting: Methodist Hall, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm**

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