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Note from the Editors



Welcome to this month's edition of the Stoker. Once more it is packed to the brim with local news, both current and historical. This month we've added a contents page to help you find what you may be looking for. I always enjoy reading the Fool on the Hill which, now, I can easily find as I can see that it's on page 10. What do you look forward to reading?

There really is such a range of stories; from the sad report of the old oak tree that must come down, to the heart-warming account of Ella's charity walk; from the re-opening of the White Swan with Jamie, the new manager, to the discovery of a local man's war grave in the Somme.

We hope you enjoy reading these stories as much as we enjoyed putting them together into this magazine.

Don't forget the next issue will cover December and January so we need your articles by 15th November please.

Jane and Steve

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Cover picture: Oak tree due to be felled taken by Ruth Fisher (see page 5)

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One of the Best Things I've Ever Done

The weekend of 17th - 18th September proved to be a truly memorable one for me as I completed my Charity Walk for Breast Cancer Now in the Mendip Hills in Somerset walking from the beautiful city of Wells across to Cheddar Gorge. My legs certainly felt the effects of 23 miles of challenging walking up and down hills, negotiating numerous stiles and crossing fields of cows with big horns. It was all worth it for the breath taking scenery, the gloriously sunny weather and the great camaraderie shared with my 26 fellow walkers, none of whom I'd met before. I made some lovely friends and reached a new sense of achievement, as it was certainly one of the best things I've ever done. To top all that, I raised £716 for Breast Cancer Now, helping thousands of people whose lives are turned upside down by a diagnosis of breast cancer. I'm raring to go for my next walking challenge in 2017.

Ella Orr



A Special Fish and Chip Journey

There was more than a whiff of nostalgia as we chugged from Shackerstone to Shenton and back enjoying a fish and chip supper on the Battlefield Line steam locomotive. A rainy and pretty miserable evening in September didn't spoil our enjoyment of a delightful journey with our 8 year old daughter, who also loved the train and her fishcake and chips! We have been on the Battlefield Line a few times, especially the popular Santa Special, but this was one of the Line's special events which is one of many organised throughout the year. We enjoyed a drink from the on board bar to accompany our supper and the volunteers, who work so hard to keep the Battlefield Line running, are very friendly and keen to keep the travellers happy. With the smell of the smoke and the chug of the engine, it was a wonderfully nostalgic way to travel, and it is a wonderful reminder of a time when the slower pace of life was just a little slower. We really appreciate having this gem on our doorstep and certainly recommend giving one of the 'Specials' a try.

Ella Orr



Ten of a Kind (Answers on page 30)

November is the word used in the NATO phonetic alphabet for the letter N, so this month's quiz is based on other words that appear in the alphabet.

1. Which two phonetic alphabet words make up the name of a 1980s BBC police drama that initially starred Stephanie Turner?
2. In which Canadian province is the first language of most of the population French?
3. What name is given to the area where a river has widened over time as it reaches a large expanse of water such as an ocean or lake?
4. Paddington Bear came to England when his Aunt Lucy moved into a retirement home for bears in which South American capital city?
5. Which metric weight is equivalent to 2lbs 3oz?
6. Which tragic Shakespearean character says the lines, "Goodnight, goodnight! Parting is such sweet sorrow..."?
7. In which sport did GB's Justin Rose win Olympic gold at Rio 2016?
8. Two of the phonetic alphabet words are the names of ballroom dances: one a mixture of slow walking steps and quick running steps, the other, originating from Argentina, with strong rhythms, postures and dramatic pauses. Can you name them both?
9. What nickname for people from the Union north, during the American Civil War, has been shortened to become a nickname for all Americans?
10. What is the alcoholic constituent in a Manhattan cocktail?

Stoke Golding Trees

The Parish Council believes that the trees in our village are valued highly by residents. It has responsibility for the care and maintenance of many of the trees within the village. However, unfortunately, the Council does not have the authority to stop or to allow the felling of trees or of alterations to trees. This lies with the planning authority– Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, (HBBC). This means that if an individual or landowner wants to destroy a tree or do work to it they have to apply to HBBC. The planning application comes to the Parish Council who can only comment or ask for further information – for example ask that HBBC carries out a health survey of a tree before a decision is made. The decisions are then taken by the Planning Department and/or Borough Councillors at HBBC. If the tree in question is under the care of the Parish Council we would also have to apply for permission to fell. An example of this happening was when the large and ancient tree by the Village Hall was found to be diseased and in a dangerous state and it had to be taken down.

In January 2015 an oak tree at the entrance to Convent Drive was deemed to be an obstruction to the highways work and was taken down. Now we are very sorry to say that the oak tree on the corner of the Morris Homes development is to be felled. The Parish Council has tried strenuously to prevent this happening but is powerless due to the fact that HBBC have decided that the tree can be removed. The main reason given is that the roots of the tree could affect the drainage arrangements which the developer is making.

Some species of tree are vulnerable to disease such as sudden oak death and ash die back. There has also been considerable growth spurts by some species possibly due to the warmer and wetter weather that has been observed recently and the Parish Council has concluded that money must be spent to control some of the trees. In particular work is planned in the Hinckley Road Cemetery over the next months and the Council intends to put in place a rolling programme of work. In practice what this means is that some bushes and evergreens will be taken out completely or radically trimmed in order to protect the graves and memorial stones.

As our village environment is greatly enhanced by the beautiful and old trees we have, the Parish Council will continue to try to protect those remaining. Could you help in this endeavour? Here are some ideas you might like to consider:

Keep an eye on planning applications regarding felling or work to trees (published in the Hinckley Times), proposed work is detailed on the yellow notices put up by HBBC close by. Anyone can write or email HBBC with objections – you do not have to be an adjoining neighbour.

Consult the list of trees in the area which have a 'Tree Preservation Order' (TPO) on them. This gives added protection to trees of particular age or interest to the landscape etc. If you have a tree on your own land that you think should have a TPO you can apply to HBBC for the tree to be designated, and if the tree is on another person's land you need to tell them that you are asking for it to be protected.

Consider contributing your ideas to the Stoke Golding Neighbourhood Plan (which is in the process of being established) – on what in the village environment should be maintained and developed

The Parish Council is supported by a number of volunteers who carry out important community roles in the village, for example, as Cemetery Administrator and Heritage Warden. At present we have no 'Tree Warden' so please think about becoming our tree warden. Contact the Clerk: Theresa Case on 212779 or email:

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From Stoke Golding Parish Council

Dadlington Matters

NEW MEMORIAL BENCH IN DADLINGTON



Dadlington Village Green now has a beautiful new memorial bench, replacing the one that has graced the south-east corner of the Green for the past 18 years. The original bench was commissioned by Margaret Simpson in memory of her husband Les, who had lived in No 16 The Green from his birth in 1931 until his marriage to Margaret in 1956. Margaret was living on Hinckley Road when she met Les and they courted in The Dog & Hedgehog, which at the time was owned by Margaret's uncle, Frank Wood. Les and Margaret were happily married for 42 years. Their three children, Mark, Karl and Lorraine, commissioned the new bench, which is made from roble wood, a light-coloured hardwood from Bolivia. It will doubtless be as popular as its predecessor was with walkers, cyclists, picnickers – and courting couples. The photograph shows Margaret and Lorraine seated, backed by Mark, Karl and other family members.

John Walliker

Sutton Cheney Parish Council Meeting 14th September – Dadlington Notes

COUNCILLOR RESIGNATION

Councillor Alan Summers from Sutton Cheney has resigned – a Casual Vacancy has therefore arisen and anyone interested should contact the Parish Clerk, Shelley Howard on 01455 290567.

INSTALLATION OF DEFIBRILLATORS

Cllrs agreed that there were no funds available for this.

DADLINGTON 106 MONEY PROJECT

The Clerk will be writing to the approved contractor to ask for the levelling and landscaping work adjacent to the Village Hall to commence as soon as possible.

DADLINGTON GREEN BANK

Cllrs had visited the site and agreed that vegetation be cleared.

DADLINGTON GREEN SIGNS

Cllrs agreed four signs with the wording "Vehicles and horses are prohibited from the Green by order of Sutton Cheney Parish Council."

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

The following issues were requested: draft budget, housing survey

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, November 9th 2016 (7.30pm) at Sutton Cheney.

The Fenn Lanes

The Fenn Lanes cross the northern part of Dadlington, and in March 2015, the eyes of the world watched as Richard III's funeral cortege left Fenn Lane Farm to begin its historic journey to Leicester Cathedral. The medieval king's body had already travelled along the same thoroughfare 535 years earlier, after the Battle of Bosworth, and it is likely that both Richard and Henry Tudor used the road en route to the battle. They were following the course of a Roman road that had been constructed many centuries before.

The Romans advanced into this area in about 40 AD. Two major Roman roads lie not far away: Watling Street linked Londinium, Roman London, and Deva, modern day Chester, taking a route that the A5 roughly follows; the Fosse Way went from Isca (Exeter) to Lindum (Lincoln). Our peaceful locality was once dangerous border territory that required a strong military presence: Mancetter, just outside Atherstone, has the remains of a Roman fort. Indeed, whilst no-one knows for sure, one of the most likely locations for the final battle between the fearsome Queen Boudica and the Roman occupiers is just to the east of Mancetter, a place marked, rather incongruously, by a commemorative bench next to an underpass for cycles on the A5.

The Romans had established a settlement where the Fosse Way crosses the River Soar in what we now call Leicester (it was Ratae back then.) They decided to build a road linking Leicester and Mancetter, most likely so that troops could move directly between the two strategic settlements. The line of that original road is still very clear, leaving the A5 and passing through Fenny Dayton before continuing in a fairly straight line, as the Fenn Lanes, until it arrives in Dadlington. The current road now swings off left towards Sutton Cheney, but the original route looks like it would have continued directly to Kirkby Mallory and then on to Peckleton and Leicester Forest West. From there, there is some uncertainty as to its exact route, although the final approach into Leicester was along what is now called King Richard's Road.

When surveying a new road, the Romans would have used a groma – a T shaped stick with a plumb line at either end of the horizontal. Aligning the two lines ensured roads were straight. Foundations were laid and then large stones placed on top to make the road surface. The roads sloped down from the middle to the edges so that water could drain off into ditches that ran either side of the road. The work was predominantly carried out by soldiers.

The Fenn Lanes take their name from the marshes or fens that covered a large area to the west of Dadlington. A 1621 document refers to the Great Fenne Field, one of the large communal fields that villagers would have farmed together before land was divided into the smaller fields, bounded by hedges, that we see today. This process, known as enclosure, would have seen the fens drained to create more productive agricultural land. The road was still one of the region's major thoroughfares as late as 1727, but it gradually declined in importance and would have faded into obscurity had it not been for the reappraisal of the battlefield's location and the discovery of a body under a car park.

Michael Dix

Workhouse Penny Found on Fenn Lanes



Graham Payne of Hinckley Road, has for many years walked his dogs on the lanes and fields around Stoke Golding and Dadlington. Some time ago during his walks he came across a coin which he brought to show me and asked if I could identify what it was.

From around 1812, during a national shortage of coins, Birmingham was one of several workhouses which were permitted to issue workhouse tokens. These were specially minted coins, given as poor relief to local residents. Local shopkeepers would accept them in payment for essentials such as bread or meat and the traders could then redeem the tokens at the workhouse.

This example, from 1812, features a picture of the Birmingham workhouse, and the wording "ONE POUND NOTE PAYABLE AT THE WORKHOUSE FOR 240 TOKENS". The coin made of solid copper measured one and a half inches across and three tenths of an inch thick and weighs in at 28.54 grammes. So any poor grocer who collected the required 240 of them would have to carry over 15 pounds weight to the workhouse to redeem them for the £1 note offered. I'll bet there was a good sale of wheelbarrows in the area of the workhouse. I wonder though how this unusual coin came to find its way to the Fenn Lane area.

Charles Frisby

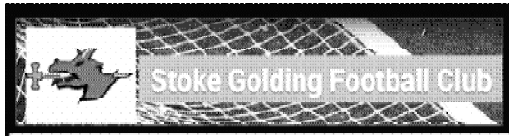
More Historic Finds in Dadlington



The use of horse brasses, as distinct from horse amulets, appears to have started in the West Country after the Napoleonic Wars and gradually spread. During Queen Victoria's reign they were much in evidence on fair days and other local festivities. The largest number of brasses made by

casting were made between 1860 and 1890 and up to 1914 which was the hey day, after which the introduction of mechanical transport limited the number in everyday use. Brasses were originally made of cast brass and on the reverse of genuine brasses can be found two small brass marks where the liquid brass was poured into the moulds. They were latterly used purely for decoration in the home and were pressed out of sheet brass which resulted in no such marks on the reverse of the horse brass. This brass commemorates the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria (1837 - 1897) and was found under the roots of a hedge being taken out of one of my fields near to the canal in Dadlington in 1979. It originally had six stars around it - for her 60 years- but one was broken off. In good condition it would be worth about £100.

Charles Frisby



As the football season enters into October the Under 9's have had a great start, playing lovely football and winning every game, scoring over 30 goals and only conceding 4. They won again on

Sunday 9th October against a very good Ratby side who have 4 Nottingham forest academy players.

The Under 14's have progressed to the 2nd round of the County Cup following an impressive 7-2 win against Carib Sports and Social Club. The team continue to be strong in the league with many of the top teams to play before Christmas.

Stoke Golding's Under 7's have also had a great start to their first season in the league, competing well in all 3 games played so far.

They also participated in a tournament at Atherstone, winning 3 out of 4 games with 'hotshot' Josh bagging 8 goals!



Also on Sunday the 9th, Stoke's Under 11's momentous start to the season continued with another emphatic victory. This was their first clean sheet and a perfect team display all round. Goals were from Joe, Harry, George, Tom and a hat-trick from Edwin who was at left back at the time. The man of the match was awarded for his outstanding contribution to the game with his first ever goal for the team and an equally great assist.

Well done to all the teams, as generally they are all excelling above and beyond their managers expectations within their leagues, with their effort and attitude to training and then proceeding to apply their skills and drills into their matches, not forgetting the resolute dedication the managers and coaches demonstrate, who turn out early every week to set up, ensuring training and matches are ready to commence on time.

Thank You

Thank you so much for your generous response to Harvest giving at St Margaret's School and Church. As well as fresh produce for the homeless at Lawrence House, Hinckley, we collected 162.4kg of tinned/packeted food for the Food Bank. This was equivalent to a monetary value of £272.83.

THANK YOU

Carolyn Patullo

The Fool on the Hill

Home Hal, and don't spare the horsepower....

In a parallel world there exists a coven of techno nerds whose sole purpose in life is to eliminate the need for human beings and replace them with computers. The most recent focus of their attention has shifted to the automobile. They will be satisfied with nothing less than the total removal of man's input to the driving experience. An hour or so spent on Britain's motorways might lead one to conclude that they have a point.

There is no doubt that the technology exists. If we can trundle a golf buggy around on Mars and pick off a dissident with a souped up model aircraft somewhere ending in "stan", how hard can it be to get a couple of drunks and a takeaway to a maisonette in Brierley Hill? What the geeks are not seeing is that some of us actually enjoy driving a car. The only way driverless cars are ever going to have mass appeal is if we make car travel so utterly dreary and uninteresting that we will happily forgo the experience of driving them. London has a most effective and well used public transport system and, I maintain, this is because driving around the city has as much appeal as a wet weekend in Burnley. Being jammed in a tube train, uncomfortably close to an obese chef who has just finished a 12 hour shift in a kebab shop, is preferable to trying to find a parking space in Kensington. Government legislation will have to be introduced to compel manufacturers to produce cars that are simply not worth the bother of driving. Automatic speed control and braking, glacial acceleration and monastic interiors will soon have us wishing that the laptop will take over while we get on with staring at our i-Pads.

The really interesting bit though will be the transition. Our little robot boxes will all be trundling along at a predetermined speed maintaining a distance between that will be constantly monitored and updated by the computers. This will prove too tempting for Wayne and his chums still roaring around in their unfettered Vauxhall Nova's. Imagine the fun to be had by overtaking the robots and slamming on the brakes to see how quickly the cars computers can react. Issuing the local Bobbies with some of those model aircraft with a toned down version of a Hellfire missile, might encourage Wayne to toe the line a bit more than three points on his licence and a two minute sit on the naughty step.

The real problem though, will be with the growing army of disaffected individuals who occupy their days by hacking into anything that relies on a computer. The 30 million or so driverless cars are surely going to come in for some attention.

If you get a distressed phone call from your Granny who had just popped down to Morrison's for a courgette and now finds herself in the Isle of Bute, don't say you weren't warned.

F O T H



Coincidence?

We were spending a few days in the area of the Somme, planning to learn a little more about the First World War, seek out two particular graves with links to Andy's family and pay our respects. September 15th found us driving, following the poppy signs designating the Somme battlefield route, and we decided to turn off and head for the Longueval cemetery and the South African memorial. It was raining - Somme weather seemed appropriate - and we were somewhat perturbed to find a closed road and a "deviation", the more so because we were not that sure where we were heading in the first place.

A few kilometres along we passed another cemetery (Guillemont Road) and on the spur of the moment decided to pull over and visit. Umbrellas up, we headed in, Sue took shelter and retrieved the register of graves, looking at the names and the few details recorded there. She came across the record of a young man from Coleorton, in the Leics. Regiment, who had died one hundred years ago to the day. We decided to find the grave of the local boy. When we got there we found he was buried with three or four fellow soldiers, also from the Leicestershire Regiment. They had all lost their lives on the same day, 15/09/1916. Andy suggested we look them up too and Sue went back to the register. The first was a George Lovell, aged 22.

"Where is he from?" said Andy.

Sue read out his address: The Three Horseshoes, Stoke Golding. George had died 100 years ago to the very day that we stood there in the pouring rain. He had left his home just round the corner from where we live now and had never come home - lying in this foreign field, younger than our own sons and yards away from the son of Asquith the prime minister who had died in the same action.

There are, apparently, literally hundreds of Commonwealth War Grave cemeteries on the Somme. What made our spines tingle was the fact that we had stopped at one at



LOVELL, Lance Corporal, GEORGE, 9130. M M. 1st Bn., Leicestershire Regiment. 15 September 1916. Age 22. Son of Charles Lovell, of 3, Horse Shoes Inn, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton. Native of Hinckley, Leicestershire. Grave Reference: V. G. 3.

random and found the grave of a Stoke man who had died exactly 100 years previously.

Sue & Andy Tomsett

BETH'S CORNER.



JAMIE SINTON

There's scaffolding all over 'THE WHITE SWAN' – and we all know why. It has a new manager coming to take over. Do you often have images of someone that you're

meeting for the first time? I constantly do each month. On the very dot of ten the front door bell rings. Opening my door I find a good looking silver-haired guy with clear blue eyes, impeccable in cream blazer and jeans – ooh what a lovely surprise. Very soon I am to find the good looks are matched in every way, as we talk together. His enthusiasm for Stoke Golding and all the folk he has already met are infectious, especially for the plans he has for the future. In the meantime, however, it's the past I am interested in, and the interview begins. He was born and brought up, one of three boys, in one of the loveliest parts of Britain, just five miles away from Carlisle, in Little Corby, a small village in Cumbria. His first inspiration for cooking came from his mother. *"She made us really wonderful cakes, and even as a schoolboy I longed to make them too."* It seems that his interest in every sphere of cooking stems from those early days, so the moment his schooldays came to an end, he immediately applied and was accepted as a student in catering college. At the end of the course, he continued his training and experience for a number of years in the kitchen of the local hotel. A close friend was then offered a catering job in central London, and persuaded Jamie to come along too. This was to be in the brand new restaurant opened by St Martin's in-the-fields, and Jamie admits it was one of his most fascinating times, exploring the heart of theatre land and the many pavement cafes and bars all around Covent Garden, as well as being opposite Trafalgar Square and The National Gallery. I laughed, as I asked him how expensive he found London. *"Well yes the rents were impossible, Beth – unless you lived miles out."* So, in 1990 when the offer of a job in charge of the kitchen at the very beautiful thatched-roofed 'Harcourt Arms' in Whitney, Oxfordshire, came his way, Jamie was only too happy to leave central London. He had thoroughly enjoyed the buzz of big city life, but was ready to settle down in a rather less stressful rural background. His two sons are 19 year old Conar, at Newcastle University, and Elliott at twelve, is of course a full-time student at school and living with his mother. Jamie has worked for Everards Brewery for the last four years, and coming here to The White Swan is the fulfilment of a life-long ambition, running his own village pub.

"Looking to the future then Jamie – give us some ideas of what to expect". His priority in the bar is; Well kept ale – a lot of variety of spirits, for instance five different makes of Gin – many different mixers – as well as a new wine range. The kitchen will



be providing the usual pub sandwiches and snacks as well as two and three course fixed priced meals at lunchtime and evenings. He will be in charge of all the cooking himself, and will also have Sarah as Assistant Manager, who will be there to make sure everyone in the pub is being well looked after. Sarah is someone he knows well and trusts completely. Every Tuesday evening, Ffion will take over this vital role. Apart from all the refurbishment on the exterior, he sees the 'Snug' as a quiet, cosy room, with deep inviting tub armchairs and small tables where folk can gather to have a quiet drink (or two), while the meals are being served in the other bar. I mention that for a couple of months, the Book Club have been meeting there, while The George & Dragon have had their Steak Night, and have found it quiet enough to have discussions, without having to shout. He agreed that groups might continue to book the 'snug' for their events.

His immediate focus is for Bonfire Night on the 5th November. He is determined to continue this Village Event, and keeps stressing that he wants the pub to be very much part of the village community. Because of this he has also been interviewing for part-time staff from the village, and is also anxious to make Bonfire Night the success it has always been. Gareth Jones, who has all the past experience of organising it, has agreed to help for one more year and he is now looking for some responsible adult volunteers to help him.

Finally, Jamie insists this will be a pub offering Home Made – Home Cooked - Fine British Pub Food, with the village welcome we all expect from a Stoke Golding Pub. To be continued next month.... with some of Jamie's ideas for alternative Christmas recipes, as well as a quick rundown on his first month's experiences in the village. Best of wishes for Bonfire Night, and success in your first village pub. Beth

Success for Joy



England International clay shooter, Joy Hirons from Stoke Golding enjoyed great success competing for England at the recent skeet Home International at Auchterhouse in Dundee, Scotland.

Following winning her 3rd cap for her country Joy helped the England National team to a clean sweep of wins in all categories at the tournament.

There is no greater feeling than that of pride when Joy puts on her England shooting kit to represent her country and she will be pushing for a 4th cap again next year.

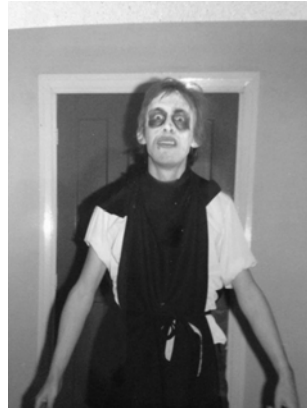
Joy has had another incredible season and amongst her 2016 championship victories are winning the Welsh Open skeet for the first time and winning the British Open skeet for a record equalling 4th consecutive year.

A hard winter training schedule now awaits Joy as she prepares for the 2017 competition season.

Bob Hirons

Staffroom Memories 5: Making it memorable

The builder stood at the school office door. "I'm looking for the Headteacher," he said, scanning the people in the office. I tried to hide away in a corner, pretending to read the instructions on the laminator, but to no avail. "He's over there," my office manager kindly informed him, "He's the one dressed as a Virgil from Thunderbird 2." Ah, the joys of Book Week. Making learning interesting and enjoyable for children has one distinct advantage on the sterile rote learning some of our politicians would like to see return: children engage with it and that makes teaching them a lot easier and more effective. Every year, we would focus on a book theme and organise our teaching around it. The highlight for many children was the dress-up-as-a-book-character day, with staff getting toggled up as well, hence my appearance as Virgil.



I was always looking for ways to make my lessons a bit different. By briefing (and dressing up) some children as participants in a news story, like a bank robbery or a plane emergency landing, I was rewarded with some excellent factual writing from the children who interviewed them. By giving every child the name and basic details of a real Pilgrim Father and then putting the tables together to create the boat and reconstructing the voyage, I was able to explore some of the issues and stories behind the event, in ways that just telling them wouldn't have achieved. Some years later, I was thrilled to be recognised by some sixth formers, who greeted me with: do you remember turning our desks into a boat?

As a Headteacher, I encouraged teachers to do things a bit differently and to have the odd burst of spontaneity. After the rare appearance of snow one winter, I despaired at the teacher who came to ask me if it was alright to take the children out, and I was thrilled with the teacher who was already there, knee deep, setting up experiments, handing out the magnifying glasses and challenging the children to make the tallest snow tower. However, sometimes doing things unplanned can have unexpected consequences as the following cautionary tale will show.

Hallowe'en is an interesting topic for primary schools. Should you be focusing on something that celebrates all that is evil, especially if you are church school? (At my last school, the PTA used to put on a disco around Hallowe'en which was called the Autumn Disco, but the children weren't fooled and turned up as ghouls and skeletons regardless!) Back in the 90s, things were a bit different. The Headteacher of the school I was in announced one morning that he'd like to do something the following week for Hallowe'en - something memorable. Ideas were asked for, but surprisingly nobody proffered any, so that when the day arrived, all that had been arranged was for the children to go into the hall and sit in the dark whilst the head read a bit of a spooky story.

And then spontaneity arrived in bucket-loads. The deputy decided to put scary music on as the children entered the hall, so that by the time the head arrived to read his 'bit of a spooky story', the children were already in a state of high excitement and in no mood to listen. Three of us had decided, on the day, to dress up: I was a rather fetching ghoul with my hair backcombed and sprinkled with flour. When we made our unplanned appearance in the hall, the children became even more wound up and

grabbed at our costumes to reassure themselves that we were really just teachers. We managed to escape – most of our costumes didn't. And the final act came from another teacher who thought a bit of atmospheric dry ice would add to the occasion. As the children started coughing and spluttering, the head ordered the evacuation of the hall.

As we trooped back to our classrooms, the head stood and glowered, but said nothing until the next morning's briefing. "Ladies and gentlemen," he intoned, " We will never be celebrating Hallowe'en like that again!"

But it was memorable.

Michael Dix



Stoke Golding WI

FROM WAR TIME RATIONING TO A CRUSADE TO HELP THE YOUNG.

Biff Raven-Hill came to Stoke Golding W.I this week to tell the members of her upbringing by her Grandmother who put into practice all that she had learned during the austerity years of not just WW2 and the following years of rationing but of the years preceding these events when most people had to make do with very little.

Biff soon learned that nothing was thrown away either in the way of clothes, furniture or food and good meals could be made from the limited amount of ingredients that were available due to the scarcity of the times. It was a time of 'make do with what you have got' and in a women only house it also meant you learnt how to repair and maintain all and everything because either you couldn't afford to replace or there just wasn't goods available to do so.

By doing so Biff was able in later life to use her knowledge to earn a living for herself and her children by writing a 'blog' and also a book entitled The War Time Housewife, on ways to learn to mend, make clothes out of nothing and probably most important of all, how to cook from scratch.

She passionately believes that now in this time of finite resources, of teaching those who come behind us, either children or grandchildren, all that she learned and that it is just as easy and far more inexpensive and enjoyable too, to go back to these basic premises, instead of 'ready-made meals' or throwing out easily repaired articles.

Many members agreed with her and if not already doing so felt that they would follow her example.

An enjoyable quiz followed as Biff asked us to name the uses of some war time and a few years after artefacts that she had collected over the years. All in all a very enjoyable evening.

Our next meeting is on 9th November in the Methodist Hall and is a demonstration and tasting of a Yule Tide Log by the Land Girls Cookery School, maybe putting into practice some of Biffs knowledge, who knows. Previous to this will be the Annual Meeting at 7.15pm but feel free to come along and join us as you will be most welcome.

Val Hartwell

What's On

Methodist Church Christmas Fair



**Saturday
November 26th
10am-2pm**

**Cakes &
Preserves
Books & Cards
Bric-a-brac
Raffle & Tombola
Coffee & Light Lunches**

Stoke Golding Festive Lights Switch On

Thursday 1st December



Mulled wine served from 6.15pm
Lights switched on at 6.45pm
Brass Band and sleigh until 7pm

**Come and Meet Santa in
the grounds of Park House**

*(by kind permission of the residents
and thanks to the Charity of
Thomas Barton)*



Everyone Welcome

**Stoke Golding Village Hall
presents
Richard Durrant
Candlelit Christmas Concert
Saturday 10 December at 8pm**



A Christmas tradition continues with more musical midwinter charm from the UK's favourite barefoot, stand-up, guitarist.

Tickets are £10 each, contact Steve Smithers
Email: stevie.smithers@btinternet.com

**Christingle Service
at St Margaret's Church
Sunday 4th December at 3pm**

Everything you need
to make a Christingle
will be supplied.

We do hope you can
join us



**Fireworks Display at
the White Swan**



Saturday 5th November
Pub opens 6pm, Bonfire lit 7pm
Followed by FIREWORKS!

What's On

Snowman Festival in St Margaret's

Sat 3rd December 10am - 5pm

Refreshments - turkey rolls, sausage rolls, mince pies, mulled wine and much more in the Baxter Hall



Stalls - tombola, jams, pickles, cakes, raffle etc.

Please bring your snowmen to church on Friday 2nd December between 10am - 5pm. Prizes for the three best snowmen as voted for by our visitors.

FREE PARKING at the school.



G N WESTERN CONNECTION

LINE DANCING CLASS

for complete beginners (no partner needed)

Starts on Tuesday 1st November
at Stoke Golding Club, Hinckley Road
From 7.00 - 7.45 pm cost £4.50

Have Your Say on Battle of Bosworth Artworks Presentation by Fred Brookes from Leicestershire County Council

The PC invites any interested residents or groups to the PC meeting on 2nd November at 7.00pm at the Methodist Church Hall to hear a short presentation by Fred Brookes from Leicestershire County Council about the development of artworks in public places to reflect the Battle of Bosworth history. He will be seeking the views of the community.

Stoke Golding Heritage Group

The Heritage Group November Open Meeting will be at the Baxter Hall, 7.30pm on the 17th. At an appropriate time of the year Ken Lowles will be giving an illustrated talk entitled "**Sacrifice and Remembrance**".

This will explain how the battles of the first world war led to the establishment of the War Graves commission and the Cemeteries set up since, to remember those who in service, gave their lives for their country.

Roy Mitchell



From St Margaret's Church

REMEMBERING

I may have said this before – at my age, I just don't remember!

A clergy friend of mine used to mystify me by saying that he always started services by remembering. (The same Church of England priest used to have a Parish Mass because he said he couldn't spell Eucharist!)

His idea of remembering was a bit literal. The Church is made up of members who depart from the service each week – thus dis-membering the Body of Christ (A phrase used by St.Paul to describe the worshipping community.) The next week the members return – thus, re-membering the congregation. That is – putting back together the wholeness of the Body of Christ. Worship therefore began by re-membering.

In November with All Saints Day, All Souls Day, Gunpowder Plot Remembrance and Remembrance Sunday we are overflowing with rememberings. Do any of those special days, or all of them, allow us to use remembering in my friend's way? – that is, joining together in our minds the complicated but inter-acting parts of the Church in heaven and on earth, controversial political and religious figures from our country's history and those men and women who laid down their lives in war.

May we put together – re-member – in thought and worship the clouds of witnesses who surround us as we strive to be loyal and loving members of our communities and Churches.

Alan Davis

Church Matters

Church of England November 2016 Services

St. Margaret's Church, Stoke Golding

6th November 10.30am All Age Service + Baptism
 13th November 9.30am All Age Service at St. Margaret's + Cemetery
 20th November 10.30am Holy Communion
 27th November 10.30am Morning Worship

St. James's Church, Dadlington

6th November 9.00am BCP Morning Prayer
 13th November 9.00am BCP Morning Prayer/ Remembrance
 20th November 9.00am BCP Holy Communion
 27th November 9.00am BCP Morning Prayer

Zion Baptist Chapel November 2016 Services

6th	6pm	John Needham
13th	6pm	Mark Menzfeld
20th	6pm	Richard Cotton
27th	6pm	Steven Connor

The Methodist Church

6th	10.30am	Revd Wes Hampton
13th	9.45am	At St Margaret's
		Remembrance Sunday
20th	10.30am	Mr John Cooke
27th	10.30am	Mrs Joan Ledson

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.



Warning to Dog Owners

Dog owners please be careful near the Morris homes site as my dog got a nail in her paw! I have spoken to Morris homes. Thanks Helen

Have you noticed the new plants?



The Cubs have been undertaking a community service role by helping Ruth Fisher from the Parish Council to plant out some cyclamen in the troughs on Main Street and the corner of Arnold Road. They demonstrated an energetic approach to weeding and planting. Monty Don would have been impressed. They had a litter pick at the Rec as well. Thank you to the mums and Ruth for helping and the Parish Council for funding the plants.

The Cubs went to the mosque for an interesting experiential visit where they were allowed to wash their feet and hands and observe the final prayer of the day.

Some of the older Cubs attended a "sixers" day at Foxes Covert where they met others from the Hinckley District and did a lot of fun activities including drama, cooking and team challenges. They all had a great time.

The Beavers have been doing their Personal Challenge award badge; completing team challenges with football and hockey, icing biscuits, making friendship chains and taking a walk across the fields (in the not so dark night).

The Scouts have been learning about, and participating in, the Local Neighbourhood Plan with some elaborate and practical ideas as part of their world challenge award. They also had a badge audit and worked in their personal scouting activity badge.

With Diwali and Halloween too look forward to - it's all happening.

Jennifer Michie



Crucifix Rescued from The Great War 1914-1918

During one of the opening engagements of World War One, Reims Cathedral was destroyed by heavy shell fire. It took place on September 20th 1914. Sometime afterwards the crucifix was found there by my father William Elliot Quinney (Joe). It was kept for many years at the family home in Wykin Road until, sometime after his death, it was given to the church in Father Lambert's time. It remains today, pride of place, by the names of those Stoke Golding men who lost their lives in that war.

Harry Adcock
Percy Adcock
Walter Sydney Adcock
Charles William Bloxham
John Woodburn Bloxham
Arthur Grewcock
Sydney Harris
Sidney Hill
Arthur John Hunter
Herbert Edwin Jordan
Matthew James Kirkland
Samuel Albert Kirkland
Ernest Lee
George Lee
George Lovell
Arthur Martin
Eric Oscar Mason
James Leslie Robertson
Wilfred Percival Shilton
Arthur Skelton



By *Charles H Frisby* from his interview with Alan Quinney

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Poems from Year 8 Redmoor Pupils

Poem

The floor marked red,
Evidence of the dead,
The doors left open,
Dark times awoken,

Pale shadows creep,
Coming from the deep,
Swords in hand,
All over the land,

Winds billowing,
Sky shimmering,
People dying,
Widows crying,

Last breath,
No life,
Only Death.

By Caitlin O'Hara

The Hairy Porter

There once was a hairy porter,
Who served a small station near Crewe,
He made sure the station was tidy,
And did what he needed to do.
Through the dark times of war,
He kept a steady head,
He saw the lads off to France,
And knew some would find their deathbed.
He helped the many passengers,
And waved to them with a smile,
He swept the station platform clean,
Whilst whistling all of the while.
He was such a friendly old chap,
His character was cheerful and bright,
He watered the many flowers,
He made sure the station was right,
I'll not forget that porter,
Who served a small station near Crewe,
He made sure the station was clean,
And did what he needed to do.

By Micky Smith

Open Fields

The grass lit up with an emerald gleam,
The clouds parted like the Red Sea,
The trees stood tall with pride and valour,
The skies bathed it all in a summer shower,

The wind blew soft like gentle hands.
The grass was a cushion made of thin
strands,
The sun was warm like a burning flower,
I was overcome by nature's power

By Ellie Charlesworth

Fear

Fear makes us stronger.
Blood pulsing quicker,
You can jump higher
You can run faster,
You're alert and ready,
Ready to fight,
Or ready to flee.

When you're alone at night,
You can hear floorboards creak,
You swear you can see it,
But you must be dreaming,
Ready to jump higher,
Run faster,
Ready to fight or flee.
When you hear a loud bang,
But don't know what it is,
You tell yourself it's nothing,
But you know it's something,
Ready to jump higher,
Run faster,
Ready to fight or flee.
Fear makes us stronger.
Blood pulsing quicker,
You can jump higher
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Or ready to flee.

By Luke Stevenson

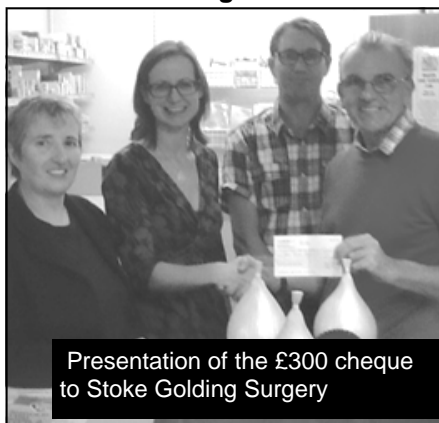
LOROS and the Defibrillator Appeal at Stoke Golding Surgery Benefit from the 86th Annual Open Garden Show 2016

The 86th Stoke Golding Open Garden Show, held early in September this year, was fortunate to be so wonderfully supported by many kind and generous people in the village and surrounding areas.

The Show organisers would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the local community, competitors, sponsors and judges for their very generous contributions but would especially like to thank 'The Charity of Thomas Barton' for their financial donation towards the running of the Show. We are also grateful to Stoke Golding Club for allowing access to the function room before, during and after the Show. Without the support of these kind people and organisations the Show would struggle to be staged as an annual event in the village calendar and we are extremely grateful for their input, no matter how large or small. We strive to continue to be recognised locally for our friendly and welcoming attitude to all who compete or visit to take part later in the evening.

This year we have been able to donate £1000 to LOROS and £300 towards a new defibrillator to be placed at Stoke Golding Surgery.

We also have a small amount of money available should there be any other worthy organisations/appeals in the village who would like to apply. Please contact Phil Burgess on 01455



Presentation of the £300 cheque to Stoke Golding Surgery



Presentation of the £1000 cheque to LOROS

212536 if you would like an application to be considered.

Date for your diaries - the 87th Open Show will be held on Saturday 2nd September 2017. Notably, we have listened to the many suggestions this year and as a result there has been a major revamp of the classes on offer. These exciting developments will include various new classes and more **novice** vegetable and fruit showing classes for the residents of Stoke Golding & Dadlington.

Schedules will be available from August 2017, but in the meantime if you have any questions, queries or suggestions please contact Tina on 07809629690.

Tina Waters

Circling the Iron Ring – Day 1



Flint Castle stands overlooking the River Dee estuary. At one time it was imposing, menacingly symbolizing a conqueror's power. It is now in ruins and abuts a modern housing estate. It was the first castle to be built by the English king Edward I in his quest to end two rebellions from Welsh princes. I am on a quest too. A year ago, I visited every site where the body of Edward's queen, Eleanor, rested overnight: the Eleanor Crosses. Over the next two

days, my latest venture is to visit each of the 17 castles Edward either built from scratch or had rebuilt, in order to impose peace and English rule on the Welsh. I take a quick walk around Flint, imagining its former glory and then it's off a few miles southwest to **Hawarden**.

Here, my plan is scuppered because the sole remaining part of the castle, a derelict keep, lies on the estate of the new Hawarden Castle, built in the 18th century and once the home of prime minister, Sir William Gladstone. I venture onto the estate and assail a couple of elderly residents out in their garden. They have no idea where the keep is, but suggest that I might ask Sir William. Surely not that Sir William: as he lives a fair walk inside the grounds, I never find out, which is a shame. Hawarden was a rebuild after the first 1277 Welsh rebellion led by Llewellyn ap Gruffudd or Llewellyn the Last as he is now rather poignantly remembered, and it is also the place where the second rebellion began in 1283, after his brother Dafydd attacked it.

I am getting déjà vu on arriving in **Holt**, as another local resident seems oblivious to the location of the castle that I eventually discover on the edge of the village. Built within a sandstone quarry, it does not possess the commanding high position of many of Edward's other castles, but it guarded an important crossing of the River Dee. In contrast, **Chirk** is positioned on top of a hill. The National Trust owns this property, the only one of Edward's castles that has been lived in continuously since construction. Thoughtfully, they have sited the car park at the bottom of the hill, so it takes a steady climb to reach the gatehouse, where I find a party of cub scouts, dressed in tabards, being marshalled into line by a knight in full armour. I visit the apartments but they are from a much later time. **Caergwrie**, is also on top of a hill, necessitating yet another stiff climb from the small settlement below. Here, I find a group of men cutting back the bracken that covers the approach to the castle and a fair portion of what is yet more ruins.

My next three castles lie fairly close to each other, as I make my way north towards the coast again. As I near the delightful town of **Ruthin**, I see a flag flying on the red sandstone tower of the castle. That's as much as I do get to see, however, as it now a 4 star hotel. I have another upwards trek to **Denbigh**, which has remnants of the ancient town walls still evident: at some point the town decamped to the bottom of the hill. The castle has a unique triple towered gateway but now also lies in ruins,

after being destroyed by the victorious Parliamentarians after the English Civil War. This fate befell many castles in Wales and also England, although militarily, by this time, they have more or less outlived their usefulness. I get a fabulous view of **Rhuddlan** castle as I take a wrong turn and find myself bypassing the town. After Llewellyn the Great destroyed a castle at nearby Dyserth, there had been no protection for the northern end of Offa's Dyke, which formed the English/Welsh border. Rather than rebuild Dyserth, Edward chose Rhuddlan, close to the sea, on the river Clwyd. It is one of the 'Iron Ring' fortresses that were Europe's most extensive and ambitious military building project at the time, sited around the north Wales coastline.

The sea was very important for these castles: it was the route in for the various craftsmen, travelling from across the midlands and the north, for troops, and for supplies. There is easy coastal access at **Conwy**, a formidable castle in an excellent state of repair and well worth the £15,000 Edward spent on it, making it his most expensive. By now, it is getting late and I have a long drive ahead, so I take a quick photo and move on. Then it starts to rain, it starts to get dark, the speed limit hovers between 30 and 40 for mile after mile on the winding coastal road that leads to **Beaumaris** on the Isle of Anglesea. A gale is howling as I venture out to my final castle of the day, shaking the polythene covers that are protecting some restoration work. A hot shower and a curry await in Caernarfon so I don't linger. Ten castles down, with seven to go. I'll tell you about those next time.

Michael



Win Your Christmas Dinner!

Tomlinson's Farm Shop is organising a special raffle in conjunction with Connor's Bakery and Four Season's Greengrocers providing the following for your Christmas dinner.

Tomlinsons: Turkey, Sausagemeat, Bacon and Cranberry sauce

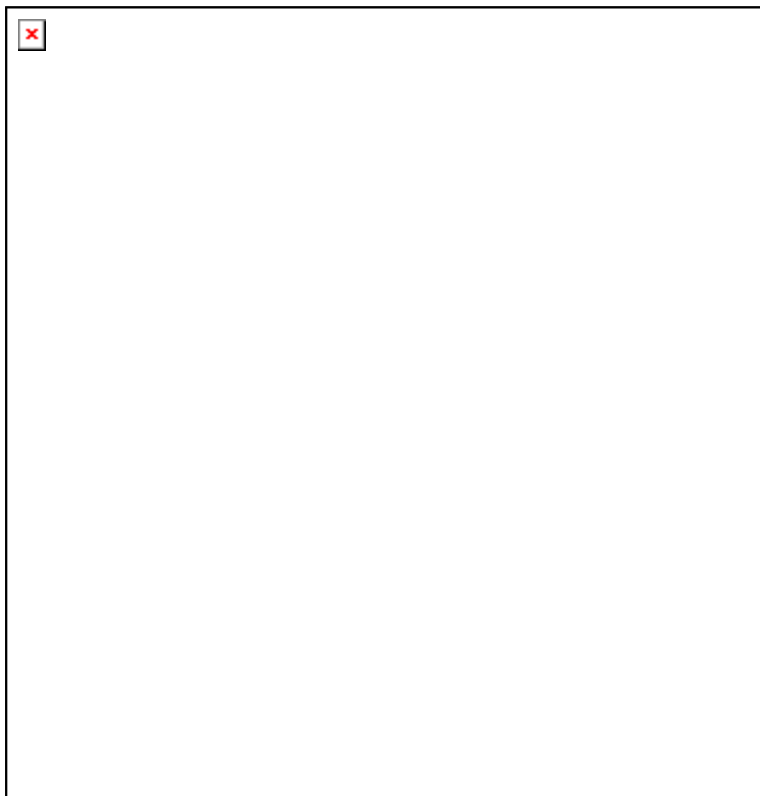
Connors: Christmas Cake, Christmas Pudding and Mince Pies.

Four Seasons: Vegetable and Fruit Hamper.

Tickets cost £1 available from any of the above shops and also Stoke Golding Post Office.

Celebrating 100 Years Since the Hymn 'Jerusalem' was Written

Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Bring me my ***** of desire (6)
- 4 Oak tree nut (5)
- 8 Morse is a type of this (4)
- 9 & 24A Where the Lamb of God was seen (8 & 8)
- 10 Cry out suddenly (7)
- 12 Natives of Ireland (5)
- 13 Italian for 'Hello' (4)
- 14 Speed at which music is played (5)
- 17 Song's name (5)
- 20 Round object used in sport (4)
- 22 Another name of person who walked on 9A & 24A (5)
- 23 & 11D Among these dark ***** ***** (7 & 5)
- 24 see 9A
- 25 Information in short (4)
- 26 Sides of an object (5)

DOWN

- 1 And did those feet in ***** time (7)
- 2 To partly cover over (7)
- 3 ***** tank for those without mains sewage (6)
- 5 Bring me my ***** of fire (7)
- 6 Person who accepts things as they are (7)
- 7 Engrave (4)
- 11 see 23A
- 15 Did something wrongly (7)
- 16 Unclear vague or hidden (7)
- 18 Slanted writings (7)
- 19 Enclose or hem in (7)
- 21 Expired or no longer valid (6)
- 22 Joke(4)

Answers on page 30

The Pinfold or The Village Pound Station Road



Many people will be unaware of what a pinfold is or that Stoke Golding ever had one. From the 1600's and maybe before, stray animals could always be found wandering country roads. Each village therefore had a pinfold or pound in which these animals could be kept until claimed by the owners. They had to pay a fee to retrieve them which was collected by the man charged with looking after them who was called a "pindar". This view is just past The Old Grammar School and opposite where Croxall's factory used to be.

The wall to Stoke's pinfold can be seen in this early photograph next to the tree left centre. The pound contained a small field. Dadlington also had a pound and in 1639 the pindar seized three geese and put them in the pinfold but because their owner was on business in London and did not pay his fee, he tied them up so tightly that they were strangled. No doubt he was thinking to use them for the pot instead of getting his fee.! On 8th November 1867 Joseph Freeman who was born in Dadlington was appointed as Pindar and Cryer for Stoke Golding. He was 43 years of age, married to Mary Freeman aged 33 years and they had children Joseph aged 12 years and William aged 8 years at the time of his appointment.

DC. with thanks to Jill Webster for photograph

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Summary of Stoke Golding Parish Council Notes – October (not ratified)

County Cllr Ould reported on the following: Parish Forum meeting: LRALC reported issues with regard to publication of PC accounts by 30th September. More houses to come - need to take a role in developing housing, parishes having trouble recruiting younger people for Neighbourhood Plans. Parking restriction changes in Stoke Golding – change of times for Station Road.

Borough Cllr Reg Ward reported on the following: Flooding of junction of Hinckley Road/ Main Street . Morris Homes and Severn Trent drainage work in the village. The Clerk to ask Severn Trent about survey work and outcome. Police Commissioner seeks views of the public. County Cllr Ould recommends a response. Purchase of the old Co-op site is proceeding and the car park should re-open.

Crime Report for June 2016 – 1 anti-social behaviour near Station Road.

Cemetery Section Markers – have been installed.

Kissing gates- the Public Rights of Way Inspector at LCC has commended the PC for taking on the refurbishment of the kissing gates on foot path V21. Work on the gates should take place towards the end of November.

Reports of Council representatives:

Work on the soil verge at the recreation field was now complete. Cutback at Church Walk would be undertaken in the next couple of weeks. Grid markers at Wykin Lane Cemetery have been hammered back into the ground at no cost to the PC. Extra cut at Bennett Close was agreed. Problem of dog mess at the recreation field was discussed and posters put up around the site. Vague boundary at Hinckley Road Cemetery was discussed and Cllr Pegg is to investigate further. Nettles/brambles in the jitty were discussed and the Clerk is to pursue action by LCC. Instruction board for gym equipment is in need of repair.

Planning Application Matters:

New Applications:

Mill House, Higham Lane, SG – alterations to building including new windows and doors.

48 Station Road, SG – works to two ash trees, one cedar and removal of one willow tree and one sycamore tree – no concerns.

29 Wykin Lane, SG – two storey side extension – no concerns.

Permissions granted:

98 Sherwood Road – erection of garage, car port, single storey rear extension, loft conversion and installation of 1 x dormer to rear.

Land off Hinckley Road, SG – variation of condition 1 of planning permission 15/00073/REM to amend plot 42-44 from 3 dwellings to 5 dwellings.

St Martins Catholic Academy – erection of no. 4 classroom block.

36 Station Road – erection of 1 x dwelling (outline – all matters reserved).

85 Hinckley Rd, SG – two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and 1 rear dormer.

46 Convent Drive, SG – works to 1 sycamore and 1 oak tree.

Morris Homes - Removal of oak tree NT1 – The PC met with developers and HBBC. Surface drainage will leave the site at the lowest point, just next to the oak tree, where it will join the existing culvert by St Martins School. Due to close proximity of three houses it has been impossible to avoid damage to the root system of the tree. Hence, the tree will die in the next couple of years creating a liability for the HBBC in the future and they have, therefore, agreed the tree should be removed now.

The tree will be replaced with a new tree and additional planting of 10 to 15 trees on that corner to improve screening. The Parish Council is unhappy with the lack of consultation prior to the decision been taken and are disappointed that this tree will be removed.

Morris Homes play area – a request from a play equipment provider has been received to look at the plan for the proposed play area on the Morris Homes development.

To give first consideration to draft budget for adoption in November

A draft budget report detailing the work of the council over the previous 6 months along with budget proposals for 2017/18 was considered and accepted by all Councillors, including a budget of £500 for planting at the cemeteries, churchyard and in the village. Insurance claims were discussed. An appraisal report of the work of the Clerk by the Chair was circulated and it was unanimously agreed that the salary of the Clerk should increase by 2% from 1st November 2016.

Neighbourhood Plan The first instalment of the grant has now been received. The plans for the suggestion days are underway. The Parish Council would like to thank Jim Hope for the considerable work he has undertaken regarding both of these. Rob Gaskin was appointed to the NPAC.

Bus shelter: The Clerk confirmed no planning permission was required and a bus shelter licence application has now been submitted. Estimated delivery will be end of November. LCC also confirm that the request for a pathway on Convent Corner, from the crossing to the front of the school has been added to the proposed schedule of works to be considered for next year's budget.

Works to trees Prices for removal of trees from graves and hedge trimming at Hinckley Road Cemetery were agreed as were works to trees at St Margaret's Churchyard and the recreation field.

Planters: A resident had requested a planter near Pine Close. It was proposed that the planter on Church Walk be relocated to this position. The planter on Roseway also needs moving from under the tree. Cllr Fisher to investigate further; permission would need to be sought from LCC Highways.

Stoke Fest damage: Repairs to the tarmac area in front of the Football wall have been carried out by Stoke Fest following damage at the Festival. The Parish Council thank the committee and Malc Watson for organising the work

Mower Damage: Following an incident involving the GPS grid markers at Wykin Lane Cemetery, and as a gesture of goodwill, the Parish Council to repair the mower.

Review of pitch hire and maintenance arrangements. It was proposed that discussions would be held with the sports clubs for the 2017/18 season fees.

HBBC Bosworth 1485 Legacy: The Parish Council invite any interested residents or groups to the PC meeting on 2nd November to hear a short presentation by Fred Brookes from Leicestershire County Council about the development of artworks in public places to reflect the Battle of Bosworth history. He will be seeking the views of the community.

Communications: Reply from resident – recycling banks. The resident now understands there is no funding for HBBC to relocate the banks. Email from Cricket Club regarding stud marks on cricket square – noted. Resident – request for litter bin in Convent Drive. The resident was advised to contact HBBC to see if a public litter bin was planned.

Next meeting: - Methodist Hall, Wednesday 2nd November 2016 at 7pm

Answers to Ten of a Kind (page 8)

1. Juliet Bravo
2. Quebec
3. Delta
4. Lima
5. Kilo
6. Romeo
7. Golf
8. Foxtrot, Tango
9. Yankee

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- * **Dexter Beef**
- * **Gloucester Old Spot Pork**
- * **Sausages**
- * **Sausage meat**
- * **Dry cured Gammon**

CROSSWORD ANSWERS (from page 26)

ACROSS 1 Arrows; 4 Acorn; 8 Code: 9A & 24A Pleasant pastures; 10 Exclaim; 12 Irish; 13 Ciao; 14 Tempo; 17 Title; 20 Ball; 22 Jesus; 23 & 11D Satanic Mills; 24 see 9A; 25 Info; 26 Edges; 27 Desire.

DOWN 1 Ancient; 2 Overlap; 3 Septic; 5 Chariot; 6 Realist; 7 Etch; 11 see 23A; 15 Misused; 16 Obscure; 18 Slanted writing; 19 Enclose; 21 Lapsed ; 22 Jape.

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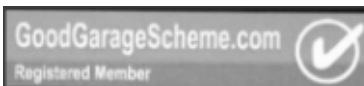
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