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Note from the Editors

Well done to the organisers of the Scarecrow Festival and the Garden Show and to everyone who entered the two events with such enthusiasm. It is amazing what a small team of people and an enthusiastic community can achieve, even in difficult times. Another example was our own shared birthday event with the Village Hall (pages 6 & 7) - it was lovely to see so many of you there.



Thank you to everyone who has sent us photos this month, particularly of the Scarecrows, which have really brightened up this issue and made us smile. We were impressed with your photos of the red arrows too.

Please continue to send us photos of your special celebrations - weddings, births, landmark birthdays, fundraising events, achievements - we would love to hear from you. We also like to have local photos so, as you are posting them on Facebook, please also email them to us.



As we move into Autumn and the nights draw in, stay safe and well.

Jane, Steve and Kate

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Cover picture: Jane & Ruth cut the anniversary cake, photo by Martyn Fisher

Stoke Golding Scarecrow Festival

What a wonderful display of scarecrows there were around the village over the August bank holiday weekend! The judges and committee said they were so impressed with the levels of detail in some of the scarecrows and their settings. There were interactive scarecrows, food and drink, music playing- truly outstanding!



There were three categories this year and the competition was fierce in all three, making the judging extremely difficult!! The winner of 'The Most Creative Setting' category was the



wonderful Cypriot café Scene on Church Walks where real Cypriot coffee could be sampled! The winner of 'The Most Artistic Scarecrow' was the beautiful and imaginative Around the World in 80 Days on Wykin Lane. The final category was for 'The Most Traditional Scarecrow', the winner was decided upon as traditional in the sense that it did not rely on the props or setting around it, and the



tremendous bier drinking George and Dragon scarecrow was crowned the worthy winner. Well done to all the winners, and to everyone who got involved creating such a wonderful display across the village.... So colourful and imaginative. Can't wait to see what everyone comes up with next year.

There were so many wonderful entries this year we have put the winners on this page and put more photos of scarecrows throughout the magazine.... Can you spot yours? Thank you to Jason Twist for the use of his photographs.

Kate Poyser Clark

Thank You Jan - We'll Miss You

Jan Zelenczuk joined the Stoker team over eighteen months ago because she had cut down her hours at work and thought she would have plenty of time to keep us up to date with current affairs in the community. Since then, she has sat through parish council and Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council meetings in order to provide us with thoughtful and accurate articles each month on a variety of topics, particularly housing developments. Unfortunately life has become a lot busier for Jan than she had originally thought it would and she has decided to take a break from her regular contributions to our magazine. We have all enjoyed seeing Jan's friendly face at our production team meetings (even though mostly on Zoom!) and will miss you.



Eds



CELEBRITIES REAL NAMES

These are the real names of some well-known celebrities - how many do you know?

1. Reginald Dwight
2. Marion Morrison
3. Shirley Beaty
4. Gordon Sumner
5. Robert Zimmerman
6. Roy Fitzgerald
7. Margarita Casino
8. Maurice Micklewhite
9. Ramon Estevez
10. Richard Starkey



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Letter to the Editors



Dear Editors, I would just like to thank you for a lovely magazine, such a lovely idea for a village to keep in touch. We live in Hinckley, someone passes it onto our neighbour Janet, she passes it on to us then it goes back for her sister.

My in-laws lived in Stoke many years ago at the top end of Sherwood Road. When we visited each week with our two children the cows always came to the fence, my mother-in-law said they were being nosey – no cows now just houses! The people in their bungalow have made it look lovely. My husband has Alzheimers and the thing he enjoys is going for a walk, it's nearly always Stoke Golding where he wants to go. We quite often walk along the canal, so even though we don't live there, Stoke Golding is still popular to us. Keep up the good work.

Mrs G Halliwell

Thank you, Mrs Halliwell, for your kind words and your generous donation to The Stoker - it was very much appreciated.

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Thank you!

Happy Birthday to The Village Hall and The Stoker

The sun shone all afternoon at the celebration event to mark the 60th birthday of The Village Hall and the 20th birthday of The Stoker. This beautiful weather allowed Ambion Voices, Stoke Golding and Dadlington's Community Choir, to sing on the steps outside to greet people as they arrived.

The Hall looked smart and cheerful with yards of pretty, home-made bunting and tables groaning under the weight of delicious cakes meant that no one went home hungry. Ruth and Jane cut the huge birthday cake between them, making them feel like a married couple!!

Photographs were on display showing past years activities in the Village Hall. Doreen Rose used her amazing creative skills to create a fabulous Stoker display, with all the past issues from 2001 available for people to read.



During the afternoon the Bold Ukulele group entertained everyone with a wide repertoire of singalong songs.

A special mention should be made of Alex, from Stoke Golding Scout Group, who spent all afternoon looking after everyone. He

was presented with a special certificate to say thank you.

This event really showed the community spirit alive and well in the village with the Stoker Team and the Village Hall Committee working together to make the afternoon a success.

Ruth Fisher, Chair of the Village Hall Committee, said

"A huge thank you to you all for contributing to a wonderful afternoon at the hall. It was so lovely working with such a hardworking team.



We collected £220 for toilet twinning which will twin 3 of our toilets (@ £60 each).



Some of the Stoker Team and Deliverers making sure your community magazine reaches you each month.



A History of the Village Hall.



In the period between the two world wars a group of villagers initiated a scheme to provide a much needed playing field, village hall and other facilities. That the parish council acquired the playing field during the depression of the 1930's says much for their determination that future generations should have an

area set aside in the village where they could play. The cost of the almost seven-acre field was a little over £420 with the railings on the eastern side costing a further £150.

As Stoke Golding had become part of the H.U.D.C. before the war help was now available for the building of the village hall. Many visits were made to other village halls, so that the best features could be incorporated into the design of the Stoke Golding Hall.

The 1950's saw many fund-raising activities, particularly the Annual Gala Days, and the proceeds from these, as well as many donations enabled the villagers to contribute £1000 towards the total cost of £8640.

The villagers also raised the money for the velvet curtains, the piano, the cutlery and the china and also contributed to the swings and slides for the younger generation. Sadly, the bowling green has yet to be funded.

Jill Webster

The Scouts Update—Trips to Fox Coverts

The Scout group have only just got back together after the summer hols. They had a lovely AGM on the 26th August, which was well attended with a presentation and hot dogs. This was face to face, rather than last year when it was all done virtually.

The Beavers have had a games night and had a trip to Fox Coverts where they had a tour of the place, found the adventure play ground and made a nature picture. See the cleverly crafted skeleton below.



The Cubs also went to Fox Coverts and played games and toasted marshmallows. The Scouts and Explorers went to Fox Coverts, charged around, played wide games and sat around a fire toasting marshmallows. It doesn't get better than this

Fiona Shilladay

New Community Defibrillators for Sutton Cheney and Shenton

Lifesaving community defibrillators have been installed in Sutton Cheney and Shenton villages thanks to a grant given to Sutton Cheney Parish Council by the Community and Parish Initiative Fund.

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council's Executive Member for Rural Affairs Councillor Martin Cartwright was at the unveiling, alongside Parish Councillors Linda Mayne, Ambrose Long, Val Pritchard and Pete Dyde. Local resident and community volunteer Julia Copson was also present.

The devices, which deliver an electric current to restart the heart when someone is in cardiac arrest, have been specifically designed to be used by someone with no medical training. Each device has an in-built screen and speaker that gives the user simple step-by-step instructions to operate. Both defibrillators have been housed in red telephone kiosks on Main Street, Sutton Cheney and Pump Lane, Shenton and are regularly maintained by local community volunteers.



Cllr Cartwright said “The installation of these public access defibrillators will ensure that people living in rural communities will have easy access to vital life-saving equipment that make a crucial difference in the minutes after a cardiac arrest. I would like to thank Sutton Cheney Parish Council for leading on this project and ensuring that the local community has access to this important community resource.”

An online training session is also being offered by the Community Heartbeat Trust that aims to introduce residents to the equipment and how to use them correctly in the event of an emergency. For further information about the training session, please contact the Parish Clerk at suttoncheneypc@gmail.com.



Bob's Focus — Mimicry

Hello Stokers, it's been a couple of months since I wrote, I forgot we had a summer break so my August contribution actually ended up in September's Stoker so may have been a little out of date by the time it hit the press.

I can now confirm that the new Spec has indeed been adopted for the cut along the canal from bridge 19-42, the fringe is already becoming established and we have some late flowering wildflowers, let the biodiversity party begin.

Since the 1930's we have lost a staggering 97% of our wildflower meadows due to changes in farming and development of land for building upon.

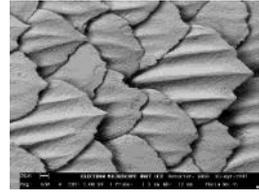
Slowly but surely we are coming to realise that we need to respect and look after our 250 species of bees here in the UK along with all of our other pollinators as they have a direct effect on our production of food, hats off to BBC Radio 2 for their work this year to champion their plight. I think we may be able to reverse the tide here somewhat due to the public's response plus many farmers are taking up stewardship schemes to reintroduce our native flowers to the edges of their fields. The most dangerous animal on this planet remains mankind, we have not been kind to our furry and feathered friends, many have been hunted to extinction for a multitude of reasons, vanity, fear, greed and ignorance to name but a few.

But here is a word that may be new to some of you 'Biomimicry', nature has been working for millions of years, not always getting things right but it learns and perfects evolution.

Biomimicry is when we like what nature does and we copy it, Leonardo Da Vinci studied many different birds in his attempt to design a viable flying machine, the Wright brothers studied pigeons (maybe if we take lessons from pigeons we are not that smart).



When George De-Mestral took his pooch for a walk he came back covered in burr seeds, when he looked at them under a microscope he came up with the idea for Velcro (who'd have thought that would stick).



Japan's Bullet train reached speeds of 320 kph when first used but shockwaves built up in tunnels so when it emerged it caused a sonic boom, the nose was redesigned and based on the beak of a kingfisher which

solved the problem.

A shark's skin is made up of tiny Denticles, like overlapping teeth, these keep out bacteria and the design is now being used in the manufacture of hospital equipment to reduce the risk of infections, it's also used on the hulls of tankers to keep them clean. Hump backed whales weigh in at 36 tonnes yet they are such elegant swimmers, this is down to the bumpy protrusions on the leading edge of their fins called tubercles. We use these on wind turbines to reduce



turbulence.



I could go on for weeks probably, these are just a very few examples of how we can and do learn from nature, let's hope mankind gets wise and looks after their learned teachers.

Meanwhile it's time to enjoy the changing colours and all those blackberry and apple pies.

Oh and here's a cheeky picture of a Geometridae moth caterpillar I found on my trousers this morning (312 species in the UK) thought it was a stick until it moved.

Bob Willis



Dadlington Matters

Dadlington Neighbourhood Plan Update

We are very pleased to hear of the progress of Stoke Golding's Neighbourhood Plan and support it. It is vital that we are able to defend our villages against inappropriate developments.

Whilst Covid has slowed our progress in Dadlington, we have continued to meet via zoom and in this August, face-to-face. There are 12 village volunteers forming the Dadlington NP group, within which there is a Development Plan Sub-committee whose task is to prepare the plan for submission to Sutton Cheney Parish Council for approval. The sub-committee comprises 6 members including 2 councillors.

- Resulting from the questionnaire returns (97 responses from the 119 households in our village, although some households may have had more than 1 respondent) and taking into account developments in Stoke Golding and other HBBC areas, we have determined a draft plan for the Dadlington Electoral Area.
- Primarily we are determined to protect the Area of Separation between Dadlington and surrounding villages in order to retain our own village identity and community. Such protection should also include historic sites and valued vistas.
- However, we also acknowledge that every village is part of the HBBC Local Plan and should provide some limited additional housing where possible. The plan, if approved by village referendum, should serve to deter large developers, with a limit of no more than 15 houses.
- Such housing should not conflict with other parts of the plan and should be well-designed and in keeping with the existing village.
- We anticipate having a draft pre-submission plan available this autumn, after which it will be subject to extensive consultation prior to being finalised for a village referendum.

We have been granted £9002 for 2021/22 to be able to continue this process, an earmarked sum transferred into SCPC accounts.

I trust this brings you up to date.

John Whitehead
Chairman, DNP Group.

Graduation Nearly 50 Years Late!



We came across this lovely photo of Jean and Bob Buckby, from Dadlington, which was posted on Facebook by their very proud daughter, Helen. Bob and Jean originally trained as teachers nearly fifty years ago and they have just received their degrees all these years later. We asked for some more information from Helen and she sent us the following:

Both attended Westminster College, Oxford, in the early seventies and graduated with a Certificate of Education from Oxford University. Dad studied Maths and P.E. and Mum studied Theology and Geography. The B.A degree was awarded last year, by Oxford Brookes University, recognising that the Oxford Certificate of Education had been earned with hard work and not fully recognised in the early 70s. It's a Bachelor of Arts by Incorporation and it recognises that their original qualification was the equivalent of a B.A. 50 years since starting their original course!

Dad went on to teach at Hastings High School in Burbage teaching maths and PE. He coached many sports teams and held many senior leadership posts, retiring as Assistant Head teacher. He received an M.B.E. for services to education in 2011, which we felt was pretty amazing! Mum taught in primary schools and held many different posts including two Leicestershire headships at Nailstone and Weavers Close in Earl Shilton. They have both enjoyed successful careers in teaching and thoroughly enjoyed their time in education, despite many changes over their 40 year careers!

Helen Robinson

Congratulations to Jean and Bob from the Stoker Team



Volunteers Needed in Your Community

Stoke Golding Charity Sleigh requires two people to assist in the running of the sleigh around the village. If interested please contact Ron at 7 Greenhill Road, Stoke Golding or phone 01455 212574. Thanks.

Poppy Appeal - help is needed to deliver poppies and collection boxes to the shops, pubs and schools in Stoke Golding and then to collect the collection boxes (hopefully full!) after Remembrance Day.

If you have a few hours to spare for this worthy cause then please contact Bernard on 212006. Thank you.

The Stoker Team would love a couple of volunteers to come forward to join our friendly group to find out and write up about local issues and events. It would be really helpful if at least one of our (hopefully) new volunteers was up to date on social media to make sure we don't miss anything important happening in our community.

Ten of a Kind

Six years ago, the first Ten of a Kind appeared on the subject of firsts, and since then we've had seconds, thirds, and so on. This month it is the time for sevenths so all the answers relate to the number seven.

1. According to the book of Genesis, what did God make on the seventh day?
2. In which decade was the musical film Seven Brides for Seven Brothers released?
3. Which of the Seven Wonders of the World would you find at Giza?
4. How many films were made featuring the Magnificent Seven?
5. The Rugby 7s Olympic gold medal winners came from which two countries?
6. In which county is the town of Sevenoaks?
7. Can you name all of Snow White's seven dwarves?
8. Which of the seven deadly sins shares its name with an arboreal mammal?
9. Who were Peter, Jane, Barbara, Jack, Pam, Colin and George?
10. Which European capital city was built on seven hills?

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These Boots Were Named for Our Villages?

It's amazing what you can find whilst simply googling "Dadlington". Up came images of some rather fetching boots. Readers from the motorbike fraternity will, no doubt, be familiar with Triumph's Dadlington boots, retailing at £169. For those unfamiliar with the said footwear, they have, and I quote, "full, cowhide coverage with a convenient rear entry zipper. A circumferential leather band and buckle wrap around the boot's shaft and keep the closure extra secure. The signature guard at the heel covers the base of the brass zipper. The boots are lined with a red, white and blue pattern that is modelled after the Union Jack. No doubt Triumph decided to use a local name (there are no other Dadlingtons in the world!) to celebrate relocating to Hinckley. Hinckley celebrated by putting 'Hinckley - Home of Triumph' on all the road signs which led one visitor to comment to me that he imagined everyone entering the town's boundaries would thrust a fist in the air and shout out, "Yes!"



TRIUMPH DADLINGTON BOOT



TRIUMPH STROKE BOOTS-BLACK

But what of Stoke Golding? Worry not, because you can splash out £160 on some

Triumph Stoke boots. These apparently feature, "breathable leather linings, adjustable lace fastenings and full grain leather outers with a vintage finish." Both pairs of boots come in black and tan and are available on Triumph's website. There are no Hinckley boots, or Wykin, Fenny or Shenton boots either. In fact, the only other Leicestershire village to give its name to a Triumph boot is Foxtan. Still, we knew we were rather special, and I suppose it would be a little crass to point out that Dadlington boots are that bit more upmarket than those from the next village.

Michael Dix



CASAG - Stoke Golding Surgery Report

The practice has started to organise the influenza clinics, 2 sessions have been set up at Pine Close. Luckily the national delays to delivery of the influenza vaccines have not affected the Pine Close influenza clinic planned for the 22nd September, but we did have to cancel a 600 patient clinic at Hinckley.

At Pine Close we have invited the clinically vulnerable patients first. They will receive either a telephone call or a text invitation to book directly into a clinic. The text invitation is new technology for us, it allows you to book directly into a clinic and time slot of your choice. The link is only available for patients with mobile phones and the link is only live for 7 days, after such time you would need to call the surgery.

Natalie and Amanda are settling in well as receptionist/dispensing assistants at Pine Close surgery both a great addition to the team. Our new nurses have also started and are integrating well. Tamyka, Helen and Anne-Marie will take a turn in coming over to Pine Close and look forward to meeting Stoke Golding patients.

We will soon say goodbye to Anne Turner, our Nurse Manager who has been with us for 30 years. She will be retiring at the end of October, and we wish her every happiness in her retirement.

Unfortunately demand for appointments has tripled since we have come out of lockdown. We still need to be cautious about bringing too many people into the surgery as the COVID virus is still very present. We have had several cases in the last week who were unaware they had it. It is for those reasons we telephone triage patients first before assessing their need to be seen face to face. This limits the risk of patients infecting other patients using the dispensary and our staff. Although the vaccine gives you some protection, it doesn't stop people getting the virus or transmitting it to vulnerable people and others.

With the increasing demands on our service, we can fully understand why people may be frustrated with not receiving the service that we would like to provide. We would however ask you to treat all our staff with due patience and respect at all times.

The Pine Close team



Fool on the Hill

Having spent some considerable time in the capital of late, I thought that I had begun to accept that things which we country folk consider a bit strange are very much the norm once you venture inside the M25.

However one sunny morning, I was returning from the park with the little one after having consumed my daily Latte and croissant (a snip at a mere £7.50). There then occurred one of those moments that give otherwise sane individuals some pause for thought. A female (if one can still use the term) police person astride a mountain of horseflesh belonging to the Metropolitan Rozzers was busy writing out some infringement notice to a guilty looking chap with an Electric scooter. I would love to have thought that some sort of pursuit had been involved with concealed blue lights appearing in the horse's ears and the animal emitting a two tone neighing noise. As I was taking in this curious scenario, from another direction there appeared a chap astride some sort of electric unicycle which he seemed to be controlling simply by shifting his body weight. He observed the fate of the E scooter rider and, summing up the situation in an instant and with a commendable amount of dexterity, executed a smart U turn and beetled off to safety. This sort of activity is, to the best of my knowledge, rarely observed in Stoke Golding. Having been momentarily distracted by the horse, the little one returned to the serious business of trying to chew the nose off rabbit whilst I pondered the dubious merits of the horse as a police patrol vehicle. I know a few horse owners and they seem to live a life of penury and pain. The keeping of equines is a fiendishly expensive business and whilst they are, no doubt, charming and endearing companions they are a little on the large side so any unintentional physical contact usually results in the odd broken bone. Furthermore the horse, by its primitive instinct, is an animal of flight and so will take off at the gallop whenever it senses a threat from a predatory animal. Lions are currently in short supply in South East London but I am assured that a plastic carrier bag animated by the breeze makes an excellent substitute in the business of spooking Dobbin.

I was walking in Blackheath village later in the day when the peace was shattered by the V12 bellow of a Lamborghini parading around the streets. The owner was, no doubt, keen to advertise his considerable wealth to the local populace but on most faces the expression tended more towards contempt than congratulation. In a city choked by traffic and largely governed by 20 mph speed zones it seemed to me that the driver of a 7 litre supercar should have been the one getting an infringement notice rather than the electrified pedestrians.

Always assuming, of course, that Dobbin had been sufficiently spooked to catch up with him **F.O.T.H**





Obituaries



Peter Beard

Peter Beard, of Stoke Golding, passed away peacefully on 20th August, 2021, aged 72 years. Beloved husband of Ann, step father to Sally and Simon, step father in law to Mark and Sarah. Doting grandad to Joseph, Fearne and Keira. Peter will be sadly missed. Donations in Pete's memory may be made to The Stroke Association via G. Seller, Funeral Directors, Upper Bond Street, Hinckley, LE10 1RH.

The Stoker team send our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Peter

Red Arrows—A Village Fly-past

How wonderful it was to see the Red Arrows in formation roar through the skies above the village on the 5th September. It really did feel special to have these wonderful jets fly overhead. Well done to those quick enough to capture this memorable event on camera!



Photo by Mark Vickers



Photo by Susanne Brookes Palmer

CELEBRITIES REAL NAMES ANSWERS

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| 1. ELTON JOHN | 5. BOB DYLAN |
| 2. JOHN WAYNE | 6. ROCK HUDSON |
| 3. SHIRLEY MACLAINE | 7. RITA HAYWORTH |
| 4. STING | 8. MICHAEL CAINE |
| | 9. MARTIN SHEEN |
| | 10. RINGO STARR |

Historic Journeys: City of London Churches Part 1

Regular readers will know that I have a habit of popping off every so often to collect historical places. To celebrate the easing of COVID restrictions, I combined this activity with a visit to my favourite city, London, something I'd not done for eighteen months. My quest: to visit all of the medieval churches within the square mile of the City of London.

My task would have been greater had I actually carried it out in medieval times because then the capital boasted 110 churches. After the 1666 Great Fire of London and the World War II blitz, I was still looking at 40 intact buildings, plus eleven sets of remains. I wasn't expecting to go inside each church - many of them only open for services - and I had visited a few on previous trips, but the pandemic meant that very few were open. No matter, I caught the underground to Temple and set off for the Temple church. Just as an aside, I have no problem with Transport for London advising me to 'Mind the gap' and I find 'Remember to take your belongings with you' an increasingly helpful instruction but I do object to being reminded to 'Check your shoelaces are tied up'!

The Temple church, the first I visited, is one of a handful of round churches in England and fortunately I'd been inside before, admiring the recumbent effigies of ancient Knights Templar, because it was well and truly closed this time, as was my second church, St. Dunstable-in-the-West. So too was St. Brides, the wedding cake church, so nicknamed because of its tiered spire. Again, I'd been inside before and seen the seats dedicated to various journalists, editors and newspaper magnates, the church being located just off Fleet Street. In fact, it wasn't until I reached my ninth church, St. Mary le Bow, that I found an open door. The great bell of Bow, found in the nursery rhyme Oranges and Lemons, is the same bell whose ring determines whether someone is born a cockney or not.



The names of many churches reflect their location. St. Martin Ludgate (no. 4) was on Ludgate Hill, whilst St. James Garlickhythe (11) was near to the hythe or landing place on the river where garlic was sold.



When Edward III moved his royal wardrobe from the Tower of London to a building near to St. Andrew's, the church became St. Andrew by the Wardrobe (5). The most unusual name must go to church no. 8, St. Vedast -alias-Foster, named after a French saint and built on Foster Street. Another building I'd visited previously is the church of St. Magnus the Martyr (17) which stands on the approach road to the original London Bridge. There are stones outside from the pillars that held up the old bridge and the myriad of buildings built upon it. Arriving at All Hallows' by the Tower, I had reached the halfway point with twenty churches done. All Hallows' was yet another closed church that I'd visited before. It was from the top of its tower that the diarist Samuel Pepys observed the fires burning in 1666. Crossing the main road onto Tower Hill, I discovered a memorial to the many nobles, politicians and clergy who'd been executed there and this association with capital punishment was to return during the second part of my historical journey.



Michael Dix



Church Matters



From St Margaret's and St James's Church



October

Tall trees stretching their boughs through the delicate haze of early morning always remind me of the words of John Keats 'To Autumn': "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness..." It is well worth re-reading.

October, the tenth month, but the eighth of the pre-Julian Roman calendar, (and the beginning of the Michaelmas term in further education), is such a beautiful month. With its resplendent colours, seemingly huge Harvest and Hunter's Moons, harvests mostly safely gathered in, it is so positive --- and yet there is a dark side. The hours of sunlight will be decreasing further in coming days, which will probably mean more time inside, perhaps alone.

Our tortoise is definitely in tune with the changing seasons. He has hardly eaten for the last month, and is only drinking. With the shorter daylight hours his body steadily slows its rhythm until he spends most of his time asleep. It is time for him to hibernate.

Nature starts winding down its frenetic life cycle, and prepares for the winter months ahead. A period of clearing out or storing, then rest and tranquillity. Gardeners will have completed all the tidying-up chores; cutting back, protecting tender plants, making space for re-growth in Spring. We are looking forward again to future seasons! But in the meantime, there is a period of rest and waiting patiently... Something we may have to re-learn! We cannot hurry the seasons and the weather patterns.

Whatever you are occupied with this month, do take time to marvel at the sunset/sunrise, notice the changes in the scenery around us, be grateful for the beauty and the gift of life in whatever season. And may we be aware of those around us who may not be so positive, and may dread this season of the year.

With God's blessings

Carolyn Patullo

Church of England Services October 2021

St Margaret's, Stoke Golding

3 October 10.30am	HARVEST outside
10 October 10.30am	Benefice Service --- Higham
24 October 10.30am	Morning Worship
31 October	IN LOVING MEMORY --- Higham

St James', Dadlington

3 October 9.00am	Morning Prayer
10 October 10.30am	Benefice Service --- Higham
17 October 9.00am	Holy Communion
31 October	IN LOVING MEMORY --- Higham

THE METHODIST CHURCH OCTOBER SERVICES

3 rd	10.30 am	Mrs Pat Starbuck
10 th	T.B.A	
17 th	10.30 am	Revd Patricia Mukorombindo
24 th	T.B.A	
31 st	10.30 am	Circuit service



10 of a Kind Answers

1. Nothing - he rested
2. 1950s (1954)
3. The Great pyramid
4. Four - The Magnificent Seven, The Return of the Magnificent Seven, Gins of the Magnificent Seven, and The Magnificent Seven Ride
5. Men's gold - Fiji, women's gold - New Zealand
6. Kent
7. Grumpy, Dopey, Doc, Happy, Bashful, Sneezy and Sleepy
8. Sloth
9. Enid Blyton's Secret Seven
10. Rome

Stoke Golding 90th Celebratory Garden Show 2021

It was so inspiring to be back in business! Stoke Golding Garden Show committee was delighted to be able to provide a belated 90th Celebratory Show day and to be so well supported by the local community. Many of our visitors and competitors popped in to see us for the first time, and we hope that we have inspired them to want to return next year.

The committee would especially like to thank our main sponsor 'The Charity of Thomas Barton' but also all of our wonderful sponsors, competitors, visitors and judges for their very generous contributions towards helping us to get the Show up and running for an astonishing 90th occasion. Stoke Golding Club were once again extremely generous allowing us time and space to take over the function room for the day. Our grateful thanks goes to the Club management and committee for their continued and very valued support of SGGS.

This year we are delighted to announce that we have been able to donate £500 towards the glass panel project at St Margaret of Antioch Church, £250 towards the Christmas Party for local children at Stoke Golding Club (12th December 2021), £150 towards supporting the Market Bosworth Gardening Club and £100 to the Little Explorers playgroup in Stoke Golding.

Date for your diaries - the 91st Annual Show will be held on Saturday 27th August 2022.

Schedules – these will be available from July 2022, but in the meantime if you have any questions, queries or suggestions, please contact 07809629690.

Tina Waters





Kitchen Corner

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

Surely everyone's favourite. This recipe is slightly different and definitely crunchier, with the use of the Oat Bran. This can be found in the cereal aisle of the supermarket, do not use oat flakes.

INGREDIENTS

125gms (4ozs) Softened Butter
½ Cup Caster Sugar
½ Cup Dark Brown Sugar
1 Egg
1tsp Vanilla Extract
½ tsp Bicarbonate of Soda
½ tsp Baking Powder
Pinch of Salt
1 Cup of Plain Flour
1 ½ Cups of Oat Bran
2 Packets of Dark Chocolate Chips

METHOD

Pre-heat the oven to 180C (350F)
or Gas Mark 4.
Line a baking sheet with non-stick

Greaseproof Paper.

Cream the butter and sugars together until light and fluffy, add the egg and vanilla extract and beat well. Now add the sieved flour, salt, bicarbonate of soda and baking powder and combine with the oat bran. Stir well to combine and lastly toss in the chocolate chips.

Take a tablespoon of the mixture and with your hands roll into small balls and place on the baking tray leaving room for the cookies to spread. This mixture makes about 36 cookies so you will have to cook them in 2 or 3 batches.

When they are removed from the oven, leave on the tray for a few minutes and then transfer to a cooling rack.

Perfect, with morning coffee or just for a snack. Do try them and enjoy.
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