

**August 2022**

**Online Special**

# The Stoker

*online*



**Stoke Golding Village Magazine**

*Including*

**Dadlington Matters**



## Note from the Editors



Welcome to this special edition of the Stoker! We wanted to give you all a free taster of what the Stoker will look like if you take out an annual digital subscription. The magazine will have all the same content as the paper version, but may also sometimes have a

video or audio extra piece of content. We hope this online subscription will appeal to those who have left the village but keep in touch with village life. We also welcome new subscribers in the village, as well as those wishing to switch from paper to digital. Some may even wish to do both! The digital copy will hopefully aid in keeping the magazine going in paper format for as long as people wish or need it to.

We would like to thank Neil Edwards who has very kindly helped us in setting up the web portal, payment and with getting this finally up and running. It has been something we have wanted to achieve for a couple of years, and without him wouldn't be possible.

Best wishes

*Steve & Kate*

## The Stoker Team

**Editors:** Steve Smithers (01455 213798) Kate Poyser Clark (01455 213744)

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Please send articles for the **September** issue of The Stoker by **15th August** to:

**The Editors, 23 Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding.**

**Email [thestoker@gmx.co.uk](mailto:thestoker@gmx.co.uk)**

If you can submit articles by e-mail or on a memory stick (Microsoft Word) it makes our job much easier, (**500 words maximum** please).

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*Cover picture: One of the beautiful troughs in the village. Courtesy of Leila Hind*

## **Successful Craft Fair for Ukraine**

Thank you to all those who took the time to come along and support the craft fair at the club today. We raised £239.65. Shout out to some special people. Special thanks to Tina and Evelina for suppling us with refreshments all day. The stall holders who gave their time to create the event and the club management for allowing the use of their premises. Helen for helping with a tricky situation. Asda for donating refreshments. We'll done and thank you all. We are fortunate to live in a caring supportive community that is more than willing to help others. I will be passing the monies onto Tina who is helping coordinate support of the Ukraine settlers in our village.



## **Great night of Live Music at The White Swan**

A massive Thankyou to each and everyone of you that came along to The White Swan to show your support. I really hope you enjoyed your evening with us.

Special thanks to a few people , namely Audio Monkey themselves for providing awesome entertainment for the night. Also my fantastic helpers for the night, Vicki, Jamie and Gareth without whom it would not have been possible to cope.

Thanks for all the donations which made it all worthwhile.

Martin (Landlord)







## Remember our furry friends in hot weather.

We have had some very hot weather other past few weeks, and may yet see more in August. Can everyone please remember that both domestic pets and wildlife need some extra help in this weather.

Put out shallow dishes of water for birds and animal visitors to the gardens, and a saucer of water for insects with a couple of semi submerged stones for bees and insects if you can.

Try to avoid walking dogs between hours of 9am - 9pm, especially on hot pavements. Local vets all recommend following guidelines like the ones set out below.

 <b>How hot is too hot?</b>						
°C	°F				KEY	OTHER FACTORS
15°	60°	1	1	1	1. No evidence of risk: Have fun outside!	+1 If obese
18°	65°	1	1	2		+1 If brachycephalic breed
21°	70°	2	2	3	2. Risk is unlikely: Have fun outside, but be careful!	+1 If less than 6 months old or elderly
23°	75°	3	3	3		-1 If area is shaded from sun
26°	80°	3	3	4		-1 If water is available
29°	85°	4	4	5	3. Unsafe potential, depending on breed. Keep an eye on your pet outdoors.	
32°	90°	5	5	5		
35°	95°	5	5	5		
37°	100°	5	5	5	4. Dangerous weather developing. Use caution.	
40°	105°	5	5	5		
43°	110°	5	5	5	5. Potentially life-threatening heat. Avoid prolonged outdoor activity.	

Source: adapted from The Tufts Animal Care and Conditions (TRAC) scales



## Join the Stoker Team!

We are looking for some new volunteers to join our friendly production team.

We would love to welcome someone who could do some village interviews, or suggest some new articles. We'd love a gardening page if that's something that would interest you.

You may be interested in doing something behind the scenes such as helping with the annual subscription collection, or helping distributing welcome packs.

We'd love to hear from you if you would like to get involved. The village will be a bit larger over the coming couple of years and all help will help us continue with the magazine.

We'd welcome new faces, and some younger members would also be great too!

Please call Kate or Steve (our numbers are inside the front cover on page 2) or email us at [stokereditors@gmail.com](mailto:stokereditors@gmail.com) for more info.





## **Stoke Golding Garden Show 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Open Show – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

Stoke Golding Garden Show is delighted to announce that preparations are now underway for the spectacular annual show. We are once again hoping for funding and sponsorship to help us along the way and we are actively appealing to the generosity of the public and businesses around Hinckley & Bosworth and Nuneaton.

For 2022, we have chosen to fund raise for and donate to Stoke Golding (and neighbouring villages) groups, causes and charity events, so that we can ensure we are supporting the local community in their efforts to help others.

The Show will be held, as usual, at Stoke Golding Club, 42 Hinckley Road, Stoke Golding Warwickshire CV13 6DZ in the Function Room. We are indebted to the Club committee for once again welcoming and hosting us, it makes such a difference to the day as a whole.

**To make a much needed £15 (min) class sponsorship donation, ask for help interpreting the rules, offer help, join the committee or to obtain further details, please contact Phil Burgess on 07561 686985 .**

The Show is open to anyone and everyone (we cater for all ages and abilities) and we attract competitors not only from Stoke Golding but from all around the county and occasionally even further afield. We have included sections to test ability in floral art, vegetable growing, flower growing, children's artistic ability, cake decorating, home baking, jam creation and much, much more. The result is a room displaying a riot of colour and diversity.

**This year there are novice classes once again, these being three beetroot, four potatoes, five tomatoes (any variety), five dwarf beans (any variety), five dessert apples, one cucumber, a vase of dahlias. Please note, our 'novice' classes are open to anyone who has not won a prize in the selected class at ANY Show, so that they can be judged purely against other novices.**

Following the judging at 6pm, the public are warmly invited to attend (ENTRY IS FREE), admire the class entries, congratulate the prize winners, buy raffle tickets for the ever popular raffle and then perhaps to bid on some of the produce in our fun Grand Auction later in the evening.

Schedules will be available from the **1<sup>st</sup> August** from Stoke Golding Club, the Surgery, the village notice board and the village pubs. These are **FREE** so why not pick up a copy and have a go at entering one of the varied classes on offer?



If you need any advice, or can't find a copy of the schedule, please contact Phil and he will happily drop one round to you, or post one out if you live further afield.

**One final thing – we are updating our page on Facebook. For photographs, event information and general queries, you may prefer to simply type in 'Stoke Golding Garden Show' to find us. The page will be regularly reviewed and updated as the year progresses, so if you could 'like and share' the page, to increase our online presence, it would be very much appreciated.**

**Thank you, we look forward to hearing from everyone.**

### **Help needed. Could you be a school governor?**

St. Margaret's Church of England Primary School, which is part of a multi school academy, still has a vacancy for a foundation governor. Although foundation governors are appointed by Leicester Diocesan Board of Education, usually they are local people. They may have come to the role because they have an interest in the school in question, in education generally or they may have a strength or quality which they can offer to the governing body.

Training is given to all governors and updating of training is ongoing.

It is important that anyone appointed to this post supports the Christian ethos of the school along with the school's vision and Christian values. These can be found on the school website.

School governance is vital, could this role be for you?

Please, if you think you can help, or would like to know more contact David Goodsell (Church Warden) on 212955 or [millburn5@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:millburn5@hotmail.co.uk)

Thank you, David



## Lighting the Beacon

A crowd of about thirty villagers had gathered close to the beacon at Hall Farm in Dadlington to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, with another group watching from the road. The beacon initially resisted the attempts to fire it into life from Kate and Eddie, but eventually, wisps of smoke began to rise into the air. Then, there appeared a flickering flame or two, which finally burst into a mighty conflagration that lit up the faces of the watching locals. Every so often, a piece of burning debris would vacate the beacon and set fire to the nearby grass, occasioning a cry of, "Fire! Fire!" from several children, the self-appointed guardians of the turf, and this was the cue for Ben to douse the small conflagration with water from a leaking bucket. It was great entertainment.



In recent times, the lighting of beacons has been associated with commemorative events, but the practice has been a form of defence from time immemorial. In the bible, Jeremiah 6:1 talks of "a sign of fire," to warn of approaching evil, whilst Isaiah 30:13 mentions, "a beacon on top of a mountain." For the inhabitants of our islands, the constant threat of an invasion by sea led to various kings ordering beacons to be set up and maintained.

The earliest documented occasion was in 1324 when Edward II, fearing an invasion by his estranged Queen Isabella, ordered beacons to be established on the Isle of Wight. In 1468, Edward IV set out a royal command to create a network of beacons, and these were no doubt the ones that Richard III was relying on seventeen years later, to bring him news of Henry Tudor's invasion. The most famous use of warning beacons came in 1588, with the threat of the Spanish Armada. Several beacons still in use today, were part of that early warning chain that began when the Spanish fleet were spotted off the coast of Devon and Cornwall. It is impossible to calculate how long it took the fire signals to reach Elizabeth I and her council in London but, even given the time taken to establish a decent flame visible from the nearby beacons, it would be considerably faster than a rider on horseback, the common form of communication over distance back then. The system had its flaws however. In 1545, with a feared invasion by the French, a coastal beacon was lit by mistake. The resulting domino effect of warning fires reached as far as Worcestershire where a militia of labourers and



farmers set off to engage with the enemy, reaching Swindon before being informed it was all a false alarm.

In terms of historical reenactment, the lighting of the Dadlington beacon fell short on many counts. For a start, all the Jubilee beacons were lit simultaneously across the country, rather than in a chain, which was just as well because, as the light faded, no other beacon could be clearly identified across the rolling Leicestershire and Warwickshire countryside. But as a piece of theatre and as an act of community celebration, it was a roaring success.

*M Dix*



# Dadlington Matters

## Screen on the Green

Screen on the Green is Dadlington's very own community cinema, showing films on the second Friday of each month from September to June. Entry to the screening costs £5 for your first drink. The doors and bar open at 7pm with the film beginning half an hour later, and there is also an opportunity to refresh drinks during the interval. Seating is informal, around tables cabaret style. Due to the terms of our license for showing films, we are not allowed to advertise them by name in publications like the Stoker but the programme for this autumn is easily found on the village hall website: <http://www.dadlingtonvillagehall.co.uk/screen-on-the-green.html> or by googling "Dadlington screen".



Our first film this autumn on 9<sup>th</sup> September is a 2020 comedy starring Jim Broadbent, and coming up we have a remake of a famous musical, a WW2 war drama and Nicholas Cage's latest. Please note, entry is first come, first serve with a limit of 60.



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## Stoke Golding WI

### Update from June's meeting Los Amigos

Our guest entertainers this week were Los Amigos, usually there are three members but unfortunately, one of the team was unwell, but two gentleman Harry on the drums and Neville on the guitar, gave us a very interesting and informative talk and entertained us with some great music.

They played us rhythms and we had to guess which dance would have accompanied the tune, such as Salsa, Cha Cha. Tango etc. then they played tunes which we had to name.

Harry then gave us a demonstration of the many types of drums which he had brought and the ways they can be played. He played with his hands and fingers not sticks

he had Bongos, Congo Drum, Peruvian collecting box, Samba Drum which makes animal noises by rubbing a wet cloth on a pole inside the drum, which had an open end. Box drum, (which we thought was a speaker,) when we saw it, but Harry sat on it and created a rhythm by beating a tune on it. It made a higher sound at the top of the box and a deeper sound lower down

Neville then used his guitar to demonstrate the various rhythms and tones of the Cuban style of music, he played 'el condor passa' which most of now know as a Simon and Garfunkle Classic, plus how to produce the classical south American sound.

Members enjoyed tortilla chips and dips while listening.

We welcomed lots of guests to our meeting and hope that they enjoyed the evening and will come again.



**You can read about the July meeting in the September edition of The Stoker.**

## What's On

### St Margaret's Church

**Flower Festival 27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022**



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**Wedding Dresses on display all week**

Refreshments available in St Margaret's School,  
opposite the church, with various stalls  
including tombola, cakes, plants, bric-a-brac etc. There will  
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Next coffee mornings

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November 17<sup>th</sup>  
December 15<sup>th</sup>

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