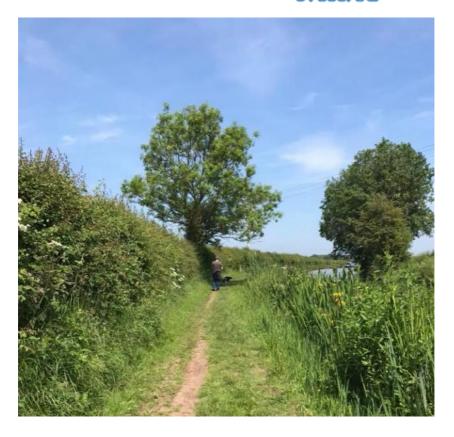
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Note from the Online Editor

Welcome to this free mini special Stoker Online edition.

If you are new to the online edition to the Stoker this gives you a taster of reading the magazine online.

There are a few new What's On events received after the deadline and a couple of articles we couldn't fit in the last Stoker that are pertinent to summertime and a new guiz too.

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer break, in spite of the very British weather!

Just a reminder that we will need any articles in by the 15th August for the next edition to avoid disappointment, as most pages are already spoken for! You will receive details of how to subscribe / continue to subscribe to The Stoker in the September edition too.

Best Wishes

Kate

The Stoker Team

Editors: Steve Smithers (01455 213798) Kate Poyser Clark (01455 213744 *Production Team:* Ella Orr, Jill Webster, Sandra Pollard, Avis Raynor, and thanks to Jane White (welcome packs)

Please send articles for the **Sept** issue of The Stoker **by 15th Aug** to:

The Editors, 23 Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding.

New email = stokereditors@gmail.com

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). All correspondence, including e-mails, must include your full name, home address and home telephone number.

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Cover picture: Summertime on the Canal - Kate Poyser Clark

Soggy Dogs

My Border Collie Brèagha is nearly 11 and has some arthritis so the vet had suggested hydrotherapy may be helpful in keeping her toned and healthy. Whilst doing some searching on the internet I found Soggy Dogs K9 Swim Centre in Earl Shilton. It is a private pool you can hire for 30 or 60 minute sessions, where you can even get in and swim with your dogs!

Last weekend we ventured across to try it out, and had a brilliant time. It is a great facility and I can definitely recommend it. The ladies who run it from their home are very friendly, and even have life jackets (human and doggy ones) and toys to use free of charge. They set up the pool for a dog of theirs with several health issues and opened it to the public to help pay for its upkeep.





If you fancy a swim with your dogs you can find out more at their website www.soggydogs.co.uk and book a session.

I thought I'd share this with the dog owners in our readership as it's a great find, really reasonable cost wise and seems a bit of a hidden gem in the area. We are booked in for another session already!!

Kate Poyser Clark

Gold for Joe

Well done to Joe Taylor, going from strength to strength with his boxing.

We will have a feature with Joe in the next Stoker magazine, but for now - well done Joe on winning gold in the Hull Box Cup ...also well done to his club Bulkington who won best team after winning 5 gold medals in total!

We look forward to sharing more about the weekend and what's coming next for you in September's Stoker.



Kate Poyser Clark

Summer Quiz

A few summer teasers for you all to enjoy.

- 1. Which country experiences the 'Midnight Sun' during the summer?
- 2. What is the most expensive summer Olympic games ever held?
- 3. In the Northern Hemisphere, when do "dog days of summer" typically occur?
- 4. What is the name for a fear of the sun?
- 5. Which vitamin is produced in the body with the help of sunlight?
- 6. What causes people's hair to lighten and skin to tan in the sun?
- 7. What is the common name for the summer constellation Cygnus?
- 8. Which author wrote the classic summer novel "The Great Gatsby"?
- 9. Which novel is told partly by its heroine Esther Summerson?
- 10. Which singer was known as the 'Queen of Disco'?

Methodist Church Services August All Services start at 10am

SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST

Service led by Keith Ware SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST

Service with Holy Communion led by Rev Patricia Mukorombindo

Refreshments in the hall after the services





There is no Messy Church in August but be ready for Messy Harvest in September!

The Stoker

I'm so pleased to be able to bring you all the Stoker Online. You will find the regular magazines here plus occasional extra blog posts throughout the year. You can find us at www.thestokeronline.co.uk you will find a welcome post, and a short free jubilee edition to give you an idea about how you will access the online version. You can subscribe on the site through secure payment via Stripe for £10 for 12 months, and why not tell family and friends who moved away so they too can stay in touch with village life?

Thank you all for your support of the Magazine — *Kate Poyser Clark*





Tips for coping in hot weather



Look out for those who are most at risk: the elderly, young children, babies and those with underlying health conditions - help them to keep themselves cool and hydrated.



Stay cool indoors - Learn how to keep your home cool, see gov.uk.



Close curtains in rooms that face the sun to keep indoor spaces cooler.

Remember, it may be cooler outdoors than indoors.



If going outdoors, use cool spaces considerately.



Drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol. If you are leaving the house, take a bottle of water.



Never leave anyone or any animal in a closed, parked vehicle.



Try to keep out of the sun during the hottest part of the day - 11 in the morning to 3 in the afternoon.



Walk in the shade, apply sunscreen regularly, wear a wide-brimmed hat and light, loose-fitting clothing if you go out in the heat.



Avoid exercising during the hottest parts of the day. Try and exercise before 11am or after 3pm if you can.



If you are going into open water (rivers, lakes and the sea) to cool down, take care and follow local safety advice.

Information from nhs.uk



Come along & find out more about the services & events we can offer in the local community at our Earl Shilton Community Centre Open Day!

- ♦Mega tombola in the activities room everyone's a winner!
- ♦Tea, coffee and cake will be served in Oasis along with slushies & sweets
- ♦Mini market in Oasis
- ♦Photos by Rains Photography

Come and meet Helena & Jenny at our Meeting Centre and discuss how we can support you and/or your family and friends.

All proceeds from the day will stay within the centre & help us to continue our support and services for older people & their families in Earl Shilton.

Please note: We do have a Day Club in operation in the Lounge (10.00am – 3.00pm) and a Friendship Group in the Main Hall 1.45pm – 3.45pm so please take care around the centre on the day.

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The Stoker Magazine needs you!

We are looking for a couple of people to join our team. Please contact Kate on 07983084427 or email us at stokereditors@gmail.com to find out more.



Interested in joining a Creative Workshop?



This is a message to all the inspiring, creative, and artistic people that we have in our villages today.

You are invited to bring your work, sharing our knowledge and skills with each other as we create in our own space. This is a 2 hour workshop 10:30 to

12.30 at the Baxter Hall.

Please let me know if you are interested. I can be contacted by phone or email.... Or simply pop in if you wish

Thank you, Doreen Rose

dor.rose@btinternet.com Tel: 01455 213798

Dadlington Matters

Screen on The Green

Thanks to everyone who has attended this season's cinematic offerings. We have enjoyed an eclectic mix of films over the past 10 months, in excellent company.

We shall return in September with a great programme of films for you to enjoy, and we look forward to your continuing support.

If you have any suggestions for films you think we might all like to see; classic, modern, black and white, comedy or simply something you may have missed, do let us know. All suggestions (we do draw the line at horror!) to dvhmc2015@gmail.com please.

Dadlington Coffee and Chat



The monthly Coffee Mornings in Dadlington Village Hall are brilliantly attended with both regulars and new friends and acquaintances, from Stoke Golding and Dadlington. The atmosphere is always very friendly and convivial and the cakes are utterly delicious!

They are held on the first Thursday of each month from 10am – 12noon.

All are very welcome, so do come and join us at the next one on Thursday July 6th.

Rachel Rees-Jones

Dadlington & Sutton Cheney Parish Council

Your new Dadlington Ward Councillors would like to thank all residents for your support in the recent local elections. We look forward to representing you and helping to ensure our village continues to thrive. Please contact any of us if you have any matters you would like to discuss, or the Clerk, Hannah Pickles, on suttoncheneypc@gmail.com. The Council website will be updated shortly to reflect the changes that have happened, this will include dedicated email addresses, in the meantime please use the following.

Neil Franklin nsfweb@me.com Phil Kiteley. 01455 212189 Linda Mayne 07766016764 Simon Rees-Jones 01455 212538

Dadlington Matters

Thank you

Thank you from all of us in Dadlington to Michael Dix, who has been our representative on The Stoker committee until his recent move to Market Bosworth. Michael has helped to ensure that events that happen in Dadlington are reported on these pages and has done so in style.

With his departure from the village in mind, it would be great if villagers could send anything you think is worth sharing with others to the editors at stokereditors@gmail.com

We definitely want to keep

Dadlington Matters alive and vibrant

within The Stoker.

Dadlington residents

Dadlington Speedwatch

The Parish Council has successfully applied for a Speedwatch Campaign to be held in Dadlington and Sutton Cheney. With the support of the Police and County Council we will be monitoring traffic volume and speed through Dadlington from Saturday 16th September to Friday 29th September.

Speedwatch has several aims - to raise awareness among drivers that there is a speed limit, to emphasise our Community commitment to keeping the village safe, to send speeding drivers a warning letter from the police and to gather data to inform future traffic calming measures. We do need volunteers! Please contact any of your village Councillors for further information, without volunteers from the village we cannot run Speedwatch, so please step forward to do something about a problem we are all increasingly frustrated by.

Events on over the Summer at the Bosworth Battlefield Centre

Illyria Presents: Robin Hood - Open Air Theatre

Saturday 22nd July, 3pm - 4:50pm

Adult: £16.00, Concession: £14.00, Child: £10.00, Family (2 adults & 2 children): £48.00. Pre-booking Essential.

From the earliest ballads of Robin Hood, some pre-dating Chaucer, Illyria has created a fast-moving, fun-packed family show.

History Through the Ages Sunday 6th August, 10am - 4pm

£2 per person. Under 3s Free.

Come along and meet re-enactors of multiple ages through history, from Roman to the 20th Century. Witness the fashions, the lifestyles & changes through time along with presentations and shooting demonstrations!

Bosworth Medieval Medley Saturday 19th - Sunday 20th August, 10am - 4pm

Adult: £5, Child: £3.50. Under 3s Free.

Visitors will be able to get up close to medieval history at the living history camps, where re-enactment groups from the Wars of the Roses Federation will bring 1485 to life.

The Ferrers Household

Saturday 26th - Monday 28th August, 10am - 4pm

£2 per person. Under 3s Free.

Come visit the campsite of the Household of Sir Walter Devereux, The Lord Ferrers during the 15th Century and loyal supporters of the House of York.

Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre, Sutton Cheney, CV13 0AD https://www.bosworthbattlefield.org.uk/whats-on/

e: bosworth@leics.gov.uk

t: 01455 290429 (10am - 4pm)

Answers for The Summer Quiz

- 1. Norway
- 2. The 2008 Beijing Olympics, approx. 7. The Swan \$40 billion
- 3. From July 3 to August 11
- 4. Heliophobia
- Vitamin D

- 6. Ultraviolet Radiation
- 8. F. Scott Fitzgerald
- Bleak House
- 10. Donna Summer





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Stoke Golding Flower Festival St Margaret's Church CV13 6HE

Theme - Myths and Legends



August Bank Holiday Weekend

Saturday 26th August 10:00am – 5:00pm Sunday 27th August 12:00noon – 5:00pm Monday 28th August 10:00am – 2:00pm

Refreshments available in St Margaret's School

Cakes/jams, bric-a-brac, books, tombola, raffle etc.



Free parking in the school playground



Charity Quiz Night
Wednesday 26th July and 30th August

7.30pm at The George and Dragon.

Max of 6 per team please. Bring a picnic and join the fun.

Stoke Golding Book Group

We meet every first Thursday of each month in the Snug at the White Swan at 7.30 pm. We read & discuss a wide selection of books over a relaxing drink in the pub.

Please ring Hilary 07768442251 if you'd like further details.

Or – just turn up, everyone welcome.



Coffee in the Pub

The George and Dragon would like to invite you to a community coffee morning.

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Stoke Golding Garden Produce Show 92nd Open Show

Saturday 26th August 2023

Stoke Golding Club 42 Hinckley Road, CV13 6DZ

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6pm - Open to the public (free admission to everyone)

8pm - Presentations (class/section winners)

8.20pm - Clear Down

8.45pm - Grand Auction (come and bid on the produce!)

9pm - Grand Raffle

Competitors from 10-1pm

For more information contact
Chantelle: 07957 720551

Open Garden Invitation Sunday 27th August from 2 to 5pm Entrance fee £3. Children under 5 free. Dogs on leads are welcome.

Hi I am opening my garden to raise funds for Hope into Action and Market Bosworth Garden Club. There will be plants for sale but no refreshments which will be available ten minutes walk away at St Margaret's church/school.

Hope into Action is a Christian based charity which provides homes for homeless people plus friendship and support to help overcome their very individual causes of homelessness. One very vulnerable group in Hinckley now is young single men who were employed in hospitality and some areas of retail but lost their jobs during the pandemic, and without an income, their rented accommodation. Some, for a time, sofa surfed with friends and family but ultimately became homeless. They were then stuck in a spiral - without an address they could not apply for jobs and without work were without the means to find a home.

I first became involved with Hope into Action whilst living in Norwich and was so impressed with the difference it made to peoples lives if they were offered genuine friendship and support to get back on their feet that I persuaded my church (United Reformed Church, Hinckley) to partner with HIA in Coventry to provide a house. They are in the process of purchasing a house in Hinckley and we are currently raising funds to provide all the necessaries to make a good home.

Market Bosworth Garden Club you will all know through the hard work and enterprise of Judy, the chair, who will be at the school also selling plants on that day as she so often does at similar events in her home town and surrounding villages.

Please come and support us. You will receive a warm welcome. Karen Jones

105 Hinckley Road, Stoke Golding 01455213783

Dear reader, if you have a family announcement such as births, marriages, obituaries, graduation, celebrations etc we would love to share them for free for you!

Please do email them to us at stokereditors@gmail.com (max 200 words and one photograph)



Church Matters



From St Margaret's and St James's Church



Hello everyone,

July is a funny old month. It starts off as a "normal" month e.g., work, school, and then suddenly everything changes as the school year ends and the long summer holiday begins.

I worked in Coventry at a time when for a fortnight in July, the city seemed deserted as schools, factories, nurseries closed for "Coventry fortnight" and everyone went away. As a cyclist, it was great with very little traffic on the roads. However, for many people it was a real challenge when trying to book holidays in a company or organization which was not closing but needed to keep trading or offering services.

Today, things seem somewhat different but in the middle of the month, schools still close and parents, grandparents are planning what to do for the next six (or sometimes seven) weeks!!! If that isn't enough, should it rain or shine on St Swithin's Day (15th July) then, the story goes, 40 days of similar weather will follow!!! Is this an opportunity for someone to keep a record of the weather on 15th July where you live and then if the following 40 days have the same weather – any takers? Perhaps you might share your results in a future edition of the Magazine.

July - a month of change and no matter how well we prepare beforehand it seems to be with us before we know it. Then we come to August which continues the holiday mode. August is about warm evenings when we possibly feel more relaxed and look forward to having outdoor family time together with a barbeque, celebration or just sharing time with friends. We may even be on holiday!!!

Yet as August draws to a close, young people are receiving notifications of exam results, children (and parents) are preparing for moves to a new school or new year with a different teacher.

As we move into July and August, whilst change is in the air for these two months, let us make the most of the holiday time that is presented. Perhaps it is worth noting that in the hurly and burly of His Ministry,

Jesus took time out to recharge his batteries through prayer and quietness. Is this something we should all try? Maybe, at the start of each week during July and August, we could take "time out" for five minutes or so to share with God our hopes and concerns for the week just gone and the week ahead.

Perhaps this could be a lead in:

"God of July (or August), Lord of the year, lead us through this week with hope and love".

Have an enjoyable time over the summer and I hope that St Swithin will give you the weather you wish for. Me, I'll sit on the fence and hope for both rain and shine!!!

Keith Cornford.

Church of England Services July & August 2023

St Margaret's, Stoke Golding

23 July 10.30am Morning Worship

30 July 10.30am Benefice Communion **Higham**

6 August 10.30am All-Age Service

13 August 10.30am Benefice Communion Fenny Drayton

20 August 10.30am Holy Communion27 August 10.30am Festival Praise

St James', Dadlington

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