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Mobile Library	01584 813600
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Rural Stress Network	024 7641 2916
NHS Direct	0845 4647
Shropshire Rural Housing	01743 874848
Severn Trent Water (Emergencies)	0800 7834444
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Fighting Cocks	718270
Shropshire Registration Service	0845 6789016
Police	0300 333 3000 or 101 non emergency calls

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STOTTESDON AND SIDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting

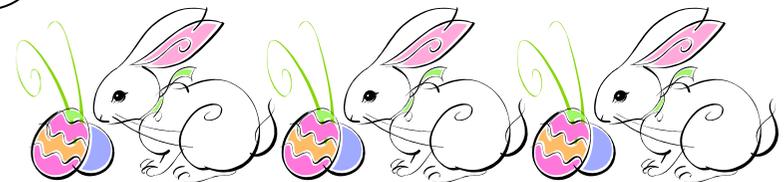
Monday 14th April 2014

7pm

In

Chorley Village Hall

*Come and hear all about the
local organisations in the Parish*



**NEWSLETTER
SPRING 2014**

Chairman's Annual report from Cllr Rosemary Abbiss

I would like to start by thanking Cllr Brian Hamilton Russell who took the Chair at the Annual Parish Council meeting post the elections 2013. Brian had done an excellent job in leading the Council for the last few years. Due to personal reasons he felt the need to stand down from the position a few months ago which was a sad moment for us all.

I was particularly sad that we failed to have enough candidates stand for election. We have always prided ourselves in having a full Council (10 members) We still have 2 vacancies if anyone is interested, it is not an onerous task and training is available which many of us take advantage of regularly. There are several fairly new Councillors who are learning how local democracy works within the parish. As some of us are "old hands" at the job we are always willing to give guidance if it is needed and together with the help of our very experienced Clerk, Mrs Freda Morris, we have full legal backing and guidance. As we are members of the Shropshire Association of Local Councils extra help and advice can be accessed through the office and any legal matters they are not able to give guidance on, the legal team at the National Association of Local Councils are accessed.

One of the main concerns to us has been the way our local road network has deteriorated over the last months and years. Representation continues to be made to the Highways Division but being "cash strapped" repairs are limited, but we can say that we do get a very good service from them due to the good liaison that the Clerk has built up with the officers over the years. We will continue to bring to their attention the areas needing attention. If anyone has concerns about highway issues please contact the Clerk and not Shropshire Council as we need to know what the issues are. She will always liaise with Highways without the need to wait for a Parish Council meeting.

Parish Watch continues to operate in our Parish under the leadership of Cllr Brian Hamilton-Russell and anyone seeing anything suspicious from a vehicle to persons should feed this through to him on 718577 and he will pass it through to the Police who may then be able to build up a full picture if anything comes from it.

Lengthsman Scheme: Shropshire Council give the Parish Council a grant each year which we are able to do small maintenance jobs at the edges of the highway as well as give some attention to footpaths, particularly in icy conditions. We have a contract with Willowdene Rehabilitation Unit at Chorley to take on these tasks.

As I became Chairman I sadly felt the need to stand down as Community Governor of Stottesdon Primary School a position I had held for a few years. This was done over much heart searching as it is difficult to let go of something that you have enjoyed. The School Governors decided that they still wished to keep contact through the Parish Council providing a nomination and at the February meeting it was proposed and agreed that Cllr Adele Millington from Chorley should take the position. I truly hope she enjoys getting involved with the education of our local youngsters as much as I did, which is a very important task.

I close wishing to thank the help and support that the Councillors give me. I also cannot let the opportunity go in thanking Mrs Freda Morris for all the exceptional work that she does for this parish. She is very well experienced holding many certificates in local council and works many hours very often over and above her contracted hours. You can contact her at any reasonable hour during weekdays and at weekends in emergencies and messages left are always responded to. On behalf of everyone in the community, a huge Thank You Freda!

Parish Council accounts for year ending 31st March 2013:

	Year ending 31.3.12 £	Year ending 31.3.13 £
1. Balances brought forward	13688	14985
2. (+) Annual precept	14340	17000
3. (+) Total other receipts	3349	3572
4. (-) Staff costs	9453	9646
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	988	988
6. (-) All other payments	5941	8676
7. (=) Balances carried forward	14985	16247
8. Total cash and short term investments	14985	16247
9. Total fixed assets and long term assets	1578	4470
10. Total borrowings	5938	5191
11. Trust funds (including charitable) disclosure note	NO	NO

Many thanks again to Mrs Val Hill for carrying out the internal audit. The accounts were audited by the appointed external auditors Mazars LLP of Southampton with no queries raised.

Fairer Funding for the Rural Areas: Report from Unitary Cllr Madge Shineton

Many of you will remember the Rural Services Network campaign and signing the Petition for a Fairer share of funding for Rural Areas. The Petition was presented in Parliament in November and there has been some success. Both Ministers and Civil Servants accepted that the rural areas have been treated unfairly for many years. Government has announced their final settlement for Councils this year of £11.5 million through the new Rural Services Delivery Grant, an extra £3million this year. In addition they have created a Rural Cost Commission to look in depth at the extra costs to deliver Public Services e.g. Health; Education; Transport etc. in the rural areas.

The last eighteen months all groups involved with health have been working together to streamline all sections of health care for patients and carers. With changes in the services available in the Princess Royal and the Royal Shrewsbury Hospitals, the new Women's and Children's unit and the wonderful success of the Stroke unit, we can see the start of providing the people of Shropshire with all round care from Hospital to back home. Please take part in the many meetings and consultation which will be being held in the next few months.

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Larger print format of this newsletter is available from the Clerk*

Stottesdon & Sidbury Church News:

We're rapidly approaching what is, perhaps, the most important Christian Festivals of the year so there's plenty for you to join in with over the coming days. All of our services are suitable for the whole family and a selection of books and toys for young children are available in both Churches. Sunday April 13th, Palm Sunday Procession. Meet in the parking area near Stottesdon School at 10:15am where we hear again the account of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. From there, as the Church bells ring, we will make our way to Church for a service of Holy Communion. This service will be followed by refreshments served at the back of Church.

On Good Friday, 18th April, at 12noon, there will be the opportunity to spend an hour before the cross with a series of meditative readings and times of silence. Later that day at 7:30pm, we will be showing Mel Gibson's film, The Passion Of The Christ. There is no charge to come and see the film but it is a cert. 18 and therefore only suitable for adults (or teenagers if, and only if, accompanied by parents). Refreshments will be available.

On Easter Day, 20th April, Holy Communion will be celebrated in a short half-hour service at Sidbury beginning at 8am and a longer (one hour) service at Stottesdon beginning at 10:30am.

Sidbury Fete:

Do join us for our annual fundraising fete in the beautiful setting of Sidbury Hall on Saturday 17th May. Doors open at 6pm. We will have a wide range of activities and stalls for you to enjoy as well as children's races, a barbecue and plenty of opportunities to win some fantastic prizes. This year we are helping to raise funds for Holy Trinity Church in Sidbury and The County Air Ambulance.

Chancel Repair Liability:

Many of you will be aware of the recent publicity St Mary's Church has received over ancient rights called Chancel Repair Liability when twenty-five land-owners were notified of their responsibilities for a percentage of the costs of any repairs to the Chancel, the sacred part of the church, containing the altar. Concerns began to rise as soon as letters from The Land Registry started to arrive on doormats and the angst in our community continued to grow. The prospect of division in the community led the Parochial Church Council (PCC) in Stottesdon to carefully review and consider all the relevant facts and the PCC has now decided to withdraw the registrations from The Land Registry. In Stottesdon there are 87 plots of land and one family home (belonging to one of our churchwardens) to which CRL remains attached in the ownership of twenty-five individuals or estates amounting to 62.84% of any future chancel repair. Legislation passed by parliament required all churches with Chancel Repair Liabilities to register them by October 2013 or risk losing the rights altogether. Over sixty churches are affected in the Diocese of Hereford with hundreds more across the country. The consequences of Chancel Repair Liability in our parish have made it very difficult for us to carry out our prime objective of sharing God's love within our community. The Christian faith has much to say about healing and reconciliation, and we trust that this decision will help us to live out the message that we preach.

Annual Parish meeting:

This will be held in Chorley Village Hall on Monday 14th April at 7pm. Annual reports will be given by local groups and the Parish Council has invited Rev Colin Resch to speak about the Chancel Repair Liability. Mr John Clark, Hereford Diocesan Secretary will also attend the meeting.

Please come along and listen to what has been happening in the parish over the last year—**this is the meeting of the parishioners!**

Chorley Family Playgroup Annual Easter Egg Hunt:

Chorley Family Playgroup are hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for children on Friday 11th April, to take place in the village of Stottesdon.

The Hunt will begin at 3pm, at Stottesdon Church, immediately after the Easter service, all children are welcome to come and join in the fun! The event will involve a scavenger hunt based around the village for school aged children. There will also be an Easter Egg hunt for pre-school aged children, which will focus around playgroup but will also begin at the church. The entry fee is £3 per child and will include a hotdog. Afterwards, playgroup will be serving refreshments and welcoming contributions for the Easter Cake competition!

Please do come along and join us, it will be a fun afternoon and everyone is welcome! For any further details please contact Playgroup Manager Zoe Day on 01746 718769 or just turn up on the day at Stottesdon Church.

Monthly Film Club at Chorley Village Hall:

'About Time' on Thursday 24th April at 7.30. Romantic comedy with Bill Nighy and Lindsay Duncan, directed by Richard Curtis

'Sunshine on Leith' 15th May at 7.30. Cert PG Musical drama based on the sensational stage hit of the same name, featuring music by pop-folk band The Proclaimers.

'Le Weekend' 12th June at 7.30. Cert 15 Bittersweet film with Jim Broadbent and Lindsay Duncan playing a long-married couple who revisit Paris for a long weekend

'The Great Gatsby' 10th July at 7.30

Autumn films include '12 years a slave', 'Philomena' and 'Saving Mr Banks'

Membership for 12 months is just £5 per adult / £2 for under 16s with FREE entry to all films and use of DVD library

Contact Joe or Richard on 718693 or joe@phoenix-cottage.co.uk

Dog fouling:

Just a reminder that we are still receiving complaints regarding dog fouling despite signs being put up throughout the Parish. Please remember that it is an offence to allow your dogs to foul and fines can be imposed.

Speeding:

Complaints are still being received regarding speeding vehicles throughout the Parish especially in Chorley and through Stottesdon. Please slow down before an accident happens. If you are able to take a note of registration numbers feed this into the Police or to the Parish Watch co-ordinator who will act on the information given.

Electoral Roll:

Did you forget to fill in the electoral roll registration form? If so you can do so now by contacting Shropshire Council on: registration@shropshire.gov.uk or contact number: 0345 678 9015 to request a Household Registration Form or by using the following link <http://www.aboutmyvote.co.uk/>

It is important that our registers are up to date as the Parish Council use a formula to allocate grants to local causes by using the number of electors on the electoral roll.

If you still have the forms sent out to you please complete these and return as soon as possible or use the above contact details to register. It is a legal requirement to complete these forms.

The Chorley Show is back. ----- Saturday 2nd August 2014.

After a gap of two years a group of interested residents have decided the time is right to resurrect the very popular **CHORLEY SHOW**, which, as many of you know, offered a great day out for the family and over the years raised many thousands of pounds for local charities and good causes in the process.

Our aim this year is to lay the foundations for (hopefully) future shows, and we are endeavouring to have a smaller and more intimate show than in the past, but, very much focusing on the community and the family.

We hope to have on the day, all the old favourites, **Dog Shows for adults and children**, various demonstrations including **Birds of Prey, Donkey rides, Tug of War, live music, hot and cold food will be available along with refreshments (beer tent)**, all the usual fun, as you would expect.

If you can make it, do come along and join in the fun, watch this space for future news.

If you would like to be involved, directly or indirectly we would be pleased for your assistance, if you think you could take a turn directing traffic, able to bake cakes, making sandwiches, or if qualified, helping with our First Aid facility etc, you can contact any one of the following people to register your interest.

Joe & Richard Bubb	Tel 718693	Nick & Gailey Heewood	Tel 718224
Philip Wood	Tel 761717	Dave & Chris Rix	Tel 718156
Adele Millington	Tel 718056		

We are sure you will have a great day out, and you will definitely make new friends in the process.

Bonfires:

Just a reminder that before you light a bonfire please be neighbourly and check whether your neighbours have washing hanging out!!

A Taste of Italy:

Friday 16th May promises to be an unmissable date at the Village Hall in Chorley. The VH Committee and Majestic Wines of Ludlow have got together again to present an informal wine tasting, together with foods to match each of six wines. The event will feature a wine raffle, wine quiz and other fundraising activities for CVH. Advanced booking is essential – please call Sarah on 718788 or Liz on 718072.

GARDENS OPEN DAY:

This year the biennial garden fest will take place on the weekend of June 20th and 21st between 11 am and 6 pm. The entrance fee is £5, free to children under 14. Unless otherwise indicated, the money raised will go to the National Garden Scheme which supports charities such as Marie Curie Nurses, Macmillan Cancer Support and Help the Hospices. Until the actual opening, we cannot be certain how many gardens will open, but there should be up to 15 in Stottesdon, Chorley and the countryside between. Though this is enough, please let me know of any hidden gem or interesting garden, no matter how small, that should be considered. We would certainly welcome volunteers to help with parking and teas, either for a few hours or the two days. Surplus plants and produce would also be welcome for the plant and produce stall.

The school garden is open in its own right, and if this is the only garden families wish to visit it is free of charge. There will be activities suitable for young children. Children must be in the charge of a responsible adult, as there are no crèche facilities.

For further details contact Tina King on 01746 718543

GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME:

Gardeners' Question Time is coming to Stottesdon on Monday June 16th. The programme is made for B.B.C Radio 4 by the Somethin'Else production company. The crew will be here during the day, with the recording being made in the evening. A sound engineer visited us last August and after assessing three possible venues, chose St. Mary's Church, because of its size and superb acoustics. There will be a small entrance charge, which will include light refreshments and pay for any expenses incurred.

Please note the B.B.C. rules are strict. This is not a fundraising event for anyone and no sponsorship nor associated advertising is allowed. The Company also does not permit 'minors under the age of 16 and those over 16 must be accompanied by an adult'.

Locally, tickets will be on sale nearer the event at The Fighting Cocks shop.

For further information contact Tina King 01746 718543.

GARDENS OPEN DAY POT COMPETITION:

The Theme this year is the Horse, fictional or real. Think of Red Rum, Black Beauty, My Little Pony. The choice reflects both the meaning of Stottesdon and the Chinese Year of the Horse. Exhibits can be made in any size pot and must contain at least 2 plants – though allowances will be made for vivid imagination.

Entry fee is £1 and pots are to be placed in the Manor Farm car park by 10am on Saturday 21st June. There will be a prize for the best pot, voted for by the public. In addition, there will be a prize for the best pot by an under 10 child and a special prize.

Dates of next Council meetings/newsletter deadline:

April 14th - Annual Parish meeting, April 28th, May 19th, June 23rd, July 28th, August 18th, September 22nd, October 27th, November 24th, December 15th.

Next newsletter deadlines are June 15th and September 21st. Please try to make sure that articles are kept to a maximum of 200 words and forwarded to the Clerk, preferably via email, by 12 noon on the deadline date. Any lengthy articles will be reduced.