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Severn Trent Water (Emergencies)	0800 7834444
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Police	0300 333 3000 or 101 non emergency calls

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Parish Council Chairman:

It was with regret that Councillors accepted the resignation of Cllr Brian Hamilton-Russell as Chairman at the meeting on September 16th. Cllr Rosemary Abbiss has taken over this role with Cllr Hazel Barratt taking over as Vice Chairman.

New Councillors:

Since our last newsletter we have welcomed onto the Parish Council 3 new Councillors - Adele Millington from Chorley, Mark Evans from Stottesdon and Sheila Steed from Wrickton. We still have 2 vacancies so if anyone else is interested or would like to find out more please contact the Clerk.

Newsletter circulation:

Thank you to those who responded regarding the circulation of future newsletters. Councillors have agreed that newsletters will be delivered in the village centres of Chorley and Stottesdon and at Wrickton. A supply will be available for collection from the Doctors Surgery, Shop, Heath Farm Meats, Duck Inn, Fighting Cocks, Church and will also be available on the Parish Council website.

Deadline for items for the next newsletter is **5th January 2014 at 12 noon**. Any items received after this date will not be included.

Complaints:

The Parish Council continue to receive complaints regarding the following:

- Speeding vehicles. We cannot stress enough that our roads are narrow and with farm implements and lorries getting bigger there is nowhere to go if you meet these large vehicles at speed. PLEASE slow down.
- Drivers using mobile phones - please use hands free.
- Tractor drivers have been seen driving with children on their laps and using their mobile phones at the same time - this is VERY dangerous.
- Dog fouling - this is dangerous to young children as well as not being very pleasant. Please clean up after your dogs and use the bins provided.
- Horse manure on the roads - we are aware that this is not as dangerous as dog fouling but it is unpleasant outside peoples houses. If you are able to go and clear this up please do so.
- Parking alongside the recycling banks in Station Road - this bay is for vehicles to stand clear of the road whilst using the banks.
- Parking outside Stottesdon School/Glebe Drive. Please use the parking bays and not the BUS STOP and do not restrict access into Glebe Drive or park in front of residents drives/gates.
- Children playing on the roads both in Stottesdon and Chorley.
- Parking in the lay by outside the Doctor's Surgery is for patients and Doctors use. Please remember that there is a surgery every morning and also on 3 afternoons.

This is not the Parish Council 'moaning again' but complaints from parishioners-if you have any complaints or concerns please let the Clerk or a Councillor know - these can be kept as 'confidential' with no names given at the meetings. It is not very helpful just to use the Shropshire Council Customer Services and remain anonymous as they often need further information and seek this from the Parish Council.

Film Club at Chorley Village Hall:

Come along to the monthly Film Club at Chorley Village Hall – everyone is welcome.

Autumn films include:

'Les Miserables' on Thursday 10th October at 7.30pm

'Life of Pi' on Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm Christmas film (to be confirmed) on Thursday 12th December at 7.30pm

Membership for 12 months from joining is just £5 per adult / £2 for under 16s with FREE entry to all films and use of the DVD library. Any queries, contact Joe or Richard on 718693 or joe@phoenix-cottage.co.uk

Stottesdon and Cleobury Mortimer Hospice Support Group:

We have the following fund raising events:

The Harvest Moon Music Festival at Autumn Grove Farm, Oretton, DY14 8RP on Saturday 28th September at 7.30pm. Fish and Chips and bar available. Tickets are £5, children under 12 free and can be obtained from Madge Shineton, Severn Hospice Shop at Cleobury Mortimer or Fighting Cocks.

Charity Tractor Road Run, Honeysuckle Oretton - 6th October 10am. Pig Roast and raffle. All proceeds to Lingen Davies Cancer Appeal and Air Ambulance.

Festive Shop at The Cock - Thursday 5th December from 7.30pm . Proceeds to a Charity to be decided.

Bogus callers:

Please be aware that there has been an increase in bogus caller so please make sure you ask for ID.

Chorley Family Playgroup:

The Playgroup received a grant of just over £5000 from the Big Lottery Fund which enabled them to run a holiday club which was open every day over the school summer holidays and offered a huge range of different activities including Crafts, Archery, Bushcraft, Kite making, Ball Skills and Multisports, Mad Science, Pyjama Drama, Paper Making and Fantastic Fossils.

Places are currently available for the holiday club for the next half term and Christmas holidays. They are aimed at children aged between 2-11 years, between 8am – 5.30pm from Monday to Friday and not only provide valuable childcare for working parents, but are great fun for the children! For further information or to book your child a place, please contact playgroup manager Zoe Day on 01746 718769.

Please note:

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From the archives:*Almshouses 1703.*

This seems to be in the dim and distant past and with no relation whatever to our 'world of today'! I know times change but it's never very clear whether it's for the better! Life now gallops along at such a pace, what with computers and the Internet and goodness knows what else! It seems that you can't do anything quietly on your own, in your own way these days but some person some place else can press a couple of buttons and say "I saw you"!

But, let us go back a short while, back to 1703 when George Rushbury and Richard Rushbury granted to trustees a piece of land in the Parish of Stottesdon, containing one acre. Known by the name of 'Tolleys Acre', in trust 'for the erection of Almshouses, to lodge some of the poor impecunious inhabitants of the said 'Parish'.

The Almshouses were erected on this piece of land, the expense, amounting to £35 (!!) was defrayed from the poor rates and contributions from the parishioners. The houses, which consisted of five distinct dwellings, with a garden to each, were inhabited by, 'The paupers belonging to the Parish'.

The Almshouses and gardens now occupy only '2roods 17perches'. The remainder of the land was encroached upon by a man called Williams and his two sons. They later sold this with other property. This piece of land was irrecoverably lost to the Parish.

The two sons were later transported and their father settled in Birmingham as a pauper.

("Be sure your sins will find you out", as my grandmother was wont to say!)

Hollow Oak Tree:

In a field along the side of 'Green Lane (almost opposite the Fighting Cocks) is an ancient oak tree, that has a hollow centre.

Mrs. K. Link burned it out in 1885.

I wonder what her vengeance was?

Children have often played in this tree. Sheep and lambs also use it for their shelter in bad weather.

A recipe for Love Sweet Cake:

2 shady trees

2 smiling faces

1 seat

2oz of love

4 lips pressed well together

1 waist well squeezed

Mix all together and cook for four hour's.

(To be served in the dark)

A recipe for Love Cake

6oz of love

2 smiling faces

2 side glances

4 lips well squeezed

Mix all together for two hour's, longer if necessary.

(Serve with sweets when dark)

Roads:

We have been working alongside Shropshire Council to get repairs carried out throughout the Parish with very little funding available. We are extremely grateful to Graham Downs and Andy Oliver at Bridgnorth for responding to our requests. Once again if you have any concerns please contact the Clerk or a Councillor.

Hedges:

Many thanks to all landowners who have already cut their hedges and look forward to others being cut at your earliest convenience - it does make a big difference on our narrow roads. Could we also please ask that any roadside trees/branches are cut back before the winter.

Road Closures:

Many thanks for your patience during the recent road closures - work has to be carried out on our narrow roads which unfortunately sometimes results in road closures.

There are 2 more planned road closures:

Brookland to Well Farm junction, Farlow (Section 50m either side of Farlow Bridge). This is for bridge repairs and will take place on 14th October for 2 weeks.

Lower Woodend junction to Six Ashes junction with B4363 for 1 day (8am-4pm) to allow BT customer fault repair.

Please follow the diversions during these road closure.

Notice Board in Stottesdon:

Could we please ask that any faded posters are replaced and limit sizes to a maximum of A4. Although this is a large notice board it is sometimes difficult to find a space. Any unsuitable posters will be removed.

Grit/salt bins:

Please let the Clerk or Councillor know if you feel that grit/salt is required in an area where it was not provided during last winter. Please remember that this is for use on the roads and not personal use.

Stottesdon School field:

Sadly we have to report that the Parish Council has made every effort to reach a compromise with the School to allow extra time that the community can use the playing field but this has been refused. As reported in our last newsletter the school requested that the community do not use the field until after 5.30pm (unless not being used) and at weekends as this is required by the Playgroup and School. It is sad that since the late 1970's the community has enjoyed being able to use this field after school/weekends and all through the school holidays that this has now been restricted. This is the reason why children have been seen kicking the football around Glebe Drive, the bus shelter and on the roads as they have nowhere else to play safely.

The Parish Council has approached landowners regarding any land which could be made available for a 'playing field' but have so far drawn a blank.

Report from Unitary Councillor Madge Shineton:

Shropshire Council have been instructed to save another £80 million over the next three years, this means there will be changes in what Shropshire Council can provide for everyone in the future. The Parish Councils in the County will be an important link to you when you need any Council services, and may well take over some of them, we shall need help from you all.

All rural Constituencies are collecting signatures for a Parliamentary Petition for more funding through Government Grant for the rural areas who have received as much as 50 % less funding than the urban areas for education; health, the roads etc. many thanks to all of you for signing the Petition at the Cleobury Farmers Market, Cleobury Library and other places. It will be presented to Parliament at the end of October during an early Day motion.

Nightingale Nursing Fund - Rosemary Abbiss:

Due to difficulty in holding the usual 5-a-side football competitions this year we are holding a grand raffle to help raise much needed funds for the charity. This will run until the middle of December when it will be drawn at the usual Advent Soup lunch in Cleobury Mortimer. Please can I appeal to everyone to support this worthy cause which is helping people within our own community. Thank you.

Stottesdon & Sidbury Church News

It's been a good Summer in our Churches with a lot going on. In July we welcomed Lucy Henderson and Jo Laybourne as churchwardens for Sidbury Church. As well as our regular Sunday gatherings, we've been able to enjoy weddings, baptisms and, sadly, funerals too. It was lovely to welcome the Bishop of Hereford, Anthony Priddis to conduct a service of Confirmation on his last visit to Stottesdon, before his retirement. We also had a visiting preacher from the organisation Christians Against Poverty telling us about their work with those in debt. We had a terrific joint Summer Fete with the Friends of Stottesdon Primary School which was a superb village event with the best turnout we've had for a long time.

We have organised special offerings and have sent donations to The Bishop's Discretionary Fund and also to Christians Against Poverty. Sadly once again, Church expenditure has exceeded income and our own finances are in a bad way. If you would like to consider making a regular or one-off donation to help maintain the life and ministry of our Church, please give Revd Colin Resch a call on 01746 718297.

And do keep your eyes peeled for posters of our coming events such as our Christmas Coffee Morning on Sat 30th November – yes, Christmas will be here before we know it. But before then, we would like to invite the whole parish to join us in celebrating the Harvest Festival on Friday 4th October at 7:30pm in Stottesdon Church. We begin with a celebration act of worship and conclude with Supper served at the back of Church. It would be useful to have an indication of the numbers attending so please ring Colin 718297 or Diana 718246 to let us know.

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Chorley Chapel Update:

Primary school aged children's group has been setup following the success of Champions Challenge in the holidays. "Target Challenge" starts 1st Sunday monthly 10AM till noon. Nigel and Mandy Humphries leading, call 01746 861245 for further details.

Secondary school young peoples group (Youth Quake) moves forward to meeting alternate weeks Thursday 7PM. They built a tree house and swing in the Chapel grounds to have somewhere they could enjoy. They know the facilities are unsupervised and at their own risk. Parents are responsible for their children's play even on the Chapel grounds, and that the area is safe, and their children know what they can and cannot do. More planting and refining of the grounds in October, making them a place of beauty and enjoyment for all, plus other youth club activities. Contact Alan or Sue for detail or to help on 01746 762365 or e-mail Alan.Vincent@The-Church.net.

Chapel Movie night is proving a success and has moved to the 4th Saturday of each month at 7PM, a light supper followed by the movies. Come along and be encouraged.

Wine and Food Tasting Evening:

A diary date not to be missed is 7.30pm on Saturday 23rd November at Chorley Village Hall. The VH Committee and Majestic Wines of Ludlow have got together to present an informal wine tasting, together with foods to match each of six wines. Wine orders may be placed during the evening for pre-Christmas delivery, and the event will feature a wine raffle, wine quiz and other fundraising for CVH. Advanced booking is essential and tickets (£12.50) may be ordered *from 21st October* on a 'first come, first served' basis, call Chris and Clare on 718007.

Apple Day – bring along your fruit for juicing or cider making:

Hosted at The Fighting Cocks and run by the Village Hall, Apple Day runs from noon to 5pm on Sunday 20th October. As usual there will be apple displays, apple cake to eat, cider to drink, apple identification, apple growing hints and tips – and the chance to help scrat and press any fruit you have to make fresh apple juice, or for cider making. So save up this year's bumper apple and pear crop and bring them along. If you want to take your juice home please remember to bring clean bottles and containers with you!

Entry to Apple Day is by making a suitable donation to the Village Hall, which provides, maintains and hires out the equipment. Details from Chris and Clare on 718007.

Stottesdon School:

Stottesdon Primary School offers an outstanding education to its pupils and as part of our continuing development we will be having three open sessions for parents and members of the parish to let us know how we are doing. These sessions will be run by Dr Matthew Home (Vice Chair of Governors). Please feel free to drop in to have your say anytime between 15:00 and 16:00 on Wednesday 25th September, Wednesday 9th October and Wednesday 16th October.