

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council



ShropshireLink mini bus

*Newsletter
Autumn 2008*



Stottesdon Church:

Our Harvest Festival will be held on Friday 3rd October at 7.30pm followed by the Harvest Supper. Sunday October 5th will be a Family Service at 10.30am and any produce will be on sale after the service. We would love to see any members of our parish at either of these services.

There will be a Coffee Morning with a Christmas Theme on November 29th in the Church - do come and join us and perhaps buy some of your Christmas goodies whilst enjoying a drink and a social event.

Finally **please** will all dog owners remove their pets 'pooh' and take it home with them! It is not pleasant for visitors to our Church yard or when a funeral takes place to have to contend with this problem!

Nightingale Nursing Fund:

What a day it was – the 5 a side football fun day. The wind blew a gale and made it difficult to even keep the balls on the pitches. No tents were able to be erected due to the force of it, but it was a fine day and by and large everyone enjoyed the competitions. Medals were again awarded to the winners and runners up of each section. One very generous person has donated the engraved medals for all four years that the competition has been held. Sadly, that is probably to be the last as Derek Pearce has decided that if the competition is to continue then it is someone else's turn to take the lead role. Grateful thanks must go to all who have sponsored these games during the years. There are too many willing helpers to mention by name but to Derek and all his team, we say a huge "thank you". To this end a fantastic £3,270 was raised again this year – a profit to be proud of as it all will be used within the local area.

The committee of the Nightingale Nursing Fund would willingly work alongside anyone who feels that they are able to step up to this challenge. Planning usually starts in January so please feel free to contact any one of us.

Rosemary Abbiss 01746 718210

Gill Shorter 01299 270826 Treasurer or

Debbie Brown 01299 271530 Secretary

Or Derek Pearce is willing to pass anyone's name to us. 01299270599

Vacancy for a Parish Councillor:

Following the resignation of Cllr Mary Meddings, due to ill health, a vacancy exists on the Parish Council. If you are interested please contact the Clerk for details. The Parish Council were sorry that Mary has had to resign and a letter of thanks has been sent to her for her service.

Parish Watch:

Thefts of metal and now fuel are increasing, fortunately less here than elsewhere. Please be very vigilant. Large agricultural vehicles such as combines can be a target. Farlow & Oreton Parish Council have just joined us making our network of eyes wider than ever.

Proposed parking on land at Glebe Drive

The occupants of the houses and bungalows in Glebe Drive will remember Bridgnorth District Council's letter in the summer of 2007 asking their views on the proposal. There was majority agreement and Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council have now moved forward in the following way:-

1. We have agreed a budget for the funding of six off street parking bays for the use of short stay visitors to village and school events.
2. The project will cost £13,532 which will be funded in the following way, £5532 from the Parishes own resources comprising of £650 Calor Gas prize [Village of the Year]; £1200 06/07 Lengthsman's Scheme; £1000 budgeted in the precept; £255 VAT repayments; £2427 from reserves, Total £5532.00. The remaining £8000.00 will be borrowed. This was agreed at the Parish Council meeting on 28th July 2008.
3. Before a Parish Council can borrow money, permission has to be obtained from the Secretary of State - this has now been granted and at the Parish Council meeting on September 22nd it was agreed to apply for a loan from the Public Works Loan Board.
4. The County Council Highways Dept. have offered to do the work required at the same time as they extend the existing lay-by and realign the kerbs.
5. The Parish Council have had to apply for Planning Permission from Bridgnorth District Council which we hope will be processed in time to join up with the County's scheme.
6. The Parish Council hope this will help to alleviate the parking problems which exist in the area next to the school, and thank all the local people living in that area for their tolerance during this work.

Housing Development in Chorley:

Our long awaited housing scheme by Shropshire Rural Housing Association will start on October 3rd 2008. These two and three bed roomed houses will be for rent in perpetuity and for local people only. Application forms are available from the Parish Council Clerk Mrs Freda Morris and from Bridgnorth District Council to be added to their housing waiting list. Completion date will be [weather permitting] July 2009, interviews for prospective tenants will start in June 2009.

Four Parishes Heritage Group:

December 4th at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall will provide an update and displays of the evidence including 'Finds' the Group have made during this project.

All welcome - displays, old field maps, and even refreshments with commentary from David Poyner. If you are interested in the industrial and social history of the area of the Four Parishes please come along. Contact Madge 01746 718427 for further details.

Village Speed Limit:

It was unanimously agreed at the Parish Council meeting on 22nd September that a 30mph speed limit be introduced in Stottesdon.

Shropshire County Council will be leading this scheme and a 'working party' has been set up with Councillors and Parishioners to oversee this project. If you are interested in joining this group or have any comments please contact the Clerk or a Parish Councillor as soon as possible.

Autumn Events, Activities and Films brought to you by The Village Hall

The Village Hall Supporters Group has a busy programme for the autumn - and membership, which includes exclusive free admission to the monthly big-screen Film Nights, is great value. For membership details and more information on events, call Joe on 718693 or Clare on 718007.

Thursday 16 October FILM: *Happy Go Lucky* [cert 15] 7.30pm

Saturday 25 October GHOST WALK - thoroughly scary, and back by popular demand - starts from The Village Hall at 6.30pm; light refreshments after the walk - please let us know if you plan to come along so that enough food can be prepared!

Saturday and Sunday 25 and 26 October APPLE DAYS 12 noon - 5 pm
at The Fighting Cocks - bring along your apples and pears for juice pressing or cider making. Activities for children - and some seriously good cider and food for all the family.

Thursday 13 November FILM: *Kite Runner* [cert 12] 7.30pm

Saturday 22 November CHRISTMAS FAIR from 1030am - 3.30pm
stalls include: crafts, cards, jewellery, books, and toys. Visit Chorley's very own Santa Claus - and enjoy light refreshments all day.

Friday 5 December MALTI NIGHT from 8pm
Competition to choose a favourite Malt, light supper, quizzes and more - book your Malt Whisky early with Mike on 718593

Thursday 11 December CHRISTMAS FILM: *Mama Mia* [cert PG] 7.30pm
Dressing up and wigs are optional!

Local action and successes on the Climate Change campaign trail:

With rising fuel and energy costs still dominating the news, we can report good progress on three initiatives which are positively reducing energy consumption and Carbon Footprints in this parish. If you'd like to get involved, then please call Chris & Clare 718007 or Richard & Joe on 718693

+Community Plastic Bottle Recycling - 35,000 bottles have been diverted from landfill by our volunteers, for re-use in drainage pipes and garden furniture in two years; saving 1¼ tonnes of damaging CO2 Carbon emissions.

+Village Hall Light Bulb Library - encouraging use of new Low Energy Bulbs with samples for everyone to try at home before buying, and discounts available on your first purchase. FREE energy-efficient light bulbs were handed out at Chorley Show courtesy of Marches Energy Agency - and we have some more to give away, while stocks last, at The Village Hall events.

+Chorley Show: Low Carbon Travel Plan - Barclays Bank sponsored a 'free to use' carbon-friendly shuttle-bus for this year's Chorley Show and people who left their cars at home benefited from reduced price admission. We hope to gain funding to do a similar thing again next year.

Parish Paths - another seasonal reminder to landowners:

May we take this opportunity to remind landowners and others with footpaths and bridleways over their land that seasonal clearance work to ensure that the paths are kept open and accessible may now be overdue?

Please help to avoid unnecessary difficulties and complaints by restoring any inadvertently ploughed-out paths, by 'spraying out' any crop obstructions, and by trimming-back bridleway hedgerows. It would be most helpful if particular attention could be paid to the promoted 'Stotty Stroll' paths since these are more likely to be used than some other routes. Thank you for your co operation.

Guided walks with Stotty Strollers:

We are planning a short series of seasonal walks for the Christmas and New Year holidays - check for details details to be posted nearer the time on the Strolls display boards and on our website

www.stottystrollers.org.uk

Meanwhile, copies of the Stotty Strolls - the local self-guided walk routes and maps - are available from The Duck Inn and The Shop at The Cock - just £1.50 for the full set of six walks.

Chorley Show - a fun packed day out which set new records:

Everyone who came along on Sunday 17 August - a fairly dry day in a rotten wet summer - seems to have had a great time! The Pig Racing went down a treat - as did the chance to throw a pot with Wenlock Pottery, the Craft and Produce Marquee, food from the BBQ and refreshment marquee, the Family Fun Dog Show attracted 143 entries and loads more went on.

As always, the Show focused on raising funds for the Village Hall and other local 'good causes' - and the Show raised a magnificent £6,000. Gifts of £2,000 each have just been given to our chosen 2008 charities: this year we have also supported the amazing work of Willowdene Farm (who are always among the Show's greatest supporters) and of Shrewsbury's Rainbow Oncology Unit (which provided specialist care and such tremendous support to Harry, Karen and Mark). So many thanks to all who came along or helped in other ways with this record local fundraiser!

Planning for Chorley Show 2009 - on Sunday 16th August - is already underway; lookout for updates on our website www.chorleyshow.co.uk (or call free on the Chorley Show Hotline 0700 598 0014, from December).

Village Fireworks Display and Beer Festival:

Sandra and Malcolm are again hosting the village Fireworks at The Fighting Cocks. Doors open before 7pm for the Fireworks from 7.30 pm prompt on Saturday 1st November - all the usual attractions: Beer Festival, Pig Roast, Live Music (featuring 'Stircrazy'). Admission is free - but your donations to local charities, in Clare's bucket as usual, will be very gratefully received!

Are you organising a Family Party or maybe looking for a venue for a meeting?

Then maybe The Village Hall can help? Recently refurbished and with improved heating and a new fully-equipped kitchen, The Village Hall is available for hire at very competitive rates.

Why not drop into one of the events listed in this Newsletter - and view the facilities for yourself?

Digital projection and other optional facilities can be provided to suit your requirements.

Call Mike Mooney on 718593 to discuss the possibilities.

The Big Tidy Up

A keep Britain Tidy campaign

This is the Country's biggest ever litter tidy up and the Parish Council has signed up to take part.

We have all the green plastic bins and refuse bags available - all we need is volunteers who can spare a couple of hours to help tidy up the Parish.

Please contact Clerk or a Parish Councillor as soon as possible if you are interested in helping. Date to be fixed.

Festive Shop at The Fighting Cocks, Stottesdon

Wednesday 3rd December at 7.30pm

An opportunity to buy something unusual!



Free entry - Prize raffle



Proceeds to Stottesdon School and Nightingale

Wanted - A cleaner for Stottesdon Surgery.

2 hours a week - times are flexible.

For more information please phone:

The Surgery, Ditton Priors - 712672.

Shropshire Link transport changes—report provided by Shropshire County Council:

Shropshire County Council research shows that there are just 57% of households able to access their local/closest market town/essential services by public transport on 2 day a week or more. The roll out of the flexible ShropshireLink enhancement to services will be part of a county wide increase on this indicator to 95% of households.

The greatest enhancement to the current network will be for those living in rural areas such as those surrounding Stottesdon. Residents living in these communities are currently served by traditional fixed route services (including the 751 and 132, when they are currently in walking distance of a stop) on as little as one day each week: this leaves a large number of residents without access to any bus service at all. In most cases these existing services are also provided using large, high fuel consuming, high stepped vehicles which are deemed as being unsuitable for the rural environment in which they operate. Under the strategy these services will be enhanced to be provided by a network of 9 demand responsive transport services (“ShropshireLink”) operating in all rural areas of the County on a minimum of two days each week. These services will be available to all residents not just those living on a fixed bus route. Concessionary pass holders will be able to travel for free.

The flexible services will be provided by modern, easily accessible low floor vehicles making it easy to access for the less mobile, passengers in wheelchairs and those with children's buggies. Because the service runs on demand it will also be able to provide a service door to door where this is deemed as being appropriate. Conversely if no one requests a journey the vehicle will not operate further and fuel will be saved/emissions reduced.

In order to gain maximum efficiency from the Shropshire Link services, and to enable the vehicles to be available as widely as possible, passengers can be fed into the core bus network for onward travel to their chosen destination. This will allow the Shropshire Link vehicles to remain in the rural areas providing services through the day. For those residents in the Stottesdon area, 2 day a week services will be available on demand south to both Cleobury Mortimer and Ludlow (via interchange with 292), and north on to Bridgnorth. Journeys further afield will also remain available, including onward travel to Kidderminster via interchange with the 291/2 or 125 services.

For more information on the new ShropshireLink network, and the Stottesdon area in more detail, leaflets can be obtained by calling Shropshire County Council on

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS:**CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Clerk can be contacted at all reasonable hours.

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Mr I Swain	718135		
Mrs J Davies	718093	Mrs D Newsham	718223
Mr J Griffiths	718198	Mrs M Shineton	718427
Mr B Hamilton-Russell	718577	Mrs D Walsh	718527

DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS:

District Councillor Madge Shineton	718427
County Councillor Peter Martin	718419/718714

Stottesdon School	718617
Chorley Family Playgroup	718769
Stottesdon/Sidbury Church	01746 862426 Rev Colin Resch
Chorley Village Hall	718593 (Mike Mooney - bookings)
Doctors	712672
District Nurses	711963
Bridgnorth District Council	713100
Shropshire County Council	08456 789018
Lacon Childe School	01299 270312
Bridgnorth Endowed School	762103
Social Car (Jenny Howes)	718675
WI (Jenny Everingham)	718219
Power Loss Helpline	08457 331331
Mobile Library	01584 813600
Crimestoppers	0900 555111
Rural Stress Network	024 7641 2916
NHS Direct	0845 4647
Shropshire Rural Housing	01743 874848
Severn Trent Water (Emergencies)	0800 7834444
Duck Inn	718267
Fighting Cocks	718270
Shropshire Registration Service	0845 6789016
Police	08457 444888

Tree Wardens:

Wade Muggleton (Stottesdon)	718753
Nathan Home (Chorley)	07966365157