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# Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council



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### **Festive Shop at Fighting Cocks' - 9th December 2010 7.30pm.**

Come along and do your Christmas shopping and help raise money for Breast Cancer Research at the same time. Stalls will include: Phoenix Cards, Accessories, Top Totty, Pamper Chef, Trophy Pet Foods, Handbags, Christmas Wreaths, Gooseberry Fleeces, Hospice Cards, Jewellery, Vintage Glass, Celebration Cakes, Aloe Vera, The Sweet Shop, The Soap Shop, Tani Holland, Hen Doorstops and many others.

Contact Di Newsham 718223 for further details.

### **Chorley Family Playgroup, October 2010**

We start the month of October with the launch of our Health Promotion Project. The children will be participating in various activities surrounding Healthy Eating, Exercise, Oral Health and Head Lice control. There is further information on the website but parents are invited into playgroup on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October to see what the children have learnt and to talk to the Health Visitor. They can also collect various health related products on this day. The Health Visitor and a member of Children's Centre Service's will be visiting Tiny Stots this week too.

In relation to this project, a Sport's coach is visiting Playgroup every Thursday afternoon to teach the children a variety of new games and sports activities. They have found it very enjoyable so far!!

We are also very excited about the trip this half term where we will be visiting the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham. I am sure that the children will have a fantastic experience there.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Rebecca Home to our team. She began working for us at the start of term and is our new Deputy Playgroup Manager.

The Playgroup is now running a before and after school club so our new opening hours are as follows: Mon-Thurs, 8:00am – 5:30pm, with the Parent and Child group on Fridays 10:00am – noon. For further information please contact Zoe on 01746 718 769, visit our website [www.chorleyfamilyplaygroup.co.uk](http://www.chorleyfamilyplaygroup.co.uk).

### **Change of telephone number:**

Please note the change of telephone number for Madge Shinton - 01299 271186. Madge has now left Prescott and moved to Cleobury Mortimer but will still remain as a Parish Councillor for Stottesdon until the next elections. Best wishes to Madge in her new home.

### **Parish Council Audit:**

The External Audit has now been completed by Mazars of Southampton with no problems raised. The Parish Council are extremely grateful to Mrs Val Hill for carrying out the internal audit again this year.

Highlights of our school year were the summer outings, and of course the Christmas Parties.

I think our expectations of children's pleasure, was too high! I took the older girls to a performance of Swan Lake Ballet at the old Granada Cinema in Shrewsbury, and although they said they had enjoyed it, their lasting memory seemed to be of the Sidoli cream cakes and the play equipment in the Quarry Park.

Other occasions, which come to mind, are outings when we joined with Ditton Priors School. We visited the Falconry at Newent and Eye Manor near Leominster, when the highlight seemed to be the impromptu races on the lawn. Another time we visited Chirk Castle and went on a boat down the canal, but the enjoyment came at Llangollen where we had lunch by the river and the children shared their food with the ducks – seems the simple things are the best!

Another visit we made was to London Airport where we were taken on a round tour, possibly security measures were not then as they are now.

We must have travelled quite a few miles on our various visits, among which were to Windsor Safari Park, A cruise on the River Thames, Chester, Bristol, Slimbridge, Manchester, Jodrell Bank, Worcester and Malvern.

We naturally had sports activities, and we all enjoyed football and netball matches with schools at Kinlet, Ditton Priors, Farlow and Hopton Wafers.

Our school was regularly used for other social occasions, such as whist drives and dances, parties and even wedding receptions, when the large room would be cleared and the desks stacked outside under a tarpaulin – I wonder what Ofsted would make of that?"

Ida concludes this fascinating account of life in Stottesdon School with a few heartfelt words.

"I retired in 1986 but still enjoy meeting old pupils and parents, and hearing their news."

It's our guess that some of your 'old pupils' are themselves parents or even grandparents now.

We also know that your pupils think just as much of you as you do of them! Thank you Ida!

***More interesting articles from the archives will be printed when space permits!!***

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## From the archives:

### 'Changing Times' for a Head Teacher

The mind boggles when reading Ida (Owens') story of her school days, not as a pupil, but as Head Teacher. It seems totally impossible that a village school could be run successfully under such, more or less, primitive conditions – but then, I guess that, compared with some, it was 'modern and quite luxurious'.

See what you think.

Ida tells us:-

"I took up my appointment as Head Teacher at Stottesdon School on 26<sup>th</sup> April 1960, when there were thirty-eight on the roll.

I well remember my first morning there! Until then, the infants had been in the small room and we suddenly decided to swap classrooms. We had just managed to get the juniors installed with their heavy iron-framed desks, when who should arrive but the man from the stores with a van full of wooden desks! – So it was all change again!

One on-going problem was the heating. The large room had an open fire and two coke stoves and smoke and fumes often sent us rushing out for a breath of fresh air. In 1963 the open fire was replaced with another stove, but in 1969 they were all replaced with oil fired stoves. Then finally, and to our great satisfaction in 1982 we were 'modernised' with electric heaters. What luxury!

The only water available to us was from a tap on an outside wall, with the water for washing up being carried in buckets to be heated in a smelly calor gas boiler.

School dinners were brought from Cleobury Mortimer and eaten at folding-tables, with the children sitting on long forms.

In 1961 plans were drawn up for a, much-needed scullery, but were quickly scrapped due to a lack of funds. (What's new!) A year later we arrived at school to find workmen digging up the playground, surprise, surprise, they were making a start on our scullery. It was finally opened in September 1962.

Other momentous events were the erection of what was always known as 'The Terrapin', in 1965. This was necessitated by a rise in numbers to 56. A toilet block was added and opened for use in 1968. Before this modernisation the old bucket style toilets were used.

The other major event was the acquisition of the playing field in 1975".

Ida continues her fascinating story-

"In my early days most of the children were from families connected with farming, all so well established that there was very little movement in the Stottesdon area and it was quite an event when a 'new' family moved into this area. Visitors to the school often referred to the friendly, family atmosphere.

## News from Chorley Show

With good weather and a bumper crowd, Chorley Show was a great success on 14<sup>th</sup> August – preliminary totals suggest that we will have raised around £6,000 for the third year running! The happy task of passing that money onto our good causes is underway – The Playgroup have £400 towards their new 'Health Education' project, and for all our Senior Citizens: your invitation to join us for a special pre-Christmas Lunch at the Village Hall is enclosed in this newsletter.

Thanks to the volunteers and sponsors who helped make this such a success. The 2011 Show is being planned for Sunday 15 August; extra helpers and your suggestions for good causes are very welcome – call Chris on 718007 to sign up!

### Autumn Fundraising events at The Fighting Cocks:

HALLOWEEN QUIZ NIGHT is from 8pm on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – dressing up as ghouls and ghosts is optional but an order to Sandra on 718270 for your bowl of witches goulash and crusty bread is essential if you'd like to eat!

VILLAGE FIREWORKS, BEER FESTIVAL & PIG ROAST starts at 7pm prompt on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November**. Live music, guest ales, spectacular fireworks display – FREE entry and minimum donation of £2 each please for Breast Cancer charity.

### New ways to recycle used batteries and also plastic 'mailing film'

BATTERIES for torches, doorbells, watches etc all contain heavy metals and other stuff which seriously contaminate landfill sites – a pity since these materials can be safely recovered through the 'Battery-Back' recycling scheme. There are '**Battery-Back points**' for us to use alongside the Public Libraries in Highley (**Severn Centre**) and in Cleobury Mortimer (**Cleobury Country Centre**).

'MAILING FILM' is the thin, clear plastic often used to wrap magazines etc. This does not break down in landfill sites – but it can now be reused to make bin liners and building products. So please pop your used film in an envelope and post to the film makers for reuse: RR Flexo Ltd; Concorde Rd; Norwich NR6 6BW

### Autumn events at The Village Hall

Please refer to the flyer enclosed with the Newsletter for full details of forthcoming Film Nights, the annual Chorley Christmas Fayre, and other events – including the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch, courtesy of Chorley Show.

## Stottesdon and District WI:

The WI meet on the third Wednesday of each month usually at Chorley or Farlow Village Halls. 20th October meeting is at Chorley Village Hall and the speaker is Gillian Hales who will talk about our native owls and will bring owls with her. Anyone is welcome, male or female, young or old! November 17th is at Farlow (AGM and Quiz) and December 15th at Chorley 7.30pm -Yoga with Jenny Scott. Telephone 718753 for more details.

### **Parish Watch:**

We have a supply of plastic 'Rural Watch' signs with straps to fix to poles, gates etc. They show an owl and are yellow matching our existing Parish Watch signs and are really for individual houses etc. We also have some cards to deter bogus doorstep callers. If anyone would like either please contact Brian Hamilton-Russell or Clerk.

### **Overhanging trees/hedges:**

Can we please ask once again that landowners cut back their hedges as soon as possible and also check that there are no trees overhanging the roadsides/footpaths etc. Concern has been expressed regarding the amount of trees that are overhanging electric/phone lines. Can we please ask for your support in this matter before the winter sets in.

### **Road Closures:**

The road closure for the Bagginswood/Six Ashes road due to take place in August had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances - we are still waiting for confirmation of the new date for this work to be carried out. Signs will be erected giving advance notice of the dates.

A section of the Chorley road at High Green will be closed with effect from 4th October for 4 weeks to allow BT to lay new lines. All businesses will be open as usual and disruption will be kept to the absolute minimum. Unfortunately a closure is unavoidable due to the road being very narrow where the work is due to be carried out. Can we please ask everyone to be patient during these closures and follow the recommended diversions.

### **Speeding vehicles:**

Constant complaints are made regarding speeding vehicles throughout the Parish. Can we remind everyone that we are a rural area with large agricultural vehicles/lorries etc using these roads. Please also remember that there are also pedestrians on the road. A recent speed check in Station Road confirmed that the average speed along this road was 29.3mph.

### **Dogs:**

Please can we once again remind everyone that dogs should not be allowed to foul footpaths (which also includes footpaths across fields) etc. Please be responsible owners and clean up after your dog - the litter bins can be used to dispose of the bagged dog mess!

Also please remember to keep dogs on leads at all times especially when walking through fields containing stock or on paths adjoining properties.

### **Newsletter articles:**

Deadline for articles for the next newsletter is 12 noon on 31st December. Due to space please keep information as brief as possible. Information should be sent to the Clerk and every effort will be made to include this in the newsletter.

### **Thanks children!**

Isn't it great that we have such enterprising and thoughtful children in our patch. Well done everyone and thanks to all who gave a donation when they knocked on your door. The money has been sent to the Whales and Dolphin Conservation Society. Madge Shineton has sent the cheque off for the children.

### **Hospice Support Group:**

Our group always welcome members to come and join them and the next fund raising event is a Ready Steady Cook evening and will be held at The Fighting Cocks on October 10th at 7.30pm, which should be fun! Tickets are £4 which includes a complimentary drink and nibbles.

Our next group meeting will be November 9th 7pm at the home of Doris Price, Honeysuckle. Tickets and information from Di Newsham on 718223.

Please come and join us for 'Afternoon Tea' at the Hospice Shop in Cleobury Mortimer on Saturday 11th December 1pm-4pm - tea, coffee, juice and mince pies.

### **Winter help!**

With the winter fast approaching can we ask everyone to keep an eye on their neighbours, especially the elderly. If you have any concerns please speak to whoever delivers your newsletter or get in touch with any Councillor or Clerk. If you know of any area where a salt/grit bin would be beneficial please let the Clerk know a.s.a.p.

### **Parking:**

Just another reminder for parents to use the new parking bays in Glebe Drive when dropping off/collecting the children from school. PLEASE DO NOT park in the BUS STOP - the Police will be monitoring this once again and will issue tickets for anyone parking in this or causing an obstruction.

We are concerned that inconsiderate parking will result in a child being knocked over.

### **Wheelie Bins:**

The Parish Council are aware that there have been incidents with the bins being tipped upside down and moved around the village. If you know who is responsible please let a Councillor or Clerk know.