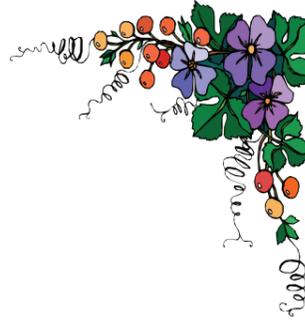
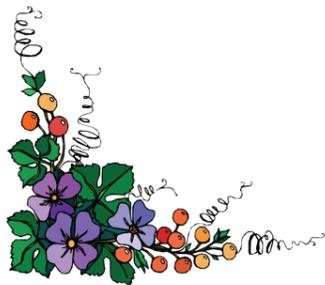


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*Mrs Katherine Bromley 'cutting the tape' on the bench in memory of
Rev Bill Bromley*



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Bench in memory of Rev Bill Bromley:

A bench has been placed close to the bus shelter in memory of Rev Bill Bromley. A short dedication service was led by the Rev Colin Resch on May 19th and the ribbon was cut by Mrs Katherine Bromley. A number of the primary school children read out poems which they had written about the help Bill had given to them in school - the children gave the poems to Katherine afterwards.

Clerk spoke about the work Bill did as a Parish Councillor and as Bill dealt with transport matters for the Parish Council and his area of the Lengthsman Scheme included the bus shelter then it seemed very appropriate to locate the bench next to the bus shelter. Bill is fondly remembered and sadly missed by all who knew him.

Grateful thanks to the South Wheatlands Archive Group for provided this beautiful bench.

Stottesdon Open Gardens - from Tina King

This is to thank everyone for the hard work and enthusiasm which contributed to the success of this year's opening of the village gardens for the National Garden Scheme. The weather was mainly kind and 518 people paid to visit the gardens. This number does not include a number of children, who were allowed in free. The gate receipts totalled £2072. With the addition of £139 from various other enterprises the amount sent to the N.G.S was £2211. Teas were provided by and for St Mary's Church and they raised over £800. The school garden opened for the first time introducing a much younger generation to the benefits of showing their gardening skills. Their activities plus donations added up to £200.

The expenses for the N.G.S were nil, which is due to the generosity of those who provided their services for free. The gardens were to some extent the tip of the iceberg, as there were many who helped with the multitude of tasks required to make the event succeed. In addition to the usual parking, signing and publicity, tickets were sold, signs were made, quizzes and guides were printed and small front gardens were tended and looked at. There are too many to mention individually by name and every contribution, no matter how small was needed. I will make the exception of saying that without the support of Mick Evans for the use of his field for car parking [and the wet weather back-up of John Povall], it is unlikely that this event could have taken place.

The feed back from members of the public was very positive; concerning the quality and the quantity of the gardens they felt they had had value for money. It was noticed that the visitors were knowledgeable, interested in detail, appreciative and pleasant. They also commented on the happy atmosphere of the village.

Ready Steady Cook night at The Fighting Cocks on 10th October 2010 (10.10.10) in aid of Severn Hospice. Further details from Di Newsham - 718223.

Homelands Park at Chorley:

An open weekend was recently held at Chorley by Homelands Park. The family were pleased to see local residents taking an interest.

If anyone was unable to go along during the open weekend then feel free at any time to call and the family will be happy to show you round and explain the development.

Officers:

At the Parish Council AGM in May Brian Hamilton-Russell was re-elected as Chairman and Rae Griffiths as Vice Chairman.

Mrs Hazel Barratt was co-opted onto the Parish Council filling the vacancy left by Ian Swain. Please contact either Councillors or Clerk direct if you would like any information or help with any parish matters - numbers on the back of this newsletter.

Councillors and Clerk regularly attend training sessions in order to keep up to date with changing legislation.

Thanks:

Very many thanks to the Old Vicarage Adventure Centre for hosting the Annual Parish Meeting in April and for Bill, Paul and Chrissie for taking charge as Anthony and Stef were unable to travel home from Nepal due to the volcanic ash problem.

Subsidised courses at Willowdene Training

The Wood Works West Midlands project is now up and running at Willowdene Training. Are you employed in the forestry industry – contractor, woodland owner, or farmer with woodland? If yes, you will be interested in taking part in our extensive and subsidised programme of woodland based training courses.

Willowdene Training, based in Chorley, working in partnership with Walford and North Shropshire College (WNSC) is able to deliver training subsidised by Landskills West Midlands, a Lantra managed project, part of the Rural Development Programme administered by Advantage West Midlands.

The object of the project is to raise the skill levels of those employed in the forestry industry. To be eligible for the funding the beneficiaries need to work within the West Midlands and already be working in the industry, they can be employees or self-employed contractors, woodland contractors/managers or farmers with woodland requiring management.

The courses on offer include chainsaw operations (CS30, 31, 38, 39), wood chipper, stump grinding, Mobile Elevated Platform (cherry picker), forestry first aid and various forest machinery operation courses.

Willowdene also offers a comprehensive range of training courses in the following sectors, Forestry, Engineering, Life skills and Basic skills.

To find out if you are eligible to undertake this subsidised training please contact Willowdene Training on 01746 718658 or e-mail sarahlou@willowdenefarm.org.uk.

Licensing of Revd Colin Resch:

Revd Colin Resch will be licensed as Priest-in-charge of the Stottesdon Benefice on Tuesday 13th July at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Stottesdon by Rt Revd Alistair Magowan, Bishop of Ludlow. All welcome to attend.

A warm welcome is extended to Colin and his family.

Parish Council website:

If you would like a link put to your website from the Parish Council website please contact Clerk.

Clarification of the meaning of 'local connection' for affordable housing:

Section 106 'Local Connection':

Category 1:

Definition of resident - is having lived in the parish for 5 years. Applicants have to be either a resident in the parish or have close family ties - mother, father, grandparents living in the parish or have full time employment in the parish.

Category 2:

The same definitions apply but from an adjoining parish.

Category 3:

Local Authority area: New section 106: Category 1 and 2 remain the same but category 3 is within 10km of the parish.

Applicants have to complete a very detailed application and have an in depth interview in their own home and then be assessed according to need before being offered a property.

Numerous other factors are taken into consideration - past history, proximity to children's schools to name some.

"Shropshire Homepoint" have about 8500 people on their waiting list which is the reason there are so many applicants for every property that becomes available to let.

Road closures:

Can we please ask for your patience whilst the following roads are closed for repair:

The Bagginswood/Kinlet road will be closed for 2 days with effect from July 21st to allow road repairs to take place from Oakfield to Bardley Cottage. Please use the diversion route via Bagginswood/Six Ashes road.

During this time it is hoped that work will take place at the junction of Chorley New Road which might well cause delays - please help by accessing the village from Rays Farm, if required.

Bagginswood/Six Ashes road will be closed for 5 days from 30th August to allow work from Hall Orchard to Six Ashes to take place. Please use the diversion route via Bagginswood/Kinlet road.

Both closures will operate from 8.00am-5.00pm. For further details please contact Clerk or a Parish Councillor.

The Parish Council are grateful to Brian Bennett and Graham Downes at Shropshire Council for the work in our Parish as we are aware that they have limited funding available.

Can we PLEASE ask that if you have any complaints regarding the roads in the Parish that you contact the Clerk or a Councillor as they are usually aware of any road works planned - this saves duplicated phone calls.

Open meeting at Chorley Village Hall:

Following the successful meeting held in Chorley Village Hall on June 16th regarding the response to the Shropshire Council document 'Planning for a flourishing Shropshire', the comments sent in by the Parish Council are available to view on the Parish Council website.

Severn Valley Country Park event - Wednesday 28th July 2pm-4pm:

Make dream catchers and a tipi, learn about ancient American Indian customs. Also on site is a local kite flying group who will be doing a kite flying display. Cost - £2.50 children. Meet at The Totem Poles outside the visitor centre, Severn Valley Country Park, Alveley. Contact 01746 781192 for more information.

'Best ever' CHORLEY SHOW starts from 11am on Sunday 15th August

'Best ever' is probably the way to sum up this year's Chorley Show – 'best ever' entertainment with local musicians Jake Flowers and Whalebone taking the lead on stage; 'best ever' main ring attraction "The Knights of the Damned" TV and Film stunt team performing Medieval Jousting Displays; 'best ever' variety of "have-a-go activities" (try your hand at pottery, archery, football penalties; woodcarving; nature conservation...); meet the Donkeys from Billingsley, the Blacksmith from Cleobury North, and the Owls from Chelmarsh; do some really serious shopping in the Show Market – and enjoy 'best ever' homemade produce in the Refreshment Marquee; Heath Farm meats on the BBQ and award winning Hobsons in the Beer Tent. Visit the 'best ever' website www.chorleyshow.co.uk and look out for tickets for the 'best ever' Grand Draw on sale locally from July.

By the way, we could use some more 'best ever' help for the fun and hard work involved in delivering this year's Show – please call Chris on 718007 to be a volunteer – and then join us for what promises to be a best ever local day out!

Forthcoming FILM NIGHTS & OTHER VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Details for the monthly Supporters' Group film programme – and for other events being organised at the Village Hall - were being finalised as the Newsletter went to press. Please check the notice boards for posters or call for the latest news – for Film nights it's Joe & Rich on 718693; for other events Clare & Chris on 718007.

Stottesdon & District WI – PROGRAMME for the Summer

Everyone is welcome to join the WI at 7.30pm on Wednesdays as below for a fascinating series of talks in local venues during this Summer:

21st July at Sidbury Hall: "Sound Healing" with Penny Burns

18th August at Farlow VH: "Shropshire Council" with Madge Shingleton

15th September at Chorley VH: "Reading for Laughs" with Adrian Williams

For more details of these events and other WI activities, please ring Steff on 718018

OUTDOOR EVENT EQUIPMENT for hire

Tables, chairs and various marquees bought for community use by Cleobury Country continue to be available locally for hire at competitive rates. The sole contact for this service is now James Shier. Call James on 07971-692965 for more details, to make a booking, and arrange to collect hired kit from Farlow & Oretton Village Hall.

SOLAR HEATED, OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOL OPEN DAILY

The Severn Centre heated Swimming pool is open every day (until Friday 3rd September) for that summertime splash, and available for weekend poolside parties. For session times, visit www.severncentre.co.uk or call Severn Centre on 860000.

RECYCLING PLASTICS NOW EVEN EASIER

The Plastic recycling container at the Village Hall now takes many different plastic items - **all plastics with recycle codes 1,2, 5 & 6 can now be put in** – this includes all the usual bottles PLUS Yoghurt Pots, ready-meal and meat trays, and plastic cutlery, but NOT bubblewrap (which is incorrectly shown on posters – sorry!)

News from the Cleobury & Rural Local Joint Committee

Members of the community attended the Cleobury and Rural Local Joint Committee meeting on Monday 24 May at 7pm at Milson & Neen Sollars Victory Hall.

The main item for the meeting was discussion about speeding across the area and where the introduction of vehicle activated speed signs would be appropriate. Parish Council representatives agreed to discuss exact locations further and to work with Shropshire Council to develop an overall project for the next LJC meeting on the 28th July.

The meeting also heard a talk from Shropshire Council Highways Development Control about unadopted roads which provided many useful tips for residents who live on or around them.

The Committee heard a presentation from the newly formed Pat Straughan RDA about their work with young people with disabilities and considered and supported their bid for funding of £777 towards equipment.

The next meeting is to be held on the 28th July at Cleeton St Mary Village Hall at 7.00pm where the main topics of conversation will be:

- the local economy incorporating tourism, business support and broadband
- Confirmation of the vehicle activated signs project
- Feedback from the Environment Agency visit on 1st July to sites that have suffered flooding

Everyone is welcome and members of the community are urged to come along to discuss these matters or to raise any other issues.

For further information on the committee or the community grants available, call Tom Brettell, Senior Community Regeneration Officer (Southern Area), Chief Executive's Office, on 01746 713209.

This Local Joint Committee covers the parishes of; Burford, Boraston, Coreley, Cleobury Mortimer, Farlow and Oretton, Hopton Wafers, Neen Savage, Kinlet, Milson and Neen Sollars, Stottesdon and Sidbury, Wheathill

Grit Bins:

The Parish Council are at present looking into the provision of more grit bins in the Parish. Please let the Clerk or a Councillor know of any area where a grit bin is needed and could be situated safely. These suggestions will then be looked into.

Register of electors:

Shropshire Council will be writing to all households between September and November 2010, so that it can publish the next Register of Electors. You **must** register before the end of November to make sure that your name is included.

What people do not realise is that paying Council Tax and Electoral Registration are not actually linked. Your local Council Tax Office usually only has details of the main account holder, whereas the Electoral Registration Officer needs to have the names of all people eligible to vote.

More and more people are finding out that if their name does not appear on the Register of Electors, they may have problems when they try to obtain credit or a mortgage. Even if no election is likely, there are sometimes local by-elections, so people should always register as soon as they move to ensure that they are able to vote.

More information can be obtained from Shropshire Council's Electoral Service Team at The Shirehall - 0345 678 9015.

Chorley Family Playgroup, May 2010

We would like to welcome Zoe Day who is our new full-time Playgroup Manager. She began working for us before Easter and we feel that she has settled in well at Playgroup.

This term the children have been learning about 'People who help us' and have enjoyed visits from a Policeman, Fireman and a Paramedic. They have also been doing weekly gardening sessions and will be participating in an Arts and Crafts Project for the garden. We have also arranged two trips for them to look forward to: one to Acton Scott Farm Museum and one to Wonderland, Telford.

We are now open Mon-Thurs, 9:15am – 3pm, with the Parent and Child group on Fridays 10:00am – noon. For further information please contact Zoe on 01746 718 769 or visit our website www.chorleyfamilyplaygroup.co.uk.

An 'open afternoon' will be held on Thursday 30th September 1pm-3pm. Refreshments will be available and everyone is welcome to come along.

Newsletter articles:

Deadline for articles for the next newsletter is 12noon 25th September. Due to space please keep information as brief as possible and if possible email this to the Clerk. Every effort will be made to include this in the next newsletter

Bridgnorth District Community Transport Group - Saturday morning bus to Bridgnorth:

With effect from Saturday 10th July 2010 the return journey for this bus will leave Bridgnorth at 11.45am instead of 12.00noon. The outward journey times are unchanged - departing Cleobury Mortimer at 9.00am picking up at Barbrook, Neen Savage at 9.10am, Stottesdon (if required) at 9.15am and Chorley/High Green at 9.20am. For further details of this service and any others please ring Lila Brown on 01746 768539.

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