

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 15th April 2019
7.30pm
Chorley Village Hall

Speakers will be:
Julia Baron, Chief Executive Shropshire RCC
Tina Ranson and Dee McNeil- Compassionate Community in Stottesdon

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Dear Parishioners

After much hard work the new surgery car park in Stottesdon finally came to fruition. Freda, our parish clerk, received the Jan Snell award for community achievement on behalf of the Parish Council in recognition of the huge efforts she made to see the job through. Mark Pearce has planted a beech hedge and various other plants around it and we hope to enhance it further later on this year with daffodils etc. May I remind parishioners that it is for patients and medical staff to use primarily so please observe the notices.

Hazel Barrett, my predecessor, continues to recover from her accident and we look forward to welcoming her back to council in the very near future. Councillors were very pleased to co-opt Dr David Powell onto the Parish Council at the February meeting. After many years away from the area David has retired to Stottesdon and we are very pleased to have him 'on board'.

Potholes continue to be a menace. No sooner have they been repaired than they reappear it seems. Shropshire Council has promised to deliver a long term solution for the "hot spots" around the parish so we will make sure they honour this. In the meantime please report pot holes via the Shropshire.gov.uk website - it's easy to do.

We live in an area of outstanding natural beauty but it saddens me to see the amount of litter casually discarded on the roadsides and in the hedgerows. However, it has come to the council's attention that some parishioners are fighting back. I'd like to congratulate Janette Chubb on her determination to help combat the problem. You may have seen her in action around the lanes. I'm sure she would appreciate it if you stopped and showed your appreciation. If you have the opportunity while walking the dog etc. please help to improve the environment by taking litter home.

Stottesdon acquired a Silent Soldier last autumn. Unfortunately he "lost" his rifle barrel but it has since been repaired. We are not sure who carried out the repair job but whoever you are, thank you. We have acquired one for Chorley too. We are considering the best place to locate it.

The number of dog poo complaints around Stottesdon has reduced dramatically so we presume the new dog litter bin opposite the school has been a useful addition.

Finally I'd like to thank Freda and my fellow councillors for their support during the last 12 months. By the way we still have one vacancy for Sidbury on the council so if you feel that you could put something back in to your local community please contact Freda or one of the councillors.

Kind regards,
David Young - Chairman

Annual Parish meeting:

Everyone is welcome to the Annual Parish meeting on Monday 15th April, 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall. The guest speakers will be Julia Baron, Chief Executive of Shropshire RCC who will give a short presentation of the work that they carry out in Shropshire and Tina Ranson and Dee McNeil who will talk about setting up a Compassionate Community Group in Stottesdon. This is your meeting—please come along and listen to what's been happening in the parish over the last year.

Special News Item: St Mary's, Stottesdon

Stottesdon Parish Church has received initial support from The National Lottery Heritage Fund for its "Past, Present and Future Project". Made possible by National Lottery players, the project aims to sustainably conserve this fine Grade 1 Listed Heritage building which is currently registered as "at risk". St Mary's Church is, by far, the largest public building for miles around. Uniquely in the present-day sleepy, rural village, it is the only clue to Stottesdon's former importance as the market-town at the centre of a Mercian-era 'Hundred' (one of just 15 of these historic administrative areas within Shropshire in about 750CE).

Development funding of £27,800 has been awarded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund to help St Mary's Church Council progress their plans to apply for a full National Lottery grant at a later date.

Community volunteers will be recruited and trained to research, and then share with visitors and residents alike, the fascinating history of the first-1000 years of the Church, which is believed to pre-date the Norman Conquest and is recorded twenty years later, in 1086, as one of just 23 churches in Shropshire which justified an entry in The Domesday Book.

News from the Churches from Revd. Mark Daborn

The main news across Hereford diocese at the moment is the selection process for finding a new Bishop. Richard Frith, who is approaching his fifth anniversary as Bishop of Hereford, has announced his retirement for November of this year, and all the processes are under way for finding his successor – who will be the 106th Bishop in a line stretching back to the Anglo-Saxon Bishop Putta in 676 AD.

But we shall be seeing Bishop Richard in our group of churches before he retires. On September 15th he will be visiting Stottesdon for a service of Confirmation. Confirmation marks the point when someone takes on responsibility for being a full member of the Christian Church, and is often the next stage after Baptism, or Christening.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about being confirmed do get in touch and we can talk about what it involves.

Roads:

The Clerk has constantly sent in complaints about the state of the roads to Shropshire Council and at long last we have had a considerable amount of potholes filled temporarily. We are hoping that some permanent work can be carried out in the next financial year.

Many thanks to you all for your patience during the emergency road closures whilst repairs have been carried out. Roads have had to be closed for the safety of the highway gangs.

Please remember that the gangs working on the roads are acting on instructions from Shropshire Council - please treat these workers with respect. The flooding at the bottom of Moon House bank has finally been sorted after several years of complaints from the Parish Council. Please continue to send in any complaints to Shropshire Council, Clerk and the Shropshire Councillors Madge Shineton and Gwilym Butler .

Footpaths and Bridleways:

Please continue to report any blocked footpaths and bridleways to Shropshire Council or to the Parish council. This can be done via both websites.

Trees/hedges:

Please can everyone check roadside trees and hedges and cut at the appropriate time. We have previously requested this but there were several incidents in the parish during the last high winds.

Please remember that Stottesdon is a Conservation Area and permission is needed for some tree work.

Stottesdon WI - Helena Hale:

This is the programme for Stottesdon and District WI for the following months.

17th April

The Witch Trials

Talk by Robert Hodge at Farlow Village Hall

15th May

Weather Forecasting

Phil Evans from the Met Office at Chorley Village Hall

19th June

Ply Split Braiding

Julie Hedges at Chorley Village Hall

All from 7.30 pm. We welcome visitors at all our talks.

Do join us if you fancy an interesting evening and convivial company.

Chorley Village Show 2019 Latest News:

It was decided that we would have time off from holding the Chorley Show as we need more helpers for planning the show and all its events. Instead we are already planning to look at alternative activities: A July Summer weekend Village Trail including all sorts of activities and side shows, plant sales and a trail quiz with open gardens along the way, plus our ever-popular village hall cakes and teas.

We already hold a regular Film Club each month and there are weekly Yoga and Pilates sessions held in the Hall. We are also re-starting the seasonal walks from the Village Hall.

To find out more look out for future events on the Chorley Village Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/pg/chorleyvillagehall/events/> and local village noticeboards, as we are exploring future Race nights, Bingo sessions, a Bake Off, Walks and even a Chorley By The Sea Event.

Your Village Hall is undergoing a major Spring revamp and re-decoration. The Village Hall and equipment (such as marquees, BBQ, tables and chairs) are available at a small cost for hire for private parties and other events.

Helpers & volunteers are always needed so if you want to find out more ways you can help or about events that will be happening this year then for more information check out the Chorley Village Hall Facebook Page via:

www.facebook.com/chorleyvillagehall/ or contact Joe on :

Joe@phoenix-cottage.co.uk

Forthcoming Films

Thursday 25th April at 7.30pm Oceans Eight 2018 Comedy All-female crew attempt an impossible heist at New York City's yearly Met Gala.

Starring Sandra Bullock Cate Blanchett Anne Hathaway

Thursday 23rd May at 7.30 pm Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again 2018

Musical romantic comedy

Thursday 27th June at 7.30 pm Widows – 2018 American heist A police shootout leaves four thieves dead - their widows have nothing in common except a debt left behind by their spouses' criminal activities. Hoping to forge a future on their own terms, they join forces to pull off a heist that their husbands were planning.

Thursday 18th July at 7.30 pm The Greatest Showman 2017 musical

Inspired by the story of P. T. Barnum's and the lives of its star attractions.

Starring Hugh Jackman, Zac Efron, Michelle Williams.

Membership to the Film Club for 12 months is £7 per adult / £2 for under 16s with FREE entry to films and use of DVD library. Contact Joe/Richard on 718693 or joe@phoenix-cottage.co.uk

Parish Council meeting dates:

April 15th—Annual Parish Meeting

April 29th—change of date!

May 20th—Annual Parish Council (AGM) meeting

June 24th

July 22nd

August 19th—subject to change

September 23rd

October 28th

November 25th

December 16th

All meetings commence at 7.30pm and are held in Chorley Village Hall.

Parishioners time is held at the start of each meeting where you are welcome to come along and inform Councillors of any concerns you might have.

All agendas, minutes and other documents are on the Parish Council website - stottesdonpc.co.uk

Shropshire Councillors:

Thank you to Cllrs Madge Shingleton and Gwilym Butler who continue to support the Parish Council and regularly attend the Parish Council meetings.

They can be contacted on:

Madge.shingleton@shropshire.gov.uk

Gwilym.butler@shropshire.gov.uk

Telephone numbers are on the back page of this newsletter.

Voluntary Car Scheme:

Our very successful Voluntary Car Scheme ended and we are looking for someone to co-ordinate a new scheme.

Many thanks to Janet Williams and Jenny Howes for all their work with this scheme over many years.

If you are interested please get in touch with the Clerk or Shropshire Cllr Madge Shingleton for further details.

Please note:

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Larger print format of this newsletter is available from the Clerk. This newsletter can also be viewed on the Parish Council website.

Accounts year ending 31st March 2018:

<u>Year ending</u>	<u>31.3.17</u>	<u>31.3.18</u>
1. Balances b/fwd	26766	39964
2. (+) Precept or rates and levies	26570	30897
3. (-) Total other receipts	3630	77740
4. (-) Staff costs	10251	11398
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	988	3414
6. (-) All other payments	5763	85698
7. (=) Balances carried forward	39964	48091
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	39964	48091
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	13025	93149
10. Total borrowings	1876	43859
11. Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	NO	NO

The Internal Audit of the accounts was once again carried out by Mrs Val Hill for which the Parish Council are extremely grateful. The Accounts were audited by PKF Littlejohn LLP and were approved with no matters raised.

**USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS:
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The Clerk can be contacted at all reasonable hours.
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Mr David Young	718684	Mr Stuart Allen	718623
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Stottesdon School	718617
Chorley Family Playgroup	718769
Stottesdon/Sidbury Church	718127
Chorley Village Hall	718437 (bookings)
Doctors	712672
District Nurses	711963
Shropshire Council	0345 678 9000 (general enquiries)
Lacon Childe School	01299 270312
Bridgnorth Endowed School	762103
WI (Helena Hale)	718012
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	0300 333 3000 or 101 non emergency calls
Tree Wardens:	
Wade Muggleton (Stottesdon)	718753
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