



*Stottesdon and Sidbury
Parish Council*



*Newsletter
Autumn 2009*



New Parish Councillor:

At our September meeting Mrs Alison Parsons from Chapel House, Station Road was co-opted onto the Parish Council filling the vacancy due to the resignation of Peter Martin through work commitments.

Alison has lived in Stottesdon for 7 years and has a wealth of knowledge in Local Government.

Congratulations:

Our Clerk has recently won a competition run by Staples for a 'complete boxed office'. This included a laptop, printer, vouchers and a variety of stationery from drawing pins to folders, pens, paper, electric stapler/hole punch to a dry wipe board!

Forthcoming Films at the Village Hall:

Thursday 15th October at 7.30pm - Dean Spanley Cert U

An enigmatic tale of grumpy old codgers, intoxicating wines and reincarnated dogs starring Sam Neill with doughty Celt Peter O'Toole.

Thursday 19th November at 7.30pm – The Reader with Kate Winslet and Ralph Fiennes. Cert 15

A boy becomes involved with a strange woman twice his age. She mysteriously disappears and he discovers her, eight years later, on trial for war crimes

Christmas Film in December– Christmas Film and date to be confirmed

£5 annual membership gives adults FREE entry to all films from May to April. Family membership available for £12 for 2 adults and 2 children.

Shropshire Registration Service:

With effect from 15th July the Bridgnorth Registration Office for the registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages and Civil Partnerships moved to the old District Council Offices at Westgate, Bridgnorth. Opening hours and contact details remain unchanged as does the Registrar, Neil Kiely. Contact is via the Customer Service Centre on 0345 678 9016 (Monday and Thursday 8.00am-8.00pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8.00am-6.00pm and Saturday 9.00am-1.00pm).

Parish Watch:

We are pleased to report that Neen Savage and Farlow and Oretton Parish Councils now operate a Parish Watch scheme, which does mean that there are more eyes out there looking for suspicious behaviour, Please do report anything that you see as it is the only way to deter the criminal elements!

More than 240 Shropshire walks to download and print FREE!

There's no doubt about it, walking is good for you. It's good for your heart, it's good for your lungs, it's good for the muscle and bone growth of your children and it's good for your feeling of wellbeing! Strong scientific evidence now supports the many benefits to health of regular walking – it is recommended that we take at least 10,000 steps a day.

Studies show that walking can:

- Reduce the risk of coronary heart disease and stroke
- Lower blood pressure
- Reduce high cholesterol
- Reduce body fat
- Enhance mental well being

Walking offers a great way to help kids get the active habit. If parents express excitement about the prospect of a walk in the countryside, they are more likely to transmit this feeling to their children. It's important to treat the walk as an exploration or adventure and to go at the child's pace, no matter how often they want to stop and look at things; take treats to eat and plenty to drink; and head for some landmark that will appeal to them such as a castle, a play-ground, an ice cream van or a boating pond. If children experience walking as part of a fun activity they are more likely to want to go again.

So, how do you find out what is on offer? John Harris, a keen walker, got fed up with the lack of information on walks that were going on in the County. So, he decided that if he couldn't find what he was looking for – he had better create it! So www.walkinginshropshire.co.uk came into being.

www.walkinginshropshire.co.uk gives you all the information you need for the best walking in the County:

Details of more than 240 walks to download and print free, details of all the Shropshire walking groups, maps and walk books – plus loads more information. So check out the website and get walking!

Shropshire Rural Housing Association - The Meers, Chorley:

Having built six houses for local people in Chorley the Association were unable to get co-operation from the electricity company for connection of these properties. The Clerk Mrs. Freda Morris opened a dialogue with the powers that be and successfully managed to arrange connection where all others failed. The Housing Association wishes to thank her publicly for what she did to achieve this – even getting work done over the August Bank Holiday. The tenants will all be in by the end of September and we hope that the innovative Ground Source Heating and rainwater harvesting will prove to be efficient and economical. On a final note we also thank the locals near the site for their patience and consideration over the last few months

Stottesdon Church News:

Friday October 2nd will be St Mary's Harvest Praise service at 7.30pm followed by the harvest Supper. Please come and join us - the supper is free and we would love to see everyone. Families are all welcome!

Sunday October 4th - Harvest Family Service at 10.30am. This is another opportunity to celebrate Harvest which is a very important part of our lives - especially in this community. Following the service, coffee and tea and a little refreshment will be provided, also the Harvest produce will be on sale during this time.

Remembrance Sunday November 8th will be celebrated at Stottesdon during the morning service at 10.30am.

A Coffee Morning with a 'Christmas Theme' will take place in Church on Saturday November 28th from 10am to 12.30pm. Christmas provisions will be on sale and possibly some Christmas presents. Any gifts to go on our stalls etc. would be greatly appreciated. Do come and have your coffee break with us and possibly buy some of your Christmas goodies. Our Christmas Quiz will also be available on that day!

Tuesday December 22nd is the date for our Traditional Carol Service at 7.30pm in Stottesdon Church followed by mulled wine and mince pies. We would like this to be a real village service - do come and join in!

Doctor's Surgery News:

We welcome Dr Jonathon Davis and Dr Gauthami Railton who have joined Dr Bassett at the Brown Clee Medical Practice.

Consultation times at Ditton Priors is Monday to Friday 9.00am-11.00am and 2.30pm-5.00pm and Stottesdon Surgery is now open Monday to Friday 9.00am -12.00am.

To make an appointment telephone the Ditton Priors Surgery between 8.30am and 5.15pm.

Speed Limit:

As you will have seen the new 30mph speed limit has been introduced in Stottesdon. PLEASE stick to this for the safety of all road users.

AB PRIVATE HIRE TAXI - Cleobury Mortimer

Private hire taxi and same day courier services that prides itself on being reliable, honest and friendly with an excellent value for money service. Based in Cleobury Mortimer AB Private Hire Taxi will cater for journeys to Ludlow, Tenbury Wells, Worcester and surrounding areas and will also cater for all airport transfers and any other long distance trips and are licensed to carry up to 13 passengers.

Customers are catered for 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. All drivers are CRB checked. Further details or a quote contact Ashley Buck on 07876 554911 or via www.ashbuck.com

Message from Shropshire Councillor Madge Shinton:

Blue disabled badges:

I am interested in any problems people may have experienced with obtaining a blue disabled badge.

Countryside Explorer Bus:

Cleobury Country, Highley Councillor Mary Nicholls and I are trying to find funding to restart the Countryside Explorer Bus to run next year April to October (Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Mondays). We are interested in hearing from anyone who would be interested in using it, if we are successful.

Bridgnorth Saturday Community Bus:

We have at last managed to find another way to provide a bus to run every Saturday morning to Bridgnorth. The mini bus is provided by Bridgnorth District Community Transport Group. Cost is a membership subscription of £3 per annum joining fee and either a bus pass or fare of £6 return. Pick up in Stottesdon is 9.15am at the Fighting Cocks and the bus stop at Glebe Drive with a further pick up at Chorley Village Hall and Chapel at 9.20am. For more information and to book a seat ring 01746 768539.

Overhanging trees:

Can I appeal to all land owners to check their boundary hedges which are next to roads or footpaths for overhanging branches/foliage and cut them back Thank you.

Wheelchair wanted:

Has anyone got a lightweight wheelchair they would lend out? Please ring 01746 718201.

Parking:

A reminder once again to everyone **NOT** to park on the pavements, especially outside the school. As well as being illegal it causes problems for pedestrians, particularly those with pushchairs or wheelchair users.

For drop off/collection times at the school the parking in Glebe Drive should be used. **PLEASE DO NOT** park or leave cars in the lay-by outside the bus shelter.

Also a reminder that the 6 parking bays in Glebe Drive are for 'short stay visitor' parking not permanent residential parking.

Yoga

Come and join our friendly yoga class in Chorley Village Hall on Wednesday mornings 10-11.30 - all abilities welcome. Even if you are a complete beginner, the class is very supportive. Yoga can help physical and mental health, improve vitality, relieve pain and stress and generally promote clarity and balance in your life. For more details of this and other classes please call Jenny on 01746 718437.

NEW CONTACTS FOR BOOKING THE VILLAGE HALL @ CHORLEY

We hope that everyone will appreciate, and value, the fresh 'new look' acquired by the Village Hall during the major redecoration project completed in the last month.

To go with that new look, we have a new brochure setting out the many facilities and features on offer, together with the charges for hiring the Village Hall - for parties, events, presentations, meetings and many other uses.

Generous booking discounts are available for local groups and individuals.

To request a copy of the new brochure and to book your session at the Village Hall, please email: bookings@chorley-village.org.uk or call the Village Hall booking line on **0700-585-0014**

CHORLEY SHOW EQUALS BEST EVER FUNDRAISING RESULT

That's right, Chorley Show 2009 equalled it's best ever fundraising effort in the glorious weather on Sunday 16th August.

Thanks are due to the regular, small band of local volunteers, who worked with business sponsors and other supporters to put together an amazing Show which attracted around 1,350 visitors - and raised an amazing £6,000 for local good causes. This year the proceeds are being shared between The Village Hall @ Chorley, Stottesdon Primary School and Chorley Family Playgroup.

With this tremendous success in mind, it is timely to confirm that the next Chorley Show will be held on Sunday 15th August 2010 - and also that there are many opportunities available for new volunteers to become involved in planning, preparing and staging The Show. It is tremendous fun - honestly!

Anyone interested in helping, in any way, and however small, please get in touch with Chris, and the Show team, for a chat by calling the Show Hotline on 0700-598-0014.

And talking of *local good causes*, the 2010 Show organisers will be considering applications for possible fundraising later this year. Get in touch if you know of a genuinely local, good cause which may merit support from the Show - all that we require in return is that people from that local good cause will actively work with us in planning, delivering and then dismantling the Show!

Local Events In October and November:

Sunday 4th October - Apple Day at The Fighting Cocks, 12 noon - 6pm.

Bring apples and pears (and bottles!) to press your own juice.

Saturday 31st October - Halloween Ghost Walk.

Ghostly stories and spooky happenings around Chorley followed by Village Hall baked potatoes and snacks. Look out for posters for details of how to book your places.

Saturday 7th November - Charity Fireworks.

Live music, beer festival and pig roast at the Fighting Cocks - look out for posters with details.

Saturday 21st November - Christmas Fayre.

An opportunity for local Christmas shopping, seasonal refreshments and maybe a visit from Santa Claus! Village Hall 10.30am - 3.30pm.

Nightingale Nursing Fund:

The above fund is holding a Christmas Prize Bingo session at Cleobury Mortimer Sports and Social Club on 10th December - 7.30 start. Anyone is welcome to play. Any prizes towards this evening would be gratefully received - contact Rosemary 718210

Wise & Well Market Place:

Friday 30th October at The Endowed School, Bridgnorth 10.00am-3.00 pm. This is a drop in session for anyone needing advice or information. There will be many organisations present who will be able to help you, Age concern, Dept of Work and Pensions, Red Cross, Carers Groups etc. There will be space for confidential consultations also. Free transport will be provided - contact 01743 342161.

Chorley Family Playgroup

**In association with
The Pampered Chef**

presents...

**Ready Steady Cook
At The Fighting Cocks
Sunday 18th October**

Tickets £3, including a complimentary drink and nibbles are available from Sarah on 01746 718 788.

For more details visit www.chorleyfamilyplaygroup.co.uk.

Please note:

Whilst every effort is made to accuracy, Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council cannot in any circumstances accept responsibility for errors or omissions of advice given in this publication. The opinions expressed in this newsletter do not necessarily represent the views of Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council.

Deadline for articles for the next newsletter is 12noon 2nd January 2010.

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

The Clerk can be contacted at all reasonable hours.

Mrs F Morris

18 Glebe Drive

Stottesdon

Kidderminster

DY14 8UF

Telephone number: 718453 (answerphone available)

Email - stottesdonpc@btinternet.com

Website: www.shrop.net/stottesdonandsidburypc

PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Mrs R Abbiss	718210	Mr B Hamilton-Russell	718577
Mr I Swain	718135	Mr s Alison Parsons	718047
Mrs J Davies	718093	Mrs D Newsham	718223
Mrs M Shineton	718427	Mrs R Griffiths	718256
Mrs D Walsh	718527	Mrs S Home	718592

SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

Councillor Madge Shineton	718427
Councillor Gwilym Butler	01584 890458

Stottesdon School	718617
Chorley Family Playgroup	718769
Stottesdon/Sidbury Church	01746 862426 Rev Colin Resch
Chorley Village Hall	07005 850 014 (bookings)
Doctors	712672
District Nurses	711963
Shropshire Council	0345 678 9000 (general enquiries)
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
AB Private Hire Taxi	07876554911 (Cleobury Mortimer)

Tree Wardens:

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