

# Stottersdon and Sidbury Parish Council



**Cllr Madge Shinton presenting award to Paul Gibbons,  
Severn Trent Water**



Autumn 2011  
Newsletter

**New Parish Councillor:**

We are pleased to report that Tom Casswell from Chorley was co-opted onto the Parish Council at the August meeting.

Sadly our Chairman Cllr Rae Griffiths has resigned due to personal reasons which means that we now have 3 vacancies. If you are interested in joining the Parish Council please contact the Clerk or a Councillor.

**Horses:**

We have received a complaint that horses have been ridden down the footpath along Station Road and leaving far more behind than dogs do!

This is a well used footpath so please spare a thought for others who use this footpath regularly.

**Free Tree scheme:**

Shropshire Council are once again operating the 'free tree' scheme which the Parish Council have supported for many years.

Community groups, schools, landowners and the general public are welcome to apply for the free trees and shrubs. The scheme is open to anyone as long as the trees will be planted where they will provide some public amenity value.

Full details of the scheme, including a comprehensive list of trees and shrubs from which to choose, can be found on the Shropshire Council's website follow the link:

<http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/environment.nsfopen/3B24CB246C9AA7908025755A00696685>

**101 --- is coming!**

101 will be the national phone number for non emergency police calls. It is being rolled out in the West Mercia area on Monday 3rd October 2011.

**Speeding:**

We are receiving regular complaints regarding speeding vehicles throughout the Parish and also drivers using mobile phones whilst driving (particularly some tractor drivers).

Please can we ask again you to SLOW DOWN and use 'hands free' for your mobile phones.

**Parking:**

It is now the start of the new school term and can we PLEASE remind parents NOT to park in the BUS STOP but to use the parking bays in Glebe Drive. There is also plenty of space in Glebe Drive for parking whilst dropping off and picking up children from school and playgroup. PLEASE consider the children's and other road users safety. Please also note that the new parking bays are for 'short term parking' and NOT permanent resident parking.

The Police continue to monitor the situation.

**Theft of drain covers:**

You might have noticed that there has once again been a spate of drain covers being stolen which is extremely dangerous. If you are aware of any missing please let the Clerk or a Councillor know.

**Audit of Parish Council accounts:**

Each year 5% of Parish and Town Council accounts are picked for extra audit examination and this year it was our turn! This meant that the Clerk had to furnish the external auditors with additional paperwork but we are pleased to report that everything was in order and we received a 'clear audit'. Thanks once again to Mrs Val Hill who carries out the internal audit.

**Plastic recycling:**

With effect from 31st October 2011 a new kerbside collection for plastic bottles will be included. It is ***lids off, wash and squash!*** Hopefully you should now have received your new recycling calendar and a box for plastics will be delivered from Monday 17th October until Friday 28th October. You will now have a box for paper, a box for glass bottles and jars and a box for plastic bottles and metals (tins, cans, aerosols, foil). If you require extra boxes please telephone the number on your new calendar but do not leave bags of recyclables as these will not be collected.

**Salt and grit:**

Please let the Clerk or a Councillor know if salt/grit is needed ready for the winter but can we please remind everyone in advance that this is provided for use on the highway and NOT for personal use.

**Road closure:**

We have been notified of a road closure on the Hardwickforge/Farlow road outside Winterdyne Farm. This is necessary in order for drainage work to be carried out to alleviate flooding. Work will commence on 17th October off the highway but the road will be closed for 12 days from the 24th October for construction within the highway. Due to the restricted width of the road and the nature of the works a road closure is necessary.

Please use the recommended diversion route and thank you for your patience whilst this work is being carried out.

**A message from Doctor's Surgery:**

We are very pleased to inform all our patients that we have been accepted to train medical students. We are particularly excited about this and the opportunities it offers to our practice. It is very important that young students on the verge of becoming doctors have the experience of meeting patients when they first present their problems. In the past most training has been done in large teaching hospitals where many students have little opportunity to see and examine patients. They rarely see where 95% of all medicine takes place, that is in the local GP surgery.

We will have each student for three months. They will be at the very end of their training, in their final year, just before qualification. They have already passed their final exams. Although some of our patients may be asked to see a student initially, the consultation will always be checked directly by either Dr. Railton or Dr. Bassett. It is important to know you have the right to decline to see the student if you wish. They will spend most of their time with patients at the Stottesdon surgery and our first student will start in December.

### **How Green is Stottesdon!**

At the Cleobury Country Environmental Champion awards for 2011 on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Cleobury Country Centre, Stottesdon projects were extremely successful and won four awards as follows:

- Miranda Kingston on behalf of Stottesdon School garden initiative.
- Chris and Clare Tibbits for solar photovoltaic roof panels.
- Shropshire Rural Housing Association for Ground Source Heat Pumps in their development at Chorley.
- Severn Trent Water for advanced sewage treatment in the Rea catchment at Stottesdon

The Awards were presented by Councillor Madge Shineton who was delighted with such a wide range of projects from across the Cleobury Country Area. The photograph on the front page shows Madge Shineton presented Severn Trent with their certificate.

### **From the Church:**

Harvest celebrations are currently underway and we would like to invite you to join us for our annual Harvest Festival & Supper on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October in Stottesdon Church at 7:30pm. This will be followed by a Bring & Share Harvest Supper at the back of the Church. This is one occasion when it would be lovely for the whole community – young and old – to gather together and fill the church with our celebrations.

The Autumn Lunch at Clapwicket on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November will mark the end of our Harvest Celebrations. If you'd like to come, you will need to book with Derek & Mary (718571). There's no charge but donations for church funds will be gratefully received.

I can't believe I'm about to say this but 'Christmas is Coming' – so here's a few dates of events at Stottesdon Church for you to make a note of: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 10am – Coffee Morning (with a Christmas theme); Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 10:30am – Christingle Service; Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 7:30pm – Carols by Candle-light; Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 11:30pm – Midnight Mass. At Sidbury Church, the Carol Service will be on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 6:30pm and Christmas Day Communion will be at 8am. One final December date is the Christmas Open House at The Rectory – also known as Strudel Day – drop by anytime between 2pm and 8pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> December for home-made apple strudel, gluhwein and other Austrian delights.

### **Zumba and Aerobics:**

A new Zumba and Aerobics class with Emma will be starting in Chorley Village Hall on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 7.45pm-8.45pm—£4.

For further details please ring Emma on 01746 862842 or 07903771654.

**Chorley Village Hall Supporters Club Presents . . . . .**

**Films for the Autumn Season**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm 'True Grit' Cert 15**

Classic Western directed by the Coen Brothers starring Jeff Bridges and Matt Damon. Nominated for 5 BAFTAs and 10 Oscars

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm 'Never Let Me Go' Cert 12A**

A haunting story starring Keira Knightley

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm 'The Kids are all right' Cert 15**

Comedy-drama about a family with 2 mothers doing fine until the teenage children decide to seek out their biological dad. Starring Julianne Moore and Annette Bening

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7.30pm 'Made in Dagenham' Cert 15**

The strike by women at the Dagenham Ford factory in 1968 that led to the Equal Pay Act is given the Calendar Girls treatment. Starring Bob Hoskins, Geraldine James, Miranda Richardson,

***One annual payment of £5 per adult / £2 for Under 16s***

***gives you free entry to films over 12 months***

**Any queries contact Joe or Richard on 01746 718693 or email [joe@phoenix-cottage.co.uk](mailto:joe@phoenix-cottage.co.uk)**

**Autumn events organised by the Village Hall and Chorley Show:**

**Fungi Foray – Sunday 2 October**

An afternoon stroll around the woods - with experts identifying the toadstools and other fungi, edible or otherwise! Mushroom-based soup served at the Village Hall on return. Booking essential for this limited-numbers event – call Liz Smith (718072).

**Apple Day – Sunday 9 October**

Hosted at The Fighting Cocks – bring your apples and pears plus clean, empty bottles and you could go away with freshly squeezed juice – delicious as it is, or for freezing at home. Apple displays, games, and cider.

For information, call Wade Muggleton (718753). Fruit presses and other equipment will be available for community hire after the event.

**Autumn 'Gig and Grub' – Saturday 29 October**

Tickets for this popular event, featuring *Whalebone* and *Beck Sian*, are £5 (including light meal) and are *only available in advance*. Call Liz Smith (718072) to book – first come, first served!

**Malt Night – Friday 2 December**

Malt whisky tasting, games and food – details from Mike Mooney (718593)

**Seniors Christmas Lunch – Saturday 10 December**

Bookings are now open for this year's complimentary Festive Lunch at the Village Hall, for Senior Citizens in the parish. Please call Karen Dayus (718700) to confirm your invitation and to book your place, plus free transport (if desired) in the minibus kindly provided by Willowdene Farm.

**Chorley Show to equal best-ever fundraising total**

Fine weather on 14<sup>th</sup> August ensured a reasonable, but not record-breaking, crowd for this year's Show – and people seem to have stayed around longer than usual to enjoy the music and activities, great foodstuffs and the beer tent. With a just few late bills still to pay, we are delighted that Chorley Show looks likely to have again made around £6,000 for local good causes – the final tally will be confirmed shortly at the Cheque Presentation evening to be arranged in the Village Hall.

So, *many thanks* to everyone who helped to run the Show; to all who came along on the day; and to anyone who'd like to be involved with the next Show (pencilled-in for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2012, so please call Chris on 718007 to register interest!).

**Stottesdon & District WI Report :**

This has been a busy quarter with the usual plethora of shows. First to Burwarton, where true to form, our exhibition window on the theme of 'A Country Walk' was marked somewhere in the middle of the eight entries, points boosted by full marks for Molly Jones' embroidered denim rucksack, but unaccountably lost on the vagaries of staging and interpretation. Never mind – we sold plenty of jam & chutney at Chorley Show and Farlow School fete to boost our funds and tide us through the coming year.

Clare Tibbits continues to organise a varied programme, a delightful evening with Revd. Colin Resch at Sidbury Hall, followed by a session much enjoyed by bird watchers, with John Clewes from Sandwell Valley Park. His voluntary talk was rewarded by recruitment of new RSPB members.

Sadly we have received the resignation of Jenny Everingham from her long standing role as President, though we are delighted that she will continue as a committee member. Her years of experience, commitment and sound good sense are really highly valued, and we do look forward to Jenny rejoining us again when health permits. Voting will take place at November's AGM for a new President.

Our involvement in Public Affairs continues, with members from Bridgnorth and Cleobury joining us for meetings to debate topical issues such as the plight of libraries, and the need for local partnerships. Steff Bryan continues to represent us at County Meetings, raising the profile of our small but highly active WI.

**Next newsletter:**

The deadline for items for the next newsletter is 12 noon on 4th January 2012. It would be very helpful if you could let the Clerk have items as early as possible and can we please ask that items are kept to a maximum of 250 words.

**Autumn charity fundraising events in Stottesdon**

The dementia charity - the Alzheimer's Society – will benefit from funds raised at Fighting Cocks events over the next few months, so come and join the fun for this really worthwhile cause. More details from Sandra on 718270.

**Charity Quiz Nights** at 8 pm on Sundays 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Fireworks Festival, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

Starts at 7pm prompt - spectacular fireworks display, pig roast, beer festival and live music from popular local band 'Re-booted'.

**Overhanging trees/hedges:**

Can we please ask landowners to cut back any hedges and trees against the roadside and footpaths for the safety of all concerned.

**[Parish Plan Survey – please tell us your views now!](#)**

Your Parish Council needs to know your priorities for the local area, so that we can make sure our plans for the future reflect what matters most to our residents.

You can complete the questionnaire on line, via the Parish Council website: **[www.shrop.net/stottesdonandsidburypc](http://www.shrop.net/stottesdonandsidburypc)** and on the 'home page' click onto 'Parish Plan Survey 2011'. On the next page click on the survey website link and on the following page click onto 'Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council: Survey of Residents' Priorities' - you can then complete the survey.

Or, if you prefer, you can fill in the survey form delivered with this newsletter and put it in one of the collection boxes listed on the back of the form.

Please encourage anyone who lives with you to take part in the survey. Extra forms are available from the collection points, the Clerk or any member of the Parish Council.

The deadline for completed surveys is Monday **17 October 2011**

We look forward to receiving your responses and will report back on our findings in the next newsletter.

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Stottesdon School	718617
Chorley Family Playgroup	718769
Stottesdon/Sidbury Church	718297 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
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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
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