

Stottesdon and Sidbury
Parish Council



Newsletter
January 2011



A very happy new year to all our parishioners!!

Salt and grit:

We have had a real spate of salt being taken from the bins and even a new bin taken from the top of Walton Bank. **PLEASE** can we ask that you use the salt in the bins for use on the roads and not for personal use. If you know where salt is needed please contact the Clerk or a Parish Councillor and requests will be made to Shropshire Council to provide this. Can we also ask that if you use the bin to close the lid. Shropshire Council operated a new scheme this winter where they provided tractor mounted gritters to 2 local farmers who have contracts to clear the snow in our area and they have treated some of the side roads. With this new scheme in operation it meant that we could not have a supply of salt for Willowdene to salt our side roads which we know proved very successful last year. However Willowdene, at the request of the Parish Council, came and cleared the footpaths through the village and also the School. We are extremely grateful to Willowdene for carrying out this job. The Clerk has maps of the gritting routes if you need clarification of which roads are gritted.

Shropshire Council have confirmed that the road through Chorley will be added onto the secondary gritting route, which is good news for all residents. Following a request for the salt bin by the Village Hall to be re-located further up the road above the Village Hall Shropshire Council have also confirmed that they will arrange for this to be carried out and all salt bins and piles are being replenished.

Safety issues:

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that there are numerous motorists driving through the village using mobile phones and not wearing seat belts. These are both driving offences and would ask parishioners to use their seatbelts and hands free!

Concern has also been expressed regarding inconsiderate horse riders and drivers in the Parish. The Parish Council has been in touch with both Equestrian Centres in the Parish expressing the concerns raised. Can we please ask that drivers SLOW DOWN for the horses and everyone treats each other with respect.

The Parish Council also requested that horse riders wear fluorescent vests and we would ask that pedestrians and cyclists wear these as it is sometimes very difficult to see people on the roads. We are sure that you will agree that it is better to be safe than sorry!

Thank you to the horse riders who have started to wear the fluorescent vests and also reflective strips etc on their horses.

Festive Shop:

Many thanks to all who attended and supported the Festive Shop at the Fighting Cocks. £323 was raised in aid of Breast Cancer Research.

Date for your diary:

Mid summer fete to be held at Catholic Church, Cleobury Mortimer June 25th 2pm.

Village Notice Board:

The Parish Council provides notice board space for advertising local events and other items of interest in and around the parish. Can we please ask that, if you put up a poster advertising an event, you remove it when the event has taken place. Please do not remove any posters put up by other people - we have received complaints that this has been happening recently.

Roads:

The Clerk is in regular contact with the Shropshire Council regarding road repairs in the Parish. We have a new Highways Technician for our area who does a monthly tour of the Parish and then issues orders for repairs. We are extremely grateful to Shropshire Council for their assistance. If you know of any problems please contact the Clerk.

Can we please ask landowners to check roadside trees as we had a number in the Parish fall across the roads in the high winds in October.

Refuse collection:

We are aware that some people did not have their bins collected in the snow. The Clerk checked this out and it was confirmed that the vehicles were unable to access some parts of our parish but as soon as they were able to do so the refuse was collected. Any problems please contact the Shropshire Council Customer Services. Clerk has available a small supply of collection date timetables if you have mislaid yours.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee - 2012:

The Parish Council has been asked to host an event to celebrate this. There has been some brilliant events in the Parish in the past. Numerous events were held for the Silver Jubilee and we had a party for the Millennium. Children in the parish were given mugs and book marks to celebrate these events. Please let the Clerk or a Councillor know of any ideas or suggestions you might have to mark this event.

Nightingale Nursing Fund:

You may have seen press reports that the fund was closing in Shropshire. This is partly true as all the other branches in Shropshire have closed but rest assured that your own fund is still running and being used. It covers people who need care and are patients of Ditton Priors, Highley, Cleobury Mortimer or Tenbury Wells Doctors Practices. To prove the need for this fund, over the last six to eight weeks over £4,000 has been paid out on patient care. The fund relies totally on the generosity of local people and local groups raising the money. Recently Cleobury Mortimer Social Club held a Christmas Bingo evening with 50% of the funds raised being given to the Nightingale Nursing Fund.

The fund is accessed through your District Nurse and anyone in need of extra nursing care that is not available from any other source is able to benefit.

For more information please contact Rosemary Abbiss 718210.

Pat Straughan Riding for the Disabled Group:

The Pat Straughan Riding for the Disabled Group (Charity Number 1135716) are a new group, affiliated to the National RDA. Our purpose is to help give an opportunity to ride to local Adults or Children with physical or learning disabilities. We raise money to pay for specialist equipment, and to pay to subsidise the cost of lessons in part or full for disabled adults or children who cannot afford a horse-riding experience on their own. We volunteer to help our disabled riders take part in a riding lesson.

Do you have time, once a week or once a month to come to the Ginny Hole in Stottesdon to help our riders during their lesson with Country Treks? You don't need to be horsey. You don't need any special qualifications. You will make an enormous difference to someone's day. Do you know someone who might want to join the Pat Straughan RDA Group as a rider? Do you want to take part in helping our fund raising activities?

Are you interested in joining our Committee? Please call Jacky Davies on 01746 718093 or jmhdavies@gmail.com, thank you.

Dogs:

Can we please remind everyone to clean up after their dogs - bagged waste can be placed in the litter bins.

A reminder from the Police re: sheep worrying via email also reads:

'We would renew our appeals for dog owners to keep their animals away from livestock and remind owners that they could face prosecution for not keeping their dogs under proper control'.

Chorley Family Playgroup:

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support for all of the various Christmas events that we organised - The Christmas Ball, Turkey Squares and Christmas Cards, all of which raised just over £400. Children, staff and parents also had a lovely time at the Santa Safari Trip and our Christmas Party and Nativity. We held these at the Village Hall this year and it was great to be able to use this vital facility again.

We now provide wrap around care so our new opening hours are: Mon - Thurs 8:00am - 5:30pm, with the Parent and Child group on Fridays 10:00am - 12:00pm. We are also offering some holiday provision - please contact Zoe Day on 01746 718 769 for further information, or visit our website on www.chorleyfamilyplaygroup.co.uk

Thanks:

Thanks to everyone who supported the coffee morning at the Severn Hospice Charity Shop in Cleobury Mortimer - £54.30 was raised for the Hospice.

Chorley Village Hall Supporters Group presents

Films for 2011:

'Avatar' on Thursday 27th January 2011 at 7.30pm

'Eat, Pray, Love' Certificate 15 on Thursday 24th February 2011 at 7.30pm

Dara O'Briain's 'This is the Show' on Saturday 12th March at 7.30pm

'A Single Man', Certificate 12A on Thursday 24th March at 7.30pm

'A Good Year', PG on Thursday 28th April at 7.30pm

'Another Year', Certificate 12A on Thursday 26th May at 7.30pm

'The Lovely Bones', Certificate 12 on Thursday 23rd June at 7.30pm

'Bright Star', PG on Thursday 21st July at 7.30pm

Stottesdon & Sidbury Church News:

I can't believe it is already six months since we moved into Stottesdon. How time flies. We have been made to feel very welcome and enjoy living here.

Services at Stottesdon continue every Sunday at 10:30am. If you haven't been before, or if it's been a while, why not come and join us. A warm welcome awaits. Services at Sidbury continue on the 3rd Sunday of every month but at the new time of 4pm. This is especially good news for those with children because you can still get them home in time for bed. For those who like a quieter service with no hymns, we hold a half-hour Communion service every Wednesday in Stottesdon Church at 9:30am.

Good news! Stottesdon Church Council have recently had the heating upgraded at St Mary's so you shouldn't feel quite so cold anymore. This has been a real bonus during the very cold snap.

And now more good news, I have arranged for the Bishop of Ludlow, Rt Revd Alistair Magowen, to lead a confirmation service in our group on Sunday 22nd May. This means I will be running confirmation classes during the Spring. If you have not been confirmed and are interested in finding out more, please get in touch with me on 718297.

You may know that we have been running a Children's film club in Stottesdon Church during the main holiday periods. This is set to continue with the next films being during the Easter holidays. As a special treat, there will be an adult only film showing on Good Friday. Check the Church notice board nearer the time for more details. I am hoping that we can also put the film club equipment to good use for the Royal Wedding. I would like to hold a village party in and around the Church showing the event live on the large screen. I can't organise the party by myself so if anyone is interested in helping me, please give me a call.

Finally, Liz and I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all to join us any Friday morning at the Rectory for coffee. Just drop in anytime between 10am and 12noon. It would be lovely to meet new people.

With every blessing, Colin Resch

Parish Council meeting dates for 2011:

January 24th
February 28th
March 28th
April 11th - Annual Parish meeting
April 18th
May 23rd
June 27th
July 25th
August 22nd
September 26th
October 24th
November 28th
December 19th

All Parish Council meetings are open for public and press to attend. Meetings are normally held in Chorley Village Hall at 7.30pm - any changes will be noted on the agenda/posters which are displayed on the village notice boards. If you would like to bring anything to the attention of the Parish Council come along to the meeting, the first item is 'Parishioner's time', so you can have your say and leave the meeting - you are welcome to stay and listen.

Newsletter articles:

Deadlines for forthcoming newsletters are:

27th March 2011
19th June 2011
25th September 2011
4th January 2012

Please ensure that information is forwarded to the Clerk by 12 noon at the latest on these dates - email, if possible to stottesdonpc@btinternet.com

Please keep reports as brief as possible as space is limited - lengthy items will be reduced.

Please note:

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If you would like this newsletter in larger print please contact the Clerk.

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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
Social Car (Jenny Howes)	718675
WI (Jenny Everingham)	718219
Power Loss Helpline	08457 331331
Mobile Library	01584 813600
Crimestoppers	0800 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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