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STOTTESDON AND SIDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

**NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2015**

Happy New Year to all our parishioners!

New Councillors:

We are pleased to welcome Jonathan Hill from Bardley and Sally Crawford from Chorley onto the Parish Council. We still have one vacancy so if you are interested please contact the Clerk or a Councillor.

Potholes etc:

Shropshire Council has been carrying out repairs throughout our Parish with the limited funds that they have available. Please let the Clerk know if grit/salt piles are required and these will be requested. Can we remind everyone that this for use on the roads/pavements and not for personal use.

If you are aware of any potholes please contact the Clerk who will contact Shropshire Council or advise you if this has already been reported.

Lengthsman Scheme:

We are very grateful to Willowdene for carrying out this work on behalf of the Parish Council. Dave is out and about in the Parish each Monday and if you are aware of any problems please contact the Clerk.

We will once again ask Willowdene to grit the footpaths and in the event of snow to clear the paths to the school/Dr's Surgery etc.

Overhanging trees/hedges:

Can we ask all landowners to check any roadside hedges and trees and trim back any overhanging branches etc to help avoid any accidents. Can we also ask landowners to check fencing etc to try to eliminate the risk of animals escaping onto the roads.

Footpath cutting:

Thanks to Mark Pearce for taking over the cutting of the footpaths from Glebe Drive and the Rectory to the Church. John Griffiths had mowed these paths on behalf of the Parish Council for numerous years before handing the job over to Mark this last season. Thanks John for all the years you did this work.

Road closures:

We have 2 road closures planned for next year. Can we please ask everyone to be patient whilst this work is being carried out and use the planned diversions:

1. Road to be closed: Ferny Hall to Yew Tree Farm Junction, Chorley, Bridgnorth

Date: Tuesday 17 February 2015 for 3 days, from 8.00am until 5.00pm

Purpose: Carriageway resurfacing

2. Road to be closed: Honeysuckle junction to The Miners junction, Stottesdon-

Date: From Monday 23 February 2015 for 4 days (9.30am until 4.00pm)

Purpose: Carriageway Resurfacing

Stottesdon Church Bells:

As you may be aware we have a heritage peal of bells in our local church of St Mary. These bells were restored to full circle ringing in 2005 and since then we have tried to ring on each Sunday morning, together with practice night each week. We are now in a situation where we need more volunteers to continue the art of campanology (bellringing) in our village church, An offer is open to both ladies and gentlemen who have a little strength and also to teenagers over the age of 15 years who would be willing to give up a little of their time to practice this particular hobby. I understand that people today are very busy most days of the week but our Sunday ringing is only for half an hour before the service and you would not be expected to attend every church service. Practice nights are Friday at 7.45pm and full training would be given. So if you would be interested either call me on 718571 or visit our practice night on Fridays. Without more volunteers our bells may become silent in the future. Derek Overton—Tower Captain.

Take back the reins – news from Country Treks:

Burn up to 360 calories an hour! You can burn the same number of calories as popping down to the gym for a lunchtime workout.

Improve your mental wellbeing

Tone core muscles

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Enjoy low impact, moderate intensity exercise

90% of riders report riding makes them feel cheerful and relaxed

Take back the reins is a specially designed riding course for adults. Remember the joy of climbing into the saddle and forgetting your worries, building a relationship with a horse and soaking up the fresh air and countryside... wherever life has taken you, find a little 'me time' to rekindle that feeling and 'Take Back the Reins'.

TAKE BACK THE REINS PRICE FREEZE

£25 per session midweek

£30 per session on a Sunday

Further information please contact Country Treks on 718436.

Future dates:

Next Parish Council meeting date is January 26th 2015 and further meeting dates will be published on the website once approved at the next meeting.

Deadline for the next newsletter is 12 noon on 29th March 2015 - articles received after this date will not be included and lengthy articles will be reduced. Please forward articles to the Clerk, preferably via email in word format.

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 do not necessarily represent the views of Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council.

Larger print format of this newsletter is available from the Clerk

Community Celebrations and Expectations - from Alan Vincent:

Once in a while there is an atmosphere of change, a shift, openness, a herald of something moving forward. Our community seems to be in one such transition right now. New people moving in, new folk emerging within the community to lead local initiatives, activities, institutions, established ventures seeking new opportunities. What is behind us is good, but change raises our hopes for something tantalising, to be reached for. Our community is special. It has retained a working, functioning community of villages spirit. The Village Hall at Chorley, St Mary's, The Chorley Show, a new community of people at Homelands Park, a growing number of local people meeting together, for time together, sharing food, friendship, practical and spiritual help, support and fellowship at the Chapel, exciting ventures proposed, growing leisure activities. What is so good is these activities are not exclusive, but inclusive, 'community'. Let's build on inclusivity. As a Minister I hope you'll forgive me, Psalm 133 in the Bible says (abridged) "where brothers dwell together **in unity**.... 'there,' God commands His blessing." My prayer for **all of us** in 2015 as we **journey together** is "Bring it on Lord! More of what you are doing, here!" Amen

PROCESS FOR APPOINTMENT OF A NEW VICAR

Since decisions regarding the appointment of a new vicar may take many months, Stottesdon Rectory is to be let short-term in the meantime.

The Church of England's formal process starts with a "Vacancy Review Consultation" meeting; this will be held at 9:30am on Saturday 24th January in Farlow & Oretton Village Hall and is open to all residents, not just churchgoers, of our parishes – if you would like to join us, or to find out more, then please let the Churchwardens know so that sufficient refreshments may be provided.

The Consultation will be conducted by the Diocesan Local Ministry Officer and is expected run for 3 - 3½ hours. The objective is to 'inform and resource those who will share the task of writing the draft statement of needs for agreement with the Archdeacon'.

Meanwhile, regular services continue at both Churches with Revd Mark Daborn (Kinlet) kindly covering most services, the school and home visits.

For details of services and other enquiries such as for Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals please contact the Churchwardens - Stottesdon – Clare 01746 718007 or Mark 718700 and Sidbury – Jo 718525 or Lucy 718579

HAPPENINGS AT STOTTESDON CHURCH

The Churchwardens have responsibility for the upkeep of the Church and some major building works to replace worn out guttering and pipework at St Mary's (north side) – funded by private donation – are planned for this Spring.

Overhaul of the 1855 turret clock is almost complete. Worn and corroded components have been replaced and an auto-winding mechanism installed. This conservation work sets-up the clock for another 160 years and it was made possible by a generous grant from The Heritage Lottery Fund!

This marks the end of an era during which Dave Morris undertook the weekly clock winding; the Churchwardens presented Dave with a gift in recognition of his service.

Finally, with many thanks to all the participants in the Nursery Rhyme themed Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's, congratulations go to The Playgroup for the winning entry (as voted for by visitors) – and the Open Gardens folk deserve a special commendation for their engaging and elaborate 'The Owl & The Pussycat' display, which attracted much interest and discussion!

New road name signs:

Hopefully you will have noticed a few road name signs in Stottesdon and Chorley. The Parish Council has been looking into providing these for some years and we have made a start - we hope to add some more in the near future. Many thanks to Shropshire Council for sharing the costs with the Parish Council.

Stottesdon and Cleobury Mortimer Support Group for Severn Hospice :

A great evening at the Festive Shop at the Cock Stottesdon, was rounded off with the presentation of a cheque for £2500 to John Fairclough from the Hospice raised from the events the Group have organised during the last 18 months. Chairman Madge Shingleton said how grateful the Group was to the generosity of everyone who attends the wide variety of events the Group organises. Thanks go to all the Speakers, musicians and the Sports and Social Club, and the Howells Family for the use of club and Marque for events and the donations from many businesses and Lloyds Bank for food and prizes.

The Group meet about every three months to plan events and would welcome new members to help. If you are interested please ring Madge on 01299 271186 or contact the hospice Shop.

Festive Shop - thank you from Diane Newsham:

Thank you to everyone who helped, attended and supported the 8th Festive Shop held at the Fighting Cocks this year. With your support I raised the huge amount of £618.24 mainly from enthusiastic raffle ticket sales, donations and mistletoe sales. This year the chosen charity was Severn Hospice, once again thank you for everyone's support

Nightingale Nursing Fund

This fund continues to help people who are in need of nursing care locally, particularly in a medical crisis. Many donations are given to the fund by local people and local groups, as well as donations from families who have lost a loved one. This year has seen a local tractor run in aid of local charities donating £1,000.00 towards the fund.

Many people are confused about the use of the fund. It does not have specialist nurses but the fund pays for nursing care from agencies to whatever level is needed. These agencies carry insurance which is vital.

Please feel free to pass a name, confidentially on to me if you feel someone is struggling to care for a patient or family member, also your local Community Nurse should be able to organise nursing care that the fund will cover. The initial limit is 60 hours care but can be extended in special circumstances. Rosemary Abbiss 01746 718210 / 07811 913455

Tractor Run in aid of local charities

At the end of October many of you will be aware of a tractor run locally in aid of charity. Almost 130 tractors took part, many vintage ones, starting from Honeysuckle and making their way off road across the Brown Clee. It was a bright clear day which made the views spectacular. All returned to a pig roast, hot dogs, chips etc. Entertainment in the afternoon was the ever popular tractor pulling. The total raised was a wonderful £5,320.00, being split between three charities, £2,160.00 for the Midlands Air Ambulance, £2,160 for the Lingen Davies Cancer Charity and £1,000.00 for the local Nightingale Nursing Fund. A special thank you to all the helpers and supporters which helped enormously towards the total profit.

Monthly Film Club at the Village Hall:

'Blue Jasmine' on Thursday 22nd January at 7.30 pm

Cate Blanchett is Jasmine, the self-deluding socialite fallen on hard times with supporting roles from Alec Baldwin, Sally Hawkins, Michael Stuhlbarg, Peter Sarsgaard and Bobby Cannavale. The mix is just right: a bittersweet cocktail exactly measured. Directed by Woody Allen PG12A

'What we did on our Holiday' on Thursday 26th February at 7.30 pm

David Tennant and Rosamund Pike are Doug and Abi, the troubled parents of three boisterous kids heading up to Scotland for the 75th birthday of Doug's unwell dad, Gordy (Billy Connolly), which means staying with Doug's uptight brother, Gavin (Ben Miller), and his depressed wife, Margaret (Amelia Bullmore).

Sweet-natured British family movie from Andy Hamilton and Guy Jenkin – creators of the BBC TV comedy 'Outnumbered'. PG12A

'Mr Turner' on Thursday 19th March at 7.30 pm

Eccentric British painter J.M.W. Turner (Timothy Spall) lives his last 25 years with gusto and secretly becomes involved with a seaside landlady, while his faithful housekeeper (Dorothy Atkinson) bears an unrequited love for him. Directed by Mike Leigh 2014 PG12A.

Membership for 12 months is just £5 per adult / £2 for under 16s with FREE entry to all films and use of DVD library. Contact Joe or Richard on 718693 or joe@phoenix-cottage.co.uk

CHORLEY SHOW 2015 :

With the Christmas and New Year celebrations now over, and if like me you are now looking forward to the first signs of Spring, also starting to make plans for summer activities, where to go, when, how, etc. I would like to suggest one date for those pristine new diaries/calendars (that's for the older generation, or iPads/smart phones for the younger readers) that's not to be missed:

SATURDAY 15th AUGUST has been selected for this year's Chorley Show, by the time you read this your show committee will have met three times, laying plans, booking entertainment etc for the 2015 show, details of which will follow in due course, however, in the mean time if anyone would like to be involved in the planning of the show or would like to participate on the day in some way, then please contact, one of the following committee members.

Richard & Joe Bubb Tel: 718 693

Nick & Gailey Heawood Tel: 718 224

David & Alison Parsons Tel: 718 047

Dave & Chris Rix Tel: 718 156

Well! that's it for now, it only leaves me, on behalf of your show committee to wish you and yours a very happy and peaceful New Year

Dave Rix - Show Chairman

Stottesdon School:

Stottesdon CofE Primary School is now formally consulting over conversion to an Academy. If this is decided to be the right route they will join the Shropshire Gateway Education Trust which is a group of schools in the local area (Lacon Childe Secondary; Cleobury Mortimer Primary; Clee Hill Primary and possibly Stottesdon) who will formally work together to sustain and improve the best education for pupils in our local area. The school has held consultation meetings but any further comments should be directed to the school.

Break-in:

Over the Christmas holidays we (school and playgroup) have had a shed broken into at the rear of the school. Although there is a bit of damage nothing was taken. If anyone has any information please contact the School/Playgroup. Both the school and playgroup would appreciate it if everyone could keep an 'eye out' on their behalf.

Chorley Family Playgroup:

During holiday club we have all had a fabulous time making snowmen at Craft club, going to see Paddington at the cinema with a lovely lunch at Frankie and Bennies, then watching a super performance of Beauty and the Beast in Pantomime and finishing off the holidays with a magic show!! Now it is back to reality..... This term Chorley Family Playgroup will be looking at 'Everyday life/occupations' as our topic. We will be setting up our very own hairdressers here at playgroup, luckily all the appointments are fully booked! We are hoping to get out and about to meet people in the community. Playgroup is going from strength to strength welcoming children from around the surrounding areas, we hope our new starters William and Holly will enjoy all our adventures, when we welcome them to playgroup this term. Wrap Around Care is continuing to thrive with numbers exceeding those ever imagined, with children enjoying a wide range of activities. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy 2015!

CHORLEY VILLAGE HALL

An extraordinary meeting was held on 30th October to elect 2014/15 committee. Many attended and a new team were elected as custodians of the hall. Following a formal closure by the outgoing Chair, the new committee elected their officer team and planned the committee meeting dates for the forthcoming year. Clare and Chris Tibbits and Rachel Datlen were thanked for their tireless support of CVH by Mike Mooney.

In December, 13 supporters attended an ad-hoc social committee meeting and came up with a calendar of events aimed to encourage support of CVH. The first of which was a successful family New Year's Eve Party attended by 55 folk.

Some 2015 Events:

Sat 31st January - Winter walk, starting from CVH, return for hot drinks and soup

Sat 28th March - The Great Chorley Bake Off - culinary challenges for both adults and children

April - date to be announced - Spring walk

Sat/Sun 30th/31st May Open Chorley weekend. Local gardens will be open and local businesses will be asked to open their doors to promote the parishes' assets

Others to follow once confirmed.

Chair & Secretary - Adrian/Alison Robinson adeonfarm@aol.com 718028

Treasurer - David Rix dave.rix2@btinternet.com 718156

Stottesdon & District WI report from Marian Wootton:

A few weeks ago this would have been a report of our late autumn and Christmas activities, before the sad events that have touched our community. Foremost in all our thoughts at this time is the loss in December of two of our most dedicated members. Maggie Jones and Cynthia Derricutt were similar in their quiet and understated acts of kindness, their welcoming smiles and their generosity of spirit to all around them. Each in their own unique way contributed support and wisdom, skills and friendship; both serving for many years on the committee as well as regularly attending all our meetings and social events, until recent illness took its hold. They will be sorely missed by all, and our thoughts are with both families.