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Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council



*Rev. Bill Bramley
Photograph kindly provided by
Katherine Bramley*

Newsletter Spring 2008



Dear Parishioners

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2008

Last May saw a major change in the composition of your Council as several members, many of long standing, stood down. We are most grateful for the effort and time that they put in during their term as councillors. Not least of these was of course Bill Bromley and his tragic death last summer has left a gap in many aspects of our community life. Your Council now has a much younger average age and has already shown itself to have many talents.

The year has been one of considerable progress. Congratulations go to Freda, our Clerk, who passed her CILCA qualifications. This involves scoring 100% in every single section and not something normally faced to get qualifications. It was the last piece in the jigsaw that we needed to apply for Quality Council status and our application is now being processed. It is a very important status to achieve, particularly in view of the change to Unitary in the County and will ensure that our voice is heard in the future at County Hall. We will be consulted on matters involving parishes in the ward and we also hope to have control of some services, such as grass cutting in the village WITH THE FUNDING passed down to us.

Another landmark achieved was the granting of planning permission for 6 'affordable houses' at Chorley to be available for rent by local people similar to the Kinsleys, but with no requirement for street lighting! The need for local affordable housing was identified in a housing survey some years ago and backed up by our Parish Plan. Plans are for 2 X 2 bed and 4 X 3 bed houses. During the year we have also completed a Village Design Statement (a document that will protect and enhance the visual appearance of the area) which is now with Bridgnorth District Council for acceptance. This will be fed up to County and should further ensure that our views are taken into account by the unitary authority, particularly over planning matters.

We have a major project in hand to solve the problems of dangerous parking congestion at drop off/pick up times, and also at all village functions, outside Stottesdon School. The scheme will provide extra parking space down the West side of Glebe Drive. In addition there is the difficulty of the Cleobury Mortimer school bus turning round at the top of Burnt Pit Bank which we can alleviate by widening the mouth of Glebe Drive. The basic Plan is agreed but, as always, the major hurdle to be overcome is finance.

Looking forward to unitary again, the parish boundaries will not alter but the Boundary Commission is examining which parishes should be combined as wards for future County Councillors. They have strict rules on the number of electors per councillor and the problem is a mathematical nightmare. At the moment our preference is to look towards Cleobury Mortimer and build on the advantages we have gained through Cleobury Country. Both Bridgnorth and South Shropshire District Councils are in agreement with us at this stage.

I am most grateful to my fellow councillors for the talents they bring and the effort they put in and we have one of the most experienced Clerks in the business. However we are there to represent the views of all parishioners and please come forward to express them. Apart from approaching individual Councillors, do please come along to our meetings to make your points. We have a 'Public Participation' slot at the beginning of every meeting so there is no need to sit for hours in Chorley Village Hall waiting to speak.

Yours sincerely



Brian Hamilton-Russell
Chairman

conducted as on Sundays".

December 1876

A mumps epidemic all month

Late January or early February a Christmas tree is mentioned

There are regular examinations in school

Master, his wife and a mistress or two help with the younger children.

June 7th 1878 to June 30th A pupil teacher helps out if over 60 children.

Lots of R.E., catechism, creed, commandments and Bible stories etc.

9th May 1879

Several of the High Green children have gone to a dame's school at the chapel there.

20th June 1879

"The measles being in nearly every house". School closed 2 days.

11th March 1881

"The school bell makes the children more punctual".

22nd July 1881

Parents are afraid to send their children to school because of fever in the village.

7th August 1881

Child sent home because their mother refused to send their fees!

November / December / January 1881/82

Mumps - up to a third of the children away.

July 1882

Average attendance 81. 20th July 92 children present.

Annual Parish Meeting 21st April 2008 at 7.30pm Chorley Village Hall

this is the meeting for the parishioners

Brief reports will be given by:

School Governors

Playgroup

Charities

Youth Club

Chorley Village Hall

Stotty Strollers

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Nightingale Nursing Fund

Everyone welcome to attend

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

Interesting Occurrences at School - taken from the archives:

1872

School built by members of the community money raised by levy of a local rate, organised through the church.

There had been a school previously but much smaller.

1875

The present logbooks start.

Attendance is the prime consideration.

9 children when it first opened, quickly rising to over 70.

In the first year the holidays were:

Half day holiday – Good Friday

Whit Monday

July 1st: 1 day for Church's School Anniversary

20th August – 20th September "Harvest Holiday"

Half-day holiday: Harvest Thanksgiving

December 23rd – January 7th Christmas holiday

Reasons for absence

The weather

Sickness

"such trifling excuses"

"itch" / skin diseases (1880)

A "club" walk at Burwarton

Minding the baby while mother was a work

At work in the fields

At work in the garden

Potato planting, potato picking

Cleobury May Fair, Bridgnorth Fair, Show at Bridgnorth

Haymaking

Gathering fruit

Gleaning

3rd December 1875

"The attendance was very low again this week, several being ill, others at work, several being away because their parents are too careless and indifferent to send them."

Visitors

Vicar and his wife

Correspondent of governors

Shropshire Health Authority

Her Majesties Inspector

Diocesan Inspector

January 8th 1875

George Holbeche, headmaster – 9 children present

63 pupils by the end of January

73 pupils by the end of February

Lateness and bad attendance was mentioned

14th January 1876

"Several children who have been absent for nearly six months have returned to school.

14th April 1876

"Friday being Good Friday there was no secular instruction given but school was

Stottesdon Group of Parishes:

Service of Celebration:

On Saturday 5th April at 12 noon there will be a service in Stottesdon Church to celebrate the life of Bill Bromley.

Bishop Michael will take the service, which will be followed by lunch at the back of the church. We would like some input from each of the parishes and from the organisations with which Bill was involved, so that the service can reflect Bill's own life and his participation in the life of the local community. We hope as many people as possible will come, as, unlike the funeral this will be an opportunity for celebration. I will be contacting organisations with which Bill was involved in the next week or two. In the meantime if you have any queries or suggestions, or would like to make or serve food please contact me on 718297 or Mary Overton on 718571. Thank you - Katherine Bromley.

Family Skittles Evening at Chorley village Hall on Friday 11th April at 7pm - in aid of church funds. Please ring 718571 for more details.

AGM of Stottesdon PCC will be held on Thursday 24th April at 7.30pm in the Fighting Cocks at Stottesdon. This meeting is an open meeting where anyone interested in our local church can come and participate.

Road repairs:

The Parish Council are very grateful for all the help they receive in getting repairs to our roads carried out. We are well aware that sometimes these repairs are not carried out as quickly as we would like but the County Council had a lot of flood repairs to carry out within their budget. The 'flood' below the Fighting Cocks has been repaired on a 'temporary' basis and extra work will be carried out here in the next financial year, together with other repairs to Walton Bank. Graham Downes, Highway Technician at Bridgnorth was in regular contact with the Clerk regarding these repairs and the Parish Council were very appreciative of his help.

Can we ask that if you are aware of a problem with the roads to please get in touch with the Clerk or a Parish Councillor as quite often we are fully aware of the status of the repairs - this also cuts out phone calls to Bridgnorth or Shrewsbury.

The Parish Council would also ask that the contractors and officials are treated with respect and to take care when passing where they are working.

Reminder: Mud deposited on the road is very dangerous and causes accidents - please clean up after you.

New Parish Councillor:

Mrs Hazel Barratt resigned from the Parish Council in January. Councillors were sad to lose Hazel as she had a lot of expertise but respected her decision that due to extra work commitments she was unable to carry out the duties expected of her as a Councillor.

The position was advertised and Mr Ian Swain from Chorley was co-opted onto the Parish Council at the February meeting to fill the vacancy.

Need an Ambulance?

Parts of Shropshire are very isolated and the Ambulance Service needs to reach you as fast as possible if you send for us in an emergency. There are some things that you can do to help us reach you in the fastest possible time.

1. Can you arrange for someone to stand outside your property and wave to the Ambulance? This is not for a friendly greeting, the crew may be looking for house names/numbers and if they can see someone at a distance this will save them precious seconds.
2. This is even more important if your property is at the end of a lane or track, such as a farm, away from the main road. Can you get someone to stand at the end of the lane? Is there a local landmark like a pub, telephone kiosk, post box that you can tell the call taker about? Are you close to a road junction?
3. Do you know your grid reference? The Air Ambulance may be dispatched and this could help them locate your property. If you do, keep it by your telephone!
4. If you have pets, please make sure that they are controlled and isolated – the most faithful dog can miss-interpret our intentions to help you!
5. Is access to your property restricted or difficult? Do you want us to use the side or back door? Tell the call taker! Leave lights on for us at the front during hours of darkness if possible.

These may all seem small things in isolation but bear in mind that the Ambulance crew that is looking for you may have had to rely upon Satellite Navigation to find you and may not be local-they will appreciate and any help that you can give them, as you will appreciate theirs!

You may be attended to by a Community First Responder. These are members of the local Community, like you, who are trained to give oxygen, administer early defibrillation and provide basic first aid until an ambulance arrives. **COULD YOU VOLUNTEER TO BE A RESPONDER FOR YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AFTER TRAINING?** If you feel you could then please contact your nearest ambulance station.

Nightingale Nursing Fund – Football Fun Day:

Another reminder that this successful day has been arranged for Sunday 22nd June at Cleobury Mortimer Sports and Social Club.

Local 5-a-side football teams wishing to take part need to register their interest early, before teams from another area are allowed to register. In the first instance telephone Carl Brookes at Cleobury Mortimer Sports Centre.

We must express a very special thank you to the parents of Cleobury Mortimer Primary School who when faced with their annual fete the same weekend as the football fun day rearranged it to take place on Saturday 28th June.

May I urge you all to support these two events which we hope are both equally successful. These are both deserving charities that are working for the good of people wit in your own community. Thank you - Rosemary Abbiss.

CLEOBURY COUNTRY FAIR KINLET HALL

SUNDAY MAY 25th 11-5

A great day out for all ages
£10 a car, £3.50 adults, £2.50 concessions

Join 5 walks in Kinlet Park, on the new Geopark Way
Led by local walkers or self led leaflets + family quiz
Long walk pre booking from April 21st

Take part in

12 craft workshops/demonstrations led by local craftsmen
10 art workshops - many for children & the Kinlet Ghost Story

Visit the Tastes of Cleobury Mortimer
To sample local produce

Want to know more about?

Walking geology history drama beekeeping
Visit displays in Kinlet Hall reception by local groups

Come and see performances by
Crooked Steeple Clog Dancers Reid Warblers
Kinlet School Maypole and Street Jazz dancers
Bell Brass Band

Kidney Research UK London Bridges Walk 2008:

Tower Bridge-London Bridge-Southwark Bridge-Millennium Bridge-Blackfriars Bridge-Waterloo Bridge-Jubilee Bridge-Westminster Bridge

Sunday 6th July 2008. Starts at 11am, Pottersfield, near Tower Bridge. Distance approx. 7 miles, takes 2-3 hours.

Entry fee £8 per person, (£10 to register on the day) all ages welcome.

Special event t-shirt
Medal and certificate
Refreshments

Closing date for registration 20th June.

Ask family and friends to sponsor you or walk with you.

For further information from www.kidneyresearchuk.org Telephone 08456 12 12 26

Or email: events@kidneyresearchuk.org

Why not enjoy a day walking over the bridges of London and raising money for Kidney Research UK at the same time!

Parish Council statement of accounts as audited on 13th August 2007

| | Year ending 31/3/06 | Year ending 31/03/07 |
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| 1. Balances brought forward | 5147.97 | 6206.49 |
| 2. (+) Annual precept | 7250.00 | 7800.00 |
| 3. (+) Total other receipts | 8124.00 | 2142.89 |
| 4. (-) Staff costs | 3684.94 | 5605.94 |
| 5. (-) Loan interest/ capital repayments | NIL | NIL |
| 6. (-) Total other payments | 10630.54 | 2705.45 |
| 7. (=) Balances carried forward | 6206.49 | 7837.99 |
| 8. Total cash and investments | 6206.49 | 7837.99 |
| 9. Total fixed assets and long term assets | 1226.00 | 1226.00 |
| 10. Total borrowings | NIL | NIL |

The Parish Council are extremely grateful to Mrs Val Hill for carrying out the internal audit last year and also agreeing to carry on this year.

Physiotherapy:

There is now a private physiotherapy clinic running in Stottesdon. Nicola Long is a Chartered Physiotherapist specialising in the treatment of joint and muscle disorders and sports injuries. The clinic operates from Churchill Downs, Stottesdon. Appointment times are flexible and are priced at £35 for a 45 minute assessment/ treatment session and £30 for 30 minute follow ups. For information/appointments please call Nicky on 01746 718175.

Post Box:

The postman is finding rubbish and posters off the notice board in the post box at The Bull Ring, Stottesdon. We are at risk of losing this box if this continues!

Chorley Family Playgroup established in 1969 is moving !!!!! - Liz Abbiss
Our playgroup is relocating to purpose built/state of the art pre school building at Stottesdon C of E Primary School. We will open at the new site on 8th April 2008. Ofsted have awarded the playgroup a good grade and commented the children's emotional well being and stability are fostered as they are cherished and nurtured. We provide a happy environment in which children can develop their skills and develop their thirst for knowledge. We aim to create an ethos which is caring and loving. We run all our activities in a fair, open and inclusive manner to benefit every individual child. We provide pre school sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for children aged from 2 to 5 years old. On Friday morning we will commence a music and movement session for mother and toddlers. We will be running some special sessions – Movement with music, Movement with nature, sporting development and yoga sessions funded by sport relief. If you would wish your child to attend please phone Jackie Bore – supervisor on tel;07702839696 or Kate Ware tel;01746 718474.

Chorley Family Playgroup have been lucky enough to receive the following grants:-

- . Local network Fund £1762.00 towards the reading area - "Project-Catching the reading bug".
 - . Childcare Cleobury Country £718.50-towards ICT Equipment - "Project Toddlers caught in the web".
 - . Community Chest Cleobury Country £1000.00 –"relocation and upgrade of facilities and outdoor play equipment"
 - . Shropshire Community Fund £750.00 - towards growing food from seeds and cooking with home grown and in season vegetables "Project Grow it, cook it, eat and enjoy it."
 - Fiona Bird a cookery demonstrator from Scotland will be attending the Mother and Toddlers sessions on 18th April and 4th July 2008 she will demonstrate some great recipes. Everyone welcome!
 - . Parish Council £106.00 towards a farm yard set and tractors - "Teaching children to love and care for animals"
 - . Sport relief £1004.00 yoga, movement to music, movement with nature, basic pre school sport coach – gymnastics commences from April to July 2008 on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons.
 - . Co Op fund £127.29 - towards reading/writing letters.
- At present we are applying for a Bridgnorth District Arts Grant to create a mosaic to celebrate the various festivals of the world. The mosaic would be of the worlds map with individual festival tiles surrounding the out side. The mosaic would be an outside sculpture 8x4ft with festivals tiles created by the children at Ironbridge Gorge museum, Jackfield Tile museum. To celebrate festivals like Chinese New Year, Baisakhi, Divali, Rosh Hashanah and id ul fitr. Liz Giles - Head of Design and Technology from Oldbury Wells will supervise the project with the playgroup children, staff and parents. Liz Giles will supervise this project with no charge.

Stottesdon School Fete:

The Annual school fete is to be held on Friday June 27th starting at 6pm on the school playground and field, weather permitting, or indoors if wet. Further details nearer the time.

Chorley Railway Players:

The Chorley Railway Players are putting on their next performance 'Death by Murder' on Thurs 2nd - Sat 5th April.

Set in a 1930's country house the guests are meeting up with old friends and acquaintances. But out come old indiscretions and secrets that can only be cured by murder. Can the crime be solved by the bungling police!!

Featuring the usual suspects such as the pompous Colonel and his battleaxe wife, the laconic butler, the lady of the house and her insipid companion, the society miss and a dodgy art dealer.

Proceeds from the production are being split between Mila Forni-Grahams " Bridge School" Telford for specialist equipment. and the local First Responders.

Tickets go on sale on Thursday 20th April at 9 am and are available from Debbie

Preece (01746 718181) at Wippletrees, Chorley.

They are £10 each which, as before, includes your interval refreshments. Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

The audience are asked to dress in period costume and join in the fun of the evening.

Forthcoming events at the Village Hall:

The spring season of films continues with '**Hairspray**' on **Wednesday 9th April at 7.30pm** at the Village Hall.

We have two great films in May '**Darjeeling Ltd**' on **Thursday 1st May** at 7.30pm and '**Sweeney Todd**' on **Thursday 29th May** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. In June we shall showing 'Beowulf' - date to be confirmed.

Annual membership is £5 per adult/£2 under 16s or £12 for Family membership for the year. This gives members free entry to films from May to April each year. That's right, **FREE ENTRY!** Members also have a say in what films they would like to see.

George & Dragon Supper Evening will be held on **Saturday 26th April at 6.30pm** at the Village Hall. We will be celebrating our patron Saint with festive activities and locally sourced food and drink.

Wine Tasting Evening is being planned for the summer, so if you want to uncork your hidden passion for wine and find out if your nose is up to standard to find those headlines of wild strawberries and cherries, and the undercurrents of oaky vanilla and tarmac (?) then come along! All Gilly Goulden and Oz Clarkes are welcome!

For more information on activities at the Village Hall or for a full list of 2008 activities, contact Joe Bubb on 718693. Let Joe know if you have any ideas for social events or would like to be involved in social activities or the film nights.

The annual **Show** will be held on **Sunday 17th August** with all the usual family activities and more. If you are interested in getting involved with any aspects such as publicity, running a side show, helping with refreshments or kids activities, please contact Clare on 718007 or Joe on 718693.

Stottesdon C. Of E. Primary School has just been judged as an 'outstanding school' following their Ofsted inspection on the 26th February. Overall the school was graded outstanding in 25 out of 27 areas. Some key areas the school was complemented on include:

1. Effective Leadership

'Outstanding leadership and management are evident in rigorous and accurate evaluation of every aspect of the school's performance, which leads to considered and highly effective action.'

...the Headteacher's inspiring leadership enthuses others to have the highest possible aspirations for the School and its pupils.'

2. School Ethos

'...every pupil is valued, everything is done to include them in all activities and they are made to feel special.'

'Personal development is excellent because the superb care, support and guidance provided by the school are outstanding.'

3. Teaching

'A fundamental reason why pupils' achievement is excellent is that the quality of teaching throughout the school is outstanding... by pitching work and support precisely at pupils' own levels staff ensure that all pupils enjoy their work and feel that they are successful.'

4. Pupils

'Relationships and pupils' behaviour are exemplary and, consequently, pupils are extremely motivated and learn exceptionally well.'

5. Use of assessment

'Staff make excellent use of precise assessment information to record and track pupils' progress.'

6. Curriculum

...'The wider curriculum is outstanding. It is highly effective and relevant in meeting pupils' diverse needs, aspirations and capabilities. Imaginative links between subjects make learning practical, relevant, challenging and exciting...I.C.T. is now used skilfully in all lessons by staff and pupils to extend learning.'

7. Teaching Assistants

'The team of talented and highly competent teaching assistants provide excellent support to teachers and pupils.'

8. Pupil Progress

'The outstanding achievement of pupils means they reach very challenging targets by the end of year 6 and attain above average standards in reading, writing, mathematics and science.'