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# Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council



**Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Monday 11th April 2011**  
**7.30pm**

to be held at

**Rays Farm, Billingsley**  
All parishioners welcome

Newsletter  
Spring 2011



## **CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT:**

This time last year it was obvious that the financial climate was going to be very difficult. Since then the extent of the cuts to be implemented have become clearer. Exactly what this will mean in terms of council services is still to be seen. Your Parish Council is doing its bit to economise and we have held our precept for 2011/12 down to a fraction below that for last year ensuring that the Council Tax for Band D property in this parish will remain the same – still below the county average.

When we changed the Lengthsman Scheme responsibilities we could not have foreseen what last winter would bring us but yet again Willowdene did sterling work. We are also grateful for Shropshire Council's efforts to keep most of our roads passable. However the pothole situation and the general state of our roads is becoming a source of concern, particularly in the light of financial constraints.

Looking to the future it is to be hoped that the Localism Bill could bring a decentralisation of some powers down to local parish level. This might simplify and reduce the cost of simple planning applications for example. As a Quality Council we should be well placed to be trusted in such matters which could and ought to be decided within the community rather than by remote 'experts' drawing a salary.

For the future again we are seeking ideas for events to celebrate HM The Queen's Golden Jubilee, possibly in conjunction with the opening of the Olympic Games. If you have any ideas do please let a Councillor or the Clerk know.

Again I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their support over the years that I have been Chairman. However Freda Morris has now completed 25 years sterling service for this parish and we owe her an enormous debt of thanks and congratulations.

This year's **Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at Rays Farm, Billingsley**. This is **your** meeting so please come along and share any concerns you might have and listen to what all the organisations in the parish have been busy doing in the last year and also hear all about Rays Farm.

*Brian Hamilton-Russell - Chairman*

## **Parish Watch:**

It is nearly six years since we introduced this (and been copied by several other parishes) and we have remained a very low crime area – until last February when we had more thefts or attempted thefts than in the whole previous five years! Parish Watch involves every household and pair of eyes across the parish. You don't have to sign up for anything, just keep your eyes open for anything suspicious and report it to 718577. There is no doubt that some of the thefts are a direct result of someone 'poking about' earlier. The vital bit of information is a vehicle registration. It may be quite innocent but if reported the information is confidential, anonymous and unattributable so no harm done. On the other hand it may tie in with police information from elsewhere and lead to a result.

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN**

## **Horseriders:**

Can we please ask that you do not ride over land which is not a bridleway!

## **Speeding:**

Concern has once again been expressed to the Parish Council regarding speeding vehicles in Chorley. PLEASE SLOW DOWN remember there are children, horses, pedestrians as well as other vehicles using these narrow roads. The Parish Council were hoping that a 30mph speed limit would have been introduced this year but due to funding this has been withdrawn at the moment.

## **Nightingale Nursing Fund:**

The annual 5-a-side football fun day at Cleobury Mortimer is being held on 12th June 2011. Invitations have gone out far and wide so if anyone has a team that wishes to enter please get in touch with Derek Pearce 01299 270599 or Rosemary Abbiss 01746 718210. The fund is being used for care of many patients at this present time which can but considerable strain on the resources – so there may be a call for additional fund raising!

## **Next newsletter:**

Deadline for articles the next newsletter is 12 noon on 19th June 2011. Please let Clerk have information, preferably via email, and if possible keep the article as brief as possible. Any items received after the deadline will not be included.

## **UK Referendum—5th May 2011:**

There will be a UK Referendum on 5th May 2011 when the polls will be open between 7am and 10pm. To be eligible to vote in this you need to be on the Register of Electors by 14th April. This is also the date to apply to vote by post with the deadline for proxy vote applications being 21st April.

## **Severn Hospice Support Group news:**

The Hospice shop will be celebrating its 1st Anniversary on the 9th April at 12 noon. The Stottesdon and Cleobury Mortimer Support fundraisers will be presenting a cheque to the Hospice during this event. All welcome to attend.

A Midsummer Fete is to be held at the Catholic Church, Cleobury Mortimer on 25th June starting at 2pm raising funds for the Hospice. Please come along and support this event.

## **Chorley Show:**

Now described in the Shropshire Hills tourist brochure as "probably the best small village show in Shropshire", Chorley Show goes from strength to strength. We are gearing up for another fantastic Show on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August from 11am – with last year's headline attraction "The Knights of the Damned" making a return visit, with not one but two new shows of their horsemanship and jousting skills in the main ring. More details on the website [www.chorleyshow.co.uk](http://www.chorleyshow.co.uk) soon, and to sign up to help us prepare and deliver the Show – please call Chris or Clare on 718007.

Back in December last year, Chorley Show hosted a Christmas lunch to which all seniors in the parish were invited. Almost 40 people attended and a wonderful time was had by all! In fact, so much so that the raffle drawn during the lunch enabled us to send off yet another donation to charity - £120 to Age UK. We hope to run another Seniors' Festive Lunch this year – look out for details in a future Newsletter!

## **Please note:**

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

**Copy of the statement of accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 as audited by  
Mazars LLP**

	<b><u>Year ending 31/3/09</u></b> <b>£</b>	<b><u>Year ending 31/3/10</u></b> <b>£</b>
<b>1. Balances brought f/wd</b>	<b>9472</b>	<b>10405</b>
<b>2.(+) Annual precept</b>	<b>13000</b>	<b>14390</b>
<b>3.(+) Total other receipts</b>	<b>8944</b>	<b>3294</b>
<b>4. (-) Staff costs</b>	<b>8802</b>	<b>8164</b>
<b>5. (-) Loan interest/capital Repayments</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>988</b>
<b>6. (-) Total other payments</b>	<b>12209</b>	<b>7760</b>
<b>7. (=) Balances carried forward</b>	<b>10405</b>	<b>11177</b>
<b>8. Total cash and short term Investments</b>	<b>10405</b>	<b>11177</b>
<b>9. Total fixed assets and long Term assets</b>	<b>1816</b>	<b>1698</b>
<b>10. Total borrowings</b>	<b>8000</b>	<b>7341</b>
<b>11. Trust funds disclosure note</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>

The Parish Council are extremely grateful to Mrs Val Hill for carrying out the Internal Audit.

**Fundraising in aid of Breast Cancer Research:**

On Sunday 20th March at the Fighting Cocks, Stottesdon a cheque was presented to Breast Cancer Research for £3333.33. This including £1000 from Cleobury Mortimer Young Farmers, £1000 from Chorley Show, £1000 from the Fighting Cocks bonfire and quiz nights and £333.33 from Festive Shop at the Cocks organised by Diane Newsham.

This is a huge donation from such a small community and grateful thanks go to all who organised and supported these events - well done!

**Chorley Chicks Challenge - Charity Sale:**

5 Chorley Chicks – Ali Hughes, Angie Dutton, Kate Thompson, Liz Warren and Mandy Clee – have set themselves a ‘Challenge’ to raise money for Midlands Air Ambulance and Alzheimer’s Society.

From 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May this year they will be in Scotland, walking the West Highland Way (96miles) and then climbing Ben Nevis – the UK’s highest mountain.

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April they will be holding a ‘Charity Sale’ at Chorley Village Hall from 11am – 4pm where all proceeds from the day will go to these two worthwhile charities.

There will be lots of items on sale – from books, clothing and gardening equipment, to children’s toys, furniture and household goods.

There will be refreshments on sale, a tombola and children’s corner to occupy your little ones while you grab a bargain!!If you have any items you would like to donate to the ‘Charity Sale’ or for any sponsorship donations for our ‘Challenge’ please contact Ali Hughes on 01746 718591.

**New mobile library times:**

***Bridgnorth Mobile Library - Route 9 - Alternate weeks on a Tuesday:***

1. High Lea; Barn Conversion	9.45 am	to	9.55 am
2. Chelmarsh 1; Manor Farm	10.05 am	to	10.15 am
3. Chelmarsh 2; Bakehouse Lane	10.20 am	to	10.35 am
4. Billingsley	10.50 am	to	11.05 am
5. Kinlet; School (Moffats)	11.20 am	to	11.35 am
6. Daddlebrook	11.45 am	to	12.05 pm
7. Woodlands Caravan Park, near Buttonoak	12.10 pm	to	12.25pm
8. Six Ashes, nr Cleobury Mortimer	12.35 pm	to	12.55 pm
9. Hall of Hammond	2.00 pm	to	2.15 pm
10. Kinlet; Primary School	2.30 pm	to	3.15 pm
11. Chorley Village Hall	3.30 pm	to	4.15 pm

***Bridgnorth Mobile Library - Route 12 - Alternate weeks on a Friday:***

1	Church Preen Pre-school	9.30 am	to	10.00 am
2	Crosshouses	10.15 am	to	10.35 am
3	Condover Grange; Brook Close	10.45 am	to	11.05 am
4	Cressage; Severn Way	11.15 am	to	11.45 am
5	Chorley; Willowdene Farm	12.50 pm	to	1.20 pm
6	Cleobury North	1.40 pm	to	2.00 pm
7	Burwarton; Preschool	2.05 pm	to	2.35 pm
8	Ditton Priors 1; Brown Clee Road	2.45 pm	to	3.00 pm
9	Ditton Priors 2; Church	3.05 pm	to	3.45 pm
10	Ditton Priors 3; Priors Close	3.50 pm	to	4.00 pm
11	Middleton Priors	4.05 pm	to	4.15 pm

***Ludlow Mobile Library - Route 12 - Alternate weeks on a Friday:***

1	Doddington Heights Caravan Park	9.30 am	to	10.00 am
2	Foxwood; Yew Tree Cottage	10.05 am	to	10.20 am
3	Cleeton St Mary	10.30 am	to	10.50 am
4	Farlow	11.05 am	to	11.25 am
5	Stottesdon Village	11.45 am	to	12.15 pm
6	Stottesdon	12.20 pm	to	12.35 pm
7	Blackford	12.55 pm	to	1.15 pm

### **Chorley Family Playgroup, April 2011**

This term our topic is 'Space', although now the weather is getting warmer we are also planning to do more outdoor activities. These include gardening sessions and a trip to Dudmaston Hall, near Bridgnorth. We are very exciting about having 'Dance Feet' visit every Tuesday afternoon for music sessions, which we are sure that the children will find really enjoyable..

The children will also have an Easter Bonnet Parade in the last week of term and please don't forget our annual Easter Egg Hunt. This will be held at Playgroup on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2:00pm - 4:30pm, £2 per child. We are also running Easter Holiday Provision this year between Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 8:00am – 5:30pm. For further information please contact Zoe on 01746 718 769, visit our website [www.chorleyfamilyplaygroup.co.uk](http://www.chorleyfamilyplaygroup.co.uk)

### **Stottesdon School:**

Stottesdon Primary School is holding another Promise Auction on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at The Fighting Cocks. The last event was very successful but we rely on the kindness and generosity of our local community to offer 'promises' or donations, however large or small. They can be anything from baking a cake, doing an hours ironing for someone, tickets for an event, or anything else you may be able to offer. If you think that you could help in anyway then please contact to Jo Voice (718554), Nicky Long (718175) or Miranda Kingston 718105). Further details will be published nearer the time. Many thanks, The Friends of Stottesdon Primary School.

### **Village Notice board:**

The Parish Council are planning to re-varnish the notice board. This will mean that all posters will be removed and replaced as soon as possible. Please can we ask that if you have a poster on the board which has perhaps been there for a considerable time that this is re-printed as many have faded and if possible keep the posters as small as possible. The board is regularly used and although it is large is usually very full. Many thanks for your help in this matter.

### **The Pat Straughan Riding for the Disabled Association Group (RDA):**

This group was formed last year to support disabled adults and children ride with Country Treks in Stottesdon. We have had a good year, gaining the support of some wonderful volunteers who come to the Ginny Hole each week to help our riders, and we have benefited from some generous fund raising activities culminating in our Fun Ride on the Boyne Estate on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

Our AGM is to be held in the Fighting Cocks Function Room on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> May at 8:00. If you are interested in our activities - whether to join us as a volunteer, or do some fundraising for us - or if you would just like to learn a little more about what we do - please do feel welcome to come along. Thank you - Jacky Davies (Secretary Pat Straughan RDA Group) 718093

### **Dogs:**

The following is an extract from an email received recently from Police regarding a case of sheep worrying in the County: 'Any kind of dog is capable of sheep worrying. If dog owners live in the countryside they must ensure their dogs are kept secure and not allowed to escape onto farmland if they are outside. If a dog is caught and identified as having worried sheep or other livestock, the animal could be put down and it's owner liable to prosecution. The law allows farmers to protect their livestock and are entitled to shoot dogs they catch worrying their livestock if they have no other way of getting the animal away from their sheep or cattle'. PLEASE keep your dogs on leads and remember to clean up after it - litter bins can be used to dispose of bagged waste.

### **Stottesdon & Sidbury Church News:**

Film Club – A successful funding bid has enabled us to upgrade the equipment for the film club and we are now able to show films in full HD and on a larger screen. We have five children's film dates coming up over the Easter holidays: Tuesdays 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> April and Fridays 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> April. All at 2pm. There is no charge but please bring some money to buy sweets and drinks. There is an additional film for adults only (cert 18) on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm. Further details on the church and village notice boards. I am looking for one or two people who would be willing to learn how to work the equipment so that we can run the film club in the Summer when I am not always available. If you are interested and willing to help, please get in touch.

Stottesdon Church AGM – This will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April in the Fighting Cocks at 7:30pm. This is the opportunity for you to hear all that the Church has been doing in the last year and for the parishioners to choose their new churchwardens. Nomination forms are available at the back of Church and need to be returned before the start of the meeting. If you want to know more about being a churchwarden, please call me.

Easter Services – Please do come and join us at some or all of our services for Holy Week and Easter. Holy Week at St Mary's, Stottesdon: Palm Sunday (17<sup>th</sup> April), 10:30am, Group Service with Holy Communion and Blessing of Palms (starting at the school car park, weather permitting). Tue 19<sup>th</sup> 9am, Morning Prayer. Wed 20<sup>th</sup> 9:30am, Holy Communion. Maundy Thursday (21<sup>st</sup> April) 7:30pm, Footwashing service. Good Friday (22<sup>nd</sup> April) 9am, Morning Prayer; 10am, Coffee Morning at the Rectory with Hot Cross Buns; 7pm, Adults Film Club. Easter Day (24<sup>th</sup> April): 8am at Sidbury, Holy Communion; 10:30am at Stottesdon, Family Communion.

Fundraising Coffee Morning, Stottesdon Church, Sat 7<sup>th</sup> May 10am - 12:30pm. Do come and support us.

Sidbury Church & Village Fete on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May at Sidbury Hall from 7pm. It is always great fun so please come and enjoy yourselves.

Regular Church 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. For those who like a quieter service with no hymns, please join us at our half-hour Communion service any Wednesday in Stottesdon Church at 9:30am.

Our regular coffee mornings continue every Friday from 10am at the Rectory. No fundraising – just great coffee. It's a great time just to pop-in for a coffee and a chat. Bring your friends or come on your own. The more the merrier.

Finally, may I remind people that I am available to visit the sick and housebound of the parishes to offer prayers for healing. If you would like me to visit or know of someone who would appreciate me calling, please let me know. Phone the Rectory on 718297 and leave a message if I'm not there.

***With every blessing, Revd Colin Resch***