

*Stottesdon and Sidbury
Parish Council*



Children receiving their Jubilee coins from the Parish Council

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Jubilee coins:

Many thanks to all the children who came along to Stottesdon Church and collected their coins. Despite the weather there was a good turnout and many stayed to enjoy the celebrations and the events organised by Rev Resch over the Jubilee weekend and thanks to Colin and his helpers for organising the events! If you have children under the age of 16 who have not received their coin please contact the Clerk. We have also received requests from many people who would like to purchase these coins either for older children or for children living outside the parish. We are pleased to say that the Clerk is able to obtain further coins at an approximate cost of £3.50 each - there is a minimum order to obtain these at a cheaper rate so until we have definite orders an exact cost cannot be given. If you would like to order further coins please let the Clerk know by **23rd July** at the latest. These coins are only available through the Parish Council.

GARDENS OPEN JULY 14th-15th POT COMPETITION:

To celebrate the Olympic Games you are invited to create a planting scheme in a container that reflects the colours of a chosen country. Entries will be displayed in the centre of the village during the Gardens Open weekend in July when members of the public will vote for the winner [£10] and runner-up [£5]. A third £5 prize will be awarded to the most imaginative interpretation of the Olympic theme as judged by the NGS committee. There is an entry fee of £1 per container.

RULES

...Each country allocated once. Discretion will be allowed for non-competing countries i.e Scotland or Antarctica
...Any size pot or container welcome
...MUST contain living plants, but other props, icons of the country, the odd artificial flower may be used if appropriate.
...Please make a small flag of the country with your number on the back to place in the jam pot [supplied] in front of your container.
...ENTRIES must be delivered to the car park at the Manor farmhouse in the Bull Ring, Stottesdon between 8am -10.30am on Sat 14th July
... and removed between 6pm-8.30pm on Sun 15th July.
... See Diane Newsham for details.

Shop at the Cock:

Unfortunately there has been a last minute hitch in the transfer of the Shop at the Cock to a Community Group. The Parish Council understands, hopefully, this is temporary. More news by the end of the year.

Lengthsman Scheme:

Matt Home and his team from Willowdene operate this scheme on behalf of the Parish Council. At present they are busy clearing up debris after the torrential storm and cutting back verges at junctions and through Stottesdon village. They also trim back vegetation which covers road signs and will clean the signs. The Parish Council are extremely grateful for the work Willowdene carry out.

Chorley Family Playgroup:

Chorley Family Playgroup were delighted to receive a Big Lottery Fund Award for a garden project to develop and enhance the existing outdoor play area and garden. The recently completed project involves a new sand and water play structure, gardening facilities, musical play and mark making activities as well as the development of a new playhouse. The project will benefit the children who attend the playgroup and also the younger children of Stottesdon School. It will have a significant impact on the children's learning and development, as they now have access to a number of different resources that can help develop their imagination, ability to problem solve and be creative as well as helping to improve their physical development skills and fine gross motor skills.

The playgroup received just over £13,000 in total, thanks to the £9,753 grant from the Big Lotto Awards for All Fund and a further £3,400 from Cleobury and Rural Local Joint Committee towards the project.

For further information on Chorley Family Playgroup, Tiny Stots Toddler group and wrap around care service in Stottesdon please contact playgroup manager Zoe Day on 01746 718769.

Dog fouling:

Some parishioners might be aware that Shropshire Council Street Scene has been in Stottesdon and talked to dog owners regarding the problem of dog fouling. Can we please ask all dog owners once again to clear up after their dogs and use the litter bins to dispose of this bagged waste. This does not only apply to Stottesdon but the whole parish - roads and footpaths!

Parish Plan:

The new Parish Plan was formally adopted by the Parish Council at its April meeting and is displayed in full on the website (www.shrop.net/stottesdonandsidburypc). A summary version has been printed and you can pick up a copy from the Shop at the Cocks, Duck Inn, Heath Farm Meats, GP surgery or Stottesdon Church.

If you would like to be involved in implementing any part of the plan to improve the quality of life in our community, please contact the Clerk.

Nightingale Nursing Fund

There have been two days of football this summer. The first was a memorial game with the profit being divided between the Air Ambulance and Nightingale Nursing Fund. The second day was the usual five a side competitions. The funds from this day are usually shared with Coreley boys club and Nightingale Nursing Fund. Final totals have not been confirmed but the latter looks to be approximately £3,000 including a grant from the Local Joint Committee of £1,000 towards the setting up of the day which is quite expensive.

The fund continues to provide nursing care in the home at times of medical crisis. The care is accessed from agencies and is quite expensive which is why there is a continued demand to raise funds either directly through fundraising or donations from the public.

Help from this fund is available for the patients of Ditton Priors, Cleobury Mortimer, Highley and Tenbury Wells Doctors surgeries and is accessed through the District Nurse.

Stottesdon & District WI Spring report:

April saw three members attending the County AGM , at which this year's WI Resolution: The Employment of more Midwives was debated This is always a lively event with topical speakers, former MP Martin Bell giving a stimulating and honest personal perspective of life in high places.

Our Open Meeting with Local expert Alf Jenkins was a success only dampened by the weather, visitor numbers sadly low for this excellent speaker. By way of contrast, creating microwave meringues and wild flower paintings was a hands-on evening for all, the Spring finishing with an outing to the Halfpenny Green Vineyard and café.

The Show season got off to an early start with the WI produce tent at Stottesdon School fete in May attracting a good range of entries from lego athletes to 'edible' Union Jacks and Olympic cakes. Work on our Burwarton Diamond Years 'display' is now well in hand. We hope to see you there.

Break ins:

There has been a spate of break ins to sheds recently. If you see any suspicious vehicles please take the registration number and contact the Police on 101 or Parish Watch co-ordinator Brian Hamilton-Russell (718577).

If you would like to be included on the circulation list for details of any burglaries etc reported to the Parish Council please email the Clerk and your name will be added to the circulation list.

New reflector posts were erected outside a property on Bakers Bank, Stottesdon as large vehicles are causing damage but sadly these were soon 'pulled out' - this is being treated as 'vandalism'. If you know who is responsible please report it!

Village Hall Supporters Club presents.....

'Jayne Eyre' (2012) on Thursday 12th July at 7.30pm

Cert 12 – new adaption of Charlotte Bronte's classic tale starring Judi Dench, Jamie Bell, Mia Wasikowska, Michael Fassbender.

'The Iron Lady' on Thursday 20th September at 7.30pm.

'The Artist' on Thursday 18th October at 7.30pm.

Membership for 12 months is just £5 per adult/£2 for under 16s with free entry to all films.

Contact Joe or Richard Bubb on 718693 or joe@phoenix-cottage.co.uk

Olympic Torch at Cleobury Mortimer:

For those lucky enough to be able to attend this event what a great day - the weather and the atmosphere was brilliant.

Chris Morton, the torch bearer, has donated his torch to Lacon Childe School so this will provide a permanent reminder of the event as this will be on display at the school. Special thanks should go to Madge Shingleton who took the lead on this event and also to Kristien Wood at Lacon Childe School who worked alongside Madge - everything went like clockwork - well done Madge, Kristien and the band of helpers! Chris Morton had commented on what a wonderful day he had in Cleobury and how welcome he and his family were made to feel and particularly praised the behaviour of the children. Another comment was also made that 'the behaviour of the children was impeccable'. Well done children and the staff who tried to keep them cool in such sweltering conditions!

If anyone has any photographs they would like to share could you please let the Clerk have these - a disc can be provided.

Parish Council:

At the Parish Council meeting on 25th June Councillors agreed to adopt the new Code of Conduct with effect from 1st July which has also meant a change in the nature of the interests they have to declare.

There is still a vacancy on the Parish Council if anyone is interested - please speak to the Clerk or a Councillor for further information.

Next newsletter deadline:

This is 12 noon on 7th October 2012. Please keep any information to a maximum of 200 words. Lengthy articles will be reduced and will not be included if received after the deadline. It would be very helpful if articles are emailed to the Clerk.

From the Archives:

Queen's Silver Jubilee 1977:

What an inspiration this Royal occasion was for the village of Stottesdon! If anyone had told us when we started preparations for this event what the long term results would be no one would have believed them or thought the final results possible! We were justifiably proud of ourselves as I think you will agree. The community spirit generated here was truly incredible and looking back on it now we are still amazed. Preparations started about 2 years before the Jubilee and continued for quite a long time afterwards. We were inspired and all 'held together' by the Chairman, David Lomas. The fund raising, to say the very least, was varied and great fun for everyone in the parish, young, old and middle aged.

Our fancy dress football matches were great fun, with many men dressing up as women - and we beheld many delightful and unexpected sights when these 'women' ran for the ball, particularly since the game was a mixture of football and rugby. Ground rules were invented on the spot and changed to suit the player's individual achievements!

Sustenance was a necessity and appetites were satisfied by the provision of hot dogs, soup and jacket potatoes. The provision of which both warmed us all up and helped to accumulate funds for our special day.

Other events were barrel rolling, wheelbarrow racing and a ten mile walk, and of course for all, the races and competitions. Competitors were suitably encouraged with cheers and shouts of encouragement from the crowd of spectators.

The 10 mile walk had its moments! The walk was along a variety of roads and small footpaths with running absolutely forbidden. But as was expected, there had to be a cheat! One young lad was met with his bicycle, which gained precious time for him in finishing the race. By the time the hardy walkers reached Prescott, those suffering from blisters and 'foot-rot' were treated with grateful thanks by Madge Shingleton, their first aider!

Once, the Stotty Diddy-men turned out to compete in some competitions. The tug of war competitions were great fun and had a big following, creating a terrific atmosphere. There were a lot nursing rope burns afterwards, but did not deter them from joining in the next time.

There was a Guy competition on November 5th, followed by a village bonfire and firework display. At Christmas the group had a lovely village Christmas Tree lit with great glory outside either the Manor or Rose Cottage.

For the actual celebrations we made what seemed like miles of red, white and blue bunting. Fun was even had putting the bunting up, almost always ending up at one of the local pubs for refreshments!

The Jubilee celebrations started with a lunch for the Senior citizens. This was followed by children's and adults sports - and they were sports! The mile race was started for the first time at this event and still continues today.

hours, but was enjoyed by one and all.

The children were then treated to tea - sandwiches, cakes and drinks. They were also presented with a commemorative mug for each to keep.

Afterwards we all went home for a wash and brush up; the ladies putting the finishing touches to the food for their own well deserved party.

Bobby Ray provided live music for the dance in the schoolroom. A superb spread was laid out in the terrapin (the demountable classroom) and we all enjoyed supper together.

Everyone, without exception, from the whole area enjoyed and took part in something during the day.

The next day it was time to tidy up, so we all joined together once again. There was so much surplus food that it enabled everyone to picnic on the sports field. One little girl took a red pepper thinking it was an apple, needless to say her face was a picture when she took her first bite!

There was a splendid Church service attended by all the Brownies, Girl Guides and Boy Scouts afterwards joining a larger gathering on the Brown Clee.

We all, everyone of us, worked hard, played hard and the money rolled in!

There were trips to London, outings for the Senior Citizens and the sports day became an annual event, with a fancy dress competition for the children.

Each Christmastime for many years there was a Senior Citizens meal followed by entertainment. At one point, a group of local amateur actors produced and performed a play, which was an absolute hoot from start to finish and the Senior Citizens had the privilege of seeing it first.

The many supper dances that were held always had live music!

What a brilliant community spirit there was - will we ever see it's like again?

News from the Fighting Cocks, Stottesdon:

Sandra and Malcolm are delighted that they have won 3 CAMRA awards:

- Pub of the Year 2012
- Rural Pub of the Year
- County Marches Pub of the Year

On Saturday evening, 30 June, Elliott Clee from Billingsley, who was nominated to carry the Olympic torch in Wolverhampton, brought his torch back into Stottesdon and carried it around by the Old Stores to the Fighting Cocks. For a short while the Olympics came to Stottesdon. What a wonderful experience for Elliott - well done!

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Larger print format of this newsletter is available from the Clerk and can also be viewed on the website.

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