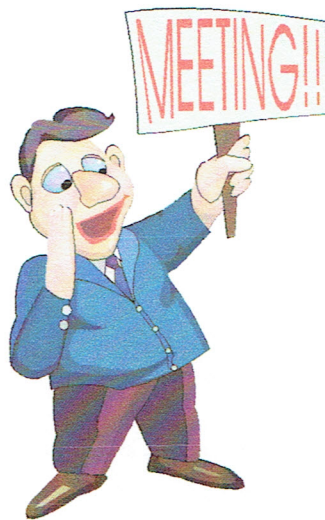


Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council



Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 10th April 2017
7.30pm
Chorley Village Hall

This is the meeting of the
Parishioners

Please come along and listen to
Organisation reports

Refreshments will be served

Spring 2017
Newsletter

Chairman's Annual report:

It's that time of year when the Parish looks at its best everywhere is green, birds are nesting and we realise how lucky we are to live in such beautiful countryside, potholes and all!

The Parish Council has had a mixed year, we have seen valued Councillors resigning due to family and work commitments, and I want to thank Adele Millington, Mark Evans, Tom Casswell and in particular Brian Hamilton-Russell. Brian has served the Council well over the years as a Councillor, Vice Chairman and Chairman; we hope that one day they will return to the Parish Council - they are all sorely missed.

The Parish have seen a flurry of road works throughout the year, we fear next year will be very different, already Highways cannot give any commitment to the works we have outstanding.

The anticipated Fast Broadband has yet to materialise in most parts of the parish, but the signs are good - trenches have been dug and lines put in and men are up poles most days.

Elections for parish Councils are on 4th May, but I fear through lack of people standing as Councillors democracy will once again be thwarted as there will be no election for this Parish, and as one of your unelected representatives this saddens me. Parishes survive and have some independence through the parish Council - ask yourself if this is something you could do? If you feel you want to give it a try ring Freda Morris and she will send you the details.

Problems with parking outside the school at the beginning and end of the school day are a cause for concern, cars park on the pavement, which means that some children have to walk on the road, cars are on the grass and double parked, it is an accident waiting to happen, so before you park both illegally and irresponsibly could you really live with what might be the result of trying to save a few minutes. The school and the Parish Council have looked at various ways to solve this and will continue to do so until we have that 'light bulb moment'.

I want at this time to remember Andrew Green and thank all those who took part in the searches for Andrew, he will be sadly missed and send sincere condolences to his parents, his sisters and in particular to his young family. I also want to thank my fellow Councillors for all their hard work and commitment, to Freda Morris our Clerk who for the first time in 31 years had to take time off through ill health - we missed you and thank goodness you are now slowly on the mend.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the Annual Parish meeting on April 10th.

Hazel Barratt - Parish Council Chairman

Bridgnorth Community Transport Group

Homelands Park and Chorley Village Hall have both joined the above scheme which gives access to individuals to hire of one of three buses (2 x15 seater with wheel chair access and 1 by 14 seater without wheel chair access), the rates for the vehicle hire and driver, are £1-20p per mile, this divided by the number of passengers travelling ie 8p per mile for the 15 seater or 8.6p per mile for 14 seater, the cost from Bridgnorth to the designated pick up point and the return journey must be added to the total hire cost, along with any parking charges incurred while the driver waits for the return journey. The costings are exceedingly reasonable as the scheme is run on a **not for profit basis**, all drivers are volunteers, have undergone training and are covered by the appropriate insurance.

This is an excellent facility especially to villages without access to public transport, an individual can hire a bus on behalf of a club, or group of friends for trips out to the theatre, flower shows, shopping trips, sporting events etc **but please remember this facility** is not meant to be a cheap way of getting to say Wembley, to see a Cup Final!!.

As a trial run we have organised a trip out to Webbs Garden Centre, Wychbold, on Tuesday the 2nd May, leaving from Chorley Chapel at 10.30am and returning from Webbs at 2.30pm, the cost will be £5-50 per person. Seats will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Should anyone like additional information or to make a booking please contact

Bryan-Shirley-Julie c/o Homelands Park Tel 01746 718 145 or
email homelandschorley@yahoo.com

Dave Rix c/o Village Hall, Tel 01 746 718 156 or email
dave.rix2@btinternet.com

Additional information received:

The Bridgnorth Community Transport Group had delivery of one of the Government new Mini-Busses which was handed over by MP Phillip Dunne on Friday March 17th in Bridgnorth.

The Group run a bus every Saturday morning calling in Cleobury from 9am and returning at 12.45pm. This is a pre booked service and to become a member ring 01746 768539, annual fee is £5.50. The route takes in Barbrook, Neen Savage, Stottesdon, Chorley, Billingsley, Bridgnorth. Timetables are in relevant Bus Shelters and on the Groups Website.

Stottesdon & District WI - Marian Wootton

The year has kicked off on a highly positive note, with a number of new members enrolling. We have had a seamless transition to new leadership as Helena Hale has taken in her stride her role of President. Laura Grey has taken us into the 21st Century, minuting meetings on-line for our instant perusal.

We have had two lively meetings, with remedies from Neal's Yard last month, and our Open Evening this week attended by around 40 members and visitors. All were fascinated by John Swifts account of the early days of his family bakery. A fifth generation partner, John and his family are constantly innovating with new flours and techniques (I recommend their Spelt and Shropshire Brown loaves) It was indeed an education to all of us to learn about changes to rural life as seen through the eyes of the local baker.

We have a variety of topics coming up this quarter. Do join us at 7.30!
19 April First Aid Skills – CPR & Defibrillation. Duncan Turner & Bill Brown - Chorley VH

17th May K8 Glassworks – demo & workshop. Clive Perryman - Farlow

21st June Shropshire's Rapeseed Oils – culinary uses. Rupert Bennett - Chorley VH

News from the Churches from Revd. Mark Daborn

April begins part way through Lent, and part way through the season of Annual Parish Church Meetings. Stottesdon's APCM is on Wednesday 5th April at 7:30 at the Fighting Cocks: all parishioners are welcome to the opening sessions to hear the annual reports on the church.

Palm Sunday on April 9th will see our annual attempt to persuade a donkey into St Mary's church, and Easter services on April 16th are at 11:30 at St Mary's and 16:00 at Holy Trinity. Please note also that there is a Benefice service at Cleeton St Mary on Good Friday at 18:30.

On May 11th the Journeymen Theatre will be performing *Feeding the Darkness*, their powerful set of drama and readings against state-sponsored torture; this will be at St Mary's church at 19:00 – for 18 years and over only. May 20th is the annual Sidbury Fete at Sidbury Hall – a grand occasion, even when it rains, as it did last year! And on June 4th, the feast of Pentecost, Bishop Richard of Hereford will be making a visit to the benefice to celebrate a group service at St Mary's in Stottesdon. Book the date now!

Chorley Village Hall Events - Chorley Village Hall Committee

The committee have once again scheduled some exciting new events at Chorley Village Hall; so far this year we have held a Burns night supper, which was a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Our winter walk in February took us across fields and areas that most of us had not seen before; it was well attended and followed by warming soup at The Duck Inn, a great way to finish. The Bake Off event in March showed the hidden talents in our local community, we had some fantastic entries in all categories and the public vote chose the winners, with mugs and certificates for adult winners and also Easter eggs for all children who entered.

Further events this year are as follows:

Film club dates- 20th April, 18th May, 22nd June, 13th July.

April - Walk Sun 9th April, meeting at the village hall at 10am.

Race Night, Saturday 22nd 8pm. Hot dogs for sale, bring your own drinks.

May - Duck weekend Sat 20th/21st 11.00am-4.00pm, theme to be Heroes.

Plant sale and tea and cakes in CVH.

June - Coach trip to the seaside TBC

August - Summer walk, followed by a BBQ. Destination TBC

Chorley show, 19th August.

October - Halloween night, prizes for best costumes in categories, details TBC.

December- Malti night, Friday 1st December.

For further details check out the Chorley Village Hall website or contact Nick on 718224.

It's still not too late to hand back the Chorley questionnaire! All returned entries will be put in a draw for a case of wine!!

Chorley Film Club:

Membership for 12 months is £7 per adult / £2 for under 16s with FREE entry to films and use of DVD library. Contact Joe/Richard on 718693 or joe@phoenix-cottage.co.uk

Dates of next Parish Council meetings:

24th April

15th May—Annual Parish Council meeting

26th June

24th July

21st August

21st September

23rd October

27th November

18th December

All meetings are held in Chorley Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm but are subject to change on decision of the Council. Agendas are displayed on the website and on village notice boards.

Fox and Hounds car park, Stottesdon:

The Parish Council held a public meeting on the 27th February regarding the possible purchase of the above land in order that the land can be retained as car park for the parish.

The meeting was well attended where it was explained that the Parish Council bid to have this land registered as 'a community asset' which meant that if the landowner was to put this on the open market then the Parish Council would be given an opportunity to purchase this.

The Parish Council were successful in their bid and as explained by the officer from Shropshire Council the Parish Council followed the exact procedures.

The Parish Council had the land valued by the District Valuer and this was valued at £45,000 which is below the owners asking price.

The costs of a loan for this amount were given out at the meeting and a vote was taken as to whether the Parish Council should seek to purchase this land - the result being 100% in favour of the Parish Council proceeding.

As explained at the meeting the Parish Council can only borrow the amount of money the land was valued at but with promised donations we were able to put in an increased offer which has sadly been rejected. We have since received extra donations and we are now considering putting in an increased offer.

Litter picking around the village:

You may have seen Will Evans litter picking around the parish on Saturday mornings. Will has collected numerous bags of rubbish over 12 weeks all in aid of his Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme - well done Will.

Help at Home

Help @ Home is a service offered throughout Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin by Age UK STW, to anyone over 50. People often need help and assistance to remain independent and ensure a good quality of life.

We offer help with shopping, walking the dog or light domestic duties around your home, including laundry, ironing and gardening.

After an initial visit from one of our co-ordinators to discuss the help you require, and the cost, we offer a trained support worker who will start visits on a regular basis.

To discuss your needs with a member of our staff call
01743 233788

	Year ending 31/3/2015 £	Year ending 31/03/2016 £
1. Balances brought forward	21586	24332
2. (+) Precept or rates and levies	16582	16832
3.(+) Total other expenses	4412	5738
4.(-) Staff costs	10305	11156
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	988	9886.
6. (-) All other payments	6955	7992
7. (=) Balances carried forward	24332	26766
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	24332	26766
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	12695	13025
10. Total borrowings	3602	2757
11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure Note re:Trust Funds including charitable)		NO

These accounts were audited by our Internal Auditor Mrs Val Hill and then the external Auditors Mazars LLP with no matters being raised.
The Parish Council once again thank Val for carrying out this work.
The full Audit form is available on the Parish Council website.

Rupert's revenge:

Please help raise the £750,000 required for 5 year old Rupert Beckett's cancer treatment. There will be many fund raising events throughout the parish for Rupert who lives at Upper Bardley or log onto <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/RupertsRevenge>

Please note:

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Larger print format of this newsletter is available from the Clerk. This newsletter can also be viewed on the Parish Council website.*

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Mr David Young	718684	Mr Stuart Allen	718623
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Councillor Gwilym Butler	07801099015

Stottesdon School	718617
Chorley Family Playgroup	718769
Stottesdon/Sidbury Church	718127
Chorley Village Hall	718437 (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 (Stef Bryan)	718018
Power Loss Helpline	08457 331331
Mobile Library	01584 813600
Crimestoppers	0900 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 or 101 non emergency calls

Tree Wardens:

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