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Tina King and Pat Home receiving NGS/Shropshire Star awards from Chris Bradshaw

NEWSLETTER
AUTUMN 2012

Thinking about a new home? Please register with Homepoint.

Providing family homes is one of the priorities identified by the Parish Council and included in the Parish Plan. The demand for affordable housing in our area is measured by the number of people registered with Homepoint, the organisation that manages the allocation of social housing in Shropshire. We are concerned that some people may not bother to apply, because there are not very many properties available. Unfortunately, this makes it look as if there is no demand, which means no more homes will be built!

The Parish Council is working with Homepoint and Shropshire Council to encourage more people to register their current or future housing needs, so we can get a true picture of how many new homes are likely to be needed over the next few years.

For more information, see the leaflet delivered with this newsletter, visit www.shropshirehomepoint.co.uk or speak to a Homepoint adviser on 01588 676 246

Road repairs:

As you have probably seen work has been carried out at Brooksmeeting. Many thanks to Shropshire Council for this work which unfortunately was delayed due to the very wet weather. The Parish Council is still pushing for the road through Stottesdon to be repaired but funds are very limited and the recent wet weather has caused all sorts of extra problems. Patching has taken place and work will be carried out as soon as money is available.

Can we please ask once again that if you have any concerns/problems with the roads that the Clerk is contacted.

Overhanging trees/hedges:

Can we please ask all landowners to check any overhanging trees/hedges and cut back as necessary. We understand that trees should be checked regularly and records kept of this.

Festive Shop at Fighting Cocks:

This popular event will be held on Thursday 6th December at 7.30pm. Please come along and support us. Proceeds to The Nightingale Nursing Fund. Further details from Di Newsham on 718223.

**Stottesdon C.of E. Primary School
'Outstanding' July 2012**

Achievement of Pupils: Outstanding

Stottesdon has sustained the high levels of achievement for all its pupils and is exceptionally well led and managed.

Pupils make rapid gains from the start and go on to achieve above average standards in English and mathematics.

Pupils show focus and resilience when learning.

Interventions are very well planned so that those with special educational needs are exceptionally well supported and make rapid gains in their learning.

Quality of Teaching: Outstanding

All staff have exceptionally high expectations of all pupils' achievements.

Teachers identify quickly and effectively any gaps individual pupils may have and precise teaching strategies are then implemented.

Teachers constantly challenge pupils to achieve their very best.

Questioning by all staff is a distinct strength and probes children's thinking, making sure that they are able to demonstrate their understanding.

Teachers combine different subjects in exciting topics that include excellent opportunities to develop literacy, numeracy and technology skills.

Reading is taught exceptionally well, an exciting range of resources are used very effectively to support this. Pupils show a love of books as a direct result.

In all the lessons observed, good learning habits were evident in response to interesting tasks.

Behaviour and Safety of Pupils: Outstanding

Behaviour is exemplary. All staff are highly adept in managing pupils' behaviour.

(Pupils)... have an excellent understanding of how to keep themselves and others safe both in and out of school.

Pupils develop highly positive attitudes to learning in their lessons because teachers have extremely high expectations of what they can do and lessons are exciting, providing an excellent range of opportunities for pupils to learn together.

Pupils show resilience to challenge, are prepared to take risks if they were unsure and contribute eagerly because the climate for learning is excellent.

Leadership and Management: Outstanding

Staff work cohesively as a highly reflective team and together they deliver a very dynamic curriculum which pupils enjoy and value.

Teaching provides excellent opportunities for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Everyone in the school demonstrates the aspirations, ambition and drive to develop the provision still further.

Stottesdon and Sidbury Churches from Rev Colin Resch:

This time of year is a celebration of God's generosity to us all. October = Harvest. This year, harvest has been difficult. The fields have not been as fruitful as we would have liked and the alternation between fine weather and rain have made harvesting a more hap-hazard affair than usual. That said, let us rejoice in what we have got rather than grumble about what we haven't got. November = Remembrance. All Saints, All Souls, Remembrance Sunday. God has generously given each of us families, friends and neighbours. November is the time to remember the example of those who have gone before – friends we knew, saints we admire and those who paid the highest price in service to their country. December = Christmas. Throughout Advent we begin to prepare for Christmas and think about the most generous gift of God – given out of his love for the world – that of his only son, Jesus. Do join us at one of our forthcoming events/services to celebrate with us:
Sun 11th Nov, 10:30am Remembrance Sunday Service
Sat 24th Nov, 10:00am Christmas themed Coffee Morning
Sun 2nd Dec, 10:30am Christingle Service
Sat 15th – Sun 16th Dec, 10am – 4pm Christmas Tree Festival
Sun 16th Dec 6:30pm, Carol Service (Sidbury Church)
Wed 19th Dec, 7:30pm, Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Eve, 11:30pm, Midnight Communion
Christmas Day, 8am, Christmas Communion (Sidbury Church)

Stottesdon and Chorley Village Gardens 2102:

Stottesdon and Chorley were joint first prize winners of the N.G.S/Shropshire Star Garden of the year competition in the village garden category. Following the success of the Gardens' Open day both Chorley and Stottesdon were entered into the competition. Tina King from Stottesdon and Pat Home from Chorley were each presented with a certificate and £25 worth of garden vouchers by Chris Bradshaw, the well know TV gardener. Despite the ghastly weather visitors from the West Midlands and further came to view the 16 gardens that were open this year. Refreshments were served at Stottesdon Church, Chorley Village Hall, Fighting Cocks and Duck Inn. Appreciative comments were received about the quality and variety of gardens open and over £2000 was sent to the N.G.S. for the benefit of cancer charities, Crossroads Care and hospices amongst other causes. Many thanks to the participating gardeners and other volunteers who ensured the smooth running of the whole operation. The gardens will be open again in 2 years time but the planning will begin next summer. In the meantime Stiggley Cottage in Stottesdon will be open itself next year, which will enable visitors to see both flower garden and the giant vegetables at their peak.

Little Red...You Know Who!

Presented by Freehand Theatre

Chorley Village Hall, Friday November 30th 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Refreshments will be available after the show.

Taking a well-known traditional story (you know which!) as a starting point, the play follows an unconventional path through the woods...

Using beautiful visual effects, inventive puppetry and original music, Freehand Theatre has created a play of special magic. A reassuring world where wolves are kept safely between the covers of books; a world in which, out of the blue, a red box has a song to sing and a forest grows before your very eyes...

Younger fans can come along in their P.J's with their favourite teddy and can enjoy a hot chocolate and cookie!
Tickets cost £5 per adult and £3 per child, and are available from Liz on 718 072
Book early tickets limited!

Bus shelter at Chorley:

At present there is no bus shelter in Chorley and as grants are available for this purpose the Parish Council investigated several sites in the village. It has been agreed that a bus shelter will be erected on the verge at Chorley Village Hall next to the Strolls notice board. As soon as all the relevant paperwork has been finalised the work will be carried out.

Village Hall Supporters Club presents

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

'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' on Thursday 22nd November at 7.30pm

'Tortoise in Love' on Thursday 13th December at 7.30pm

Films for 2013 include 'Salmon Fishing in the Yemen' and 'The Woman in Black'.

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 Family Playgroup to provide full time holiday care:

Chorley Family Playgroup is now offering full time holiday club provision, which will be starting in time for this next half term on 29th October. It will also cover a week at Christmas, February half term and the Easter 2013 holidays. The need for provision will then be reviewed, depending on the level of support received.

Holiday club cover will begin from 8am and continue until 5.30pm at the cost of £3.25 per hour, per child. Parents have the option to choose the amount of hours they would like to place their child into holiday care for each day and all children aged between 2-11 years are welcome. You will need to provide your child with a packed lunch and appropriate clothing.

If you would like to book your child/ren into the setting, then please do so as soon as possible as spaces will be offered on a first come first served basis. We are now taking bookings for half term and Christmas holidays, to ensure your space please telephone Playgroup on 01746 718769.

Playgroup are also hosting a fancy dress Halloween Party at Chorley Village Hall on Thursday 25th October, 4pm – 5.30pm. Please contact playgroup for further details and to purchase your ticket.

Parking:

Councillors have received concerns once again from parents, grandparents and parishioners regarding the parking outside school at the beginning and end of the day. The matter was discussed at the last Council meeting and it was agreed to send a letter to all parents of children attending the school and playschool asking parents not to park in the BUS STOP and on the pavements. It is appreciated that parking is limited and we have asked that parents park in Glebe Drive and the lay by but not to block footpaths and accesses. This is **NOT** the Parish Council 'moaning again about the parking' but real concerns that an accident will happen! Let's all try and make sure that this does not happen.

Parish Council accounts:

The accounts have once again been audited by the external Auditors, Mazars of Southampton and have been returned with no questions asked.

Many thanks to Mrs Val Hill for carrying out the internal audit,

Garden fires:

Just a reminder to take care when lighting fires and consider your neighbours. Remember to recycle as many items as possible and not to burn anything which might be toxic.

Dog fouling:

Just a reminder once again to please clean up after your dog. Litterbins can be used to dispose of the bagged waste.

Future Parish Olympians?

Regardless of the recent Olympic focus the Parish Council has long been aware of the almost total lack of outdoor sporting facilities for the school or general recreation for our community. The school 'playing field' is too small and badly drained. Due to its 'Outstanding' classification the school pupils continue to increase and an extension was needed which has exacerbated the problem of lack of space. All attempts to find suitable ground for a sports field have come to nought. Can anyone suggest a solution? Ideally it should be close to the school but we would not rule out other centres of community population such as Chorley. Otherwise we will be Mo-less for many Olympics to come.

Lengthsman Scheme:

As you are aware Willowdene from Chorley carry out this work on behalf of the Parish Council. We have asked that they clear any ditches and drains of debris, particularly after the storms and cut back any vegetation covering road signs. We have also asked that they cut the grass verges opposite Stottesdon School and in Station Road as these are very prominent sites in the village. They have also cut back grass at road junctions. If you are aware of any problems please contact the Clerk or a Councillor.

Parish Council vacancy:

There is still a vacancy on the Parish Council - if you are interested please contact the Clerk or a Councillor.

Next newsletter:

Deadline for the next newsletter is **12 noon on 6th January 2013**. Please email articles to the Clerk in word format and keep to a maximum of 200 words.