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NHS Direct	0845 4647
Shropshire Rural Housing	01743 874848
Severn Trent Water (Emergencies)	0800 7834444
Duck Inn	718267
Fighting Cocks	718270
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Police	0300 333 3000 or 101 non emergency calls

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## Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council



**WI Centenary party**

**Newsletter  
Autumn 2015**

### **Road closure:**

Please accept our apologies regarding the road closure at Wribley Bank at the end of August which saw the road closed over the Bank Holiday weekend.

The Parish Council issued dates/times provided by Shropshire Council in the last newsletter only to find that when the signs were erected (initially in the wrong place) that the signs said road closed for 10 days. The Clerk constantly badgered Shropshire Council for the correct information only to find that the contractors had applied for a 24 hour closure but due to a new computer system the information had not been passed on to Highways at Bridgnorth or the Parish Council.

The Clerk asked for the road to be opened up over the Bank Holiday weekend but was told that this was impossible due to excavations being left open. The Parish Council has since been informed that several motorists used this road despite the road closed signs being erected - not a good idea! Highways at Bridgnorth have apologised to the Parish Council and parishioners for the problems caused and have taken the matter up with the appropriate department.

Once the road was opened the Parish council received requests as to what work had been carried out as it did not appear to look much different to before the road was closed!

The work carried out at Wribley involved putting in some new drainage system to try to eliminate the water coming from underneath the road and freezing in winter—we hope that this works as this has been on the Parish Council's 'problem list' for several years. The Parish Council did not realise until just before the work commenced that the road would not be repaired/resurfaced at the same time but we are told that this is planned to take place in December, together with other patches on the road through to the Chorley junction. Unfortunately this will involve a further road closure.

Work is also planned along the High Street in Stottesdon which unfortunately will also involve a road closure.

The Parish Council are also working in conjunction with Shropshire Council and landowners to try to solve the water problem from Station Road and on down Moon House Bank. Once this is sorted then road repairs will take place.

As soon as dates are available for the road closures these will be posted on the Parish Council website and also on the notice boards.

### **Lengthsman Scheme:**

Willowdene continue to operate this scheme on behalf of the Parish Council. Once again if you are aware of any areas which needs ditches digging out/drain covers clearing/signs cleaning/gullies digging etc please contact the Clerk.

Thanks to Dave and his team at Willowdene for carrying out this work.

### **Work on trees in a Conservation Area:**

Can we please remind parishioners that Stottesdon village is a conservation area and under S211 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 anyone proposing to cut down or carry out work on a tree is required to give Shropshire council 6 weeks prior notice. Please check on the Shropshire Council website before undertaking any work or contact the Clerk.

### **Events from Chris Tibbits:**

#### **APPLE DAY**

The ever-popular Apple Day will again be hosted by The Fighting Cocks – and will be from 12noon to 4pm on Sunday 18 October. Bring some empty bottles and your apples and pears to press for Juice or Cider-making – FREE entry and a £5 minimum donation (towards equipment costs) for pressing your fruit.

#### **FARMERS MARKET**

The monthly Cleobury Country Farmers Market continues to be a popular local event, in and around St Mary's Church (*the Crooked Spire*) in Cleobury Mortimer. Upcoming dates for your diary are:

Saturdays (9.30-12.30) 17 October, 21 November and 19 December.

#### **Heart Start course:**

Is anyone interested in attending a 'heart start' course training you to use a defibrillator?

You might remember that the Clerk won a defibrillator and presented this to Willowdene for use in the parish.

If you are interested in attending this 'life saving' course please contact the Clerk who will liaise with Willowdene to arrange a convenient time with them and the Heart Start trainer.

#### **Future newsletters:**

Deadline for the next newsletter is 12 noon on 10th January 2016. Please keep articles to a maximum of 200 words and if possible email this in word format to the Clerk. Any lengthy articles will be reduced and any unsuitable articles will not be included.

*Please note:*

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**Stottesdon & District WI from Marian Wooton:**

Our members have all contributed to a busy summer show schedule, with most involved in competition entries, making items for sale, and manning stands. Thanks go to Craft secretary Laura Grey for co-ordinating a very successful Burwarton Competition entry to a film title theme- we chose 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' ... no, we didn't come first, but made a well placed showing, losing only a few points. Finally, our own little show where classes were won by Clare Tibbits and Stef Bryan.

But the main focus of the summer has been preparations for the WI Centenary Tea Party. One hundred years to the day, our gathering of 70 members past and present, with guests from neighbouring WIs, was indeed the highlight of our year, complete with a celebration cake, toasts, and a musical accompaniment from Francis Engleheart. Long standing members shared memories of a different world, but today our WI continues to grow with new young members coming along to meetings and sharing our involvement within and beyond our local communities.

Next month: 21st October Katja Ward (Cleobury Co-Co) talks on Compassionate Communities at Chorley VH 7.30 pm Visitors welcome as ever!

**Chorley Show 2015 Update from Dave Rix:**

In the last two years your Chorley Show committee have had two guiding principles, 1) To raise as much money as possible for local charities and good causes. 2) At the same time organise a community event that brings the local community together whether as a participant or as a visitor. From the positive feedback individual members have received, we certainly achieved the second and when all the invoices are in we should have achieved the 1<sup>st</sup> doubling last year's figure and looking at £1,500-00 plus which for a small village like ours is a fine achievement.

Naturally a dozen or so committee members could not achieve this result without the input from everyone, from Sponsors, Helpers, Volunteers and Visitors, and most importantly the weather man was on our side this year, Many many thanks to all.

If you would like to get involved with planning next year's event ( Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup>) then do get in touch with a committee member or contact yours truly Dave Rix Tel 718-156.

We believe the journey is as important as the end result.

**Once again many thanks to One and All.**

**Parish Council meeting dates:**

Next meeting dates are November 23rd and December 14th. There is a 'spot' at the beginning of each meeting for parishioners to come along and bring any matters of concern to the attention of the Parish Council.

**Road Name signs:**

The Parish Council is looking into providing more road name signs throughout the parish to help the emergency services and delivery drivers to find properties.

Do you have any suggestions where you think appropriate signs might be erected? It would also help that if your property has a name sign that this is visible or perhaps you might like to consider erecting one. A sign can save delivery drivers and emergency services valuable time in locating your property.

Please contact the Clerk with any ideas that you might have.

**Hedges:**

Many thanks to those of you who have already found the time in your busy harvesting period to cut back hedges.

Could we please remind everyone once again that it is the landowners responsibility to ensure that any roadside hedges are safe and any over-hanging branches etc are trimmed back.

It is also landowners responsibility to ensure that any gates/stiles etc are in good condition along footpaths and bridleways.

Just a reminder to everyone using the footpaths and bridleways that if you have to open gates to make sure that these are shut properly as quite often there is stock in fields which could escape through any gates left open.

**Speeding vehicles:**

Councillors continue to receive reports of speeding vehicles throughout the parish and in particular tractors. Whilst we appreciate that perceived speed is not always the actual speed and that tractors have a limited speed at which it can travel it is the pure size of the vehicles which fills many of our roads that is also causing concern with drivers often using mobile phones whilst driving.

The matter was taken up with the MP and the local Police for guidance and advice.

The Police have asked that any registration numbers/names and any particular times of the day when problems occur are given to them and they will then send Officers out to speak to the owners. We are also told that if this happens then all vehicles will be checked and any necessary action taken.

Mud on the road is also the responsibility of landowners—again the Police will prosecute if this happens.

PLEASE can we ask everyone to SLOW DOWN on our narrow roads before a serious accident occurs.

**Oil tank checks from The Environment Agency:**

Environment Agency state that it is a good time to check your heating oil tank before winter sets in as the consequences of leaks can be costly to you and devastating to groundwater. Further information and advice from Environment Agency on:

GHCL\_SHWG@environment-agency.gov.uk or 0800 807060 to report an oil spill.

**Salt/grit:**

With winter approaching please notify the Clerk if you are aware of any road which needs grit/salt piles providing in order that a list can be compiled to pass on to Shropshire Council.

**Festive shop at The Fighting Cocks from Di Newsham:**

This will be held on 03.12.15 the first Thursday in December, it will be the ninth year that it has been held and will include a lot of the regular fabulous table holders and some new ones too.

Opens at 7.30pm free entry to all but I will be selling raffle tickets enthusiastically. All raffle ticket money and table charges go to charity.

**Promise Auction from Claire Marsh:**

An auction of promises at the The Fighting Cocks pub in Stottesdon is set to break previous fund raising records for Stottesdon Primary School who are seeking to purchase new IT equipment for the school. The auction will take place at 7pm on [Friday 9th October](#).

Organisers have been overwhelmed with offers of lots from the whole community including many local businesses. Over 70 lots will go under the hammer, and all at affordable prices. Headmistress Katie Jones said "We feel very grateful to receive such wonderful support from the local community, we have some very varied and exciting auction items, so there is something for everyone. It is set to be a great, social evening for all, so please come along and have fun even if you don't want to bid."

Lots range from family tickets to local tourist attractions, beauty vouchers, restaurant meals, a row of rugby tickets for the coveted west stand at Twickenham and an opportunity for a pupil to be Head Teacher at the school for a day. Many locals are offering their baking skills, winter log supplies, a ride on a combine harvester and even a pile of muck!

Not for the feint hearted.

Free entrance, no pre-booking required, all welcome.

**NGS Open Gardens 2016:**

Stottesdon and District Gardens scheme will be holding their biennial gardens open weekend on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd July 2016 from 11am to 5pm. Proceeds will go to the charities supported by the National Gardens Scheme, such as MacMillan Nurses, Marie Curie Cancer Care and Hospice UK. Further details will be released nearer the time. Volunteers to help with car parking, teas etc. would be much appreciated. Tina King (01746 718543).

**News from the Churches from Revd. Mark Daborn:**

After my spending a good many months minding the churches during the vacancy, and Alex and I having already settled comfortably into the Rectory during June, I was expecting the service for my licensing as your priest-in-charge to be just a bit of a marker along the way. It wasn't of course: it was a wonderful and uplifting occasion, Bishop Alastair was in fine form, and there was a feeling of warm and enthusiastic support for which I am most grateful. I am also most grateful for all the work that was put in to make the occasion such a good one, and for all the expressions of welcome we have received from the community.

This is the time of year when things begin to hum in the church programme, with Harvest Festivals followed by Remembrance, school celebrations and events – and then, before we know it, we will be beginning Advent. A busy time, and a most rewarding one.

I can be contacted on 01746 718127 or [mark.daborn@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mark.daborn@hotmail.co.uk) or visitors at the Rectory are always welcome!

**Parish Watch:**

West Mercia Police are promoting a range of security devices which can be offered, through bulk buying, at very cheap prices. An example is an alarmed padlock at £10. Enclosed with the newsletter is a flyer with more information. If it has gone missing during delivery please contact the Clerk or Brian Hamilton-Russell (718577).

**Monthly Film Club at Chorley Village Hall****Autumn films include:**

**Wild** on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October @ 7.30pm starring Reese Witherspoon Cert 15

**Kingsmen: The Secret Service** on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November @ 7.30pm starring Colin Firth, Michael Caine, Samuel L Jackson Cert 15

**Paddington** on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December @ 7.30pm starring Paddington

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](mailto:joe@phoenix-cottage.co.uk)