

## Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council



Santa paid a visit to Chorley Family Playgroup Christmas party



Newsletter  
Winter 2012

Happy New Year

*Happy new year to all our parishioners.*

**New Councillors:**

We are pleased to confirm that since the last newsletter we have co-opted 2 new Councillors onto the Parish Council. Mrs Sheila Steed from Wrickton and Mr Richard Bunn from Bagginswood. We still have a vacancy so if you are interested please contact the Clerk.

**Clerk's award:**

We are delighted to report that our Clerk Freda Morris was presented with a certificate and engraved plate at the AGM of Shropshire Association of Local Councils in November to mark her 25 years service to the Parish Council.

**Speeding vehicles:**

We have once again had brought to our attention speeding vehicles through the Parish and in particular large vehicles - lorries, tractors etc. Complaints have also been received from a resident in Bagginswood who is extremely concerned at the speed vehicles travel along the main road through Bagginswood. PLEASE slow down before there is a serious accident and can we remind everyone that there are lots of horse riders using our roads. Can we also remind horse riders that wearing high viz jackets enables drivers to see you better! Thank you to those riders who already wear them - they do help. Motorists using mobile phones whilst driving is also causing concern - please use hands free.

**Parking:**

It is with regret that we once again have to mention the parking outside Stottesdon School at the beginning and end of the school/playgroup day. PLEASE DO NOT park in the 'BUS STOP' as this restricts visibility for vehicles using Glebe Drive. Please use the parking spaces in Glebe Drive, lay by and also down in Glebe Drive itself but please **do not** restrict access to residents drives etc. The Police have once again been asked to monitor this problem. Please park sensibly and safely.

**Litter:**

We have had brought to our attention the amount of litter along the roadside throughout the parish. PLEASE make sure that all litter is disposed of correctly and if anyone is willing to carry out litter picks in the Parish please contact the Clerk.

**Dogs:**

Can we please ask dog owners once again to clear up after their dogs and use the litter bins to dispose of bagged waste.

**Hedges:**

Can we remind landowners to check their hedges for any over hanging trees etc. particularly on the roadside.

We have had 2 incidents over the last few weeks where branches have come off trees and have completely blocked the road - luckily no one was hurt. Many thanks to those who reported and removed the trees.

**Salt/grit piles:**

Please contact the Clerk if you know where salt/grit piles are required on the roadside - remember that this is not for personal use but for use on the highway.

**Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations:**

The Parish Council intend providing each child in the Parish under the age of 16 as at 31st May 2012 with a coin to celebrate this occasion. Could you let the Clerk or Councillor know names of children eligible as soon as possible please.  
Further details will be published in the April newsletter.

**CHORLEY CHICKS** would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all who supported us in our fundraising during the year, either through sponsorship or assisting in any way with our events.  
We raised money from a Charity Sale in the Village Hall, a local car boot sale and sponsorship to complete our 96 mile West Highland Way walk in Scotland which we endured in horrendous weather in May.

Special thanks go to the Chorley Show Committee who presented us with a cheque for £2000 which boosted our fundraising total to **£4200** which we split equally between **Midlands Air Ambulance** and **Alzheimer's Society**.

We presented the cheques to the two charities on 26th November and have received 'Thank You' letters from both charities to pass on to all who supported us.

A great amount to give to such worthwhile charities. Well done to all!!

**Chorley Family Playgroup:**

The children of Chorley Family Playgroup enjoyed their Christmas party on Thursday 8th December. The children were joined by parents and siblings for a special party lunch, followed by party games including pass the parcel and musical bumps. The children then treated us all to a beautiful round of festive songs that they had been practising in recent weeks. After this, the children enjoyed a special visit from Father Christmas himself! Each child was given a present that was very special to them and there were a lot of very happy faces!

Chorley Family Playgroup operates from the campus of Stottesdon School and offers childcare for pre-school children from 2 years upwards. It is open 5 days a week and offers a complete wrap around care service, for further information please contact Zoe Day on 01746 718769.

The Playgroup will be holding a Prize Bingo Night at The Duck Inn, Chorley on Thursday 26th January at 7.30pm - hot food available. Please come along and support this fund raising event.

**Roads:**

We send in reports each month to Shropshire Council of problems in our Parish. A monthly inspection is also carried out by Shropshire Council of the roads and some work has already been carried out - we will continue to push for repairs. If you know of any problems please contact the Clerk, who will contact Shropshire Council - this prevents duplicated phone calls. We would also like to point out that the Parish Council actively campaigned to Shropshire Council to improve the visibility on the kennels bridge (near to Halfway House pub) as it is very difficult to see oncoming vehicles when driving from Bridgnorth. We did ask for the priority on this bridge to be changed but this request was refused, however trees have been removed which has improved visibility and a line has been painted on the road to encourage vehicles to give way to oncoming traffic.

**Break Ins:**

Can we remind everyone to be extra vigilant as once again there has been break ins in the parish - stolen vehicles, trailer, property etc. If you see anything suspicious please dial 101 and if possible get a vehicle registration number. Please also contact Brian Hamilton-Russell - Parish Watch co-ordinator.

**Plastic recycling:**

Following concerns raised by parishioners regarding the removal of the plastic recycling bank at Chorley the Parish Council contacted Shropshire Council regarding this and received the following reply:

*"We are sorry to announce the removal of the plastic recycling container from Chorley village hall. We are always trying to be more efficient with taxpayers money and so we have decided that now we offer plastic bottle collections at the kerbside there is no need to duplicate this with a network of recycling sites as well.*

*We are really pleased with the public response to the new plastic bottle recycling service which has proved popular and has been extremely successful in helping to keep more waste out of landfill. So keep up the good work and keep recycling your plastic bottles.*

*Simply wash, squash and recycle. Just add them to your kerbside recycling box along with your cans, aerosols and tin foil. For more information about recycling visit [www.recycleforshropshire.com](http://www.recycleforshropshire.com) "*

Can we please ask everyone to take care when putting out their recycling boxes to make sure that items cannot be blown out of the boxes and scattered around the road side.

**Four Parishes History Group:**

**OPEN MEETING** Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Refreshments available – and everyone is welcome.

Come along and hear the latest news of local research into **medieval iron-making** processes and sites, including (*red hot off the press!*) the results of radio-carbon dating for iron slag excavated from the Ned's Garden and Fiddle 'bloomery' sites.

There will also be a talk from a world-class builder and user of replica Iron Furnaces – as we welcome Mick Kruppa, from the Shropshire Council Historic Records team (whom you may well have seen, with their replica Bloomery Furnace, at the 2011 Chorley Show)

**Friends of Stottesdon Primary School:**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped, supported or donated lots towards the Promise Auction. It was a great community event and raised a massive £4320 towards improving the schools sports facilities and equipment. We have already spent £2800 on Gymnastics equipment which the children have been enjoying using.

We also had enjoyable and successful Christmas activities – Carol Singing around the villages of Stottesdon and Chorley, our Christmas Quiz and the Mulled Wine event in the school garden. Thank you again to everyone who helped and supported these events, they simply wouldn't be possible without you.

**Olympic Torch:**

The exciting news is that the Olympic Torch will be coming through our area on May 24<sup>th</sup> and will touch four of our Parishes. Coming from Ludlow over the Clee Hill, touching Corley through Hopton Wafers and running through Cleobury Mortimer and clipping Neen Savage. We hope to have a wonderful day.

There is another Community Meeting in the Market Hall in Cleobury on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to take our early plans another step forward. We are hoping to involve everyone, including all our schools, not just on the day, but for a longer period in the lead up to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee events from June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Anyone wishing to be involved please come along or contact Madge Shingleton 01299 271186 or [madge.shingleton@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:madge.shingleton@shropshire.gov.uk)

**Stottesdon and Sidbury Church:**

On behalf of the Church congregations of Stottesdon & Sidbury, may I wish you all a very happy New Year. Our Christmas celebrations are nearing their end and what a wonderful time we've had. The Christmas Tree Festival in Stottesdon Church was so beautiful and I know a good many visitors came to enjoy the beauty of the trees. Thank you to all who helped to decorate trees and to those who came to visit. I am hopeful that we might hold another festival at the end of this year so if you didn't get a chance to join in then look out for more information in the Autumn. Thank you to those who came and enjoyed our carol services – they always seem the perfect way to kick-start the Christmas celebrations. Now that we're into a New Year, it is time to look forward and see what's coming up. January is typically a quiet month in the life of the Church but I would like to remind you that regular coffee mornings continue at the Rectory every Friday morning from 10am-12noon. You would be most welcome to pop in and share a cuppa with us at no charge. Our normal service pattern continues with a weekly Church service at St Mary's, Stottesdon at 10:30am every Sunday and a monthly service at Holy Trinity Church, Sidbury at 4pm on the third Sunday of every month. On the 29<sup>th</sup> January, there will be a joint service in St Mary's Church at 10:30am to celebrate Candlemas. You would be more than welcome to come to any or all of these services. The Church is not a private members club but is there for the whole community – we are YOUR Church.

The countdown to Easter (8<sup>th</sup> April) begins with a short service of Holy Communion in Stottesdon Church at 9:30am on Ash Wednesday (22<sup>nd</sup> February). As usual, during Lent we like to organise a series of fundraising lunches in the homes of different people. If you would like to host and cook a lunch, or would like to come along to one or more of the lunches, please have a word with me and I will give you further information.

Draw tickets (proceeds to Sidbury Church) are currently on sale with the first prize being two tickets to the RHS Chelsea Flower Show. Other prizes include tickets to Rays Farm, a wine selection and tickets to the National Trust at Dudmaston Hall. These are available from the Churchwardens or from myself. The draw will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> March.

On a more personal note, I would like to let you all know that if you, or someone else from our community is poorly at home, or in hospital, and would like me to visit to pray for healing, please get in touch. Unfortunately, I often only find out after the crisis is over and that is sometimes too late. So please feel free to call anytime, day or night.

*With every blessing, Colin Resch, Priest-in-charge (01746 718297)*

**Stottesdon & District WI Autumn report - Marian Wootton:**

This has been an eventful quarter for our WI with changes in roles on the Committee. We held our AGM in November as usual, during which Steff Bryan was unanimously elected as our new President, a worthy successor to Jenny Everingham, who filled the post so admirably for many years. Thanks are also due to Maggie Jones, who has battled with the accounts as Treasurer in recent years and to Rachel Datlen, who has stood down after an eight year stint as Secretary. Noreen Datlen will take on the first of those roles, and myself the second.

We finished a lively year in festive spirit joining members of the local community in producing a unique display of original and hand made ornaments to decorate a forest of trees in St Mary's Church, this month. We hope that this delightful festival will become a regular feature of the Christmas season.

Finally, we welcomed Kim Fisher, who succeeded in sending WI members and visitors home with a handcrafted Christmas cake decoration –after a reviving glass of punch and plate of nibbles.

Clare Tibbits' programme has continued to balance interesting speakers and hands-on activities, and visitors have been warmly welcomed to our meetings. 2012 promises another varied programme, and some new members. A very happy new year to all!

**Latest News from Chorley Show:**

The **£5,500** raised at the Show last August was distributed to local good causes at a presentation held in November. Grants were made to: Chorley Chicks (£2,000, shared between the Air Ambulance and Alzheimer's); the Village Hall (£1,500); Willowdene (£1,000 for the students' welfare fund); Chorley Family Playgroup (£750); and, the Seniors Festive Lunch (£300).

Over 30 Seniors attended the Lunch in the Village Hall last month – and the feedback was that it was the best yet! Another £100 was raised for Age UK by the raffle after Lunch. Plans are already being made for the 2012 event (probably on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December, so that's one for the diary if you'd like to come and are -or will be- over 60 by then).

Talking about plans, the detailed preparations for **Chorley Show 2012** need to start soon – and so we are appealing once more for volunteers who are able to commit to help 'behind the scenes' over the months to **12<sup>th</sup> August**. *Without such help the Show simply may not happen - so please get in touch now* (call Chris and Clare on 718007 to register your interest). A meeting of all those interested will be called in early February to discuss roles and tasks – and to confirm the good causes for our support this year.

**Charity 'Burns Night' Quiz:**

The next fundraiser at The Fighting Cocks will be a 'Burns Night' Quiz at 8pm on **Sunday 22 January** – proceeds to the Alzheimer's Society.

Call Sandra (718270) to book your traditional Haggis and Neeps supper.

**St Valentine's Disco at the Village Hall:**

Fancy a great night out? From 8 'til late on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February with Mark at the mixing desk and Adrian keeping order at the Licensed Bar. Tickets £10 – so, look out for posters with all the details nearer the date.

**Chorley Village Hall Supporters Club Presents . . . . .**

**Films for the 2012 Spring Season**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7.30pm 'Made in Dagenham' Cert 15

The strike by women at the Dagenham Ford factory in 1968 that led to the Equal Pay Act is given the Calendar Girls treatment. Starring Bob Hoskins, Geraldine James, Miranda Richardson,

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012 at 7.30pm 'Thor' Cert 12A

Tongue in cheek film of Thor being banished by the Gods to earth – directed by Kenneth Branagh. Starring Anthony Hopkins, Idris Elba, Natalie Portman, and Stellan Skarsgard

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30pm 'Water for Elephants' Cert 12

Robert Pattinson and Reese Witherspoon star in this drama following the adventures of a young vet working in a travelling circus during America's Great Depression in the 1930s.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm 'Submarine' Cert 15

Coming of age comedy set in Swansea – a real teenage angst

*One annual payment of £5 per adult / £2 for Under 16s gives you free entry to all films over 12 months*  
Any queries contact Joe or Richard on 01746 718693 or email [joe@phoenix-cottage.co.uk](mailto:joe@phoenix-cottage.co.uk)



### Parish Plan survey

Many thanks to everyone who filled in our questionnaire last autumn.  
The results have now been analysed and give us a clear indication of what's important to you.

#### **What you told us**

At least two thirds of people who responded scored the following areas as 'high' or 'very high' priority for the parish:

- Road maintenance (90%)
- GP surgery facilities (90%)
- School retention (86%)
- Opportunities for jobs and business (83%)
- Shop retention (78%)
- Hospital A&E/outpatients (71%)
- Retention of scenic views/natural habitats (68%)
- Facilities for children and young people (68%)
- Policing and community safety (66%)

A number of you also thought sports and community facilities should be a specific priority.  
Compared with the 2004 survey, fewer people now think that family homes for rent are a high priority. It is thought this may be as a result of new properties built in the parish in the last 7 years, but we will find out more by carrying out a Housing Needs survey this year.

#### **Who responded?**

Sixty questionnaires were returned. All were completed anonymously, but we asked you to provide some information about yourselves.

- Similar numbers of males and females responded, with over half aged 41-59
- Most were homeowners and either employed or self-employed, with a quarter working from home
- Almost everyone has a car, with most households having the use of at least 2 vehicles
- A large majority (85%) use internet and email

#### **What happens next?**

To help us in the next stage of our planning process, we'd like to hear what you think of the survey results. Even if you didn't do the survey, it's not too late to tell us your views.

There are several ways you can get involved:

- Send your comments by email to [alisonmparsons@gmail.com](mailto:alisonmparsons@gmail.com) or [stottesdonpc@btinternet.com](mailto:stottesdonpc@btinternet.com) or speak to any member of the Parish Council.
- Join the Parish Plan group. The next meeting is at **7.30pm on Monday 20th February at Stottesdon School.**

If you belong to any local groups or organisations that meet regularly, please consider having a discussion about the Parish Plan during January or February. You can invite a Parish Councillor to attend or just email Alison with your feedback on the following points:

- ***Do you agree with the priority areas listed above?***
- ***Has anything important been missed?***
- ***Have you any suggestions for specific action the Parish Council could take to bring about improvements?***

**For a full analysis of the survey results, see the Parish Council website or contact Freda Morris on 718453.**

**USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS:  
CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Clerk can be contacted at all reasonable hours.

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Mr R Bunn	718068		

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Chorley Family Playgroup	718769
Stottesdon/Sidbury Church	718297 Rev Colin Resch
Chorley Village Hall	0700585 50014 (bookings)
Doctors	712672
District Nurses	711963
Shropshire County 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	0800 555111
Rural Stress Network	08450948286
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 for non emergency calls
AB Taxis (Cleobury Mortimer)	07876554911

**Tree Wardens:**

Wade Muggleton (Stottesdon)	718753
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