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**Newsletter
January 2016**

Happy New Year to all our parishioners.

Roads:

With the very wet weather potholes are once again appearing which the Clerk is reporting to Shropshire Council. Please report any which you are aware of to the Clerk rather than directly to Shropshire Council as this does save duplication. Willowdene will be out in the parish trying to clear debris from drains and gullies but if you can help in anyway in making sure that water can get off the road then please do so or alternatively contact the Clerk. It is also important that all trees are once again checked for any dangerous overhanging branches particularly on the roadside. Concern has also been expressed regarding people either walking/cycling/horse riding wearing dark clothes when light is fading. Please make sure you are visible to other road users.

Road closures:

Many thanks to everyone for their patience during the 2 road closures in November. The Clerk worked extremely hard in conjunction with Shropshire Council and dealt with many complaints received but was bitterly disappointed that the proposed work at Wribley Bank was not carried out. The Parish Council is in contact with Shropshire Council pushing for this work and work on the Stottesdon/Cleobury North road to be repaired as a matter of some urgency but as we are nearing the end of the financial year money is running out! The Parish Council is grateful to Graham Downes and Andy Oliver for the work carried out—we are sure you will agree a good job was done! Please continue to feed in any complaints to the Clerk or the Unitary Cllrs Madge Shineton or Gwilym Butler.

Provisional Parish Council meeting dates:

January 25th
February 22nd
March 21st
April 18th—Annual Parish meeting.
April 25th
May 23rd
June 27th
July 25th
August 22nd
September 26th,
October 24th
November 28th
December 19th.

These dates will be approved/amended at the next meeting.
All meetings commence at 7.30pm and are normally held in Chorley Village Hall.
Any change of dates/venues will be shown on the agendas displayed on the notice boards and on the website.
Parishioners time is available at the beginning of each meeting where you are welcome to come along and raise any matters with Councillors or just come and listen to what is happening in the parish - you don't have to sit through all the meeting!

News from Ditton Priors Medical Practice:

The Surgery opening hours at Ditton are as follows:

Monday to Friday 8.30am – 1pm and 2pm – 5.30pm
At Ditton we do offer extended hours appointments on a Thursday morning at 7.15am until 7.45am with both Doctors.

Stottesdon Surgery opening hours have slightly changed from 2016 which will be:

Monday 9am – 12.30pm
Tuesday 9am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 4pm
Wednesday 9am – 12.30pm
Thursday 9am – 12.30pm
Friday 9am – 12.30pm

Note that Stottesdon is no longer open on a Friday afternoon from January.

At Ditton Priors we have a Counsellor that comes on a Wednesday morning and Citizens Advice Bureau on a Monday morning. We have a Medical Student from Keele University with us for three months at a time over a twelve month period.

Our physiotherapist is housed at Stottesdon Surgery on a Tuesday and Friday. We now have a Health Care Assistant who will be based at Ditton Priors, but will be working at Stottesdon on a Wednesday morning. Amy Wall our new HCA is able to take bloods, give advice on minor problems and visit patients who are housebound to take bloods. This is a new service that we are providing to Stottesdon branch and hope to make this a success and help patients over at Stottesdon that cannot always get to Ditton Priors.

As I am sure you are aware the Practice had a CQC visit (Care Quality Commission) in May 2015. We achieved an 'outstanding' result which we are all very proud of in the surgery as at that point in time we were only one of three in Shropshire achieving an outstanding result.

Complaint from a parishioner received 6th January (permission received to print in newsletter):

"I am hoping there is a solution to this particular problem. I ride my horse along the Kinlet to Stottesdon road as this is the only way I can get anywhere. I am entitled to ride on the road, I ride with full reflective gear on and we are very sensible. Today, we were nearly hit by a speeding tractor - which is bad enough in itself but he had a trailer on the back. This is happening virtually every time I go out. I have to avoid riding at 'school time' or during the 'commuter rush' because the cars are using the road as a rally track too - which is very limiting. This traffic problem is particularly bad around Oretton, Farlow, Sidbury and Stottesdon I am going to start reporting these maniacs to the Police as someone and some horse are going to die - but I wondered if something can also go out in the parish newsletter, reminding people that these are roads that are useable by anyone - not just speeding tractors".

Please note:

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Mr Holmes on Thursday 21st January 2016 at 7.30pm

The famous detective, Sherlock Holmes (Ian McKellan), is retired and living in Sussex with his housekeeper, Mrs. Munro. He has a quiet life of beekeeping and journal writing, but he is haunted by a 50-year old case that had never been solved.

Under Milkwood 2015 on Thursday 18th February at 7.30pm

Residents of a fictional Welsh community share stories and poems of their life in their seaside town starring Rhys Ifans and Charlotte Church.

The Man from U.N.C.L.E. on Thursday 17th March at 7.30pm

At the height of the Cold War, a mysterious criminal organization plans to use nuclear weapons and technology to upset the fragile balance of power between the United States and Soviet Union

Child 44 on Thursday 21st April at 7.30pmIn 1950s Soviet Russia, secret police agent Leo Demidov (Tom Hardy) loses everything when he refuses to denounce his wife, Raisa (Noomi Rapace) as a traitor. Finding themselves exiled to a grim provincial outpost, Leo and Raisa join forces with Gen. Mikhail Nesterov (Gary Oldman) to capture a serial killer who preys on young boys.

Membership for 12 months is just £5 per month/ per adult/£2 for under 16's with FREE entry to all films and use of the DVD library. Any queries contact Joe or Richard Bubb on 718693 or joe@phoenixcottage.co.uk

A message from Rachel Datlen:

Unfortunately there has been an increase in the amount of dog poo being left around the Parish in the past few months. Recently whilst practicing road safety training with the school children, we had to weave round 3 piles of dog poo on the pavement in the middle of Stottesdon village.

Nobody likes dog poo and it is especially nasty if it gets on shoes or the wheels of the pushchair, but people may not be aware of the more sinister facts about it.

Dog poo can cause blindness and other serious effects in humans, via roundworms *Toxicara Canis* whose eggs can be present in dog faeces, causing *Toxocariasis*. Children are particularly vulnerable to this danger if they come into contact with dog mess. Just think about where it can end up if it gets stepped in...from shoes to the floor of our houses where children sometimes sit, then onto the hands and from there, into mouths and eyes.

Dog poo is also bad for livestock who can ingest it and then suffer from parasitic infestations. These can then be passed onto humans when meat is ingested. The eggs of *Toxicara* can remain in soil for ten years and are not killed by either disinfectant or frost. Dog poo is not like cow, sheep or horse poo and is not a fertiliser; it is very hazardous.

If you have a dog please pick up its poo wherever it is dropped; on the pavement, on farmland and along Harcourt Lane and Hardwick Farm Lane where it has increased dramatically of late. It is perfectly acceptable to bag and bin dog poo in either your black refuse bin or any public litter bin - it doesn't have to be a special dog poo bin. There are no doubt many responsible dog owners in the Parish who pick up, but it only takes one or two dogs being walked along the same stretch of road twice a day for a significant amount of dog poo to be generated. Thanks for your support, fellow dog owners.

Next newsletter deadline:

1st April, 2016 12 noon - 200 words maximum please. Please send via email to Clerk.

Local Council Award Scheme:

The Clerk will once again be working towards obtaining this status for the Parish Council. This scheme replaced the Quality Council Award Scheme which we were very pleased to have achieved. We were granted Foundation Level until the new scheme was approved The Clerk has to prove that the Council comply with the Law and follow correct practices and procedures.

The Clerk is also at present bringing everything in line with the Transparency Code as the Clerk and Councillors have strict guidelines which have to be adhered to.

Parking:

The Police have attended and talked to several people regarding the parking in Glebe Drive and outside Stottesdon School. PLEASE remember not to block pavements, accesses, dropped kerbs or park on the grassed areas in Glebe Drive. The Police will be back and anyone committing an offence will be booked.

Stottesdon & District WI from Marian Wootton:

Our year has ended with three festive evenings. Steff Bryan and Helena Hale hosted a lively additional Christmas wreath making event which attracted a good turn out of visitors. Steff and Katie have also been busy producing an angel to join the seraphims in the Church.

Making felt flowers was the theme of our members' evening, and Clare Tibbits led us through the intriguing process of layering the fabric and constructing the floral design using a special felting needle. We were all chuffed to produce a novelty item, despite some stabbed fingers, celebrating our creativity with hot punch and mince pies.

The Three Horseshoes was once again the venue for the convivial Christmas meal, and thanks go to Sue and Chris for another excellent meal of local produce. We reconvene in a couple of weeks, looking ahead to some lively, varied and 'hands-on' sessions, opening with Fun & Games at Farlow VH 20th January 7.30 February's talk is highly topical: 'Climate Change – Fact or Fiction' . Chorley Village Hall 17th Feb 7.30. Visitors are always made very welcome.

Chorley Family Playgroup from Zoe Baker:

What a brilliant festive season we had, with a visit to Father Christmas on the train, making an Angel for Stottesdon Church, our Christmas Nativity (which was fab!) and a super party, enjoyed by lots of very happy children, we were all glad for the Christmas holiday. This term we are looking at 'Occupations', so we will be learning all about the different jobs people do and who exactly does them. We will also be taking part in weekly sessions of yoga to learn about being calm and relaxed and how exercise is good for our bodies; we are really looking forward to this. Playgroup sessions are going very well and numbers are increasing which is great for the setting, we still have some spaces left during the latter part of the week if anyone is in need of childcare.

We would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Parish Watch:

Can we remind everyone to be extra vigilant as we have received reports of 'suspicious' vehicles in the area. If you seen anything suspicious please get a registration number if possible and report it to the Police on 101. It would also be very helpful to notify our co-ordinator Cllr Brian Hamilton-Russell on 718577.

News from the Churches from Revd. Mark Daborn

Well, what a lovely Christmas season it has been! Carol Services, a Christingle service with children from the school giving the explanation of what Christingles are about, and the round of Christmas services. And the angels...

After some years of having a Christmas tree festival at St Mary's, with entries from all over the area, it was decided this year that the theme should be angels – appropriate enough to the season! Twenty-five entries produced angels of great beauty, great humour (and awful puns!) and brilliant recycling of odd materials. For two days over the third weekend in Advent the church was open with refreshments being served, and there was a continual flow of visitors coming to admire the results. The angels stayed in the church over the Christmas season, still attracting visitors, and have only just left as I write. It has added a lovely community touch to the Christmas season and, I hope, has given a lot of pleasure to a lot of people. A very big 'thank you' to everybody who entered into the spirit of the occasion, and especially to those who put so much into organising the event.

Information from Chris Tibbits:

Save the date:

Setting up a Good Neighbour Scheme
5th March 2016 - 9.30am to 1pm
Bridgnorth Baptist Church, Shropshire
Cost £5

This morning workshop is for any community groups, agencies or individuals looking to work in partnership as **Good Neighbours**.

The morning will include:

- Case studies from existing local Good Neighbour Schemes
- Practical help and advice
- An opportunity to explore how this might work in your community
- Essential things to consider

For more information or to book your place please contact Joanne Gibbon 01584 871089 or email j.gibbon@hereford.anglican.org
This is a partnership event between the Diocese of Hereford and Shropshire Rural Community Charity.

Forthcoming events at Chorley Village Hall

Chorley Village Hall

From the Chair - We had an event-full 2015. My thanks to all the those who have planned, run and supported hall activities. A sense of community is key to our success and is the basis for our plans for 2016. To know what' on - email adeonfarm@aol.com - we will reply. Thanks.

Burns Night Supper on Saturday 23rd January at 7.00pm £10 Adults / £5 Children

You are invited to join us for a 3 course supper with formal toasts and Scottish dancing – kilts optional! Bring your own glasses, Whiskey and other drinks. Book by Thursday 14th January with Jenny on 718437 jennyoga@btinternet.com or Sarah on 718788 sarah@beanly.co.uk and specify meat or veggie option or dietary requirements

Chorley Bake Off on Saturday 19th March - categories to be confirmed in January with details to be posted on Facebook and via posters.

Easter Walk on Easter Monday 28th March at 11am at the Village Hall with a surprise Treasure or Egg hunt

Duck Open Weekend on 11th and 12th June. The Ducks return to Chorley to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday – this year the ducks go regal with a royal theme.

Chorley Show 2016 from Dave Rix (718156)

With the start of a New Year, your show committee will commence in the next few weeks, planning in earnest for this year's show, last year we raised money for The Air Ambulance, Severn Hospice and Willowdene, with some money kept back for the refurbishment and replacement of one or two pieces of much needed equipment, plus seed corn for this year's show.

One piece of great news I can confirm is that we have agreed for Raymond Froggatt (who, I hear you ask!) Raymond is a renowned singer, song writer from the 50,s 60,s and 70,s to open this year's show. Do Google his web page.

As always we would like to recruit new members to join the Show committee, if anyone would like to get involved in the planning and preparation for this year's event please get in touch with myself or any existing committee member, we meet every four to six weeks for an hour or two at The Duck Inn or Village Hall. The company is **excellent**, but then, I would say that wouldn't I.

Before that brand new Social Calendar gets too many dates filled in, remember, **Saturday August the 20th** is the date for this year's Show.

On behalf of your Show Committee may I wish you and yours a very Happy and Peaceful New Year.

Chorley and District Art Group

Drawing for Beginners

This class will recommence at
Chorley Chapel on Tuesday 19th January
between 10.00am—12 noon

This class is open to beginners and improvers

Contact: Val Craig leaving your full name, email address and
telephone number at the following:

Tele: 01746 718566

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