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Shropshire Council	0345 678 9000 (general enquiries)
Lacon Childe School	01299 270312
Bridgnorth Endowed School	762103
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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:

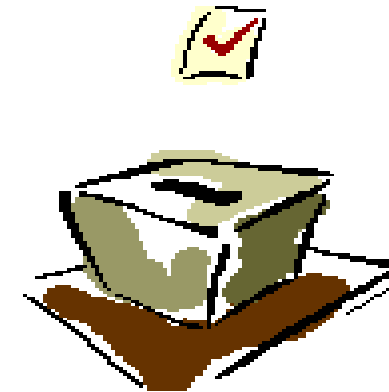
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Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council

Elections are coming on May 2nd 2013

- Interested in your local area?
- Want to have a positive impact?
- Ever considered standing for election?

Local Councils are changing - be a part of it!



*Newsletter
March 2013*

Chairman's Report:

This year we have brought forward the Spring Newsletter to publicise the local elections in May. It is important that enough candidates stand to meet the requirements to maintain our Quality Council status. Do please consider standing as a councillor whether you have previous experience or not. It is not an onerous duty but it is important that we have a full and wide representation of our community. We can even help with some out of pocket expenses!

The last year has been notable for many reasons. We hope that the children will treasure their Jubilee coins. The Olympics further demonstrated our need for improved sports facilities – both for the school and the community – and the weather has been a dominant factor, not least because of its effects on the roads! Shropshire Council has been doing their best for us and our clerk's excellent relationship with its officers has ensured that we get at least our fair share of repair resources including renewing the rapidly deteriorating roads through Stottesdon. Thanks are also due to Willowdene for their efforts under the Lengthsman Scheme.

We have continued to support the various agencies and causes mentioned in my report last year. A new project under way is the school bus shelter in Chorley. In spite of ever increasing costs we have kept the Precept for 2013/14 at exactly the same level as last year with sufficient for the new Council to keep ongoing projects in train. This is definitely my final report as Chairman and I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their support, their wide and varied expertise and good humour. Finally I must stress how fortunate we are to have Freda Morris as our clerk. She has now completed 26 years (approaching a national record), is the envy of all other local councils, works well beyond her paid hours and is the unerring fount of all knowledge that a chairman and council could ever wish for. The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Monday 15th April at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall. Please come along and listen to the organisation reports and chat to Councillors if you are interested in joining the Parish Council. This is your meeting come and talk to us!!

Brian Hamilton-Russell - Chairman

Road closures:

Despite 'road closed' signs and letters/notices being distributed it is with regret that work was interrupted on numerous occasions to enable motorists to get through the village. The road was closed for health and safety reasons but many thanks to Shropshire Council and Ringway staff for their patience with a minority of drivers.

Thanks to everyone for their patience who adhered to the closure notices.

In our parish there are 2 more planned road closures:

Hardwickforge - section 20m either side of Hardwickforge bridge will be closed for 2 weeks from 11th March for bridge repairs.

Structural maintenance work is to be carried out at Prescott Bridge and the road will be closed for approximately 8 weeks. No date has yet been confirmed for this work. Information will be posted on the notice boards and on Shropshire Council website when a definite date has been fixed.

The work scheduled for the main Bridgnorth road will now hopefully take place later in March—weather permitting.

Parish Council accounts—year end 31st March 2012.

	Year end 31/3/11 £	Year end 31/3/12 £
1. Balances b/fwd	11177	13688
2. (+) Annual precept	14340	14330
3. (+) Total other receipts	3669	3349
4. (-) Staff costs including employment expenses	10460	9453
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	988	988
6. (-) Total other payments	4050	5941
7. (=) Total other payments	13688	14985
8. Total cash and short term investment	13688	14985
9. Total fixed asset and long term investments	1628	1578
10. Total borrowings	6654	5938
11. Trust Fund disclosure notice	NO	NO

Many thanks once again for Mrs Val Hill for carrying out the internal audit for the Parish Council. The accounts were audited by the external auditors Mazars LLP of Southampton and were all signed off with no queries raised.

News from Shropshire Councillor Madge Shineton:

Flooding Aids

The Flood Show was very good with a lot of useful advice both practical and from Insurance Companies. The landowner next to any river, brook or stream is responsible for removing all debris from the water course. There is a useful booklet "Living on the Edge" which is available on the website www.environment-agency.gov.uk. Tel. No. 0845 9881188. David Edwards is Shropshire Councils Flood & Water Manager and vets all planning applications contact is flood@shropshire.gov.uk. there are free flood surveys available, contact David Edwards.

The New Police Commissioner spoke at the Local Joint Committee on February 21st. Plans are to reduce the number of Police Stations in the West Mercia. The two locally are Highley and Cleobury Mortimer which are manned a lot of the time by volunteers. It looks as though there may be changes in Cleobury. We will see.

Don't forget Shropshire and all Parish and Town Councils are up for Elections on May 2nd please think about standing for election, application forms are available from the Clerk Freda Morris or from the Legal

Please note:

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Larger print format of this newsletter is available from the Clerk.*

Chorley Family Playgroup's annual Easter Egg Hunt gets more EGGciting!

Wednesday 27th March 2013 from 3pm

This year, in addition to the annual pre-school Easter egg hunt, Chorley Family Playgroup will also be organising a scavenger hunt for the local school children. The scavenger hunt will be a more challenging task for the children, which will involve finding answers to a series of set clues located throughout Stottesdon village. The Easter Egg hunt for the playgroup children, will take place as normal in the grounds of playgroup and Stottesdon School.

All successful Easter egg and scavenger hunt participants will receive a treat from the Easter Bunny! Participants in the Scavenger hunt will also have the opportunity to win some bigger prizes in the form of family tickets to local attractions including days out at National Trust parks.

The entry fee for both events is £2.00 per child. The event will be run from the playgroup and there will be a cake stall and refreshments available, everyone is welcome! For more details please check our website

www.chorleyfamilyplaygroup.co.uk or call playgroup on 01746 718769. We hope to see you on the 27th March!

Many thanks to all who supported the Quiz night at The Duck Inn on February 8th - this was a brilliant success and raised funds for the Playgroup.

Cinderella came to Chorley!

Chorley Railway Players put on the pantomime Cinderella at the Village Hall for 4 nights last week. This was a wonderful pantomime and enjoyed by all who attended. Funds raised will go towards purchasing a new wheelchair for 10 year old Mila Forni Graham who has Cerebral Palsy. Mila took part in the pantomime together with numerous other locals and the director was Stephanie Hickman from Chorley. Well done to all who took part and helped in any way!

Village Hall Supporters Club presents

'The Woman in Black' on Thursday 7th March at 7.30pm

A widowed lawyer encounters a vengeful ghost with mysterious motives. Starring Daniel Radcliffe.

'Gambit' on Thursday 11th April at 7.30pm

Comedy - An art curator decides to seek revenge on his abusive boss by conning him into buying a fake Monet, but his plan requires the help of an eccentric and unpredictable Texas rodeo queen. Starring Colin Firth, Cameron Diaz and Alan Rickman

'Skyfall' on Thursday 9th May at 7.30pm

Action - Bond's loyalty to M is tested as her past comes back to haunt her, bringing MI6 under attack.

'The Sapphires' on Thursday 6th June at 7.30pm

Comedy - It's 1968, and four young, talented Australian Aboriginal girls learn about love, friendship and war when their all girl group The Sapphires entertain the US troops in Vietnam.

'Hope Springs' on Thursday 4th July at 7.30pm

Comedy - After thirty years of marriage, a middle-aged couple attends an intense, week-long counselling session to work on their relationship. Starring Meryl Streep and Tommy Lee Jones

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

Elections:

The town and parish council elections in 2013 are being held on Thursday 2nd May when they are being combined with elections for the Unitary Council. The elections begin with the publication of the Notice of Election on Monday 11th March. This will be published locally in newspapers and notice boards.

The nomination period is between 9am and 5pm on each working day from Monday 11th March until the close of nominations at **12 noon on Friday 5th April.**

Qualifications to be a Councillor:

A person is qualified to be elected and to be a councillor if they are a British Commonwealth, Irish or European Union citizen and on the relevant day (that is, the day of nominations or election), they are 18 years of age or over.

In addition, the person must meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. on the relevant day and thereafter, they continue to be on the electoral register for the parish or
2. During the whole of the twelve months before that day, they have owned or tenanted land or premises in the parish, or
3. During the whole of the twelve months before that day, their principal or only place of work has been in the parish, or
4. During the whole of the twelve months before that day, they have resided in the parish or within 4.8 kilometres of it.

Except for qualification 1, these qualifications then continue for the full term of office, until the next ordinary elections.

Certain people are disqualified from standing, and these include paid officers (including Clerks) of the council, bankrupts and those subject to recent sentences of imprisonment.

There are very strict dates which have to be followed and further details can be obtained from the Clerk, Shropshire Council on 0345 678 9015 or on the SALC website at www.shropshirealc.com

This is your chance to join the Parish Council. Why not have a chat with the current Councillors or Clerk to find out what it entails or come along to our Council meetings. All contact details are on the back of this newsletter.

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Parish Councillors:

Sadly we will be saying farewell to Madge Shineton when her term of office expires after the elections. Madge has served on this Parish Council for over 30 years and her knowledge and help will be greatly missed.

Chairman Brian Hamilton-Russell also says he will not be standing for re-election. Brian has been on the Council for numerous years and instigated the Parish Watch scheme and has been a very enthusiastic Chairman.

Many thanks to Madge and Brian.

Bus Shelter at Chorley:

The base has been laid and very shortly the bus shelter will be erected. We do hope that the children will find this very useful when waiting for the school buses.

Glebe Drive parking:

The Parish Council provided 6 parking bays for short term parking mainly for school/playgroup/visitor use during the day. There are also other parking bays in Glebe Drive which can be used whilst dropping/collecting children from school/playgroup. A resident in Glebe Drive has expressed concern with vehicles being parked on the grass opposite the parking bays in Glebe Drive which has in fact 'churned' this up due to the very wet weather.

Please remember that this grassed area is mowed by Shropshire Council and is not meant to be parked on!

Road problems:

Can we please ask once again that if you have any complaints/concerns regarding the roads (potholes/grit etc) that you contact the Clerk who quite often knows of any planned work in the area. We are aware that some parishioners do contact Shropshire Council direct and if this is the case it would be very helpful if the Clerk could be copied into any correspondence.

AED training:

Following the report in the last newsletter regarding the Clerk winning the defibrillator and handing this to Willowdene the Clerk was contacted by the Ambulance Service offering free training in the use of this machine.

If you are interested in being trained please contact the Clerk.

Dog fouling:

We have once again received complaints regarding dog fouling in the parish. Please remember that this is an offence - please clean up after your dogs. Posters have been put up in the parish and the Parish Council are at present considering new Dog Control Orders bring proposed by Shropshire Council.

Household Recycling Centre:

With effect from 1st March 2013 the new opening hours for the household recycling centre will be 9am-5pm every day, all year round (except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day).

Further details available from Shropshire Council or on their website.

OPEN MEETING to decide the way forward for "CHORLEY SHOW"

After well over a decade of fundraising success, and a 'year off' for the 2012 Olympic Games, planning for Chorley Show 2013 - *if there is to be one* – is now overdue.

To kick this off, the organisers need real confidence that sufficient people from Chorley, as well as the rest of the parish community, are able and willing to commit time and energy as volunteers - to help tackle the many tasks which arise before and during the Show. So, there will be a one-off **open meeting** to determine whether *or not* there are sufficient volunteers to enable a Chorley Show on 11 August this year.

We hope that everyone interested in the future of this longstanding local event will participate in making this critical "go/no go" decision by attending and contributing to the meeting which will be held in

Chorley Village Hall at 8pm on Thursday 14th March.

Contact Chris & Clare Tibbits 718007.

STOTTESDON & SIDBURY CHURCH NEWS

There are a lot of celebrations coming up over the next few weeks at your local Church and we'd like to invite you to join us at any of the following events.

9th March, 10am - Churchyard Cleanup. Bring your gardening tools and help keep Stottesdon Churchyard looking tidy.

10 March, 10:30am - Mothering Sunday Celebrations at Stottesdon Church. Bring your mum, bring your kids, bring yourself. Enjoy.

24 March, 10:15am - Palm Sunday Service. Meet at car park by Stottesdon School to follow the donkey to Church. Refreshments after.

28 March, 7pm - Maundy Thursday, Passover Fellowship Meal at The Rectory. Booking essential (718297)

29 March, 12noon - Good Friday, An Hour Before the Cross. Service of readings and silence in Stottesdon Church

31 March - Easter Day services in Sidbury Church at 8am and in Stottesdon Church at 10:30am

We also have a series of fundraising lunches taking place over the coming weeks. Why not give one or two of them a try.

Saturday 2nd March, (evening meal) Swallow's Rest. Hosts: Mark & Karen Dayus (718700)

Wednesday 6th March, The Old Stores. Hosts: Chris & Clare Tibbits (718007)

Thursday 14th March, Clapwicket. Hosts: Derek & Mary Overton (718571)

Tuesday 19th March, Walton Farm. Host: Diana Marsh (718246)

Saturday 23rd March, Stottesdon Church. Bring a plate of food to share. No need to book.

Every few years, the Church of England is required to renew its electoral roll lists. 2013 is one of those years. If you would like to join the Church electoral roll, please get in touch with Colin Resch (718297) and ask for a membership form.

Finally, three more dates for your diaries.

27th April, Fundraising Coffee Morning at Stottesdon Church, 10am

18th May, Sidbury Fete at Sidbury Hall, 7pm

23rd June, Confirmation service with Bishop Anthony at Stottesdon Church, 10:30am. Anyone interested in confirmation is requested to get in touch with Colin Resch on 718297 or colin@resch.freemove.co.uk

Stottesdon & District WI Spring report:

The year has begun quietly, with inclement weather putting paid to the January meeting. But this month we had a fascinating and informative presentation by Ben Upton of Aston Botterell, whose work as a Psychiatric Nurse with dementia patients and their carers, also ties in with his involvement with supporting beneficiaries of the Royal British Legion.

We have a varied programme ahead of monthly meetings and social events. Our Lunch Club has become increasingly popular, and non-members are very welcome to join us. Our first event of the year took place on a fine early Spring day to Radbrook Catering College in Shrewsbury, where 14 of us enjoyed a 3 course meal in the visitors' restaurant Beautifully cooked and presented by first year students, this was unbeatable value at £6.95 a head, and is certainly worth a visit.

Our next meeting should be of interest for those already planning for the Show season. Mark Hall will talk on 'Growing & Showing Millennium Class Vegetables' on Wednesday 20th March at Chorley village hall at 7.30 pm. All welcome.