

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council



Willowdene clearing the footpaths in Stottesdon

Newsletter
Winter 2010

Happy New Year to all parishioners and readers.

Snow clearance - salt/grit:

Please let the Clerk or a Parish Councillor know if salt/grit is needed anywhere in the Parish where problems have been encountered. Please note that care has to be taken where piles can be left and if you do use the bins please close the lid after use. We can all help by spreading the salt/grit provided to problem areas. The Parish Council are very grateful to Graham Downes, Brian Bennett and all the staff at Shropshire Council's Bridgnorth Depot for responding to our requests - usually very quickly. We are also extremely grateful to Matt Home and his team from Willowdene who have taken delivery of a load of grit for use in our Parish and have been very busy helping make our roads safer and for clearing the footpaths in Stottesdon. Their help has been great and really appreciated. This has been operated through our 'Lengthsman Scheme' with excellent co-ordination between Shropshire Council, Parish Council and Willowdene. . PLEASE drive with care and reduce speed.

Road closure - Winterburn Bridge:

You may recall in our Summer 2008 Newsletter that the above road was closed following damage to the bridge. Following discussions with the Shropshire Council, local residents and landowners a 'temporary' bridge was built to reduce inconvenience for residents until funding was available to reconstruct the collapsed bridge. It has always been made very clear that this was only a '**temporary**' bridge. The work on the new bridge will commence on Monday 15th February 2010 for 20 weeks. Diversion routes will be set up but access will be maintained for pedestrians, dismounted cyclists and dismounted horse riders throughout the closure.

Can we please ask everyone to be patient during this work which has to be carried out - please remember that without this 'temporary' bridge the initial diversion would still be in operation!

Nightingale Nursing Fund:

Christmas Bingo

A successful Christmas Bingo evening was held in December at the Sports & Social Club in Cleobury Mortimer. The evening was well supported with residents from far and wide enjoying themselves. There were masses of prizes – everyone is so generous, so a huge vote of thanks to all who supported the evening in whatever way. A grand total of £165 was raised for the cause.

There was talk of the organisers arranging an Easter Bingo for the same charity so keep watching for notices!

Another reminder – the successful 5-a-side football day is being organised for Sunday 6th June. Anyone willing to lend a hand on the day would be greatly appreciated.

For further details contact Rosemary Abbiss - 718210.

Power of Well Being:

The Parish Council are extremely proud that they are now able to use the 'power of well being'. The Power of Well Being is a statutory power which enables a local council **to do anything which it considers likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental wellbeing of their area.**

The power to spend on the well-being relates to the whole or any part of its area, any persons present in the area including those who live, work or visit the area, an individual person's activity (providing that it promotes the area's well-being), or any person or area outside the parish if the council thinks this will improve or promote well-being within its own area.

In order to be able to use this power the Parish Council had to meet a certain criteria which was:

- Qualified Clerk
- Minimum of 2/3rds of vacancies on the council filled at the last ordinary elections.
- Minimum of 80% of councillors trained in the use of the power
- Published a statement of community engagement.
- Be satisfied that all conditions of the power have been met.

The Clerk had to complete a further module of her CiLCA qualification for this power and Councillors also had to attend a training session in the use of this power.

All the criteria has been met and the Parish Council formally adopted to use this power at the December meeting.

St Mary's Church, Stottesdon:

Can we please extend a big 'thank you' and congratulations for all the work carried out at the Church by the Church Wardens, Derek and Mary Overton and Diana Marsh and their band of helpers. Floors have recently been replaced at the rear of the Church together with other improvements. If you can offer help in any way please contact the Church Wardens - Mary and Derek Overton (718571) and Diana Marsh (718246).

If you would like to take a turn in cleaning the brasses and putting flowers in the Church please contact the Church Wardens.

Jams, pickles and books are always on sale in the Church once again raising funds for the upkeep of the Church. Please support the Church whenever possible.

Recycling/refuse collections:

Could you please inform the Parish Council either through the Clerk or a Councillor if you have any problems with any of the above collections. The Parish Council and the Local Joint Committee are actively trying to establish where problems are and to then try and solve them!

Dog Fouling:

Once again we have received numerous complaints regarding dog fouling particularly in Station Road and also the Harcourt road. Residents are reminded of their obligations as a responsible dog owner not to allow their dog to stray onto the Public Highway, and to clear up after your dog at all times and to dispose of any fouling in an appropriate manner. Should you be seen failing to clean up after your dog you could be liable to a Fixed Penalty Notice of £80 or subsequent prosecution for the offence. There is also the possibility that, if your dog is seen straying it may be collected by the Dog Warden and taken to holding kennels pending collection. There will be a charge of £25 from Shropshire Council plus daily kennel charges. A re-homing policy exists after seven days if collection is not made by the owner. PLEASE clean up after your dog and dispose of the waste in the litter bins in the Parish. Dog Wardens will be out in the Parish to monitor this problem.

Can we also remind everyone to keep to the footpaths when walking through fields where there is stock and to keep dogs on leads - please remember that we are in the lambing season!

Village Hall Supporters Group presents

Forthcoming Films include:

'Public Enemies' with Johnny Depp, Certificate 15 on **Thursday 14th January 2010 at 7.30pm**

'Slum Dog Millionaire' Certificate 15 on Thursday **11th February 2010** at 7.30pm

'35 shots of rum' (sub-titled) Certificate 12 on Thursday **11th March 2010** at 7.30pm

New members are welcome to join anytime. £5 membership per year and no entrance costs!

Parish Watch:

From various reports it appears that thieves are not being deterred by the weather so keep your eyes open. There has been several burglaries round and about recently. Also beware of the telephone scam. Under no circumstances should you give out details of bank accounts, etc over the telephone. The scammers are clever and sound genuine posing as BT, the Council - you name it. If pushed for details ask for a number to ring back on or put the phone down and try 1471. If the number is withheld or does not tie up report it immediately. Contact Brian Hamilton-Russell - 718577.

Severn Hospice:

The Severn Hospice have been looking for suitable premises in Cleobury Mortimer for a shop for some time. We have now achieved this and hope to be open by the beginning of February.

There will be two part time jobs created - a Manager for four days and a Deputy for two days, for full information go to the Hospice Website www.severnhospice.org.uk or to the Job Centre Plus site.

We will of course welcome volunteers to help in the shop if you have an hour or two to spare. Please contact Madge Shingleton 01746 718427 or Rosemary Abbiss 01746 718210.

The Stottesdon and Cleobury Mortimer Support Group are delighted that a long awaited ambition is coming to fruition

Parish Council meetings:

Please note that the dates for the meetings for 2010 are as follows:

January 25th

February 22nd

March 22nd.

April 19th – Annual Parish Meeting

April 26th

May 17th

June 28th

July 26th

August 23rd

September 27th

October 25th

November 22nd

December 20th.

All meetings commence at 7.30pm. Posters advertising the meeting and agendas are put on the notice boards in Stottesdon and Chorley and on the Parish Council website.

Minutes of meetings are published on the website after they have been approved by full Council - therefore minutes will be available one month after the meeting.

Parishioner's are welcome and encouraged to attend any meetings - parishioner's time is held at the beginning of each meeting where you are able to bring up any matters of concern. You do not have to sit through the whole meeting!!!

Please also note that the Clerk is the 'Proper Officer' of the Parish Council and takes instructions from the whole Council, which includes dealing with all correspondence, day to day problems and queries and the accounts. If you have any problems please contact the Clerk or any Councillor - contact details on back page.

Newsletters:

Deadlines for future newsletters are:

3rd April 2010

25th June 2010

25th September 2010

3rd January 2011

Please let Clerk have any information by 12 noon at the latest on the above dates. If space is limited the Clerk reserves the right to reduce any lengthy items.

The Meers, Chorley:

As reported in our last newsletter the residents have now moved in to the 6 new houses in Chorley. Clerk, Mrs Freda Morris was invited to perform the opening ceremony and you will see from this photograph that Freda is about to cut the ribbon to declare the site 'officially open'. Freda gave a detailed outline of the site from start to finish and thanked all the Agencies involved, Roger and Bryan Home and families for the sale of the land, Matt Home and family for allowing the electricity to be laid on their land, Shropshire Council (including Bridgnorth District Council), S J Roberts Building Contractors, Parish Councillors and all residents of Chorley for their patience during the building of the houses.

Freda welcomed the new tenants to Chorley and hoped that they will be very happy in their new homes.

Freda was thanked by Heather Kidd from Shropshire Rural Housing Association for all her hard work and efforts, through the Parish Council, in getting the electricity connected to the site.



Severn Centre, Highley:

Events for February:

Wednesday 3rd – 6 week 'Introduction to Computers' Course – 10am til 12noon - £25, call 01746 860000 to book your place

Saturday 6th - Dad's Day – Free Activity - 10am – 11.30am

Wednesday 10th – Gardening Club, new members very welcome 7.30pm

Thursday 11th – Family History Course – 2pm til 4pm call Anne Wynne 01746 861919 to book your place

Friday 19th – Friends & Users Quiz Night – 7.30pm - £10 per team of 4 to include light refreshments

Friday 26th – Film Club – Free Admission – 7.30pm

Saturday 27th – Charity Function in aid of Cancer Research – times to be confirmed – tickets available from John James – 01746 861444

Yoga:

This is held on Wednesday's in Chorley Village Hall 10.00am-11.30am - all abilities welcome. Further details from Jenny - 01746 718437.

Footpath cutting:

Can we please express our thanks to John Griffiths who cuts the footpaths between Glebe Drive, The Rectory and the Church on behalf of the Parish Council. We are extremely grateful for John for carrying out this work for a very minimal charge.

Chorley Family Playgroup:

An exciting opportunity has arisen at Chorley Family Playgroup, Stottesdon due to our new opening hours: Monday -Thursday 9:15am – 3pm, as well as the drop-in Parent and Child group every Friday 10-12. We are advertising for a Playgroup Manager to lead the sessions (Mon-Thurs) and to manage the playgroup. This will be a full-time position during term time. The closing date for applications is Monday 1st February.

For further details please contact our Chair, Caroline Williamson on 01746 718227 or visit our website www.chorleyfamilyplaygroup.co.uk

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If you would like a copy of this in a larger print please contact the Clerk. This can also be viewed on the website.

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

The Clerk can be contacted at all reasonable hours.

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Mr I Swain	718135	Mr s Alison Parsons	718047
Mrs J Davies	718093	Mrs D Newsham	718223
Mrs M Shingleton	718427	Mrs R Griffiths	718256
Mrs D Walsh	718527	Mrs S Home	718592

SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLORS:

Councillor Madge Shingleton	718427
Councillor Gwilym Butler	01584 890458

Stottesdon School	718617
Chorley Family Playgroup	718769
Stottesdon/Sidbury Church	01746 862426 Rev Colin Resch
Chorley Village Hall	07005 850 014 (bookings)
Doctors	712672
District Nurses	711963
Shropshire Council	0345 678 9000 (general enquiries)
Lacon Childe School	01299 270312
Bridgnorth Endowed School	762103
Social Car (Jenny Howes)	718675
WI (Jenny Everingham)	718219
Power Loss Helpline	08457 331331
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	08457 444888
AB Private Hire Taxi	07876554911 (Cleobury Mortimer)

Tree Wardens:

Wade Muggleton (Stottesdon)	718753
Nathan Home (Chorley)	07966365157