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Chorley Family Playgroup	718769
Stottesdon/Sidbury Church	718297
Chorley Village Hall	718437 (bookings)
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Shropshire Council	0345 678 9000 (general enquiries)
Lacon Childe School	01299 270312
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Social Car (Jenny Howes)	718675
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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	0300 333 3000 or 101 non emergency calls

Tree Wardens:

Wade Muggleton (Stottesdon)	718753
Nathan Home (Chorley)	07966365157 or 718456

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council



**Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 13th April 2015
7.30pm
Chorley Village Hall**

Shropshire Council's Environmental Maintenance Service Manager
Steve Brown will attend to give an update on highway matters.

This is the meeting for the parishioners—every welcome!!

**Newsletter
Spring 2015**

Dear Parishioners

I took over the job as Chairman of the Parish Council last May, following in the footsteps of Rosemary Abbiss and Brian Hamilton Russell, both were exceedingly capable and knowledgeable and thank fully for me very supportive.

Local Government though the Localism Act is going through major changes, some positive, some not so positive. This year we have lost our Council Tax Support Grant from Shropshire Council, who in turn lost a major proportion of their grant from Central Government, for us this was a sizeable chunk of our precept. Thanks to the prudence of our Financial Officer we have managed our budget without losing any services or having to put up our precept, so no rise in the Council Tax from us.

The overwhelming feature of our council meetings this year has been the state of the roads. Freda has established an excellent working relationship with Graham Downes at Shropshire Council - I think they communicate most days as she reports another 'hole in the road'. Chorley has had the good fortune of being allocated a sizable stretch of new tarmac and for that we are very grateful. Plans are afoot for more repairs to our roads and Freda is in consultation with Graham to prioritise those roads with the greatest needs.

Planning is always guaranteed to fill the chairs for Public Participation; we allow 15 minutes at the beginning of each Council Meeting for Parishioners to speak on subjects on the agenda. This is a very important time for us to hear what concerns Parishioners and also for the Parishioners to see how their Council Members represent them.

Last year we were very concerned about our dwindling numbers, for a variety of reasons we had lost a third of the Council, and were struggling to find candidates. But thanks to Freda anyone who showed the slightest interest was cajoled, and coheres into standing for co-option. It worked and we now have a vibrant and varied full working council and I welcome Sally Crawford, Stuart Allen and Jonathan Hill to the Council, and thank Freda for her persistence.

Of late we have noticed a significant rise in the number of applications to fell trees; trees have a limited life span and often outgrow the space in which they were planted. We do ask if you are removing a tree to please try and replace the tree, if you are not able to do this perhaps you could ask a neighbour to plant your tree, thereby retaining the rural quality of our environment.

Roads again, as most of you will have noticed we have put up some new road signs in the village. The ever increasing popularity of on-line shopping means we have a profliery of lost vans in our area desperately searching for non-existent road signs, or a Mr Brown Lilac Cottage with a postcode that covers a square mile or more. I fear there is a lot more work to do in this area.

The loss of the use of the school playing field was of great concern to everyone and we have tried unsuccessfully so far to find a suitable plot of land, but we have not given up! Can I appeal to anyone who thinks that they have a suitable piece of land which the Council could buy or lease for this purpose to get in touch.

Willowdene, through our lengthsman's scheme has done a sterling job of clearing ditches; gritting pavements and cleaning signs etc. I hope the posters we distributed in conjunction with Shropshire Council regarding dog fouling have had some impact. Litter the bane of modern lifestyle, it is said that litter attracts litter and keeping a place free of litter will encourage people not to drop litter, we have asked Willowdene to do a litter-pick, but can I ask everyone to help us make this Parish a

Parish Council Annual Return 31st March 2014:

	Year ending 31.3.13 £	Year ending 31.3.14 £
1. Balances brought forward	14985	16247
2. (+) Annual Precept	17000	16169
3. (+) Total other receipts	3572	7078
4. (-) Staff costs	9646	10907
5. (-) Loan interest/ capital repayments	988	988
6. (-) All other payments	8676	6013
7. (=) Balances carried forward	16247	21586
8. Total cash and short term investments	16247	21586
9. Total fixed assets plus other long term investments and assets	4470	12039
10 Total borrowings	5191	4413
11. Disclosure note Trust funds (including charitable)	NO	NO

The Parish Council are extremely grateful to Mrs Val Hill for carrying out the Internal Audit. External Auditors Mazars LLP of Poole reported 'on the basis of our review, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matter has come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met'.

If you would like any further information regarding these accounts please contact the Clerk.

Dates for next newsletter items:

14th June and 20th September deadline 12 noon. Maximum words 200.

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South Shropshire Furniture Scheme:

WANTED by the Furniture Scheme!! good quality or rare books for our Renaissance Centre book shop. All profits go towards relieving poverty in South Shropshire, protecting the environment and enabling people. Please drop off at any of our sites or for a large donation Tel: 01584 877788 to arrange collection. For information on our sites: www.furniturescheme.co.uk

Chorley Show 2015 - Dave Rix:

With the Daffodils starting to appear and the evenings drawing out we can hopefully look forward to a good Spring, and it's a good time to remember that Summer is not long in coming, and most importantly, our Chorley Show, Saturday 15th August will soon be with us, plans are well in hand and we hope to have all the old favourites and one or two new items, with plenty for the children to see and do.

As always, volunteers will be needed in all areas, from cake making to serving tea and coffee, help with the BBQ and bar, car parking, to co-ordinating children's games, and manning the entrance gate, last but not least, selling raffle tickets, so if you would like to be part of the day, if only for an hour or two please contact Joe Bubb - Tel 01746 718693 to register your interest.

This year we are being supported by the Stottesdon and District WI who will be co-ordinating a Jam, Jellies & Chutney Fun competition with 6 classes, overall entry fee is just £1.00 for one or all the classes, also a children's category which will be free. We are attempting to update the shows web sit in the next week or two, then hopefully entry forms can be run off, in the mean time entry forms are available now from the following committee members

Nick & Gailey Heawood -718224 Joe & Richard Bubb—718693

Dave & Chris Rix - 718156 Adrian & Alison Robinson - 718028

Remember Saturday 15th August for an excellent day out for all the family, hope to see you there.

New Vicar appointed:

The Bishops of Hereford and Ludlow have just announced the appointment of the Reverend Mark Daborn as Priest-in-Charge of Stottesdon with Sidbury and the other four parishes in the Benefice.

This will be a "0.7 post" as Mark will retain some of his current responsibility for Kinlet and Neen Savage as well.

Mark and his wife Alex will be moving to the Rectory in Stottesdon, and his licensing service is being arranged by the Bishops for a date after 18th July.

litter free zone.

We all wait with baited breathe to see what the next Government has in store for Parish and County Councils alike, as a Parish Council we have spent many evenings in Shirehall sitting at desks listening to the many changes in Planning Regulations, Accounting Systems, Health Service changes and numerous Government initiatives all to be achieved with an ever decreasing budget. However we remain confident with the goodwill of the Parish we will be able to deliver what is expected of us, we also so hope we see more of you at our meetings, details of which are on our website.

Our annual parish meeting will be held on Monday 13th April at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall to which you are all cordially invited to attend—this is the meeting of the parishioners! We have Steve Brown from Shropshire Council attending to speak regarding plans for highways work etc in our parish.

Yours sincerely

Hazel Barratt - Chairman

Quality Council Scheme:

The Parish Council were delighted to be awarded Quality Council Status in April 2008 but like everything else this has changed and has now been replaced by the Local Council Award Scheme. This now means that the Parish Council have been awarded 'Foundation' level to replace the Quality Council status and then we have to apply for reaccreditation under the new scheme. However we are unable to do this until after the next elections as we failed to meet the required number of elected Councillors at the last election.

The new logo as printed on the back of this newsletter will now be used on all Council correspondence.

New Councillor:

We are delighted to announce that Stuart Allen from Bagginswood has been co-opted onto the Parish Council which now means that we are operating at full strength of 10 Councillors.

Electoral Roll:

In order for you to be able to vote in any elections you have to be registered on the electoral roll through Shropshire Council. Please ensure that you are registered - contact Shropshire Council on 03456789015 for further help.

Shropshire Councillor Surgery:

Councillor Madge Shinton will be holding an advice Surgery on Saturday April 11th from 9.30 to 11am in the Market Hall Cleobury Mortimer. Appointments not necessary. Contact Tel No: 01299 271186.

News from Stottesdon Primary School:

Stottesdon Primary School are taking part in a competition run in partnership between Veolia, Shropshire Council and Reviive to recycle old or unwanted **small** electrical items. Large items (Fridges, TV's, cookers etc. will **NOT** be accepted).

We would be very grateful if members of the parish would support the school in this competition as the winning school stands to receive £500.

The aim of the competition is to collect as many small WEEE items (small household items, battery powered or working with a plug, such as laptops, mobile phones, kettles and toasters) as possible.

Items will be collected from Stottesdon School who will put a large bulk bag on the playground during the week commencing 13th April 2015 in order for you to dispose of any of the above items you may have to recycle.

It is hoped that the competition will help to educate pupils on recycling and the benefits for the environment and reduce the amount of electrical items discarded within the general waste bin and ending up in landfill.

Your support would be much appreciated.

Stottesdon & District WI Spring Report from Marian Wootton:

I am delighted to report that we have an influx of new members to enjoy some cracking talks. Since the autumn we welcomed Laura, Lyn, Adele and Katie, bringing our number to twenty. Laura Grey has already been put to work on our committee as Craft Secretary and has a busy year ahead with our involvement in four local shows this summer. Meanwhile Steff Bryan, now in her fourth year as President, together with Helena Hale completed a half mile sponsored swim in support of Bridgnorth Domestic Abuse Forum. This vital service is another victim of government cut-backs, so our thanks go to all who have so far contributed over £400, a figure that is still growing. Clare Tibbits has yet again come up with a richly varied programme of activities, and a good crowd turned out to enjoy this month's Georgian Dining experience with Nick Trustram Eve, which included sampling lemon syllabub & lavender chocolate desert created from old historic recipes. Our programme is displayed on the village notice boards and visitors are always very welcome.

Cleobury Mortimer and Stottesdon Hospice Support Group:

'The Code Breakers' - the story of the enigma machine will be presented by Dr Mark Baldwin at the Parish Hall, Cleobury Mortimer on Friday 22nd May at 7.30pm to raise funds for the Severn Hospice. Tickets £5 and are available from the Severn Hospice Shop in Cleobury Mortimer. Bar and refreshments available. For more information ring: 01299 271391.

CHORLEY VILLAGE HALL (CVH) - Adrian Robinson:

Spring has arrived and with it the Great Bake Off in Chorley VH on 28th March. There were 'Showstoppers', cakes, breads, savouries, puddings and 'Anything Goes' for the adults and 'Star Baker', 'Yummiest', 'Wow Factor', 'Tastiest', 'Most Artistic' for the children. 29 entries were put forward.

Co-host, Chris Ramsden announced, "the standard was so high, none qualified for the wooden spoon". There were many prize winners, but a special mention must be made for **Evie Clinton** who won both the 'Wow Factor' and 'Star Baker' categories in the children's section for her wonderful three tier Pavlova.

Events to follow:

Sunday 19th April - 12 noon Spring Walk from CVH then back to the Duck Inn for light refreshments.

Sat/Sun 30th/31st May - Open weekend in Chorley including the 'Eggtraordinary Duck Trail'. Cut-out characters, 'Malcolm' Drake, 'Doris' Duck and 'Chortle' the Duckling will be hidden around Chorley village and visitors encouraged to seek them out. If you wish to sponsor one of the characters contact Joe on 718693. You will receive a ply character to decorate in your own unique style.

Sunday 5th July - 12 noon Picnic on the Knowle, by kind permission of Pete Johnson.

Monthly Film Club at Chorley Village Hall:

'**The Imitation Game**' on Thursday 23rd April at 7.30 pm

Code-cracking wartime thrills laced with an astringent cyanide streak – a tale of plucky British ingenuity celebrating Turing's extraordinary achievements. Cert 12

'**The Theory of Everything**' on Thursday 21st May at 7.30 pm

Biopic of Professor [Stephen Hawking](#) from the memoir by his ex-wife, the film follows the physicist from carefree cycling days in Cambridge, through the onset of motor neurone disease and the advent of the world's most recognised electronic voice.

'**Testament of Youth**' on Thursday 25th June at 7.30 pm

Period drama, based on Testament of Youth – Vera Brittain's bestselling memoir of love, loss and desolation in the First World War, first published in 1933. Cert 12

'**Still Alice**' on Thursday 16th July at 7.30 pm

Julianne Moore is Alice, a linguistics professor with everything to look forward to, but small acts of forgetfulness lead her to seek medical help. The diagnosis of early-onset Alzheimer's takes the family aback; likewise the news that it's genetic, and likely to be passed on to the children. Cert 12

From May membership for 12 months is £7 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