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Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council



Chorley SHOW

join in the fun

Saturday 2nd August - 12 noon

Come along and be part of this community event. Proceeds from the show go to local charities including Riding for the Disabled and the Air Ambulance.

Newsletter Summer 2014

New Chairman:

At the Annual Parish Council meeting in May Cllr Hazel Barratt was elected as Chairman for the coming year with Cllr Rosemary Abbiss as Vice Chairman. Contact details for all Councillors and Clerk are on the back page of this newsletter.

Parish Council vacancies:

We still have vacancies for 2 Councillors so if you are interested and could spare a few hours per month please contact the Clerk or any Councillor for further information. This is your chance to be part of some decision making in the parish.

Garden Party at Buckingham Palace:

At the beginning of the year Parish Council's were invited to nominate their Chairman and guest to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in June in recognition of their services to the Parish Council and the community.

Cllr Rosemary Abbiss was duly nominated and was chosen from numerous nominations from around the County. Rosemary was accompanied by her daughter, Mandy Williams.

Rosemary said 'it was a wonderful experience with quite a number of the Royal Family present, The Queen, Prince Philip, Prince Charles and his wife Camilla, Prince Edward with his wife Sophie, and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. You have to admire the stamina of the Queen and Prince Philip as they progressed along the line of guests with no great rush and when they reached the Royal tea tent they did not sit to eat but mingled with those fortunate to be in this tent, chatting to all as they went. It was a beautiful day just marred with a storm of rain as the Royals stood on the terrace to begin their walk to the tea tent. A memory to treasure!'

Parish Council meetings:

Dates of the next meetings are:

July 28th

August 18th

September 22nd

October 27th

November 24th

December 15th

Meetings are normally held in Chorley Village Hall with a 7.30pm start - any change is noted on the agenda which are posted on notice boards and the website.

Parishioners can attend all meetings and there is always an opportunity at the beginning of the meeting for you to bring up any matters relevant to the parish.

From the archives:

Toast to the Queen

By the Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. Reg Beddoes, at the Silver Jubilee Celebrations 2nd June 1977

Ladies and Gentlemen.

I have been ordered to attend here today to propose the 'Toast' on this our Queen's 25th Jubilee Celebrations, but before doing so let us cast our minds back to the time of her Coronation and how we in Stottesdon were situated then.

At that time we were all using oil lamps or home made electricity. There was no main's water or sewerage. The Parish Council, at that time, were pressing for an electricity supply. The reply from the M.E.B. was 'That due to the governments squeeze it was not possible to provide a service within the next two or three years'. (A phrase we have all got used to now.)

Similarly the wooden hostel flats were getting very dilapidated and had reached, what we thought, should be the end of their life. We had to wait another 25 years to see them replaced, but surely what has now been erected was worth waiting for.

At the time of the Coronation my wife and I had a very young family, the eldest just started school under Mrs. Tranter, whom I am delighted to see here today, looking so well.

At that time a new invention was sweeping the country in areas where electricity was available, Television. A few days before the Coronation, my phone rang, my parents had just installed a television, would we like to go there to see the Queen in the London parade. You bet we would, hence the reason we took no part in the Stottesdon festivities of 25 years ago.

As a matter of curiosity I have looked back to my farming accounts for this week in 1952, when I find that wages paid were £18.11s.10d. which nowadays is not a very handsome amount for anyone to live on, but at that time it was between two men and two land girls. Insurance stamp contributions were at that time 5/1 for men and 4/- for women. At the same time I bought 3 calves for £15 and sold 4 good pigs to Dick Cole for £20. So much for looking back!

Life is better now than it was 25 years ago, for the majority of us.

Today is especially a very happy and cheerful occasion as we celebrate 25 years of our well loved Queen's reign.

I am sure you will wish to join with me in thanking Rev. Story for such a delightful Church Service on Sunday and continue to remember the theme of his sermon. "Be of good cheer", not only today, but in the future as we work together in this lovely bit of the Queens Realm, called Stottesdon

Lastly, but by no means least, our very grateful thanks to Mr. Lomas and his band of helpers for all the hard work they have done on our behalf to make this Jubilee Day such a success.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I give you the loyal Toast,

The Queen.

News from Stottesdon Church

The life of our church family is as busy as ever with lots going on. By the time you read this we will have welcomed the team from BBC Radio 4's Gardeners' Question Time. Special thanks to Tina King for making all the arrangements and her wonderful band of volunteers who helped her along the way and on the day itself. What a great introduction to the NGS Gardens Open weekend.

Church and School are uniting once more to create a fantastic Summer Fete. Taking place from 6pm on 4th July at the school field, our fete has an American Independence theme so plenty of red white and blue. We would love to have plenty of participants in the annual mile race (children and adults). See if you can get your name on a trophy this year.

After the Summer break, 12th-14th September, we hope to put on an art exhibition with the principal artist being Abigail Humphries. Keep an eye out for more information on this as our plans unfold.

As always, you are warmly invited to join us for Sunday worship every week at 10:30am. Our service lasts about an hour and is followed by a cup of tea or freshly brewed filter coffee. We hope to see you then.

For enquiries about Baptisms (Christenings), Weddings or Funerals, please contact Revd Colin Resch on 01746 718297 or follow the links on our new website:

www.stottesdonchurch.co.uk

News from Sidbury Church

We had a fantastic fete at Sidbury Hall in May. The weather was superb and this led to a wonderful atmosphere as, for once, we were able to take in the beauty of the gardens. Money was raised for the Midlands Air Ambulance and Holy Trinity Church. In addition, the churchwardens donated to the K12 Challenge Project in thanks for those who helped to run our children's races. Sidbury Church also has a new website so visit www.sidburychurch.co.uk if you would like to keep up to date with all that's going on. Please also consider supporting our small congregation by joining us at 4pm on the third Sunday of every month. Check the website for dates.

Harvest Moon Festival.

After the very successful evening last year this is being held again on Saturday 27th September 2014 at Honeysuckle just outside Stottesdon. There will be a line-up of popular local groups and an opportunity to partake in a fish and chip supper. This will once again be in aid of the Severn Hospice. So please keep the date free.

Vintage Tractor Run and Tractor Pulling

The date for this is Sunday 5th October at Honeysuckle. The tractors will take to the local roads in the morning and cover up to ten miles, then back to Honeysuckle for a pig roast etc. Later in the day crowds will be entertained with tractor pulling. Money raised will all be donated to local charities. A date to keep free to enjoy the wonderful line up of these tractors.

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Newsletter deadlines:

Deadline for the next newsletters are 21st September 2014 and 4th January 2015 at 12 noon. Please ensure that any information is kept to a maximum of 200 words and preferably emailed to the Clerk in word format. Every effort will be made to include items but any lengthy articles will be reduced.

Litterpick:

Is anyone interested in taking part in a community litterpick? Please contact the Clerk if you would like to take part.

Your Parish needs you!

The Plans for this year's Chorley Show are well under way and we hope on track for an excellent day out for all the family. As you are aware (we hope) as in the past, all proceeds from this endeavour will be shared by local good causes and charities, however the one thing we could do with, apart from some good weather on the day, is a few more volunteers, so if you could spare us an hour or two we could do with your help, either on Friday the 1st, preparing the Show field, marking out, erecting the Marquees etc, or on the day itself, serving teas and coffees, helping with the BBQ, directing traffic to the car park, whatever appeals, or bake us a cake which would be great. Why not come along to the Village Hall on Wednesday evening the 9th of July at 8pm and join us for a glass of wine and a few nibbles, meet the committee, hear our plans for the day and explore how you can get involved. Looking forward to meeting you on the 8th, but if you can't make that meeting and would like to get involved do give Nick or Gailey a call on 718224 for more information.

Chorley Show Committee

Chorley Show - Saturday 2nd August:

With only eight weeks to go to "Show Day" we thought we would remind you to keep Saturday 2nd August free, so you can come along and participate in a great community event, have some fun, with family, friends and neighbours and hopefully raise money in the process for local charities and good causes, for example, the Air Ambulance which is a vital service to a community like ours.

The Gates will be open at 12 Noon; Admission will be just £3-00 for Adults under 14s Free.

All the usual favourites will be there, Dog Show, categories for adults and young people (plus their dogs of course), Tug of War (men & hopefully women), Falconry displays, Climbing Wall, Bouncy Castles, crafts and quality stalls, along with the obligatory beer tent, BBQ and cold food stall. Trusting you can make it and we look forward to seeing you all

Stottesdon & District WI Spring Report:

We have had a series of fantastic local presenters for our meetings on themes as diverse as Orkney birdwatching, and clog dancing with Crooked Steeple. A favourite session was led by staff of Cleobury's Severn Hospice who proved that almost nothing goes to waste. May's Aromatherapy was our first meeting in Melville Chapel, now one of our three venues.

April saw two members going to the County AGM in Shrewsbury, where Oak Farm's Stuart Toulson was the keynote speaker. This month, president Steff Bryan went with Helena Hale to National AGM in Leeds to add our vote to this year's campaign for a much needed increased awareness of organ donation. Our own campaign against cuts in legal aid for resolving family disputes continues with correspondence with the Minister.

We now look forward to meeting friends at Stottesdon School fete on 4th July, setting the 'show season' rolling. Next month Carolyn Mace will introduce us to the art of Dorset Button making. Call us if you would like to come - this meeting requires numbers for personal kits. As usual, no charge for visitors – just a raffle! 7.30 pm Chorley VH 16th July.
Marian Wootton 718151

The Saturday Community Bus:

The Bus, part of the Bridgnorth Community Bus Charity, is part of the Services the Charity runs to various rural villages. It is a Member pre book service, membership is £5 per year per person and £12 for a Groups. The Saturday bus starts at Cleobury Mortimer at 9am and picks up at Barbrook, Neen Savage; Stottesdon Village and Chorley Park Homes and arriving at Bridgnorth at 9.50 returning at 12.15pm
To become a Member and book a seat please ring 01746 768539 between 9-12.30pm and 1.30 -4pm Or [bridgnorthcombus@bt connect.com](mailto:bridgnorthcombus@btconnect.com). Bus passes are accepted.

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL:

With thanks to everyone there, we had a great time at the recent Italian Food and Wine evening - the event raised £200 for Village Hall funds – and the raffle raised an £80 donation to Dementia Research by the Alzheimer's Society. Watch this space for details of the promised French Evening (date to be decided).

Arrangements for this year's AGM in late July were being finalized as the newsletter went to press – look out for posters with details; meanwhile please consider joining the Village Hall Committee, as several long serving members are standing down this time. Give Clare a call on 718007 if you'd like more details.

Independence for Stottesdon?

This year's Stottesdon Summer Fete promises to be anything but a traditional tea and cream cakes affair. The 2014 event will take place on American Independence day, **Friday 4th July** and the venue is the most English of settings, at the rural, picturesque Stottesdon C of E Primary School playing fields. Starting **at 6pm** and open to everyone, the fete is set to offer attractions that will appeal to all the family.

Stottesdon C of E Primary school has once again joined forces with St.Mary's Church, Stottesdon to produce the annual summer fete, but this time they are adding a US theme to the proceedings!

Organisers have kept a community feel to the fete, with many of the popular activities from previous years being retained. Attractions will include pony rides, ice-creams, wood-fired pizzas, skittles and a tug of war. A licensed bar will operate throughout the evening and the local WI are also welcoming entries to their competitions tent. As well as sports competitions for children, local youngsters will have the opportunity to take part in the infamous mile run race before enjoying an American themed BBQ.

Headteacher Mrs. Katie Jones commented "Summer fetes are a lovely way to mingle with other families, have fun and raise some much needed funds for the local community. This year by adding an American theme we hope to heighten the fun and involve the whole neighbourhood. The entry fee is free and everyone is welcome!"

Monthly Film Club at Chorley Village Hall:

'The Great Gatsby' on Thursday 10th July at 7.30pm

'Philomena' on Thursday 25th September at 7.30pm After losing his job as a spin doctor, Martin Sixsmith (Steve Coogan) decides to return to journalism. His subject is Philomena Lee (Judi Dench), an Irishwoman who, as a teenager, had a child that she gave up. Together, they set out to find him.

'Saving Mr Banks' on Thursday 23rd October at 7.30pm

Walt Disney (Tom Hanks) launches a final attempt to persuade author P. L. Travers (Emma Thompson) to sign over the rights to Mary Poppins so he can put it on the screen.

'12 years a slave' on Thursday 20th November at 7.30pm

A gifted violinist and family man living in Saratoga in 1841, Solomon Northup is lured to Washington, D. C. by two entertainers promising work. Northup wakes up in chains and is sold into a life of slavery.

Christmas film on Thursday 11th December – film yet to be decided by members.

Membership for 12 months is just £5 per adult / £2 for under 16s with FREE entry to all films and use of DVD library

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