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# STOTTESDON AND SIDBURY PARISH COUNCIL

**Stottesdon School and St Mary's Church Fete**  
**Friday 3rd July**  
**Gates open 5.30pm**

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**Chorley Village Hall**  
**Walk and Picnic at The Knowle**  
**Sunday 5th July**  
**Leaving Chorley Village Hall 11.00am**


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**Chorley Show**  
**Saturday 15th August**  
**Midday til 7pm**  
**Raising money for the Severn Hospice and Midlands Air Ambulance**

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**Hope to see you at some or all of these events**

## NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2015



## **Roads:**

The Parish Council are in regular contact with Shropshire Council regarding the problems we face on our roads. If you are aware of any new problems PLEASE contact the Clerk as this often saves duplication in reporting items. At the time of printing this newsletter we are aware of the following road closures but obviously emergencies/work load could change things!

Road to be closed: Lower Woodend – Six Ashes  
Date and duration: 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> August 2015 09:30 – 16:00  
Purpose: Drainage, resurfacing and kerbing work  
Applicant: Ringway Infrastructure Services  
This is near to Elcott Farm between Barbrook and Six Ashes crossroads.

Road to be closed: Stottesdon to Billingsley Road, Stottesdon  
Date and duration: 26<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 08:00 – 17:00  
Purpose: Drainage works  
Applicant: Ringway Infrastructure Services Ltd  
This is the main road from Stottesdon to Billingsley (Wribley Bank) just passed the Telephone Exchange.  
Please note that diversions will be in place and whilst we appreciate that these are inconvenient unfortunately the work cannot be carried out without the closures. Can we therefore please ask you to be patient and courteous to the workers whilst the work is being carried out.  
There is also further work planned within our parish but no firm dates have been fixed.

## **Chorley Family Playgroup from Zoe Baker, Manager:**

This term is set to be a busy half term for children at Playgroup, we have already enjoyed a Pirates and Princess Week, have welcomed new children to our group: Hunter, Sam and Archie M and had children increase sessions – what a busy start! We are now focusing on our topic ‘Homes around the World’, where we will be looking at the homes and lives of people and animals from different countries and ‘Being healthy’. We then have our fabulous end of term trip to West Midlands Safari Park to visit animals from around the world and then our brilliant Graduation ceremony for our “big, little ones” who leave us for big school at the end of July. Chorley Family Playgroup will also be offering Holiday care for children 2-12 years, 8am-5.30pm (dependant on parents need) during the 7 weeks summer holiday, please call in to the setting if you would like more information, during this time we have a great variety of activities taking place thanks to our Awards for All grant. We look forward to seeing you.

## **Snippet’s from the archives: (more in future editions, space permitting)**

Parish Council’s were first set up over 100 years ago, in 1894. In 1895 a rate collector was appointed for the Parish with a salary of £12.10.0 per annum. The Council meetings were held in the school for a rental charge of 2/- per night. During these early years eight ratepayers asked the Council for a supply of pure water for the residents of Oreton. A list of bridges and paths that were considered dangerous was sent to the Road Surveyor. The reply that came back was that orders had been given for the repairs to the bridges, but the upkeep of the paths was the duty of the Parish Council. Sadly in 1896 the Chairman, Mr. G. Hughes, who was also a District councillor, passed away. He was noted as being, ‘a consistent worker, and a warm hearted friend and neighbour, whose death had left a gap not easily filled.’ In 1898 the water supply to Stottesdon was on the Agenda, but due to public apathy, where only two ratepayers attended the meeting, no decision was made. Footpaths were an ongoing problem, the record in 1899 reports them as being ‘In very bad states’. The council voted against purchasing a bier for use in the Parish, in 1903. In 1909 came the first requests for a telephone to be brought to Stottesdon. The Postmaster General refused this. There was a further request in 1922, for one to be connected to the Post Office. The GPO replied, stating their terms. It was decided to deal with this matter at the Parish Meeting in July, but due to poor attendance the council decided to take no further action. However by, 1929, a telephone was requested yet again. Finally a connection was made in the early 30’s. Stottesdon supported Highley in 1920, in their bid to get a bridge to cross the River Severn. The Chief Constable was applied to, for a Police Constable to be stationed in Stottesdon in 1924. This application was duly refused. By 1938 there was notification of the closure of the ‘pass train’ between Cleobury Mortimer and Ditton Priors. The Parish Council, “regretted this as it would seriously inconvenience many inhabitants of this Parish who use this line for attending Cleobury Mortimer market and for attending the Doctors surgery at Cleobury North.” They asked the Great Western Railway to consider the introduction of the ‘mixed train’ if it was found impossible to continue the present service.

### *Please note:*

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Larger print format of this newsletter is available from the Clerk. This newsletter can also be viewed on the Parish Council website.*

### **Bonfires:**

Despite previous reminders we have received numerous requests for information regarding bonfires. Can we ask you to consider your neighbours and be careful of what you do burn. If you are concerned or require further information please contact Shropshire Council on 0845 678 9000.

### **Parish Council meetings:**

All parishioners are welcome to attend and bring any matter of concern to the attention of Councillors. There is a 'spot' on the agenda at the beginning of each Council meeting so you don't have to sit through the whole meeting!

Dates of future meetings are:

July 27th, August 24th, September 28th, October 26th, November 23rd, December 14th.

### **Future newsletters:**

Deadline for the next newsletter is 12 noon on 20th September. Please keep items to a maximum of 200 words and if possible email this in word format to the Clerk. Any lengthy articles will be reduced and any unsuitable articles will not be included.

### **Film Club at Chorley Village Hall:**

The next film is 'Still Alice' on Thursday 16th July at 7.30pm Cert 12. Membership for 12 months is £7 per adult/£2 for under 16s with FREE entry to films and use of DVD library. Contact Joe or Richard Bubb for further details on 718693 or [joe@phoenix-cottage.co.uk](mailto:joe@phoenix-cottage.co.uk)

### **Tractors:**

Concern has been expressed to the Parish Council regarding the size and speed some tractors often with wide implements attached are being driven on our narrow roads. This is worse at night when implements that are wider than the tractor cannot be seen.

Whilst we appreciate that harvesting has to be done and some of the tractors on our roads are contractors can we please ask everyone to drive carefully before an accident happens.

The matter has been taken up with the Police and the MP.

Lorries are also a problem as they often fill our narrow roads and consequently the road edges/verges are becoming damaged.

### **Stottesdon Summer Fete from Claire Marsh:**

Stottesdon C of E Primary School are delighted to continue their association with St. Mary's Church in staging the 2015 Stottesdon Summer Fete [on Friday 3rd July](#).

The joint organisers will focus this year's event on a farming theme. The venue is Stottesdon Primary School; a wonderful rural backdrop and a marvellous reflection of the agricultural content!

**Gates Open at 5.30pm, admission is free and everyone is welcome.**

As always, the fete is full of family fun and organisers have retained a community feel to the fete, which is enhanced by many of the popular and established attractions from previous years, including: pony rides, childrens' performances, tombola, cake stalls, plant stalls, ice-creams and face painting.

A licensed bar will operate throughout the evening and the local WI are also welcoming entries to their competitions tent. Youngsters will be kept busy with games and sports events, culminating in the infamous mile fun run, before tucking into the BBQ!

Caroline Williamson, Chair of Friends of Stottesdon Primary School commented "The Summer Fete is a lovely social occasion and a great way to mingle with other families, as well as being a good opportunity to raise some much needed funds for the local community."

### **Friends of Stottesdon Primary School Promise Auction from Sarah Price:**

FoSPS are planning another Promise Auction this autumn to be held at the **Fighting Cocks Inn, Stottesdon on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October starting at 7pm**. We've held two similar events in the past where the whole community has come together for a fabulous evening, helping us to raise money for the school library and for sports equipment.

This year we would appreciate your support again to raise valuable funding, this time for IT equipment as this has become a significant area within the new curriculum.

The evening will consist of lots being auctioned off to the highest bidder. Previously lots have been very varied and have included tickets, vouchers, dog walks, baking a cake and loads of muck! If you think you would be able to offer something to be auctioned then please contact **Caroline Williamson on 01746 718 227 or e-mail [c22thorn@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:c22thorn@hotmail.co.uk)**.

We hope to have the catalogue ready by mid-September so that people can familiarise themselves with what goodies are on offer prior to the auction. Thank you in advance in anticipation for your support.

### **Licensing Service for the new Vicar from Clare Tibbits:**

Rev Daborn and his wife Alex have moved into Stottesdon Rectory prior to Mark taking up his post as Priest-in-Charge of St Mary's and Holy Trinity Sidbury (plus several other local churches too).

Mark will be formally "licensed" in his new role by the Bishop of Ludlow during a special service to be held at St Mary's Church, 7pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July. All parishioners are invited to join our celebrations on this special occasion – please come along; you will be most welcome!

Mark will be contactable at the Rectory, using the new phone number (718127) or by email at: [mark.daborn@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mark.daborn@hotmail.co.uk)

### **CHORLEY SHOW - SATURDAY AUGUST 15th from Dave Rix on behalf of Chorley Show Committee:**

It's amazing how time flies as one gets older, it only seems like yesterday that I was reporting on our 2014 show and here we are in June and in the run up to this year's show.

Plans are well under way for another fun filled day with live music, dog show, duck herder, yes, a duck herder, Birds of Prey demonstration and with plenty for the youngsters to do including this year a challenging climbing frame, not for the faint hearted I can assure you, and of course many of your old favourites.

As with any enterprise like this, put on by members of the community for the community, to raise money for local charities/good causes, we need your help/ support, whether as a visitor or as importantly, as a helper, we can always do with an extra pair of hands, and we can guarantee we will always find you a suitable role for an hour or two, and of course, the must at any show - **cake makers**- for the refreshment Marque.

If you think you would like help in any way, please register your interest with Joe Bubb on 718693.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> is the show preparation day, laying out the car parking field, erecting marquees /gazebos etc. This year as last there will be a light supper in the village hall for those that have helped on the day. If you would like to join us and help on the day and then supper in the evening, we normally finish about 8ish, please register with Dave Rix on 718156.

This will help with the evening catering especially.

Remember this is your village show, so do try and come along and meet your friends and neighbours and possibly make new acquaintances - why not bring the family?

Hope to see you there.

### **Overhanging trees:**

Can we once again ask landowners to check roadside trees/hedges which might be overhanging the road and remove any branches/boughs.

### **CHORLEY VILLAGE HALL (CVH) from Adrian Robinson:**

The year is racing on. Chorley village has just held its first Duck Trail over the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> May. Locals were encouraged to decorate their ducks and a fantastic array of duck characters adorned gardens and doorways of residents as well as a waddling of ducklings decorated by pupils from Stottesdon Primary School in the village hall and a daddle of ducks from various groups in the chapel. Despite less than favourable weather for the whole weekend, attendances were good. Thank you to all the supporters who bought and decorated the ducks and to those families who visited Chorley to experience the trail. Thanks also to those who prepared and manned the event.

The holiday season looms, the hall will also see less activity, but still needs to be looked after. Tidying the car park is a project for the Summer so when we announce a 'working party' please volunteer if you can spare us some time.

The main event starting from CVH this Summer is:

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Picnic on the Knowle mustering at CVH and leaving at 11.00am, by kind permission of Pete Johnson and Mr & Mrs Ian Morris

### **Stottesdon & District WI from Marian Wootton:**

Meetings this quarter continue varied as ever, with a noisy Junk Music session, when Val Brown involved members and visitors – aged 9 to 90 – in creating a scratch orchestra. May saw a good group of us enjoying sampling the range of beers at Hobsons over a buffet supper, followed by a tour of this small scale, but hugely successful local brewery.

Our Federation's April AGM at Shrewsbury's Theatre Severn was a great day out, and Steff Bryan and myself were truly impressed by the inspirational speaker, Mandy Hicks, one of the first female Tornado pilots, who we may have seen training over Shropshire hills.

Show time is upon us, and schedules are available for our competition tent at Stottesdon Fete 4<sup>th</sup> July. This fun event aims to involve children of all ages plus mums & dads, and we hope our farming theme reflects that. Keen jam & chutney makers have an opportunity to show their skills at Chorley Show on 15<sup>th</sup> August. Meanwhile, our next talk is one for gardeners: 'Sinamay Orchids' by Jane Ward at Chorley Village Hall, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 7.30.

### **Parking:**

Can we just ask everyone attending events in the parish to please park sensibly, using facilities available, without blocking residents accesses and not to park on the grassed areas at Glebe Drive.