

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council



Defibrillator training at Chorley Village Hall

**Newsletter
Autumn 2019**

Newsletter;

Sorry that we did not manage to produce a newsletter in the summer due to the Clerk's illness but we are back!

Please let the Clerk have any items for inclusion in the next newsletter which will be in March.

Message from the Clerk:

Can I please thank everyone for their kind messages, cards and visits during my illness. It has been a long journey for me and although still not 'out of the woods' yet I am getting there slowly!

I would also like to thank the Parish Councillors and Ella Preston from Highley Parish Council for keeping the wheels turning during my illness.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to the Highley First Responder and to Chris Phillips, Paramedic, (who delivered the defibrillator training) who happened to be 'on duty' and treated me at home before transferring me to hospital - nice to see a face I knew but didn't expect to see him 3 days after the training session!

I cannot thank the Dr's, Nurses and all staff at Telford, Shrewsbury, Stoke and Queen Elizabeth at Birmingham for all the care I received and still receiving. I would also like to thank Dr Railton and Dr Bassett and to all the staff at both Stottesdon and Ditton Priors Surgeries for their help and care. We are very lucky to have such an excellent medical practice.

Rights of Way:

Is anyone interested in walking our Rights of Way in the Parish? Our Parish Paths Group disbanded with no one coming forward to take the task on.

If you are interested please speak to the Clerk or a Parish Councillor.

Please continue to notify the Clerk of any blocked footpaths and bridleways and these will be reported to Shropshire Council.,

Can we please remind everyone not to block bridleways with parked vehicles as horse riders are concerned that vehicles could get damaged.

Geocache:

Some residents in Chorley have wondered why they see people searching around the bus shelter. This is because there is a geocache fitted there, with the permission of the Parish Council.

There is a nationwide series of geocaches based at or close by village halls across the UK and this series is currently sitting at nearly 5,000 different geocaches.

Further information can be found by googling geocache.

Defibrillator:

We are pleased that the new defibrillator purchased by the Parish Council is now located at the Dr's Surgery. There was a good turnout at the training session in May and a further session will be held - please look out for dates on the village notice boards and Parish Council website. Defibrillators are also available at Willowdene and Homelands Park in Chorley.

Many thanks to Chris Philips, Paramedic, for delivering the training session and for Dr Marsh, Chief Executive of West Midlands Ambulance Service for attending on the night.

The Parish Council is also in the process of purchasing one for Sidbury and one for outside Chorley Village Hall.

Parking:

Can we please remind everyone about parking outside properties on our narrow roads. This was highlighted by the Fire Brigade when they attended a fire in the parish. Please remember that emergency vehicles need to get through at all times.

This also applies to parking outside the school as farm vehicles have had trouble passing parked vehicles. There is parking in Glebe Drive but once again can we please ask that pavement/gates are not blocked and that you do not park on the grass.

Pavements outside the school should not be blocked.

Shropshire Council have put in a dropped kerb opposite the school gate and a 'H' bar will be painted on the road at the appropriate time.

The Parish Council has also asked that the school car park is marked out to define 'KEEP CLEAR' areas, edge of property boundaries and parking spaces. Please treat the neighbouring driveways with respect by not turning in these - it is private property.

Horse riders/walkers/cyclists:

PLEASE can we ask that reflective clothing is worn when out walking, jogging, riding as concerns have been expressed that it is not always easy to see people/horses especially in the morning and when it's getting dusk!

Notice board in Stottesdon Village:

We have had a complaint that some signs have been removed from the noticeboard.

Can we please ask that signs are kept to a maximum size of A4 and if you put up a 'For Sale' sign can you remove it once the article advertised has been sold. The Parish Council reserve the right to remove any poster from the board which is considered unsuitable or has faded.

Dog mess:

Please can we ask everyone who walks their dogs to pick up any mess they make. There is a red dog mess bin in the lay by at Glebe Drive and litter bins can be used but can we please ask that the bin on the bus shelter is not used to dispose of this as the smell is not pleasant for the school children waiting to catch the bus.

We have our road junctions and footpaths through Stottesdon village strimmed but these areas are constantly covered in dog mess! It is an offence not to pick up after your dog and if evidence is provided you could face a fixed penalty of £75. New signs from Shropshire Council are being put up around the parish.

News from the Churches from Revd. Mark Daborn

Christmas is coming, and we have Christmas services coming up at Stottesdon and Sidbury. We begin Advent with the Christingle Service at Stottesdon on December 1st at 4:30. Then the Sidbury Carol Service is on Sunday December 15th at 6:30, and Stottesdon's on Tuesday 17th at 7:00.

The midnight Christmas Eve Communion Service is at Stottesdon, starting at 11:30 pm, and Sidbury church is hosting a Group Service on Sunday 29th

December, the First Sunday of Christmas, at 10:30. The annual Christmas Festival at Stottesdon begins on Saturday 14th December and the theme is 'A Christmas Carol' – so we look forward to lots of imaginative stuff!

The Heritage Lottery Fund application for major works to Stottesdon church is going on well, and the assessment day earlier in the year has focused the work needed. A lot of voluntary hard work goes into this behind the scenes, and we are so very grateful to all those who have given that time generously to share their expertise and ideas.

And we have a new bishop of Hereford appointed. Richard Frith has now retired, and in early January the new bishop will begin his ministry. He is

Bishop Richard Jackson, currently suffragan bishop of Lewes in Chichester Diocese, and we look forward to welcoming him to Hereford – and our part

of Shropshire!

Condolences:

Condolences are sent to the families of Mrs Sally Hamilton-Russell, Mrs Claude Reed, Mr Roger Home and Mrs Hazel Pain who have all passed away recently.

Silent Soldier:

The Parish Council obtained a further Silent Soldier and this has been erected next to the bus shelter in Chorley.

As the Solider in Stottesdon was damaged soon after it was erected can we please ask that children do not climb on these figures.

Compassionate Communities Anyone for Coco?

Are you: **Feeling a bit isolated?**
Unable to get out like you used to?
Wishing you had someone to talk to?
Finding all days a bit the same?

if you can say 'yes' to any of these, Compassionate Communities (CoCo) may be right for you. Contact Amy Wall at Brown Clew Surgery – 01746 712672 for more information.



Or could you see yourself as a CoCo volunteer?

Training provided, so that you fully understand the scheme - no obligation to continue to be involved after your training.

Clients are referred to the scheme by their GP

Your local Co-ordinator will match you with a client

You will get together with your client weekly or fortnightly

You will be supported by your local Co-ordinator, and the Severn Hospice organisation.

The Compassionate Community (CoCo) scheme is already working well in and around the Ditton Priors area, and now we want to extend the benefits to the patients around Stottesdon and Chorley.

Trained CoCo volunteers are matched with patients who are in danger of being socially isolated, and this companionship has been shown to have very positive effects on health and wellbeing.

This session will explain what is entailed, so that you can make an informed choice, if you wish to become a volunteer.

Tuesday 10th December 2019
Chorley Village Hall, 12.30 – 4.00 pm

**Contact Beverley Montague, your local Co-ordinator on 01746 718742
or by email to beverleymontague01@gmail.com to book your place**

News from Chorley Village Hall:

Chorley Village Hall as you may already know has had a fabulous makeover following a programme of refurbishment and internal redecoration throughout the Hall, kitchen and toilets carried out by a team of volunteers, we've still got a few more jobs to do to make it even better so hope that you can join us at one of our many events. Good News for all, The Parish Council has agreed to sponsor a Defibrillator to be fixed to the Village Hall.

We've held some great family events over the last few months following the Duck Weekend held on the 6th & 7th July:

We had a summer walk and picnic in August and enjoyed a lovely day ending with a well-deserved picnic in Stottesdon overlooking the stunning views.

In September we held a superbly tasty Chorley Bake Off with winning entries from children and adults across all categories. Our team of judges including our very own judges Mary and Paul also known as Dot Fleetwood and Chris Ramsden along with all the bakers, tasters & washer uppers, had the great job of tasting all the entries and voting on the best three in each category, and choosing the star bakers and overall Show Stoppers.

In October we held a ghoulish Children's' Halloween Party with over 30 local children attending with their parents and grandparents enjoying plenty of spooky games, with prizes galore for musical ghouls, pass the parcel, making spooky witches brew, bowling onions, apple bobbing, best 'mummy' creations, best pumpkin and best dressed Halloween outfit. We even had a visit from a ghostly Lord Nelson and a couple of scary looking witches.

Our regular events include the ever popular monthly film club (held usually on the third Thursday on the month at 7.30pm) and a weekly Yoga session on a Wednesday morning (contact Jenny on 01746 718437) and Pilates class on a Friday morning (contact Nicky Long on 01746 718175). For contact details on these also see the local Parish Council notice boards, and the Chorley Village Hall Facebook page.

The village hall can be booked for events, parties with very reasonable rates for hourly sessions or evening/day time events.

Contact: 01746 718437

Events coming up soon include:

Saturday 23rd November 11am to 4.30pm Chorley By The Sea madcap mayhem with arcade games, craft corner, Punch and Judy photo booth Mystic Mike, Pier Gift Shop. fun for all the family £2.00 entry plus refreshments served all day. Only £2.00 for adults and Children under 12 free. Proceeds go to the Village Hall and West Mercia Search and Rescue.

Saturday 30th November Discover the magic of Batik, a Batik Christmas Card workshop with lunch and cake (£35 per person including all materials, 10 cards & lunch) .

To book a place - Contact:01746 718437

Friday 6th December 7.30 onwards a Malt night (bring a bottle of Malt whisky to enter in the tasting night) with quizzes and fund raisers.

Contact Mike Mooney 07419848170 to book your bottle of Whisky in.

Tuesday 10th December 12.30 – 4pm Information session on the Brown Cleve Medical Practice Compassionate Community (CoCo)

scheme. Contact: Beverley Montague 01746 718742 or beverleymontague01@gmail.com to book a place

January 2020 will include a Burns night supper more details to follow.

Claire Bradley - (Chairperson) on behalf of Chorley Village Hall

Parish Council Vacancies:

We currently have 2 vacancies on the Parish Council. One for Sidbury and one for Stottesdon following the resignation of Hazel Barratt at the last meeting. Councillors expressed their gratitude to the work Hazel did for the parish.

If you are interested please contact the Clerk or a Councillor for further details or come along to the next meeting on Monday 25th November at 7.30pm in Chorley Village Hall.

Work in the Village:

The Parish Council has agreed to replace the rotting fence around the school car park.

Bulbs, which have been kindly donated are to be planted on the banks of the Surgery car park.

Flooding at the bottom of Moon House Bank - we are still waiting for this problem to be solved so please find an alternative route if possible.

Numerous potholes etc have been reported to Shropshire Council - please also continue to report these via Shropshire Council website.

Thanks to everyone who have managed to cut their hedges back.

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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.

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Chorley Family Playgroup	718769
Stottesdon/Sidbury Church	718127
Chorley Village Hall	718437 (bookings)
Doctors	712672
District Nurses	711963
Shropshire Council	0345 678 9000 (general enquiries)
Lacon Childe School	01299 270312
Bridgnorth Endowed School	762103
WI (Helena Hale)	718012
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
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