

# Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council



Clerk being presented with the Jan Snell Award on behalf  
of the Parish Council

**Newsletter  
Winter 2019**

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**Jan Snell Award - see cover photo:**

The Parish Council are delighted to have won the Jan Snell Award for the provision of the car park in Stottesdon.

The Award is presented annually in memory of Jan Snell who was the Assistant County Secretary of the Shropshire Association of Local Councils in recognition of a 'Community Achievement' within their Parish or Town Council area.

Clerk, Mrs Freda Morris received the award on behalf of the Parish Council from the President of the Association Katrina Baker, MBE at the AGM in November.

Freda said 'she was delighted to receive the award as Jan was one of the first people she met on a training course when she took over as Clerk to the Parish Council in 1986 and has fond memories of Jan for all the help she gave to clerks'.

There were 4 other applicants for the Award who all received certificates.

Thanks to everyone who supported the Parish Council in this project.

Thanks also to the Doctor's Surgery for allowing the shield to be displayed in the surgery.

**Car park:**

We have received lots of positive comments regarding the car park which has made all our efforts worthwhile but can we remind everyone of the parking restrictions as displayed on the car park signs.

**Parish Council vacancies:**

We still have 2 vacancies on the Parish Council - 1 for Stottesdon and 1 for Sidbury. Please speak to the Clerk or Councillor if you are interested.

**Roads:**

The Parish Council are constantly reporting the state of the roads to Shropshire Council with some temporary repairs already carried out. Please continue to report any problems direct to Shropshire Council via their website—[www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk) or to the Clerk.

If road works are carried out in and around the Parish you might find that quite a lot of this work will be carried out under 'road closures' - this is for the safety of the workmen and all road users. Please be patient!

**Salt/grit bins:**

Please remember that these are for use on the roads and footpaths in the parish and is not for people to take for private use!

**Electoral Roll:**

Have you completed your form and returned to Shropshire Council? If not please contact Shropshire Council's Electoral Services on 0345 678 9015.



### **A different kind of broadband for Stottesdon**

For residents in the parish who still suffer from poor broadband, there may be a solution in sight. Airband is a different type of broadband and is transmitted through radio rather than the phone network, so can reach people who are stuck at the end of the phonenumber network.

Airband delivers speeds of 30Mbps download and 2Mbps upload. In layman's speak, that's fast enough to work from home in one room, while the kids stream music and watch online TV upstairs, without buffering!

The technology does rely on having a 'line of sight' to the local mast, but the company does a free desk survey initially. Then a qualified engineer will visit to do a site survey to make sure that you get an excellent service before any monies are taken. The expansion of the Airband network has been part funded by Shropshire Council through the Connecting Shropshire programme.

Prices start from £10 per month up to £42 for a homemaker package, so there's something to suit everyone. Business lines also available.

Find out if your home is covered call 01952 980 123 or (if you can) check online: [www.airband.co.uk/coverage](http://www.airband.co.uk/coverage)

### **Defibrillator:**

The Parish Council is at present looking to provide a defibrillator in Stottesdon. It is hoped that this will be fixed to the outside wall of the Doctor's Surgery.

There is already a defibrillator at Willowdene at Chorley which is available 24 hours a day.

### **Dog mess bin:**

We are very pleased that Shropshire Council provided a dog mess bin which is located next to the lay by at Glebe Drive.

Can we please ask that any mess is put in this and not in the bin on the bus shelter. Thanks!

### **Country Treks Sign:**

A sign was erected on the back of the 'STOTTESDON' sign in Green Lane, with full permission from Shropshire Council via the Parish Council, showing members of the public where Country Treks is at Ginny Hole.

Unfortunately this sign was stolen soon after being put up and the Police have been informed.

These signs are not cheap and apart from directing people to Ginny Hole it was preventing the neighbours being constantly disturbed asking for directions.

If you know what happened to this sign please contact the Police or Country Treks.

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### **Shropshire's Great Outdoors annual public survey**

Shropshire's Great Outdoors are asking for your feedback about rights of way, parks, play areas and countryside so they can understand what the barriers to participation are.

The survey can be completed up until the end of March and should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. This is available on the Shropshire Council website - [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)

### **Bridleway/footpaths:**

Complaints have been received that some footpaths are not easily accessible and that bridleways are often blocked by parked cars. Could you please ensure that cars are not blocking bridleways as this is causing problems for horse riders.

### **Stottesdon and District WI - Helena Hale:**

The WI continue to meet monthly, on the third Wednesday at either Chorley or Farlow Village Halls. We put notices up with details of speakers and welcome visitors, you don't have to be a member. There is always cake and a beverage on offer and a raffle too and lots of chat with old and new friends. Our programme for 2019 promises to offer insights and delights. For example in February we will hear about Native Bees and the Environment. The programme for the year is posted on Village notice boards or you can get information from:

Helena on 01746 718012

Noreen on 01746 718108

Clare on 01746 718007

### **FUTURE OF BOTH SHROPSHIRE HOSPITALS CONFIRMED**

Both Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin and Mid Wales Clinical Commissioning and Teaching Health Board Groups voted unanimously to have the Emergency Care Site at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and the Planned Care site at the Princess Royal Hospital. Both Hospitals will have Urgent Care Departments as now.

The decision has been a long time in the making, over five years and an extensive Public Consultation with over 18,000 return of views to reach this decision, which also has the support of the West Midlands and the Welsh Ambulance Services, RJAHS Oswestry, Royal at Wolverhampton and Wye Vale NHS Trust.

We can look forward to developing ALL health services in our County as the tremendous work being done to care for people in their own homes as soon as they are well enough, extend GP consulting hours, offer diagnostic examinations as close to home as possible continues.



### **News from the Churches from Revd. Mark Daborn**

Christmas was even busier than usual with the Shropshire Young Farmers' Carol Service at Stottesdon, which was such a wonderful occasion with the Christmas Tree Festival in full swing and the church decorated for a wedding at the end of the week. The children at Sidbury made their own lovely Christingles for the Carol Service at Holy Trinity, while the Christingle Service at Stottesdon raised over £180 for the Children's Society.

Easter is late this year – April 21st – so we have a relatively quiet time through February, with Lent beginning on March 6th, when we will have our usual services for Ash Wednesday.

Information about services in the churches can be found on our website and Facebook page (both can be found under 'Stottesdon Benefice') and also on the Church of England website 'A Church Near You'. If you put 'Stottesdon Church' or 'Sidbury Church' into a search, and click on the one that references 'A Church Near You' you'll find all sorts of useful and interesting information!

And advance notice that on Sunday September 15th we will be visited by Bishop Richard of Hereford for a confirmation service.

### **Parish Council meeting dates:**

February 25th

March 25th

April 15th - Annual parish meeting

April 22nd

May 20th

June 24th

July 22nd

August 19th

September 23rd

October 28th

November 25th

December 16th

All meetings commence at 7.30pm and are held in Chorley Village Hall. Agendas are put on the Parish Council website and noticeboard.

### **Next Newsletter deadline:**

Next newsletter deadline for articles is 12 noon on 6th April 2019.

### **Fly tipping/litter:**

Concern has been expressed regarding the amount of litter and fly tipping around the parish. Please make sure that recycling you put out for collection cannot get blown around.

Many thanks to the residents who regularly pick up litter.

### **Chorley Village Hall News**

A structural survey has been undertaken on behalf of the Village Hall Committee as a number of cracks in the rendering and internal plaster had been observed. The results of the survey show that this is due to changes in the clay subsoils beneath the foundations as a result of the unusually dry weather last spring and summer. The damage is considered by the structural engineer to be aesthetic only, and the recommendation is to monitor the situation.

The Village Hall had planned to undertake redecoration works during the summer, but this had to be put on hold until we knew more details about the structural works. As a result of the survey, we plan to undertake some remedial works to the exterior and some minor internal decoration.

Because of the uncertainty of the planned works, the Committee held off from planning any social activities. Now we know that the structure of the hall is sound and that decoration work can proceed, we want to plan a new programme of activities for the Village Hall.

Please join us at the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th February at 7.30pm to discuss ideas for a social programme of activities for the forthcoming year.

Thank you to all of you who joined us for the Winter Walk on 20th January – it was lovely to see so many of you (22 walkers joined us on the walk) and we will be planning a Spring Walk shortly. If you would like to suggest a walk route or would like to plan a specific walk – please contact the Village Hall via email or [www.facebook.com/chorleyvillagehall/](http://www.facebook.com/chorleyvillagehall/)

### **Village Hall Events .....**

New to the Village Hall - Pilates Class every Friday 9.30 - 10.30am.

Class will be suitable for beginners and intermediate levels. Costs will be £55 for 6 or £100 for 12 with no restriction to time to use the sessions. Contact Nicky Long on 718175.

Quizarama on Saturday 9th February from 7.30pm

We've been asked to re-run this Team quiz for all ages! Try your hand at all the family favourites including Catch Phase, Countdown, Name that Tune, Pointless, Question of Sport, Pictionary, plus games for individuals. Team Jokers available to win extra points! Prizes for team and individual winners! £6 for a team of between 4 – 6. Bring your own drinks, light refreshments available for sale

### **Film Club Presents .....**

Thursday 24th January at 7.30pm The Darkest Hour

Thursday 28th February Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool 2017 British film of Gloria Grahame, 1950s femme fatale who finds romance with a younger man, but her life changes forever when diagnosed with cancer in the 1970s.

Thursday 28th March Swimming with Men - British comedy

A man suffering a mid-life crisis finds new meaning in his life as part of an all-male, middle-aged, amateur synchronised swimming team. Starring Rob Brydon, Rupert Graves



Thursday 25th April Oceans Eight 2018 American heist comedy. All-female crew to attempt an impossible heist at New York City's yearly Met Gala. Starring Sandra Bullock, Cate Blanchett, Anne Hathaway

Thursday 23rd May Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again 2018 Musical romantic comedy follow up to the 2008 film Mamma Mia!

Thursday 27th June Widows – 2018 American heist A police shootout leaves four thieves dead - their widows have nothing in common except a debt left behind by their spouses' criminal activities. Hoping to forge a future on their own terms, they join forces to pull off a heist that their husbands were planning.

Thursday 18th July The Greatest Showman 2017 musical Inspired by the story of P. T. Barnum's and the lives of its star attractions. Starring Hugh Jackman, Zac Efron, Michelle Williams.

Membership to the Film Club for 12 months is £7 per adult / £2 for under 16s with FREE entry to films and use of DVD library. Contact Joe/Richard on 718693 or [joe@phoenix-cottage.co.uk](mailto:joe@phoenix-cottage.co.uk)

### **Chorley Show 2019**

Thank you to all of you who supported the 2018 Chorley Show, which raised over £3,000 for local good causes. We would like to raise monies for Air Ambulance this year but desperately need your help in organising the show.

We had a meeting on the 30th January and had five new people join our group of organisers and a number of people emailing to offer help on the day. However, we need more people to help run some of the activities.

Do you have an interest in social media, have IT skills to help with the show brochure, know local bands that we could book, or would like to contact stall holders or exhibitors?

We are holding another meeting on Wednesday 20th February at 7.30pm at the Duck Inn to discuss the planning of the show – if we don't have enough volunteers at this meeting to plan the show, then the show won't take place. If you would like to talk to someone about the activities prior to the meeting, contact John Woulfe on 718022 or Joe Bubb on 718693 [joe@phoenix-cottage.co.uk](mailto:joe@phoenix-cottage.co.uk)

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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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Stottesdon School	718617
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
Police	0300 333 3000 or 101 non emergency calls

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