

Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council



Fibre optic broadband is now available in parts of the parish!

Newsletter January 2017

Happy New Year to all our parishioners!

Connecting Shropshire brings fibre broadband to Stottesdon and Chorley

Until recently the villages of Stottesdon and Chorley, were served by a broadband service running entirely over copper cables. With technology evolving rapidly, the demand for faster broadband is increasing and you may find that the old network can struggle to cope with your current internet usage. However, fibre optic broadband has arrived and is much better at transporting large amounts of information.

What does this mean for me?

A faster, fibre broadband service could be available to you right now. However, your internet speed will not increase automatically, you'll need to contact your preferred internet service provider to arrange an upgrade.

Having a faster broadband connection allows several people to use the internet at the same time. You can download from the internet quicker and will have improved access to online shopping, banking and public services. You could do an online training course, work from home or even set up and run your own business. With fibre broadband, a whole new range of possibilities are opened up to you!

You can check if fibre broadband is available to your premises via the Connecting Shropshire website by entering your telephone number or postcode at:

<http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/when-and-where/>

Any questions?

If you have any further questions, please refer to the Connecting Shropshire website (<http://connectingshropshire.co.uk>) or email your query and address details to: connecting.shropshire@shropshire.gov.uk

Electoral Roll:

The new Electoral Roll has been produced and once again there are quite a few parishioners who have not registered with Shropshire Council.

Can we remind everyone that May 4th is election day for Parish and Unitary Councillors and unless you are on the electoral roll you will be unable to vote or stand for election. Please contact Shropshire Council as soon as possible to register.

The Parish Council has to use the number of electors on the electoral roll when any grants are made to local groups as we have a limit 'per elector' that can be paid.

Parish Council vacancies:

Sadly due to work commitments Mrs Adele Millington resigned from the Parish Council in November which means that we now have 2 vacancies. Due to the forthcoming elections in May these vacancies can be left open until then but if you are interested in joining the Parish Council please speak to a Councillor or the Clerk who will explain the eligibility criteria.

Road closures:

We have been notified that the Chorley road from High Green to Rays Farm will be closed from 21st February, 2017 to 8th March, 2017 from 7.30am-17.30pm to carry out machine surfacing and minor civil works. Further details from the Clerk.

Stottesdon WI—Marian Wootton:

In December we said good bye to our president. Stef has ably led us for five years, encouraging new ventures and increasing membership. We wish her and Mick the very best in their new life in Portugal. Helena Hale has stepped into the role, whilst Laura grey takes over from myself as Secretary. Both have got off to a cracking start, and we begin 2017 with over 20 members.

Autumn meetings: Anthony Eddies Davies talked of his Himalayan mountaineering background and love for canoeing and kayaking, leading courses as far afield as Nepal and Bhutan. Perhaps his proudest achievement recently has been the raising of funds to rebuild homes and villages in Nepal, following their devastating earthquakes. His boundless energy and enthusiasm in presenting his team's projects was a joy to see.

By way of contrast, Nick Trustram-Eve made a welcome return leading us through the customs and culinary delights of the Tudor Christmas. We sampled a spicy punch, and the hottest ginger-bread I have ever come across, figs steeped in honey and rose petals, and creamy rose-water trifle

There was a good turn out for a repeat of our wreath making event, and friends and partners joined members for an excellent Christmas meal in the Fighting Cocks.

News from the Churches from Revd. Mark Daborn

Happy New Year!

It has been a busy end to the year, from October's Confirmation service through to the celebrations of Christmas. The GR8 concert, featuring the school choir and orchestra, was a great success, as was the accompanying art exhibition. The theme of 'Stars' for the Christmas displays at St Mary's produced some exquisite and witty displays; also noteworthy were the Carol Service at Holy Trinity, enacted as a Nativity Play, and the school's end-of-term Nativity performances.

With the new year, we settle back into routine for a while – only a short while, though: Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent on March 1st. We continue our pattern of Group services when there is a fifth Sunday in the month, with St Mary's hosting this event at the end of April.

Before then, we will celebrate Valentine's Day with an informal service on February 12th, and our usual celebration of Mothering Sunday is on March 26th. Both these 10:30 services last about half an hour.

If you wish to keep in touch with what is happening in all the churches of the benefice, we try to keep the website up-to-date:

www.stottesdonbenefice.co.uk.

Hospice Support Group:

Mark Baldwin will be explaining about the Invasion and Occupation of the Channel Islands in World War Two at Cleobury Mortimer Sports and Social Club on Friday January 27th 7.30 pm Tickets £8 each to include a 'Pie & Pint', available from The Sports and Social Club, the Hospice Shop or ring 01299270555 and Di Newsham.

WE NEED YOUR HELP at Country Treks Equestrian Centre'

We have regular disabled sessions running throughout the week and are looking for volunteers to help! If you have an hour spare in the week and are able to help with our sessions please call 01746 718436 or email horses@livetheadventure.co. Sessions run Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Full training will be given...It is really rewarding and a great way to meet new people!

Chorley Family Playgroup:

A Quiz night is being held at The Duck Inn, Chorley on Friday 20th January in aid of Chorley Family Playgroup. Please come along and support this event.

Home cooked chicken balti and chips available. For further details please contact Duck Inn on 718267.

Chorley Village Hall

Film Club presents

The next film is **THE DANISH GIRL**, Cert 15 on **Thursday 19th January at 7.30 pm**

A fictitious love story loosely inspired by the lives of Danish artists Lili Elbe and Gerda Wegener. Lili and Gerda's marriage and work evolve as they navigate Lili's ground breaking journey as a transgender pioneer. Starring Eddie Redmayne, Alicia Vikander, Amber Heard

Future dates for your diary include:

Thursday 16th February

Thursday 16th March

Thursday 20th April

Thursday 18th May

Thursday 22nd June

Thursday 13th July

Future films to be voted for by Members at the January film.

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

Burns Night Supper on Saturday 28th January from 7.30pm

Tickets are £10 for adults & £5 for children (family tickets available on request). Scottish dancing will follow the traditional 3 course supper and toasts. *Bring your own glasses, Whisky and other drinks. Please book by 23rd January and advise if a vegetarian option or dietary requirement is required when booking. Let us know if you want to join in the toasts or poems!*

To book contact Chris and Dave Rix on 718156, Nick and Gailey Heawood on 718224 or Joe Bubb on 718693 or joe@phoenix-cottage.co.uk

Interested in walking with new friends?

The New Year walk from the Village Hall brought together over 30 people for a 5 mile walk returning to the Duck for hot soup. The Village Hall is looking to set up regular walks including monthly and weekly walks. If you are interested in finding out more details or could suggest ideas for walks, please contact Nick Heawood on 718224 or Joe Bubb on 718693.

We would love your help with the Chorley Show!

The next Chorley Show meeting is on **Wednesday 18th January at 8pm** in the Duck. We really need your help with the preparations for the show. Without your help the current volunteers will struggle to put together the 2017 show. If you would like to find out more just pop along to the meeting on the 18th or have a chat with Dave Rix on 718156 or Joe Bubb on 718693.

Kingdom Finance—from Alan and Sue Vincent, Chorley Chapel:

At the Chapel in Chorley we have investigated adding some extra toilet facilities, also the need to protect a tree root on the mighty oak that stands at the Chapel gate, plus a desire to replace some tables, further additions to the children's play area, and may be replace our chairs. We have trusted God for our provision, and never asked for money or even taken collections. We believe that a cheerful giver does not need to be asked. After 15 years looking after the Chapel and all that has been accomplished, we have always received enough to do all we hoped to do. The current list of needs however was a challenge. A time to trust. A few weeks ago we heard someone wishing to remain anonymous wanted to give a gift! We had no idea who or what. Some time later a very large four figure sum arrived in the Chapels bank account!

That's how Kingdom finances seem to work. We can only thank them publicly. From the Church that meets at Chorley Chapel, we thank you for a most generous gift. It will make a huge difference to all we do in our community.

Newsletter deadlines:

March 24th

June 23rd

September 22nd

January 5th 2018

Please email articles to the Clerk preferably in word format with a maximum of 200 words. Any lengthy articles will be reduced and any articles considered unsuitable will not be included.

As previously advised all newsletters will be available on the Parish Council website and for collection from the Dr's Surgery, Fighting Cocks Shop, Duck Inn, Heath Farm Meats, Stottesdon and Sidbury Churches and emailed to those who have requested this.

Parish Council meeting dates 2017:

Provisional dates:

January 23rd

February 27th

March 27th

April 10th—Annual Parish meeting

April 24th

May 15th—Annual Parish Council meeting

June 26th

July 24th

August 21st

September 25th

October 23rd

November 27th

December 18th

Meetings are normally held in Chorley Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend any meetings and at the beginning of each meeting have the opportunity to address the Council with any issues.

The agendas are displayed on the notice boards in Stottesdon and Chorley and on the Parish Council website.

Consultation to start on the future of Acute hospital Services in Worcestershire:

Public consultation started on January 6th 2017 and runs until 30th March 2017 regarding the above.

A number of public meetings and drop in events will be held during the consultation which include:

Tuesday January 17th drop in session at the Alexander Hospital, Redditch (main hospital corridor) 10am-4pm

Wednesday January 18th drop in session Kidderminster Hospital and Treatment centre (main entrance foyer) 10am-4pm.

Thursday January 19th drop in session at Worcester Royal Hospital (main entrance foyer) 10am-4pm.

Thursday January 26th Redditch & Bromsgrove CCG Governing Body, BHI Parkside, Bromsgrove 9am.

Thursday January 26th South Worcester CCG Governing Body, Pershore Civic Centre 2pm

Tuesday February 7th Wyre Forest CCG Governing Body, Wyre Forest District Council, Finepoint Walk, Kidderminster 9am.

Future events will be added and details of all events can be found on the website: www.worcsfuturehospitals.co.uk

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.

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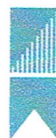
The Clerk can be contacted at all reasonable hours.

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Councillor Gwilym Butler	07801099015

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
Social Car (Jenny Howes)	718675
WI (Stef Bryan)	718018
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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