

A warm welcome to all new and existing residents of the Parish, a year in review.

I often wonder what I will write, when reflecting back on the year, but then find no shortage of material!



We Can Recycle

Recycling is going from strength to strength. As from the **1st April**, you can now recycle small household electrical and electronic equipment for example:- kettles, toasters, irons, hairdryers, clocks, watches, calculators, remote controls, mobile phones, cameras, chargers, radios. MP3 and CD players, power tools, smoke detectors, small electronic toys e.g. remote control cars, small electrical items with a plug/batteries. Anything in this range, that will fit into a standard size carrier bag.

Stratford will not accept light bulbs or fluorescent tubes, televisions, computer monitors or lap tops, no large goods such as fridges and cookers. Special collections of heavy household items can still be arranged, but there is a fee to collect these.



Textiles all clothes, sheets, rags, towels, curtains, these must be put again in to a standard size carrier bag.

Footwear, pillows or duvets will not be accepted. These can still be put in your grey bin or donated to charity.



Household batteries all sizes will be accepted again bagged in a carrier bag, but car batteries will not be accepted.

All of these three categories need to be kept separate, eg one for textiles, one for batteries and one for small electrical items.

Cheaper fuel bills? Can we help you save you some money on your oil?

Warwickshire Rural Community Council has set up an oil syndicate. **WRCC** negotiate the best price possible and then pass on this discount to you because they are buying in bulk. A leaflet explaining this in greater detail is attached. How is this advantageous, for several reasons normally in order to get a cheaper price customers have to buy in bulk say 1,000 litres, but with WRCC you can order as little as 500 and still receive the cheaper price. Aside from this obvious savings this cuts down on utility lorries in the village, which is an added bonus. Orders can be placed monthly, but please see the leaflet for further details. According to WRCC they believe that they can save you over £150 at least or more over a year. 64 households in the parish, according to the 2011 census use oil



Diamond Jubilee Celebrations



June 2012, saw the village come together to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee. Festivities included, an Auction of Promises, Children's tea party, Barn dance. Open Gardens, scarecrows, cream teas, Treasure Hunt and a BBQ, culminating in lighting the beacon, inline with the rest of the country. Everyone seemed to have a great time and made lots of memories. The village children each received a commemorate jubilee mug. Lots of hard work, but worth it and our thanks to everyone.





Water, Water, everywhere

The year was unusually wet and presented many challenges, some of which are still on going, mainly trying to sort out the water escaping into the lanes. Snuff Lane suffered from water escaping across the road for some time and after numerous visits from Severn Trent Water and Highways we eventually located the leak and it was repaired. Warwickshire Highways were very helpful and provided us with some ice warning signs, just before the bad weather took hold, whilst we awaited the investigations to be completed.

We are continuing to work hard to find a solution to the water escaping from the junction in to Bakehouse/Mollington Lane. STW have identified a further leak,

but it looks very much like a bigger problem with broken drains. The drains have been cleaned but the water is still backing up. We shall continue to pursue this with all vigour. We appreciate that this is very frustrating, but as yet we have not been able to identify for definite the source, despite the best effort of BT (water escaping from their cover) STW & the Highways.



Several walls have fallen into the roads, due to the deluges, these are in the process of repair or have been repaired. The landslip down the Back Hill will be cleared away shortly , as soon as we get a spell of dry weather. All pot holes have been flagged for repair, but there are currently nearly 5,000 defects throughout the county. Extra funds have been allocated for these repairs.





the survey and would like to, either log onto the web page, or contact, Godfrey Boulton, John Crocker or the Parish Council. If you are not connected to the internet/or don't own a computer, then you can still help, paper surveys can be completed and will help towards delivering a faster service to the village, response numbers are important.

Broadband: Currently there are 56 survey responses returned from our parish. In order to stand the best chance of delivering superfast broadband response numbers do matter. If you haven't already completed

We have identified the location of the village telephone junction box, which enables the Broadband Delivery UK team (BDUK) to have the exact location logged on their system. Both Warwickshire & Oxfordshire County Councils are currently out to procurement and will be in a position to announce the successful bidder at the end of May. We are aware that most contracts have so far been awarded to BT. Plans will then be drawn up by the successful company and by the end of the year we will know further details as to how they propose to deliver this to the county. Why did we mention Oxfordshire? This is because our exchange is located in Oxfordshire and to a certain extent we are dependent on the upgrade of that exchange. We are in touch with both counties to keep abreast of the news.

Problems with Traffic



After a successful campaign to get the new unsuitable for heavy lorries, signs on the junctions to the B4100, we still appear to be getting heavy vehicles from the lower entrance to the village. One such lorry had to be towed around the corner. Many of the lorries are blindly following Sat Navs as they seek to leave the Southam Road and cut through to the B4100. After lengthy negotiations with Oxfordshire County Council we



have been given permission to erect a sign on the Motorway bridge, Mollington junction, which should hopefully see an end to scenes like this and will hopefully lead to less damage to the verges and cottage walls. The sign has been ordered and should be in situ shortly. Our thanks to OCC, for working with us and giving their consent.

Encouraging better driving through the village. Traffic Speeds:

At the end of 2008, the county approached the Parish Council with the possibility of introducing a speed limit into the village or gateway measures. Unfortunately in 2009, the County Council withdrew the funding. Recently £6,000 has been allocated to Shotteswell and Warmington, which will be used on either gateway measures or a speed limit. What are Gateway measures? These are largely there to promote better and more considerate driving. This change in environment has been proven to be very effective, in



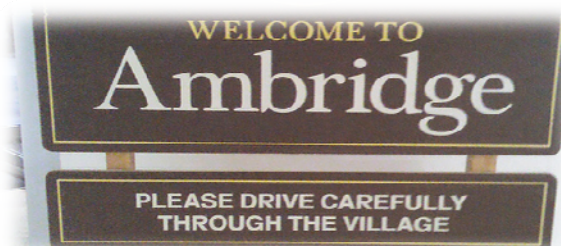
fact more effective than a speed limit in some instances. Here are some examples of gateway measures that can be deployed. Dragons teeth, these are white lines on the road, that promote the idea you are entering the village, and encourages people to reduce their speed. This coupled with a band of different coloured tarmac, with SLOW painted in big letters on the tarmac surface to further emphasise the village parameters.

A welcome nameplate could be added such as the one below and a sign thanking people for driving considerately, as they leave the village placed on the back of the village nameplate. A further option, that may be considered are the painted entrance gates that are seen in many neighbouring villages.

Speed bumps or rumble strips would not be permitted. The roads preclude chicanes due to the narrowness of the lanes, which would make it difficult for utility vehicles and farm machinery to negotiate.

You may be interested to know that the actual meanspeed through the village is only 22 miles per hour, the 85th centile records traffic speeds of 29mph.

We have been consulting with the local councils and Police on the most effective ways of encouraging responsible driving, rest assured we are pursuing this with all vigour and will continue with this approach.



Any works on this project will not take place until the next financial year and in all likelihood not until the end of this year. In the meantime some speed awareness signs will shortly be posted at all entrances into the village, and will be in situ for approx. 6months. Sadly whatever signage is in place there will always be bad drivers, please make a note of any experiences with bad drivers and pass on vehicles registration number plates to the Parish Council.

Police Matters: It is very important to report any crime, even if you suspect that nothing can or may be done. Not only may it help to apprehend perpetrators, but more importantly, this gives valuable intelligence to the police to work on. Thus enabling them to build a picture of what is happening in our area. If you don't report these incidents, then a false impression, or distorted view as to a reduction of crime may be seen as a reason not to sustain or a reason not to possibly increase officer numbers.



Bus Service: One service bus currently operates on Thursdays only, although residents may have seen buses running along the B4100 these are not service buses, these are school buses. We have confirmed this information with Warwickshire County Council, who currently subsidise the Thursday bus. Sadly and with the current economic climate a further subsidised bus will not be available for the foreseeable future. Enquires were made as to whether a service bus could be

diverted from Oxfordshire, as we assumed that a Hanwell service bus may possibly have been persuaded to re-route to Shotteswell. Unfortunately Hanwell, Horley and Hornton lost their service bus in 2010 and despite appeals to their MP for help, no bus has operated from there since.

There is the additional service of "dial a ride" available for residents and details of this are published on the noticeboard.

Community Links is the door-to-door community transport service for all residents who may be stuck for transport in Stratford District. Community Links' five vehicles are fully accessible for people with mobility problems, and our drivers will be happy to help, but please do let us know if you need assistance and/or are a wheelchair user when you make your booking. The scheme is aimed at those who:



- Have a general need for local transport
- Cannot access public transport because of mobility problems or other issues
- Live in an isolated location with no other form of transport available.

Information and a registration forms are available by phoning 01789 264491.

Once you've joined, book your Community Links journey by phoning the Project Coordinator on 01789 264491 on any weekday between 9am and 4pm. It would help them to help you if you could try to give three working days notice.

The service can be used for a wide variety of journey purposes – visiting friends, attending social groups or leisure activities, lifelong learning and of course, shopping.

But please note it's not for Hospital visiting or appointments. The Volunteer Centre Medical Journey Scheme operates for such journeys. Contact Clarissa Roberts on 01789 296334.

Members of the Parish Council have attended Community forums and various workshops looking at planning matters, during the year and provided feedback.

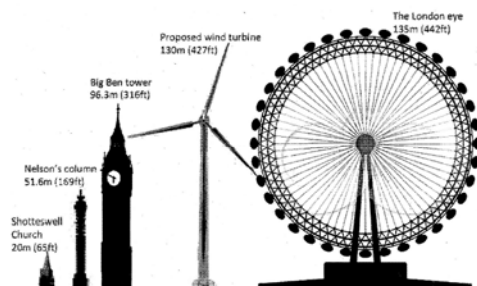
Grants and donations given this year:

Village Hall: The Parish Council made a contribution of £394 towards the buildings insurance of the hall. This brings a total contribution of £1,177.44 over the past three years.



A donation was made to the Royal British Legion for the communities Poppy Wreath, laid in honour of the villagers who lost their lives during the First and Second World Wars.

Proposed Wind Farm



In June 2012 we were delighted to hear that the Government Inspector had upheld the decision made by Cherwell District Council to refuse permission for the Met Mast. This involved a considerable amount of work for all three parishes involved, Shotteswell, Hanwell and Mollington. We were extremely grateful to SHAMWAG for their hard work on this. Also to the Ward Member, Councillors and members of

the public who addressed the Stratford Planning panel. We would also like to thank all members of the community for their support and contributions towards achieving the right result for the community.

Audit Matters.

As you may know a succession of letters generated to the external auditor have resulted in the delay in closing the accounts. The accounts are now closed, the auditor has stated that the complaints were without foundation, but sadly the cost to the council has been a bill for £1,500. As you may be aware whilst these challenges have taken place the council had to keep sufficient reserve to pay these bills.

You will be pleased to hear however, that we have in view of the tough economic times reduced the precept by £1,000, this saving will be reflected in your council tax bills.

In May two new members took up the position of Parish Councillors, Jan Burgess and Oliver Gleave, sadly Oliver has decided to stand down for personal reasons. We thank



Oliver for his time on the council and were pleased to hear that he is fully supportive of the Parish Council. An election for a new member will take place on the 2nd May 2013, the same day as the County Council elections. Anyone interested in standing for Councillor, please contact the Clerk for further details.

Snow fall: In 2000, we were told snow would be a rarity and for nine to ten years it was. The snow over the past couple of years appears to suggest the experts were wrong! Our thanks to all those who help clear the roads, if those that are able help we can keep the village accessible. If you have an elderly, vulnerable neighbour, look out for them in the winter months, they may be unable to clear snow from paths from their property. Salt bins were replenished promptly and the advice, re using the salt sparingly has obviously helped. Emergency salt supplies are available from Valley Farm.

These are the planned collection dates over the Christmas period

Normal Collection Day	Revised Collection Day
Wednesday 25 th December	Friday 27 th December
Wednesday 1 st January 2014	Friday 3 rd January
Wednesday 8 th January	Thursday 9 th January

Bus Pass Expiry date 31st March 2013



Have you received your new bus pass? If not contact the County Council on 01789 410410. Renewing your pass is free of charge.

If you have a disability pass (with an orange stripe) which expires before 31 March 2013 then you will need to re-apply providing current evidence of your disability.

Chimney fires are on the increase, the fire service recommend: Solid Fuel

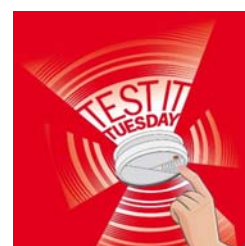
Fires - Once a year for smokeless fuel; twice

a year for coal **Wood Burning Fires** - 4 times a year when in use **Gas Fires** -

Once a year if designed for sweeping **Oil Fires** - Once a year

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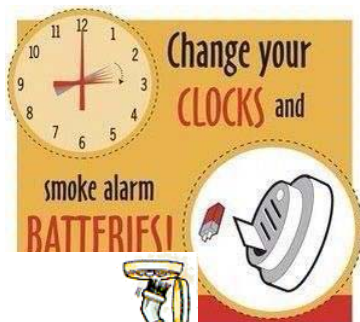
- A fireguard is placed in front of the fire at all times
- Fires are extinguished before going to bed or leaving the property unattended
- Do not burn paper or rubbish on fires in the grate
- Check for smoke from cracks in the chimney breast
- Install a working smoke alarm in the roof space
- Consider fitting a **carbon monoxide** detector



Soot and smoke from a small chimney fire can cause extensive damage to personal property while

larger fires can damage the roof, wipe out the first floor or even destroy a home completely.

Test smoke alarms every Tuesday. When changing the clocks use this as a reminder to vacuum detectors.



HOW OLD ARE YOUR SMOKE ALARMS?

Smoke alarms don't last forever. After ten years, all smoke alarms need to be replaced with new ones.





Shotteswell Parish Council Chairman's Report 2013



Finally I would like to remind you of past achievements of the Parish Council, some things that you might never know that we were instrumental in getting for the parish and some of the things that we continue to do quietly behind the scenes. We are always receptive to suggestions and if it is within our power, we will always try to deliver. When I joined the Parish Council, we had none of the following, this is just a small flavor of what we do and have achieved.

1. Restored the gritting of the Two Turns into the village by a successful campaign. Gritting, the turns had been stopped by the county council.
2. Campaigned to get the seat belts on the school buses restored.
3. Had the hatch markings put on the junction of the B4100 to facilitate safer turning.
4. Campaigned to get the coloured cats eyes continued to our village they previously stopped at the Wobbly Wheel, to help negotiate turns in the foggy weather.
5. Restored the bus shelter.
6. Campaigned to get the heavy lorry signs on the B4100 junction, now adopted elsewhere as a result of our initiative
7. Fought to get the school bus escort back on primary school buses
8. Provided salt bins around the village at strategic sites.
9. Provided the Children's Playing Field and obtained grants for all of the equipment. Fenced the field and provided gates.
10. Have donated to the churchyard projects such as the wall repairs, path and mowers. Initiated the mowing rota of the churchyard by volunteers.
11. Donated towards the Village Hall with regards to insurance and heating replacement. Worked with the Village Hall Committee to get the grants for the improved toilet block.
12. Provided new notice boards.
13. Provided several new litterbins.
14. Campaigned for a litterbin in the B4100 layby.
15. Provided the various benches around the village.
16. Been responsible for the daffodil planting around the parish.
17. Arranged for the passing place by the lower notice board.
18. Provided flower tubs and their displays
19. Provided a Welcome Pack.
20. Fought against the proposed wind farm.
21. Arranged for all the litter that is dumped in and around the village to be cleaned up, promptly.
22. Continually monitor roads and drains and arrange for repairs.
23. Worked hard to improve the reliability for the electricity supply around the village.
24. Campaigned to save the local Fire Station at Fenny Compton.
25. Planted trees to enhance the landscape.

Thank you for your continued support, Les Faulkner Chairman of Shotteswell Parish Council



Consultation response from Shotteswell Parish Council
The retention of Fenny Compton Fire Station