

The Village of Shotteswell

The Parish of Shotteswell lies on the extreme edge of the County of Warwickshire, being surrounded on three sides of Oxfordshire. The Parish compromises 1,305 acres, most of that is rich agricultural land, which is (for the most part) farmed by men who live in the Village. The Village itself lies on the east slope of a small range of hills that runs North from Banbury and about 16 miles from Warwick and is just off the B4100.

The modern name, Shotteswell, seems to have been derived form the Old English words 'Scota' or 'Sceota', meaning offshoot or brow of a hill with the word 'well' added, the name has been spelt in the past in a various ways of which the commonest are 'Cheteswell,' 'Scacheswell' etc. Old inhabitants sometimes refer to the village as "Satchell" giving a hint perhaps of how it used to be spelt.

The neighbouring Village of Warmington (two miles father North) is mentioned in the Doomsday book with a very large area of land and it would seem that the present Parish of Shotteswell was in those days part of the Parish of Warmington. The first Lords of the Manor to be named, were the Earls of Warwick and at one time, the Earl granted sublordship to the ancestors of John de Dive. He was followed by Robert Fitzwith and later, in the reign of King John by the family of Manards. There is reference of a gift of six cottages by the Earl of Warwick to the Canon of Studely, but the reference is undated, as also is another gift by the Earl of Warwick to the Canon of Clattercote. At any rate during the reign of Henry VIII, Sir Thomas Pope became the owner of the lands that had been given to the Monks at Studely and Clattercote and later obtained possession of the Manor and the Living. This was the same Sir Thomas Pope who founded Trinity College, Oxford and became the owner Wroxton Abbey. The Manor passed to the North family who has since sold their properties in the village. Lord North planted the Coronation Tree.

The Parish of Shotteswell became a separate benefice in 1381. Before that, it seems to have been part of Warmington. The Parish Church shows evidence in the Norman arcade of a previous Church having to be enlarged in 1100. Further enlargements took place in the 14th Century, when an English arcade was added presumably the chancel and the tower. The Church is one if the finest in the district, being well cared for, and kept in very good repair. There is also evidence in the vestry of the original Saxon which must have been little more than a Monks cell, where one of the Monks from Warmington would come from time to time to Minister to the people of the Village. The Church registers go back to about 1500 and it seems clear that Shotteswell was then and had been for many years a Parish of its own. In 1925, the Parish was again combined with Warmington as Vicar of Shotteswell. The Rector is also responsible for the Parishes of Radway and Ratley.

The Church bells have recently been restored back to their former glory and practice bell ringing sessions take place on Tuesday evening. Anyone wishing to join should contact the Tower Captain, Alan Reilly. To celebrate the Millennium the Church is now floodlit.

The Populations of Shotteswell is given as 266 in 1965, 336 in 1841, 242 in 1881, and 217 in 1961.

Recorded Charities consist of two pieces of land, Maiden's Dole (about 1 ¾ acres) and Poor's lot (about ¾ acres) which was set aside when the Commons land were enclosed in 1793 and £28.6.4d invested in 21% Consols left by the Reverend William Harrison. The income from these was to be used for the benefit of the poor persons living in the Parish and at one time one loaf of bread was distributed to the Parishioners on Good Friday, the remainder being distributed in cash, but now the income is used to buy coal for distribution to Old Age Pensioners. The charity Trustees are the Vicar (ex-officio) and two representatives appointed by the Parish Council.

Helpful Information

Trees

All trees over seven ½ in diameter, 1.5 metres from the ground require strict permission from Stratford District Council to either be pruned or felled. This also includes Fruit trees as from 1999. Failure to comply with this regulation carries a fine of a maximum of £20,000. Shotteswell was designated as a Conservation area in 1969. If you wish to prune or fell your tree you must apply to the Chief Planning Officer, Stratford District Council, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford Upon Avon, Warwickshire – 01789 267575

Bus Tokens

Are provided from S.D.C for OAP's, please contact Stratford for an application form.

Bonfires

The Parish Council would like to point out that Garden Waste can be collected by SDC, special green sacks are available for this purpose 10 of which are free to all OAP's each year, also with the introduction of green bins, this should reduce the need for a bonfire. If a bonfire is necessary, we ask that some consideration be shown for your neighbours and the rest of the village. I.e. refrain from lighting a bonfire until after 6pm, this enables anyone wishing to be outside for gardening, sunbathing, playing or drying washing to do so without bonfire smoke to spoil their pleasure!

Remember it is more environmentally friendly to compost, bonfires add considerably to the Greenhouse effect. They are also severely detrimental to asthma sufferers or anyone with heart complaints. We ask you to be considerate.

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Dogs

Fouling within the Village is strictly forbidden and will carry a penalty of a fine (up to £1,000); please keep dogs on leads within the confines of the Village. Anyone having trouble with this problem should contact the Dog Warden at Stratford District Council Aside from the fact of a greater possibility of fouling it is pretty scary for young children to encounter a loose dog.

Please note that dogs are not allowed in the proposed playing field (adjacent to the Village Hall.)

Please observe this for the sake of the Children who play there. Thank you.

Wood Chipping service

Free from Warwick County Council. Contact 01926 738827 (9.30am – 12.30pm answer phone is available after these hours)

The chipping will be given back to households in bags for mulching.

There are sound environmental reasons for keeping your chipped green waste and using it in the garden, land filling garden waste contributes to the creation of Methane gas which is a potent greenhouse gas thought to contribute to climate change. Also by using your very own chipping as a mulch you will reduce the need to buy chemical weed controls for use in the garden.

Discounted composters are available contact 01926 412961, www.warwickshire.gov.uk/wastewise

There are 105 houses in Shotteswell and approximately 200 villagers (Stretching from the Slated Barn to Valley Farm)

Village pamphlet first issued in 1970, Fourth revision in 1990, Fifth Revision in 1997, Sixth revision in 2000 and Seventh revision in 2004.

Front Cover by Samantha Ingram.

Parish Church

Dedicated to St. Laurence the church is now over 1,000 years old (1981)

Services every Sunday: Holy Communion 8.30am*

Except on the first Sunday, Family service at 9.45am

Extra services to be announced in the Parish Link distributed free to every household.

On months with a fifth Sunday a United Service is held in one of the four Churches of the Benefice

*Currently a six month trial is being undertaken with a new service time. Consult Parish Link. Review July/August 2004.

The Vicar: Cannon Christopher Lamb, The Rectory, and Warmington

Tel no. 690213

Email lamb@easynet.co.uk

Churchwardens: Mr Alan Reilly, Woolgrove Cottage, Shotteswell 730476

Mrs Gemma North, North Ridge, Shotteswell 730838

Treasurer: Mrs Pauline Tarrant 730687

Secretary of PCC: Mr Godfrey Boulton 738244

Anyone wishing to help with the brass and flowers in the Church should contact Mrs Valerie Ingram on 730203.

Parish Council

Parish councillors currently in office;

Chairperson: Dr Robert Gilchrist, The Old Vicarage. Shotteswell 730213

Clerk: Mrs V. Ingram, The Old Post Office, Shotteswell 730203

Vice Chairperson: Mr L. Faulkner, Valley Farm, Shotteswell 730576

Councillor: Mr M. Tuvey, The Old Farmhouse, Shotteswell 730644

District Councillor: Mr B. Hampson, Northend 770336

County Councillor: Mrs I Secombe, Sundial Cottage, Lower Tysoe 680668

Village Hall Committee

Chairperson: Mrs H. Zeale, Bury Court Farm Cottages 738491

Secretary: Mr M Palmer, Lynwood 730901

Letting Officer: Mrs L Clark, Yew Tree Cottage 738143

The hall may be hired for meetings, parties and other functions for which members of the Village get first priority and concessionaire charges: enquiries to the letting officer.

Art Club

2pm-4pm and 7-9pm Mondays in the Village hall, enquiries to Mr N Baldwin, contact 01993 704363

Conservative Association (Shotteswell Branch)

Chairperson: Ms Luise Gunter,

Euro M.E.P Cotswold Const. (elected 1999) Phillip Bushall Matthews

Vice Chairperson: Mrs J Staines, College Farm 738322

Banbury Guardian Village Correspondent

Mrs V. Ingram, The Old Post Office, Shotteswell

Any items for the newspaper please send to the above address, by Saturday evening.

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Contact: 73

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Schools

The Village School sadly closed in 1970 and is now the Village Hall.

Primary: Dassett C of E Junior and Infant School (controlled

Headmistress: Mrs H Bamwell (until December of this year)

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Secondary: Kineton High School

Headmistress: Mrs J Morris

01926 640465

Warmington Playschool: For 3-5 year olds, at the Old School Warmington. The

playgroup is now open Monday, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9.30am-

1.30pm.

Enquiries to Mrs Liz Wrighton

01926 640956

Mobile: 07803474190

Buses

Catterals Coach service 503 calls at the bus station Timetable on the notice board.

Hazeline Pool

Wildlife reserve (winner of two conservation awards) access see map. Help with maintenance welcomed! Contact Mrs Ingram 730203.

Post Office

In session from the Old Post Office, open on Mondays at 9.00am-1.00pm

Post Mistress: Mrs V Ingram

(Pensions not due on Mondays will be paid in advance)

Main Collection from Post Box weekdays at 4.30pm, Saturday 7am and Sunday 11am.

Newspaper

Daily delivery by S&G Smith, Post Office, Deddington

01869 338201

Milk Deliveries

Central Mid Co- Op, Thorpe drive, Banbury (Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday delivery only) 0800 592940

Butchers and Groceries

Mr P. Mumford, The Green, Chipping Warden

Delivers on Fridays after 4.00pm

Purveyors of fine meats for over 50 years to the Village Tel No: 660348

Library

TUESDAYS

Warwickshire Travelling Library parks at the bus shelter on alternate Wednesdays from 3.00-3.30pm.

Refuse Collection

Weekly by Stratford Upon Avon District Council (on Mondays except for holiday periods refer to sacks)

Roadside collection bags should only be put out at the earliest night before collection to prevent windblown litter from split bags.

Bulky refuse collection by arrangement with District Council Technical Services Sept. 01789 690684

Alkerton Household Waste site Open 1st November – 28th February at 8.30am – 5.00pm 1st March- 31st October at 8.30am – 8.00pm

Black bin collection alternate Mondays for paper and glass
Green Wheelie bins on same day- Green Garden Waste only.

N.B No Vegetable peelings due to Foot and Mouth Legislation.

This is an initiative to reduce landfill tax and promote a more Green Environment. Additional bins or larger or smaller bins available please contact the Clerk of the Parish Council on 730203.

Anyone who is not physically able to take bin to roadside contact Clerk. Anyone with insufficient room for a bin or with steps can apply to have twenty green sacks instead again contact Clerk.

OAP's

Pensions are paid at the Village Post Office; Shotteswell Charity contributes coal once a year to pensioners.

Enquiries to Pauline Tarrant

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Medical Services

NHS Direct (Telephone Advice centre)	0845 4647
Horton Hospital, Banbury	
Casualty	229416
Switchboard	275500
West bar Surgery, Banbury	256261
Horsefair Surgery, Banbury	259484
Windrush Surgery, Banbury	251491
Orchard Health Centre, Cope Road, Banbury	256201

Veterinary Services

Butler and Abbot, Hawthorne Lodge, Old Parr Road, Banbury 259466
West bar Veterinary Surgery, 19 West Bar 262332

Citizens Advice Bureau

Castle House, Banbury

264637

Electricity

Aquilla Power Loss help line

0845 7331331

Midlands Electricity Board, Blackpole Rd, Worcester

Emergency 0800 5872013

Emergency day or night: Ring 262888 or 01905 61391

Water

Severn Trent Water Authority (Avon District)

Local Office: Long bridge Depot, Stratford Rd, Warwick

01926 496221

0800 738444

Emergency at Night (Coventry Office): 01203 414999

Police

Wellesbourne Police Station

01789 842114

Outside Office Hours: Warwick Police Station

01926 410111

Local Authorities

Stratford Upon Avon D.C, Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford

01789 267575

Warwickshire C.C, Shire Hall, Warwick

01926 493431

Warwickshire County Council Divisional Engineer

01789 840486

Bell Ringing

7.30pm-9.00pm on Tuesday Evenings

For Further Details contact: Alan Reilly - Tower Captain

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Or Vikki Palmer 730901

New Ringers are always welcome!

Village Lottery

Organised by Pauline Tarrant and David Holman.

The Bonus ball on a Wednesday and Saturday are used to select the numbers of the weekly draw.

£1 per week per number £25 prize guaranteed each Wednesday and Saturday.

Proceeds to the Millennium Committee.

Further details please contact

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Riding School

Valley Farm, Mollington Rd, Shotteswell

All enquiries: Denise Faulkner

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Tree Surgeon

Richard Clay, Valley Bungalow,

Tel No: 730896

Tuesday Club

Meets most Tuesday s 10am-12pm at the Village Hall. Open to all ages. Contact Heather Zeale on 738094 or Phillipa Upton on 738491.

The Role of the Parish Council

This is an elected body to represent the village's views on issues such as planning etc. Any complaints of local Government services, for example roads, grass; water, sewerage etc. should be channelled via the Parish Council. Over the years we have made valuable contacts and know who to direct any complaints to and get the best result, hopefully! Since our last publication, we have achieved the following:

- We are still waiting for a sign on the Mollington Road re heavy vehicles, unfortunately the Motorway Bridge is in Oxfordshire but Warwickshire County Council is pursuing this on our behalf.
- 2) The coloured studding on the B4100 was due to direct pressure from the Parish Council to help motorists negotiate the turns in foggy weather.
- We have planted tress in the village to commemorate the Millennium. The trees were planted on the hill overlooking the village (by kind permission of Andrew Pick) to commemorate the Millennium. Each child planted their own tree and had both a tag with their own name on to place on their tree distributed by the Parish Council.
- 4) The Parish Council has continued with the bulb planting each year this year's quota was allocated to Middle Lane and the new bench site on Mollington Road.
- 5) In all we now have four benches of which some are dedicated a) Green to Jim Page b) New Road to the Golden Jubilee c)Green by the Old School to the Millennium. The trees planted to commemorate special events now have plaques on the last to be placed was the Millennium tree by Bill Tower.
- 6) Kiosk> Successful negotiations by the Parish Council secured the future of our dear red Kiosk. We also arranged for a new letterbox with a bigger opening to accommodate all sized envelopes.

7) After consultations with the Highways, we have secured a "promise" to resurface the roads in May of this year (2004)

Playing Field

We are pursuing negotiations with the College to try to secure a playing field for the children. The lower end of the field between the two turns. We have been trying for almost nine years. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW DOGS TO ENTER THE FIELD, we have to protect the children from being frightened and from encountering any dog mess. Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

2002 Jubilee Celebrations.

2002 saw the splendid Jubilee Celebrations. Events encompassed a fete, balloon race, Children's party, sports day, dog show, culminating in a 50's theme evening with magnificent buffet, disco, bonfire, and firework display. Yards of bunting created by dedicated villagers decorated the Marquee. The Clerk holds a photo album of the events should anyone wish to see it. A bonfire /fireworks/Halloween party followed in the Autumn. The finale of the year achieved its climax with a magical Christmas party. The hall looked resplendent, festooned with golden stars. The Children enjoyed a traditional party in the afternoon helped along by a magic show and a visit from Father Christmas. On the same evening, a packed hall enjoyed yet another superb buffet, bar, and cabaret. It was heart warming to see how many people joined together to make the year such a tremendous success. An enormous thank you to all who helped or joined us at the various festivities. It certainly was a year to remember. During the year each household was presented with a Jubilee rose tree, compliments of the Parish Council. A T towel was produced alongside this, with all the village children drawing a self-portrait. A commemorative Jubilee Mug was also commissioned as a souvenir of the year to mark Fifty glorious years of Queen Elizabeth II reign.

