

THE VILLAGE NEWS

Siddington
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Editor: Jane Lloyd

“Children learn best through the smiling eyes of a teacher.”

Bart McGettrick

In the privileged position of school governor, I was invited to watch the infants perform their Nativity play in the village hall on a bleak December afternoon. As I watched, I was reminded of a favourite quotation which I have referred to in my title.

The enthusiasm and excitement of the children was enchanting but the quality of their singing and the clarity with which they spoke their lines was extremely impressive - these children were aged between four and six years old!

Clearly, the staff at Siddington School are getting an awful lot right for the children, a judgement made official by Ofsted last March but made obvious to the audience of that Nativity play!

I asked the staff what they liked about working at Siddington CE School, starting with the headteacher, Carol Dougill.

“I love being the head teacher of two schools. Each day I come to school, and see the buzz of the children wanting to come to school, and then seeing them engaged in lessons and loving learning, really gives me a special feeling – it is the best job in the world!”

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 12TH DECEMBER 2017

NEW DEFIBRILLATOR TO BE INSTALLED AT WILDWOOD PARK

Cllr Deller reported that he had written to the proprietors of Wildwood Park about proceeding with the purchase and installation of the new defibrillator and was awaiting a reply.

KISSING GATE

Cllr Mrs Painter reported that Bathurst Estate had replaced the stile with a kissing gate on the path from Pound Close to Church Avenue, and it was a job well done.

CANAL BRIDGE

The canal bridge at Upper Siddington will be closed from 2nd to 12th January 2018 to enable repairs to be carried out.

PLANNING

17/03990/FUL CT.3194

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Vickers, c/o agent Mr Nigel Jowsey, H A Planning Ltd,

67 Cleevemount Road, Cheltenham, GL52 3HD

Proposal: Two storey rear extension and internal alterations at Brock Cottage, 38 Ashton Road, Siddington, GL7 6HP

Consultation expiry date: 19th December 2017

NO OBJECTION

17/04020/FUL CT.9038/A

Applicant: Mrs Susan Holmes,

Secret Cottage, Parkway, Siddington, GL7 6HH

Proposal: Dropped kerb and new vehicular access at Secret Cottage, Parkway, Siddington, GL7 6HH

Consultation expiry date: 25th December 2017

The Parish Council agreed to reiterate its objections on the grounds of dangerous additional access onto the public highway with poor visibility.

OBJECTION

17/04392/FUL CT.4939/Q

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen, c/o agent Mr Alan McColm, 8 Spinney Grove, Evesham, Worcs, WR11 1BF

Proposal: Erection of dwelling and associated works including access at land adjacent to Roberts House, South Cerney Road, Siddington, GL7 6EX

Consultation expiry date: 6th December 2017

The Parish Council agreed to object due to the flooding history in the area and on the grounds that the site is in flood zone 3b and as such development should not be permitted according to the National Planning Policy Framework. It was also felt that the scale of the proposed dwelling was too large for the site.

OBJECTION

17/04393/LBC CT.4939/R

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen, c/o agent Mr Alan McColm, 8 Spinney Grove, Evesham, Worcs, WR11 1BF

Proposal: Alterations to boundary wall to create access at land adjacent to Roberts House, South Cerney Road, Siddington, GL7 6EX

Consultation expiry date: 6th December 2017

OBJECTION

PLAYING FIELD

The Clerk would seek a contractor with gang mower equipment suitable for cutting the field.

COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Mrs Painter reported:

- That the phone box needed cleaning. Cllr Pugh offered to clean the box and check which light bulb was also needed.

Cllr Prosser reported that:

- Bill Payne and another resident of the bungalows at Pound Close had cleared the snow and salted the paths outside the bungalows. The Parish Council wished to record its thanks for this act of good neighbourliness.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – the next meeting will be Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at the Village Hall.

Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk

siddingtonclerk@gmail.com

www.siddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk

Siddington Evergreen Club

Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday, 9th January in the Elizabeth Way Community Room at 2.30 pm.

Our speaker is yet to be arranged, but do come along. We shall have our usual "Fun Raffle", and a cup of tea and a chat with friends. In all, enjoy a good afternoon together.

New members most welcome!

For more details contact Evelyn Mole - 640028

Siddington Cricket Club

The Cricket Club will be holding their Annual General Meeting at the Greyhound Inn at 7.30pm on Monday 15th January. New players, supporters or anyone interested in cricket within the village is welcome to attend.

Jon Hughes

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From the teaching staff:

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“I love coming to work- everyone is so friendly and the atmosphere is amazing. The children are so eager to learn and their enthusiasm is infectious. The children have so many opportunities to develop holistically and a beautiful environment in which to do so.”

“I enjoy working in this friendly, caring school with great children!”

“What I love about Siddington is the enthusiasm from the children for learning.”

“It is a privilege to work with individuals and small groups of children and seeing the progress they make and their positive attitudes to learning.”

“The children are lovely and get really interested in finding out more.”

“The children are so eager to learn and thrive and flourish from the opportunities we provide.”

Not only the teaching staff but also from the office!

“I love working for Siddington School because no 2 days are the same and I enjoy my interaction with the kind and friendly children.”

“I love working at Siddington Primary School. Its friendliness was apparent from the outset and the genuine care and love for the children and their progress is always at the forefront of everything. The office is extremely busy and every day seems to have something new for me to learn but seeing happy and polite children come by the office makes me feel proud to be a part of the team and their education journey.”

The children at Siddington CE Primary are clearly blessed with many “smiling eyes”

Jane Lloyd, a very satisfied school governor!

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SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI

Thursday 18th January 2018
Phoenix Gardeners



Meg Blumsom is coming in January to tell us of the work of Phoenix Gardeners around Cirencester.

We will be having a Bring and Buy at our January Meeting.
Also Subs are due for the new year at our January meeting.

As usual visitors and guests are welcome. We will have our usual raffle and tea and biscuits.

We will be meeting in the Community Room, Elizabeth Way at 7.30pm. Please contact Ann on 01285 641469 for more information.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

QUIZ NIGHT Sunday 18th February

Doors open 7.00 pm and the Quiz will start at 7.30 pm.

£5 per person (to include nibbles) (£6 per head on the night)

4 - 6 People per team or just come along and join a team

Licensed Bar and Grand Raffle

Tickets from Siddington Post Office or via the website

Please indicate name and numbers in team (if you have one) when booking www.siddingtonvillagehall.co.uk

Hire of Hall: if you would like to book the Hall, the Committee Room or discuss availability, please contact the Bookings Secretary on 07407352025 or visit the website to check availability www.siddingtonvillagehall.co.uk and forthcoming events. It is cheaper to hire if you are a Siddington resident!



Stroud
& Cotswold
Districts

Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswold Districts Need Volunteer Advisers

Stroud and Cotswold Districts Citizens Advice are looking for new recruits to join their team of volunteer advisers to help deliver the advice service. The next training programme starts in mid-March and there will be an information session in Stroud on Weds 24th January at 3pm.

Advisers are well supported and travel expenses are paid. We would ask for a volunteer commitment of two half-days or one full-day a week, plus attendance at monthly meetings and ongoing training.

Volunteering with Citizens Advice in the Stroud or Cotswold Districts means you will be part of a valued team and know that you are making a real difference in your community.

If you would like to attend the session or want more information about Citizens Advice, or the volunteering opportunity itself, take a look at <http://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk/> or email Sheila Orson: sheila.orson@ca-scd.org.uk.

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The deadline for next months' Village News is 15th January 2018

News from St Peter's Church

St Peter's Siddington	Services	All Saints Preston
10.00am Family Service	7 th January	8.00am Holy Communion
6.00pm Songs of Praise	14 th January	10.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion	21 st January	No service
10.00am Morning Praise	28 th January	9.30am Coffee & Church

Details of other services in the benefice can be found on the
Churnside Benefice website.

www.churnsidechurches.org.uk

Morning services at St Peter's are followed by refreshments.

Church spire illumination is only £5 per evening to sponsor, in memory of a loved one, anniversary, birthday, or just for yourself. Contact Michael Painter m: 07977 409260 e: spireview25@gmail.com

Vicar: Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie

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The Vicar's day off is on Friday.

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