

**THE VILLAGE NEWS**  
**Siddington**  
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**TELL US YOUR NEWS**

This month I have a request to all our readers to ask you to support editors of the Village News by giving them information relevant to Siddington and its inhabitants. We are fortunate in being supported by many of our village organisations and businesses who do let us know what is coming up in the following months. However this does not always fill our 8 pages and we would love to hear more from you about any forthcoming village events or your personal news i.e. any births, marriages, special anniversaries, deaths or if someone in your family/community from the village has done something 'out of the ordinary' or is going to do so. Alternatively you may just wish to thank someone who has done you a special favour.

The name and contact details of the next editor is always included in the News (often on Page 7) or you can drop in any information to the Village News folder which is kept behind the desk in the PO/village shop or alternatively you can email [awsiddington@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:awsiddington@yahoo.co.uk) who will pass on any information to the next editor. Submissions should with the editor by the 15th of the month.

**In the meantime a belated Happy New Year to all readers!**

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018**

### **NEW DEFIBRILLATOR TO BE INSTALLED AT WILDWOOD PARK**

Cllr Deller had reported that the new defibrillator had been delivered and arrangements would be made for its installation at Wildwood Park. Direction signage would also need to be installed.

### **PLANNING**

The Parish Council had noted that there had been no further update on the new footpath linking the Bloor Homes development with the canal towpath.

The Parish Council had noted the following planning decisions by Cotswold District Council up to 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018:

- **17/04342/FUL CT.4572/L**  
Replacement of single storey link with two storey extension, including front dormer, enlargement of bay window on front elevation to two storeys, alteration of roof over indoor swimming pool, replace chimney and associated minor works at Old Orchard, Siddington, GL7 6HL – Permitted
- **17/04240/FUL CT.3939/Q**  
Revision to planning permission 17/00282/FUL for internal and external alterations and extension within the yard to the west of School House at School House, Parkway, Siddington, GL7 6HL – Permitted
- **17/04241/LBC CT.3939/R**  
Revision to listed building consent 17/00283/LBC for internal and external alterations and extension within the yard to the west of School House at School House, Parkway, Siddington, GL7 6HL – Permitted

### **BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2018-2019**

The Parish Council had considered a selection of budget proposals for 2018/19 prepared by the Clerk based on suggestions made previously. Following discussion the Parish Council had unanimously selected a budget which would allow for funds towards a new bus shelter at Elizabeth Way and some replenishment of the playground equipment reserve, which had been depleted by the purchase of the Climber 7 to

replace the old Spider at the playing field. This would lead to a modest increase of £0.45 (or 1%) on the precept for a Band D dwelling for the coming year 2018/19.

### **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Wagstaff had asked when the northern section of Siddington Road would be resurfaced, but Cllr Parsons (GCC) had advised that he had no further information at this time.

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – the next meeting will be Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at the Village Hall.

**Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk**

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### **CALLING ALL POTENTIAL BELL RINGERS**

It would be absolutely lovely if we could ring all the bells in both St Peter's Church and All Saints Church Preston on Armistice Day as part of the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War – but for that we need more ringers. We have an excellent and patient teacher, Alister Painter, Preston's church warden. All ages and abilities can ring with the right tuition. If you would be interested, please contact Karen (01285 656913).

### **CAROL SINGING IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

Over seventy people gathered in Siddington village hall for carols led by the singers of St Peter's Church and Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie. Mulled wine and mince pies were provided by the village hall trustees and £220 was raised for the Children's Society. It was a lovely beginning to Christmas.

*Mary Painter*

## SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI



**Thursday 15th February 2018  
Rudyard Kipling**

Mike Bottomley is returning to us for another talk. This time on Rudyard Kipling. An evening to look forward to, as his talk on Katherine Parr was very good last year.

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

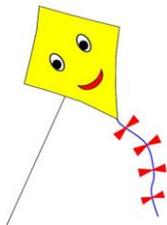
**We will be meeting in the Community Room, Elizabeth Way at 7.30pm.**

Here is our full programme for the year. Come and join us for the whole year or as a visitor if only one or two speakers tempt you.

January 18th	Speaker: Meg Blumsom Phoenix Gardeners	July 19th	Garden Party <b>Preston Village Hall</b>
February 15th	Speaker: Mike Bottomley Rudyard Kipling	August	No Meeting
March 15th	Speaker: Dulcie James Cookery Demonstration	September 20th	Speaker: Nasim Desai Saris
April 19th	Speaker: Angela Panrucker Curious, Quaint & Quirky Glous	October 18th	Speaker: Allan Wells Tulipmania
May 17th	Speaker: Tim Bird Stronger for Longer <b>Preston Village Hall</b>	November 15th	Learning to Crochet
June 21st	Speaker: Malcolm Lewis The Rogers & Hammerstein Story <b>Preston Village Hall</b>	December 21st	An evening of fun, songs, games and mingling

Please contact Ann on 01285 641469 for more information

## NEWS FROM SIDDINGTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL



To start the New Year, we have introduced a 'Kindfulness' Kite to the children. If any child carries out a simple act of kindness, then parents or teachers can let us know and we will write the child's name and the act of kindness on a ribbon and attach it to a kite we have in our school hall. We want to encourage children to carry out something kind each month. So many of our children do lovely things for others, the school council organise fundraising for local and national charities, and it is high time we celebrate as many as possible. We want every child in school to know how good it feels to do things for other people – that warm fuzzy feeling is quite a wonderful reward! We shared a video with the children to show the ripple effect that an act of kindness can bring. If you know of any child who has done something quite special – then do let us know.

*Mrs Carol Dougill, Executive Head Teacher*

## NEWCOMERS TO THE VILLAGE

If you have recently moved into the Village you may wish to have a copy of the 'Siddington – Welcome' pack if you have not already received it. It contains a lot of useful information about the parish, its businesses and organisations etc. Please contact Alison Wagstaff for a copy. [awsiddington@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:awsiddington@yahoo.co.uk) Tel: 01285 655838

## THE FORGOTTEN CRIB

The joy of Christmas carols and services are now over and we look forward to the New Year. St Peter's Church held a beautiful crib Service for the Children, with a lot of thought and preparation by Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie. How sad I felt when only 2 children from the village and 1 visiting child attended, however 26 adults enjoyed the short service. As when the Wise men followed the star to Bethlehem, I hope for Christmas of 2018 that parents and children will follow the illuminated church spire to St Peter's Church, and then the crib will not be forgotten.

*Mary Painter*

## **SIDDINGTON EVERGREEN CLUB**

Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday 13th February at 2.30pm at the Elizabeth Way Community Room. Our speaker this month will be Peter Donovan. We shall have our 'Fun Raffle', refreshments and time for a chat, a 'good' afternoon!

*New members are welcome, so please do come along. We meet as a group on every second Tuesday of the month and normally a speaker is organised for the meeting. We welcome people who would like to come out to join us for a fun afternoon and a cuppa. There is a small annual fee with a £1 charge for refreshments etc. For any further information, please contact Evelyn Mole on 01285 640028.*

## **SIDDINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS**

Siddington FC team received an enthusiastic report in the January edition of the monthly circular, 'The Local Answer'. Age apparently is no barrier for Siddington's team where the average age is closer to 50 than 40. Inspired by manager, Paul Fenwick, the club was reformed over 6 years ago and has been winning trophies since then. Last season the team reached the County cup final and currently they sit 3rd in the top division in the Cirencester and District League. While Paul Fenwick may be in charge on match day, Martin Winter, born and bred in Siddington, ensures that the club remains an ongoing concern as Secretary. The team's post-match home is the Greyhound pub in the village.

For further details see Robert Jackson's article in 'The Local Answer' or visit their website [www.thelocalanswer.co.uk](http://www.thelocalanswer.co.uk)

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In aid of Siddington Village Hall

 **QUIZ**   
**NIGHT** 

**Sunday 18th February**  
**7.00pm for 7.30pm**

**at the Village Hall**

**£5 per person**

(£6 per person if booked on the night)

**(INCLUDES NIBBLES)**

 **4 - 6 people per team**

(or join a team on the night)

**Licensed Bar & Grand Raffle**

**CASH PRIZE FOR WINNING TEAM**

**Tickets from Siddington Post Office**  
**or [www.siddingtonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.siddingtonvillagehall.co.uk)**

**Next month's editor**

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## News from St Peter's Church

St Peter's Siddington	Services	All Saints Preston
10.00am Family Service	4 <sup>th</sup> February	8.00am Holy Communion
6.00pm Evensong	11 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am Holy Communion
7.30pm Holy Communion	14 <sup>th</sup> February	
10.00am Holy Communion	18 <sup>th</sup> February	No service
10.00am Morning Praise	25 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am Coffee & Church

Details of other services in the benefice can be found on the Churnside Benefice website. [www.churnsidechurches.org.uk](http://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, an anniversary, a birthday or just for yourself. Contact Michael Painter m: 07977 409260 e: [spireview25@gmail.com](mailto:spireview25@gmail.com)

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