

Siddington

THE VILLAGE NEWS

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Just a reminder of all of the wonderful facilities we have in our village (* means related updates inside this newsletter). Check out <http://www.siddington.com> for further information about the village.

- **Village shop and post office**: Selling food and house essentials, as well as stamps, banking and stationary, open 7 days a week, M-S: 7am-7pm, Sun 10am-4pm
- **Village pub***: The Greyhound, serving drinks and food every day. Events all year. Quiz takes place on the last Sunday of every month (25th Feb and March). £2 per person, max 8 per team. Live music each month.
- **Village hall***: hosting classes, talks, discos and annual events like the veg competition – the Siddington Grow and Show (Aug/Sept)
- **Elizabeth Way meeting rooms***: Hosts amongst other things, Evergreens Club for the over 60s and the Siddington WI.
- **Playing fields and play ground**: play sports (cricket* and football events) and explore the children's playground.
- **Allotments***: Rent a place to grow your on veg in a sociable and friendly environment!
- **Primary School*** – partnered with Kemble and soon to become a Multi-academy trust with CDPS. Active PTA.
- **Lovely walks in and around the village**: Canal paths, wildlife and amazing locks (excellent view of an engineering feat!)

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY – 13TH FEB 2018

PLANNING

The Parish Council considered planning applications received by Cotswold District Council to 8th February 2018

- **18/00064/TPO 06/00057/TPO**

Applicant: Marcus Moore, 1 Ridge Green, Shaw, Swindon, SN5 5PU
Proposal: Crown lifting and thinning of lime trees at Plummers Barn, Fraziers Folly, Siddington, GL7 6HR
Consultation expiry date: 31st January 2018 – No objection

The Parish Council noted planning decisions of Cotswold District Council to 8th February 2018

- **17/03719/REM CT.3452/J**

Erection of 2 dwellings at 1 Ashton Road, Siddington, GL7 6HB – Permitted

- **17/03990/FUL CT.3194**

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

- **17/04020/FUL CT.9038/A**

Dropped kerb and new vehicular access at Secret Cottage, Park Way, Siddington, GL7 6HH – Permitted

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NEW NORTH HILL ROAD FOOTPATH

The footpath linking the Bloor Homes development with the canal towpath has been installed although it is muddy and there is evidence of dog faeces in places. The Parish Council will provide signs and a dog bin at the Bloor end of the path.

NEW DEFIBRILLATOR AT WILDWOOD PARK

It will be commissioned by the ambulance service. The Parish Council thanks the proprietors of Wildwood Park, Park Home Life, for financing the balance of the defibrillator cost and its installation, along with providing a location.

PCSO MIKE OWEN

After serving this area for eleven years, PCSO Mike Owen is moving on to a new role; he was thanked for his efforts. His replacement, PCSO Adrien Kapronczai, was welcomed by the Parish Council.

PLAYING FIELD

The new grass-cutting contractor for the 2018 season will be using a gang mower rather than a rotary mower as previously used. It is expected that this will produce better results than experienced in 2017.

DOGS

Residents are reminded that dogs are permitted on the playing field, but owners are responsible for keeping them under control, on a lead if necessary and must also clean up their dog faeces. Dogs are not permitted in the children's play area at the playing field whatsoever.

VILLAGE NEWS SUPPORT

The Parish Council considered a request from the Village News towards the costs of production and agreed to make a contribution of £100 in April. The Parish Council will request a copy of the Village News accounts annually so that it could review its level of support.

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NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – the next meeting will be Tuesday 13th March 2018 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at the Village Hall.

Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk, siddingtonclerk@gmail.com

Full minutes available: www.siddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk

GET INVOLVED

Siddington Allotments: Plots available!

You'll be pleased to know we have some spare allotments in Siddington. These need to be taken on this Spring, so snap

one up to grow your own veg, get some exercise and meet a great bunch of people. £32 for a full plot and £22 for half.

There is nothing quite like your own home grown veg! Info from Liz at liz@siddington-allotments.org.uk or 07889 038987.



Siddington Cricket Club



After 4 enjoyable matches last summer the club was formally launched at our first AGM in January. Or 'relaunched'? - we gather a club existed until the 1950s and are basing club badges on their insignia, incorporating two greyhounds, a stone tower and a cricket ball!

We will play 20-over evening matches from May to August, with a dozen fixtures already arranged against local teams. 'Home' matches will be played at Ampney Crucis, for now...! Players and supporters needed; do get in touch. (Pre-season practice is being organised!)

Malcolm Moseley (chair) 01285 659521,
malcolm4646@talktalk.net

Village Hall

Thanks to those who joined us for a quiz in aid of the Village Hall on 18th Feb – we raised an amazing £504 towards hall improvements.
Bookings Secretary
07407 352 025

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Siddington with Preston WI celebrates 95 years!

Thursday 15th March 2018: Cooking with Dulcie



Ever popular Dulcie James returns for another cookery demonstration. Have a light tea; there will be plenty of dishes to try. With Easter in mind, we are having a chocolate themed evening.

To add to the excitement, it is our 95th Birthday. Please bring photos from previous meetings or outings for a trip down memory lane.

All past, present and future members are cordially invited to join us on this special evening. As usual visitors and guests are welcome. We will have our usual raffle and tea and biscuits.

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

Siddington Evergreens

Our meeting this month is on the 13th March at 2.30pm in the Elizabeth Way Community Room. Our speakers will be Peter and Kathy Cottey. We shall have our usual "Fun Raffle" and a time for a cup of tea and a chat with friends, in all a "good" afternoon. Look forward to seeing you all, and pleased to see new members. Do come along! For more info contact Evelyn Mole, 01285 640028

School Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) update

Siddington and Kemble Primary Schools are excited to announce that in April, together with Cirencester Deer Park School, we are going to form Corinium Multi-Academy Trust. The Governors and Executive Head Teacher believe this will mean raising the standards in our schools, more control over where our money is spent, more efficient use of our resources and more opportunities to support each other across the three schools. There will be no change to school names or uniforms, or in the day-to-day running of the schools.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

The trees need you!

Westonbirt Arboretum is the most beautiful and welcoming space. I've spent so many happy days in my 15 years living in the area.

I would like to raise at least £100 by participating in the 10K Run for the Trees at the arboretum in

May. This will contribute towards doing essential repairs after storm damage this year and maintaining the precious trees for the future. So if you can donate, any contribution no matter how small will be greatly appreciated.

Angela Hilditch, Siddington Resident. To donate please visit:
www.fowa.org.uk/support-us/fundraise/public/angela-hilditch



spring cleanup

St Peter's Church Spring Clean

If you can help please join us on Saturday 24th March at 10:00.

Refreshments will be provided

Siddington School PTA Group

Organising a range of activities for children, parents and Siddington residents raise funds for our school children. Our Valentines Disco raised £100!

We are planning a quiz at the pub (April), a Harry and Meghan Party in May and host regular popcorn film nights for the kids. More to come from Charley (PTA chair) revcharleyt@live.co.uk

Louise Savory is running the London Marathon for 'Sense'

Having never run a marathon before, Louise will be donning her running shoes in aid of Sense for deaf blind people. The charity does amazing work helping children and young adults who are deaf and blind to live life as normally as they can. Any support gratefully received, no matter how small – donate on Just Giving website:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/louise-savory1>

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Dogs in Siddington

Kennel cough (a highly contagious respiratory disease in dogs) has been spreading in nearby Wiltshire villages recently. Help keep your dog safe by picking up their poo afterwards – kennel cough can be transmitted through faeces.

Demonstrate to others how to be a good dog owner by picking up your furry friend's *parcels* and putting the waste in a bin. We all know it is a bit icky, stinky and if it is dark, cold or raining, not pleasant. But it is necessary. And no hiding, pretending it is not your dog!

If you leave dog poo on the side of the pavement, footpath, bridal way or road up to the school, you could be the lucky person to step in it and take it home!

Dog poo bins are available:

- Outside the village hall
- Nursery View
- Playing field
- The Butts,
- The Coach Road, by the school
- Siddington Road, by Church Farm
- Canal path – near Pound Close



Did you know?

You can also use ordinary rubbish bins, which is why the parish council didn't put a new dog waste bin on the playing field when the picnic tables were put in. So there's a bin at the Twenties entrance to the playing field (at the far end) that can be used as well.

Next month's Village News editor is Marcia Turner

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Deadline for submissions is 15th March 2018

St Peter's Church – services and info

St Peter's Siddington	Services	All Saints Preston
2.00pm Women's World Day Of Prayer	2 nd March	
10.00am Family Service	4 th March	8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Mothering Sunday Service	11 th March	10.00am Mothering Sunday Service
10.00am Holy Communion	18 th March	No Service
10.00am Procession & Passion Reading	25 th March	9.30am Procession and Passion Reading
	27 th March	7.30pm Compline with meditation
7.30pm Compline with meditation	28 th March	
Good Friday 3pm Meditation	30 th March	
Easter Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion	1 st April	9.30am Holy Communion

Further details: www.churnsidechurches.org.uk

A warm welcome to parents and children to our monthly family service. Morning services are followed by refreshments.

Vicar: Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie

The Vicarage, Silver Street, South Cerney, GL7 5TP

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The Vicar's day off is on Friday.

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Open Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am – 1.00pm

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Churchwardens:

St Peter's, Siddington: Allen Howe 643574 & Michael Painter 07977 409260

All Saints, Preston: Alister Painter 650624

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The 2018 Women's World Day of Prayer service will be held at St. Peter's Church, Siddington, on Friday 2nd March at 2pm. This year it has been prepared by the Christian Women of Suriname. The theme is '**All God's Creation is Very Good!**'. Everyone is welcome to attend (male and female!). Refreshments will be served after the service.

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