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Get ready for the Siddington Show

This year's 'Siddington Show' takes place on **September 2nd**, so now is the time to be thinking about your entries. There are 35 categories this year, covering handicrafts and cookery as well as the traditional fruit and vegetable categories, so there's something for everyone.

Siddington Show is enjoyed by all ages and is one of the few occasions when the whole community can come together. The more entries there are, the better the show. If you have something in your garden that you can enter, or something that you've made this year, or you enjoy making preserves or baking, why not give it a go?

See page 5 for Show entry details.

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Siddington Allotment and Gardens Association*

Parish Council news – meeting 10.07.18

Police report – covering the period 1st - 30th June 2018. There were 3 crimes; 1 theft of insecure pedal cycle from back garden, 1 theft of tree from rear garden, 1 criminal damage to allotments. This compares with 3 in the same period last year.

Flooding at railway bridge stanchions on Ashton Road - Richard Gray of Highways is pursuing this with Highways England, as it is believed that the Historic Railways Estate or Network Rail, as successors to British Rail, remain liable for the upkeep of the drains and tanks. The Chairman has written to Richard Gray urging Highways and Historic Railways England to co-operate and take urgent action.

Footpaths

- **Spire View to the canal towpath** - Cllr Hall will contact Bloor Homes to chase up the work on the new footpath.
- **Report from Mike Barton, Public Rights of Way**
 - The Bloor path will need to be brought up to a satisfactory condition for it to be added to the definitive map of public rights of way.
 - Quotes will be obtained for work on the canal towpath from the Bloor path to Pound Close to make it suitable for pushchairs. This work may have to be carried out over a two-year period due to budget constraints.
 - The path from the school to Love Lane will be inspected in wet weather following reports of pooling water making the path muddy during the winter months.

Planning - 18/01746/FUL CT.2068/1/F

Subdivision of property to 2 separate dwellings as it was prior to 2004 at Japonica Cottage, 9-10 Nursery View - No objection, however, the Clerk was asked to comment that if an extension referred to in the plans were to be built it might lead to more on-street parking in an already congested area.

Playing field

The Clerk circulated the joint proposal for ground-sharing from Siddington FC and Chesterton FC, together with the current letter of agreement between the Parish Council and Siddington FC from July 2015. It was noted that permission from the Bathurst Estate would need to be sought. The Parish Council agreed that the terms of a revised letter of agreement with Siddington FC and Chesterton FC will include the following (among others):

- The Clubs will contribute 50% of the grass-cutting costs.
- The Clubs will need to keep the goal mouth areas in good condition.
- The agreement will be subject to an annual review.
- The agreement will be conditional on Siddington FC having no outstanding payments in relation to this season's grass-cutting.
- The Clubs should provide a periodic report of activities including how to involve the youth of the village.

Next meeting – as there is no Parish Council meeting in August, the next meeting will be Tuesday September 11th at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at the Village Hall.

Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk

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'Cycle, Ride and Stride'

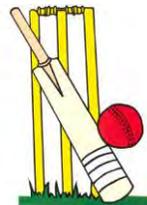
On the 8th September the Gloucestershire Historic Churches 'Cycle, Ride and Stride' takes place. This is an annual national event where participants are sponsored to visit as many churches as possible on one day, travelling on foot, cycling or riding a horse. I will be taking part again this year to raise money for our beautiful church, St. Peter's. Half of the money I raise will go to St. Peter's and the other half will go to help maintain local churches. If you would like to sponsor me or make a donation it would be very much appreciated.

Jonathan Painter

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Siddington Cricket Club's season so far

Siddington Cricket Club players have played nine games so far this season and have had two wins. The first was against Cirencester Rotarians who were defeated by 65 runs and the second was against Williamstrip who were defeated by 7 wickets.



There were losses to Bibury by 159 runs, Chedworth by 133 runs, South Cerney by 7 wickets, Swindon Nomads by 11 runs, Swindon Beehive by 5 wickets, Kempsford by 6 wickets and Oaksey by 16 runs.

The 3 remaining games of 2018 are all in August and all start at 6.00pm. These are on Wednesday 1st August away at Fairford, Tuesday 7th August away at North Cerney and Tuesday 14th August away at Cirencester. For full match reports visit the club website:

www.pitchero.com/clubs/siddingtoncricketclub.

Thefts from the allotments

Allotment holders and gardeners are warned that there have been thefts of equipment from the Ashton Road allotments. Gardening tools stored in a wooden box were taken, together with some large water storage bottles. An entire crop of strawberries also disappeared.

New hand tools are expensive to buy but they have very little second-hand value, so it may help to boldly mark your tools with your name or initials, as the effort of removing these marks may deter thieves. Sadly, if tools are stolen just for 'fun' this won't have any effect, although they may be discarded close by so it's worth searching nearby hedges and ditches.

Siddington Evergreen Club

This month's meeting will be on Tuesday 14th August at 2.30pm in the Elizabeth Way Community Room. We shall be hearing about 'War Reminiscences'. We shall have our usual 'Fun Raffle' together with a cup of tea and a chat among friends. All in all a good afternoon. New members are most welcome, do come and join us! For more information please contact **Evelyn Mole** on **640028**.

Siddington Show & the Cream Teas afternoon



Thank you to everyone who supported our Cream Tea fund raiser for the Siddington Show, which is taking place on the 2nd September in the Village Hall. We raised over £150, which will help to fund prizes for the winning entries.

Don't forget to fill in your entry forms (included in the July edition of Village News) and drop them into the village shop with your entry fee by Thursday 30th August. If you've mislaid your form you can either download one at www.siddington.com/upcoming-events or contact **Andrea** on **07850273840** or **Kim** on **07887996048** for another copy. Late entries may be accepted but will incur a fee of £1.50.

In addition to the display of show entries there will be numerous stalls, children's games, a raffle and cream teas. Please come along and support your village show.

St. Peter's Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported the St. Peter's church coffee morning on the 7th July. £185 was raised for the church funds.

Convicts of Siddington

The following information was compiled by **Jon Hughes**, with reference to *Transportees from Gloucestershire to Australia 1793-1842* by Irene Wyatt.

Between 1787 and 1868, over 160,000 convicts were transported to Australia, so it's not surprising that three were residents of Siddington.

James Maisey, aged 44, was arrested on 1st March 1827 and charged with stealing two deal boards from Mr E. Brown of Cirencester. Maisey, who had been in court before, was sentenced to 7 years transportation. He set off for New South Wales on the 11th June 1827 on the ship 'Prince Regent', arriving in Australia on 27th September 1827 along with 181 other convicts. His release was issued on 3rd June 1834 in Sydney but no further record of his life is known.

Stephen Newcomb, aged 24, was arrested on 26th October 1833 and was found guilty of assaulting Robert Carpenter in Cirencester, taking from him a pair of breaches and other possessions. A death sentence was recorded but this was changed to deportation for life. Newcomb left for Van Diemen's Land on the 12th December 1834. Only one day from its destination the ship struck a reef and began to sink. Passengers included 220 convicts, 29 soldiers and 61 others. While the crew and families took to the life boats, soldiers kept the convicts below deck, shooting at them if they tried to escape. Five of the 90 crew and soldiers and 133 convicts drowned, Stephen Newcomb being one of them.

William Johnson, aged 33, was arrested on the 12th June 1837 for stealing a wether sheep, property of Charles Wood of South Cerney. Johnson was sentenced to transportation for life but this was reduced to 10 years. He departed for Van Diemen's Land along with 399 other convicts aboard the 'Moffatt' on 9th November 1837, reaching Hobart on 1st April 1838. Nothing else is known of his new life.



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- Learn new skills
- Do something interesting and challenging with your spare time

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For more information about volunteering and to apply please look on our website www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk. If you would like to discuss this volunteering opportunity further, please contact **Susie McCormick**, Training Officer on 01453 758252, ext. 214.

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News from St Peter's Church

St Peter's Siddington	Services	All Saints Preston
11.15am Family Service	5th August	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
6.00pm Songs of Praise	12th August	9.30am Morning Praise
11.15am Holy Communion	19th August	6.00pm Evening Service
11.15am Morning Praise	26th August	9.30am Holy Communion

Details of other services in the benefice can be found on the Churnside Benefice website: www.churnsidechurches.org.uk.

- We warmly welcome parents and children to our monthly **Family Service**.
- **Holy Communion** is gluten-free.
- **Refreshments** are served before our 11.15am morning services, between 10:30 and 11:00am.
- **Church spire illumination** is only £5 per evening to sponsor in memory of a loved one, for an anniversary or birthday or just for yourself. Contact Michael Painter on 07977 409260 or email spireview25@gmail.com.

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