

# THE VILLAGE NEWS

Siddington

October 2018

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## Siddington School Starts a New Year

What a lovely start to school! We have 15 new reception class children and a few new children throughout the school who have moved to the area – welcome to all! We still have a few places in our current Year 3 and in Year 6 – please phone the school office if you would like to be shown round our lovely school, or come along to our open morning.

**OPEN MORNING** – Siddington School will be open for all visitors on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October** from **9.15am to 11.30am**. We would love prospective parents, current parents and community members to come along and see us. Come and look at our beautiful grounds and forest school area and play space, and visit classes and meet our caring, dedicated staff and of course our fabulous children!

We are federated with Kemble Primary School and are also part of the Corinium Education Trust, so although we are a small school we have links that enable us to provide a wealth of activities and experiences for our children.

Mrs Carol Dougill, Executive Head Teacher

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Village Hall***

# Parish Council news – meeting 11.09.18

## Casual vacancy on the Parish Council

Following Cllr Ellie Jones' resignation no by-election has been requested and the Council will seek to co-opt to fill the vacancy. Applications from residents aged over 18 should be sent to the Clerk by the closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> October. Contact the Clerk for further information on eligibility and the role.

## Highways matters

- \* The Council noted that the **new village signs** had been installed and Cllr Hall was thanked for his efforts.
- \* **Clearing of drain at the railway bridge** stanchions on Ashton Road. Highways England appears to have accepted responsibility but this is still ongoing.

## Footpath from Spire View to the canal towpath

Gloucestershire Public Rights of Way (PROW) may be interested in taking on the footpath if brought up to standard. PROW will shortly meet with a contractor to discuss. It was agreed that residents of the development should be encouraged to form a management committee to deal with the company responsible for the maintenance of the estate.

## Planning matters

- \* Application to CDC to erect single storey side extension at **9 North Hill Road**. Parish Council **does not object** but is concerned re. asymmetric pitched roof.
- \* Application to CDC to erect single storey side extension to **1 Empire Villas, Ashton Rd**. Parish council **objection** – considers proposed almost flat roof incongruous
- \* Application to CDC to erect single storey extension at **9 Nursery View**. Parish Council **objects** on grounds of over-development of site, loss of privacy and inappropriate shallow pitch of roof.

## Playing field, football club & grass cutting

The football season has started and the grass cutting contractor is doing a good job. Weeds are growing under the climbing frame through the mulch and Cllr Hayward will deal with this. The clerk will write to the

Bathurst Estate to confirm the ground sharing arrangements with Siddington FC and Chesterton FC.

### **Councillor reports**

Cllr Wagstaff noted that the **playing field and the allotments** are now listed as Local Green Spaces, a status that restricts the possibility of their development.

Cllr Hayward reported his meeting with the new Chief Executive of the **Bathurst Estate**, Peter Clegg, who is keen to have good relations with the village and is very receptive to finding **additional graveyard space** for St Peter's Church.

**Next Parish Council Meeting:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room of the Village hall.

**Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk**

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**Siddington with Preston WI**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018**



### **'Tulipmania'**

In October Alan Wells is returning to us; this time his topic is Tulipmania – the story of how the Netherlands became obsessed with this beautiful flower and how that obsession almost bankrupted the nation.

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

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

## Harvest Supper

A **Harvest Supper** is being held in Siddington Village Hall on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm** with an **Old Time Music Hall** theme, hosted by Matthew Sproston. Supper provided – bring your own drinks and glasses. Raffle. Proceeds in aid of St Peter's Church. Tickets £9, available from Siddington Post Office, Linda's Hair Fashions in Park Way, Ann Sheppard (tel 651915) and Jill Simmonds (tel 654633).

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## News from Lucy at the Greyhound

**A big thank you** to everyone who attended the '**Pickled Dog Music Festival**'. We hope you had an excellent time. We raised a grand total of £1,002.65, which we have donated to Cancer Research.

Looking ahead, on **Friday October 12th** we are having our very first '**Race Night**' which will start at 8pm with bets being placed from only £1. Monies raised are going to Breast Cancer Care.

In addition we have **Live Music** the last Friday of every month and a **Quiz** the last Sunday of every month!

Bookings are being taken for Christmas celebrations which will be available every day-time and every evening.

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## Autumn Churchyard Tidy-Up

**Saturday 20th October 10.30am.** Do come along and help. Refreshments provided. Please bring your own gardening tools. Thank you.

# Siddington Evergreen Club

Our meeting this month is on **Tuesday 9th October at 2.30pm** in the Elizabeth Way Community Room. This month will have a different format with the return of **SASSY GIFTS**, a mobile gift shop selling quality gift items, most priced under £10. Do come and have a look, the afternoon is open to anyone of any age, not just club members. Christmas is nearer than you think!

We shall have our usual Fun Raffle together with a cup of tea and a chat amongst friends. In all a good afternoon. Please come and join us. New members are most welcome.

For more information, please contact Evelyn Mole - 640028

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## Siddington Show 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Despite the ravages of the summer heat wave the day was still a success! Over 100 carefully nurtured items were submitted – vegetables, fruit, flowers, cakes, handicrafts etc. so a big thank-you to everyone who displayed. And to judges Tessa, Denys, Dave, Richard and Matthew; to our main sponsors, **Gigaclear** and **Toomers**; and to the valiant tea ladies.

Seven trophies were awarded – most of them adorned with names going back almost 40 years. The raffle was supported by generous local people and businesses including the stall-holders who added to the fun of the afternoon. So **let's do it again next year!** New faces and ideas always welcome – e.g. on how to get Siddington's youngsters baking, making and growing again! There was no 'children's category' this year following a lack of support in 2017. So should we try something different next year? Do get involved!

Malcolm (659521) and Kim (644350) – on behalf of the current team.

# Village Hall News

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## **QUIZ NIGHT Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November.**

Doors open 7pm; Quiz starts at 7.30pm, £5 per person, to include nibbles (£6 on the night).

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

Licensed Bar and Grand Raffle

Tickets from the Post Office or via the website.

Please indicate name and numbers in team (if you have one) when booking at Post Office

**HIRE OF HALL** If you would like to book the Hall or the Committee Room or discuss availability, please contact the Bookings Secretary on 07407 352025 or visit the website (see above) to check availability and forthcoming events. It is cheaper to hire if you are a Siddington resident!

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## **Harvest Kidz!**

On **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October** St Peter's Church is organising an afternoon of fun activities for the whole family on the theme of 'Harvest'. The event is called '**Harvest Kidz**' and will be held in the **Village Hall from 2 to 4pm**. Activities will include biscuit decorating, creative crafts, games, puzzles and much more. There will also be a story and singing time before we enjoy a cake and other refreshments. The event is free and is for children of all ages.

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# The Rosie Rumble Award

**The Rosie Rumble Award** recognises individuals who have worked selflessly for our local community. Last year it was awarded to Mrs Jill Simmonds for all the support she has given to various village organisations over many years.

This year Rosie's family would like you to vote again for an individual living or working in the parish of Siddington who goes out of their way to improve the lives of people living in and around the village. The recipient gets an engraved wooden platter to keep for the year, a certificate and a cheque for £75 to go to a local charity / organisation of their choice, plus an individual gift to keep. Please use the voting slip below to vote for the person you think deserves this recognition.

Rosie's sisters will present the award on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 3.30- 4.30pm** at Siddington Community Rooms with tea/cakes, raffle and card sale. Please contact **Maggie Pocock** on **01285 657223** with any queries.

## Rosie Rumble Award Voting Slip

Nominee's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact details: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact details: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Please leave voting slip in Siddington Village Shop by **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November**.

**Next month's editor: Marcia Turner**  
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Deadline date: **Monday October 15<sup>th</sup>**

## News from St Peter's Church

St Peter's Siddington	Services	All Saints Preston
11.15am Harvest Festival	7 <sup>th</sup> October	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
6.00pm Songs of Praise	14 <sup>th</sup> October	3.00pm Harvest Festival
11.15am Holy Communion	21 <sup>st</sup> October	6.00pm Evening Service
11.15am Morning Praise	28 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30 am Holy Communion

Details of other services in the benefice can be found on the Churnside Benefice website: [www.churnsidechurches.org.uk](http://www.churnsidechurches.org.uk).

Coffee is served between 10.30am and 11.00am before our 11.15am morning service.

A warm welcome to parents and children at our monthly family service.  
Holy Communion (Gluten free)

**Church spire illumination** is only £5 per evening to sponsor. Contact Michael Painter **07977 409 260** Email: [spireview25@gmail.com](mailto:spireview25@gmail.com)

### **Vicar: Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie**

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### **Churchwardens:**

St Peter's, Siddington: Allen Howe ☎ **643574** &

Mike Painter ☎ **07977 409 260**

All Saints, Preston: Alister Painter ☎ **650624**