



Siddington Village News
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Christmas Message

One of the world's most popular Christmas carols is Silent Night. Every year it is sung in many different languages across the world evoking the spirit of Christmas. It was first sung 200 years ago on Christmas Eve 1818 in St Nicholas Church Oberndorf in Austria. The story goes that assistant pastor, Father Joseph Mohr, discovered on Christmas Eve that the organ had been nibbled by mice and was therefore out of action. Thinking on his feet he took a poem he had written to his friend Franz Gruber, an organist. Taking out his guitar, Gruber quickly composed a beautiful tune to accompany the poem and the Christmas service was saved.

Since then this carol has achieved world wide appeal and has been translated into over 40 languages. It has been sung on a variety of occasions and in some unexpected places. On Christmas Day 1914, during the First World War, German and Allied armies faced one another in France. The carol was sung simultaneously in French, English and German by the troops during a Christmas truce. In a true act of goodwill, soldiers from both sides set aside their weapons and hatred, if only temporarily, and met in no man's land. They buried the dead, held Christmas services, played football and exchanged Christmas gifts.

I have always enjoyed singing Silent Night, its simple words focusing my attention on the new born baby Jesus, God's wonderful gift at the heart of Christmas. Singing these words creates a moment of stillness and peace as I am drawn to the manger, which is surrounded in light, grace and love. This tiny new born baby has come to bring light that will dispel the darkness and bring hope, joy, peace and love.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas
Revd Jennifer McKenzie Vicar of the Churnside Benefice

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - 13TH NOVEMBER 2018

Highways

It was noted that the planned resurfacing of Siddington Road had been postponed until the next financial year as a utility company was expected to be carrying out work there in the spring.

Despite recent heavy rain the area by the old railway bridge on Ashton Road had not flooded this time. The Clerk would write to Highways to thank them for their work.

Highways attention would now instead be drawn to the persistent flooding on Park Way.

The dark areas near the Greyhound where street lamps had been removed during recent lighting upgrades was noted and the Clerk would continue to chase this and the incomplete upgrade work at Park Way with Highways.

Planning

Planning applications received by Cotswold District to 8th November 2018

- **18/04027/FUL CT.1597/G**
Erection of two storey rear extension, single storey rear extension, and single storey front extension at The Chippings, Nursery View, Siddington
No objection.

Planning decisions by Cotswold District to 8th November 2018

- **18/03036/FUL CT.2068/1G**
Erection of single storey front and side extension at 9 Nursery View, Siddington. **Application permitted.**

Neighbourhood Plan

As Cirencester, South Cerney and other Parishes were proceeding with Neighbourhood Plans, Cllr Hayward suggested that the new Parish Council elected in 2019 might consider the same for Siddington. A Neighbourhood Plan is not the same as a Parish Plan, rather it is a statutory planning document which can be used to guide development within its area, selecting areas and types of development desired locally.

Posters on Notice Boards in Bus Shelters

If you have publicised an event on one of these boards, please remember to remove your poster or notice after the event is over. Thank you.

Councillor Reports

Cllr Wagstaff reported that the Rosie Rumble Award had been made to Jon Hughes this year for resurrecting the village cricket club, which would now offer the Rosie Rumble Captain’s Cup as a reward for the greatest contribution to the club over the year.

The Parish Council would like to wish all residents a very



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - the next meeting will be Tuesday 11th December 2018 at 7.30pm in the Community Room in Elizabeth Way.

Robert Cowley - Parish Clerk

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Christmas and New Year Waste Collection

29th December 2018 Everything, 5th January 2019 Food/Garden,

11th January 2019 Everything

Siddington Shop and Post Office

The Christmas opening hours will be displayed on the shop door in the run up to the festivities.

Thursday 20th December 2018
Songs, Games, Mingling and Fun

It's time for our Christmas Party. We have music, games, wine and bring and share finger buffet.

As usual visitors and guests are welcome. We will have our Christmas Raffle, with proceeds going to The Cobalt Breast Cancer Unit. We will have wine to drink, but also tea for the drivers amongst us.

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



News from the Greyhound

Saturday 1st December Music from Sugar Motown

Saturday 8th December Christmas Cabaret with Rob Malone

Friday 14th December music from Plucking Different

Friday 21st Big Band Music from Adam Okin

There is still some availability for **Christmas** meal bookings on various dates throughout December so give us a call.

To see the year out come and join us at the **New Year's Eve** disco and Cabaret (Free entry and buffet) from 7.00pm; just pop into the pub and get your names on the guest list or telephone 01285 653573

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Siddington School News



We held a prayer space morning recently and the children, with community members and parents, came together to create new spaces in school where they can reflect, be at peace and say prayers if they want to. Our theme this time was caring and it enabled children to reflect upon our vision, not only how they care for others, but people who care for them. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this a very special morning.

We are now thinking about Christmas and the countdown has begun! Over the coming weeks we will focus on the very beginning of the New Testament and how, after many years of waiting God sent his son to care for us. Our nativity 'Hoity Toity Angel' will allow the children to learn about the news of the birth of Jesus in a fun way. We hope that many of you will be able to enjoy our Christmas celebrations with us. Although early, we wish everyone a very Happy Christmas! See you all in the New Year!

Until next time,

Mrs Carol Dougill

Executive Head teacher

Kemble Primary and Siddington C of E Primary Schools



**Gloucestershire
Constabulary**

Will be actively policing the A417 between Crickley Hill and Cirencester using a highly visible vehicle equipped with a variety of equipment. The aim is to improve road safety and reduce crime. Officers will be stopping any vehicle they deem appropriate to do so whether it is because of poor standard of driving, the condition of the vehicle, criminal intelligence led enquiries or other intelligence like missing persons.

You can help make the A417 safer by keeping a safe distance from other drivers and being mindful of your speed

Rosie Rumble Award

This year's worthy winner was Jon Hughes for all his hard work in establishing the non league Siddington Cricket team. Sadly the presentation at the community rooms on Saturday 10th November was not well attended but an enjoyable afternoon was had by those present. With the award money Jon has bought a trophy to be called the Rosie Rumble Captains Cup which will be awarded to the most helpful or committed member of the team at the AGM in November. Rosie's sisters felt she would have been very honoured and delighted with this gesture.



SIDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB

Siddington Cricket club held their AGM, dinner and award presentation at the Greyhound Inn recently with a good number in attendance. Club President & Chairman Malcolm Moseley presented the trophies. These were awarded to Batting cup Jim Bliss, bowling cup Sam Harper, most improved player Charlie Cooper and the Rosie Rumble Captains cup, awarded for the most helpful player, Joe Rendall.

Mr Moseley commented how much the club had improved in such a short time, winning three of the fourteen games played in the club's second season.

The following committee was re-elected. President & Chairman Malcolm Moseley, Secretary Alan Poole, Treasurer Matt Ulyett, Fixture Secretary & Club Captain Jon Hughes. Joe Rendall was elected as vice captain

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Friday 21st December at 6.30 pm: CAROL SINGING IN THE HALL

The Village Hall Committee invites you to a pre Christmas 'get together' to hear and join in with the St Peter's Church Carol Singers (in aid of The Children's Society) at 6.30 p.m. Mince pies and mulled wine will also be served. **All welcome.**

Refreshments: If anyone is able to bring a plate of mince pies or any other refreshments this would be most appreciated and if you are able to let us know in advance, please email siddingtonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com or phone Mary Deller on 07407 352025

Hire of Hall: if you would like to book the hall for a special event, your Christmas party, for a regular session or would just like to discuss availability, please contact the Bookings Secretary on 07407 352025 or visit the website www.siddingtonvillagehall.co.uk to check availability and forthcoming events.

Armistice Day

St Peter's Church bells rang at 12.30pm to commemorate the Centenary anniversary of Armistice Day.

Special thanks to the following team

Alister Painter, Anne Mingins, Michael Painter, Helen McHattie, Jonathan Painter.



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News from St Peter's Church

St Peter's Siddington	Services	All Saints Preston
11.15am Family Service	2 nd December	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
6.00pm Evensong	9 th December	9.30am Holy Communion
9.15am Siddington School Christingle	13 th December	
6.00pm Carol Service	16 th December	
6.00pm Carol Singing in Village Hall	21 st December	
	23 rd December	6.00pm Carol Service
2.30pm Crib Service 9.00pm First Communion of Christmas	24 th December	
10.30am Family Communion	25 th December	9.30am Holy Communion
10.00am United Benefice Service (South Cerney)	30 th December	10.00am United Benefice Service (South Cerney)

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

A warm welcome to parents and children to our monthly family service.

Holy Communion (Gluten free) **Coffee** is served between 10:30-11:00am with our morning service at 11:15am.

Church spire illumination is only £5 per evening to sponsor, in memory of a loved one, anniversary, birthday or just for yourself. Contact

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