

THE VILLAGE NEWS

Siddington

February 2019

www.siddington.com

Editor: Georgie Hayward

CAROL SINGING IN THE VILLAGE HALL

You might wonder why this subject is being addressed now nearly 2 months after the event; since then Christmas, New Year and the Brexit vote have all passed and it seems a long time ago. However at the carol singing evening in the village hall on the 21st December we were joined by a representative from The Children's Society who had driven a distance to join us. He explained to the gathering about some of the work of the Society and that they had recently identified a carol singing group from Siddington who had been collecting for the Society since 1973 (ie. 45 years ago) which had raised several thousands of pounds. They were most impressed and had wondered if the same organisers were still involved. They are, of course, Mary and Alister Painter who are long time supporters of St Peter's Church and many other village organisations.

During the early years the carol singers from the church walked around the village every December and joined Bunny and Chares Clarke with their friends for mince pies and mulled wine at Siddington Manor. In more recent years the singers have just sung at the carol evening organised by the Trustees of the Village Hall followed by similar refreshments where they have been joined by many parishioners. This friendly community event is always advertised in the Village News and is a festive start to Christmas. £285 was raised for The Children's Society in December which included the collections from the Crib and Christingle services. What a fantastic achievement and a great accolade to Mary and Alister who thank everyone who supported the Children's Society last year and in previous years.

This edition is kindly sponsored by The Greyhound

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS (as no meeting was held in early January, news from the meeting will be reported in the March edition)

NEWS FROM THE GREYHOUND

SENIORS' MENU: we have launched our new 'Seniors menu' 55+ every Monday lunch and evening. 2 courses for £12 plus a free tea or coffee. 5 mains to choose from and 5 puddings to choose from.

VALENTINE'S DAY AND MOTHER'S DAY BOOKINGS are now being taken.

Please contact the pub to book a table 01285 653573 or pop in.

LIVE MUSIC held on the last Friday of every month

QUIZ: new style quiz on the last Sunday of every month.

MENUS: we have a fantastic gluten free menu and a cracking kiddies menu available.

Sunday May 26 from 6.00 pm

EUGENE PORTMAN: a solo singalong pianist following in the footsteps of the traditional Cockney pub pianists of the past. He mixes this with honky-tonk piano inspired by American pianists such as Fats Waller and Willie 'The Lion' Smith.

No.1 UK Sing-along Pianist



Saturday 31st August and Sunday 1st September

'The Pickled Dog' music festival will return. If you are in a band or know someone who would like to play, please get in touch. We are raising money for Cancer Research Relay for Life again this year!

Please check out our Facebook page for more upcoming events.

'WINTER KIDZ'

SATURDAY 26th JANUARY 2.00 P.M. – 4.00 P.M.

Following on from the success of Harvest Kidz in October, St Peter's Church is organising 'Winter Kidz' which will be an afternoon full of activities of the whole family. 'Winter Kidz' will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 26th January from 2pm till 4pm. Activities will be based around the story of 'The Lost Sheep' and will include making an edible sheep, decorating a party hat as well as other creative crafts, games, puzzles and much more. There will be also be a story and singing time before we enjoy some refreshments together. The event is free and is suitable for children of all ages.

CHURCH BELLS APPEAL

It is with sadness the bells at St Peter's Church did not ring out for the New Year due to the bell ropes being beyond repair. New ropes have been ordered which will take three months at a cost of £900. If anyone wishes to make a small donation towards the new ropes it would be very much appreciated. Please contact Alister Painter, Tower Captain Tel: 01285 650624

Elizabeth Way Communion first Wednesday of the month 10 am

In February we are starting a new communion service in the Elizabeth Way community room in Siddington. It will take place once a month on the first Wednesday of the month. The said communion service will be followed by refreshments and a faith chat. All welcome to attend. The first service will take place on Wednesday 6th February. Please note that there will be no service in March as the 6th March will be Ash Wednesday.

SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI



Thursday 21st February 2019
Turn Right When the Butter Melts

Stephen Rowley is joining us in February to tell us about sailing an old ship across the Atlantic – a stirring tale of adventure. As usual visitors and guests are welcome. There will be tea, biscuits and a raffle.

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

Please contact Ann on 01285 641469 for further information

SIDDINGTON EVERGREEN CLUB

Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday 2nd February at 2.30pm in the Elizabeth Way Community Room. Our speaker this month will be Debbie Beatson who will be speaking to us about **Tax, Care & Toy Boys.**

We shall have our usual “Fun Raffle”, together with a cup of tea and a chat among friends. In all, a “good” afternoon. Please come and join us.

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 small charge for refreshments etc. For any further information, please contact Evelyn Mole on 01285 640028.



News from Siddington CE Primary School

What a treat! My aconites and snowdrops are nice and early this year in all the mild weather. The daffodils in the school flower beds are already quite tall and will not be long before they burst into colour reminding us of the spring not far away. We have started the year with a new school website – please have a look at it and all the wonderful things the teachers prepare and the children have fun doing. We are proud that as a small school we achieve so much. Our first week was great fun with a science theme and lots of excitement with each class carrying out experiments.

<http://www.siddington.gloucs.sch.uk/>

We are hoping to grow our Local Governing Body and require a Foundation Governor. If you are a regular church goer or you have an involvement in the church or diocese and you would be happy to support our school in maintaining its Christian Distinctiveness, then please contact Reverend McKenzie on jmckenzie@kemble.gloucs.sch.uk or phone the school on 01285 652866. Please come and make an appointment if you want to meet with me to discuss the role.

Thank you.

Until next time,
Mrs Carol Dougill
Executive Head teacher
Kemble Primary and Siddington C of E Primary Schools

NEWS FROM THE ALLOTMENTS

Welcome to this great new year, I hope you are all looking forward to getting a lot from your gardens.

We have plenty to look forward to including:

- Allotment holders' gathering at The Greyhound, Siddington, 28th Jan 2019, at 7.30pm
- Watch this space for events coming up including:
 - Allotment Tidy Afternoon with tea and cakes
 - Gardening-related talks

Have you ever considered getting an allotment? We would love to welcome you to our garden-loving community. Please call me if you want to take up an allotment right in the heart of the village. Do spread the word - it's a great way to meet new people; keep healthy with plenty of fresh air and exercise; and grow lots of wonderful fresh fruit and vegetables for family and friends.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Liz Gardner

Warden Tel: 07889 038987

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 Tel: 01285 655838

Whilst we take every care to ensure that the data in this publication is accurate, neither the editor nor its editorial contributors can accept and hereby disclaim any liability to any party to loss of damage caused by errors or omissions resulting from negligence, accident or any other cause

MESSAGE FROM GLOUCESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Sign up for local news and alerts in your community

<https://www.yourcommunityalerts.co.uk/>

By registering you will receive news and appeals, local crime information and crime prevention advice directly to you. Registering is completely free. It will also help your local policing teams better police the neighbourhood.

VILLAGE HALL PORCH AND THE DONATION FROM AILEEN CALVERT'S FAMILY

The long awaited new front porch is due to start to be constructed shortly. This has been held up due to Highways issues which have now been resolved. It is anticipated that the project will take about 3 months to complete and we ask hall users and pedestrians using the pavement outside the hall to be forbearing whilst it is being built. We hope that there will be as little disruption as possible during its construction. The hall will still continue to be in use.

The trustees are most grateful to Aileen Calvert's family who kindly donated all of the retiring collection from her memorial service at Cirencester Parish Church on the 16th January to the Siddington Village Hall porch project. This was a moving service conducted by Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie. The congregation learnt more about her most interesting life much of which had been devoted to civic duties and charitable work in and around Cirencester as well as having a career as a successful radiographer. She brought up a loving family and leaves behind her 3 children, their spouses, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by many people.

Next month's editor

Louise Elstow

Email: louiseelstow@gmail.com

Tel: 07810 433181

News from St Peter's Church

St Peter's Siddington	Services	All Saints Preston
11.15am Family Service	3 rd February	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
6.00pm Evensong	10 th February	9.30am Morning Praise
11.15am Holy Communion	17 th February	
11.15am Morning Praise	24 th February	9.30am Holy Communion

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 before our morning service at 11:15am.

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

Vicar: Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie

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

Tel: 01285 860221

Email: vicar@churnsidechurches.org.uk

The Vicar's day off is on Friday.

Church Office:

Open Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am – 1.00pm

Tel: 01285 862632 – Answer phone at other times

Email: office@churnsidechurches.org.uk

Churchwardens:

St Peter's, Siddington: Allen Howe 01285 643574 & Michael Painter

07977 409260 e: spireview25@gmail.com

All Saints, Preston: Alister Painter 01285 650624