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Support The Greyhound to win Pub of the Year!

Our local pub is a finalist in The Wilts
and Glos Pub of the year award.

Please vote for the 'Hound, at
www.wiltsglosstandard.co.uk, voting
closes on Sunday March 24th.



Two Parish Council Meetings to start us off:

(full minutes available at www.siddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk, Robert Crowley
the Clerk, can be contacted at siddingtonclerk@gmail.com)

22ND JANUARY 2019 MEETING

The council met the new Chief Executive of the Bathurst Estate, Mr Peter Clegg. Mr Clegg expressed the Estate's desire to be more involved in and have a better relationship with the communities where its property was situated. The Estate is looking at options for refurbishment of Church Farm buildings and providing additional land for an extension to the St Peter's Church graveyard.

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Chairman's Report: Should he be re-elected as Chairman at forthcoming Parish Council elections on 2nd May, Cllr Hayward would seek to allocate portfolios to members of the newly-elected Council. With central and county/district government funding reducing, it will increasingly fall to local councils to become proactive and take more responsibility for local communities and their needs. Priorities for the Council may include creating a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Parish and more youth engagement.

Planning Applications up to 3rd Jan 2019

Planning applications considered:

18/04566/FUL CT.4572/M. Applicant: Mr & Mrs P. Matthews, c/o agent Mrs P. Davie, Falconer & Gilbert Scott Architects. Proposal: Replace existing pool extension and link with single storey extension, enlarge bay window to two storeys, provide conservatory to rear and associated minor works. Reapplication of previously approved scheme 17/04342/FUL at Old Orchard, GL7 6HL. **No objection**

Planning decisions noted:

- **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, GL7 6HN. **Application permitted**

Finance: Members considered provision of litter picking equipment for volunteers. Mr Young advised that clothing, equipment and sacks might be available from CDC. The Clerk would make enquiries.

Budget & Precept 2019-20: Proposals included further gradual replenishment of the playground equipment fund (depleted in 2016 with the replacement of the Spider), purchase of an automatic number plate recognition speed camera to combat speeding motorists in the village, and reduced playing field grass-cutting costs.

Public Questions: A lack of Swindon-bound bus shelters was highlighted. A suggestion was made and will be investigated with Bathurst Estate (allotment land owners) to move the bus stop from outside the Post Office to outside the allotments, by creating a new pavement.

12TH FEBRUARY 2019 MEETING

Planning

- **18/04693/LBC CT.8652/C:** Applicant: The Bathurst Estate, c/o agent Mr A. Mcdowell, Bruton Knowles, Gloucester. Proposal: Partial re-roofing, re-pointing and other repairs at Church Farmhouse, Siddington, GL7 6EZ. **No objection**
- **18/00051/FUL CT.4893/D:** Applicant: Mr D. Rajan, c/o agent, Rixon Architects Limited, Siddington GL7 6EY. Proposal: New single detached Dwelling at land south of The Common, Siddington, **No objection**

Litter Picking Sharna Tinson, has been helping most enthusiastically with litter picking in and around the village. The Chairman will tour the village with Sharna looking at problem areas and considering locations for signs and bins, and present a plan to Parish Council.

Village Hall Porch: The Village Hall Trustees chair, Denys Young, reported that work on the new porch at the Village Hall was due to start and take about sixteen weeks to complete. Delays in starting the work due to issues of ownership of the land to the front of the Hall, had meant that the cost of the work had increased, and the Hall now lacked the funds to complete the moving and upgrade of the electrics into the new porch. The Parish Council agreed to provide the extra funds from the Council's Village Hall Reserve (£3,512.12).

NEXT MEETING –Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Siddington Allotments

Are you new to the village or have lived here a while and are thinking about getting an allotment? This is the perfect time of year to do it! There are plots available and if you are interested or just want more information, come along to the “tidy up” day on March 24th from 1.30pm to 3pm when you can have your questions answered by experienced allotment holders and find out what is available. For more information contact Liz Gardner on 07889038987 or liz@siddington-allotments.org.uk

Siddington Evergreen Club

Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday 12th March at 2.30pm in the Elizabeth Way Community Room. Our speaker this month will be Peter Donovan, a regular visitor to the Club, always interesting to listen to.

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 most welcome. For more information, please contact Evelyn Mole - 640028

Reminder to dog owners to pick up their dog’s poo

Unfortunately, we have repeat offenders who walk their dogs along Ashton Road and leave behind their dog’s mess on the pavement. Some residents have installed CCTV and may report anyone witnessed not picking up after their dogs to the authorities.

If you have a dog, please can you be a nice neighbour and keep our pavements poo free and fragrant, particularly where children play!

SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI



Thursday 21st March 2019: 7.30pm, Orchids

Tom Price, a member of Cheltenham and District Orchid Society, has been growing orchids for 22 years and has a collection that runs into nearly a thousand plants. Tom will be joining us in March with a selection of his orchids to talk about growing and caring for them.

Visitors are welcome to join us for tea, biscuits and a raffle.

We meet in the Elizabeth Way Community Room Siddington

Please contact Ann on 01285 641469 for more information.

What a load of rubbish!

You may have noticed that Siddington has a dedicated bunch of regular litter pickers who constantly strive to keep our Village and surrounding area clean and tidy. Since December 2018, we've collected 70+ full bin bags of rubbish from in and around Siddington.

On Saturday March 30th between 10am and 12 midday, join us for **THE SIDDINGTON 'BIG SPRING CLEAN'** to collect and safely dispose of the litter on our village streets and lanes. Cotswold District Council (CDC) will kindly lend us the equipment we'll need, so all you need to do is show up to support your Village!

We'll meet at 10am at the Siddington Village Hall. We recommend that you come in sensible footwear and old, brightly coloured clothing, so that you can be safely seen as you move around the village. Refreshments will be provided and we look forward to seeing you on the day. If you have any questions about this event, or if you would like to join our regular litter-picking group, please contact Sharna Tinson (sharnak@hotmail.co.uk).

Herbert Protocol

Are you looking after someone with dementia, and have concerns about what could happen if they go missing?

Symptoms of dementia can include confusion and disorientation which make it difficult for the sufferer to know where they are going and why, and hard to find them.

Sign up to the Herbert Protocol on their behalf by filling in significant details about them on a simple form. It includes things like previous addresses and special locations, such as a family grave, which may be a draw to them; hobbies and regular routines; photos and up to date description - sometimes hard to recall in the panic of finding that your loved one has gone missing.

Keep this in a safe place and then hand it to police if the person is reported missing, for example:

- In the back of a letter rack
- Pinned to a notice board
- By a key rack
- Stuck to the fridge

Gloucestershire Constabulary is working with the Alzheimer's Society to promote this scheme, named after war veteran George Herbert who died whilst missing and trying to return to his childhood home.

Go to www.gloucestershire.police.uk/staying-safe/the-herbert-protocol/ and download the form at the bottom of the page.

You could save a life!

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'EASTER KIDZ', SATURDAY 13th APRIL 2pm – 4pm

Following on from a very successful and fun filled afternoon at WinterKidz on Saturday 26th January, St Peter's Church is organising 'Easter Kidz'. This will be an afternoon full of creative fun with edible craft and fun activities for the whole family based on the Easter theme. As previously, there will be a story, fun time with musical instruments and singing followed by afternoon tea and refreshments. Please bring a carrier bag with the child's name on it. This event is free and is suitable for children of all ages.

INFORMAL COMMUNION SERVICE, WEDNESDAY 3rd APRIL 10am

There will be an informal Communion service in the Elizabeth Way Community room. This will be followed by refreshments and a faith chat. All welcome. If you require any help with transport, please contact Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie on 01285 860221 or vicar@churnsidechurches.org.uk

THE BELLS: Can you help the bells ring again?

New bell ropes for St Peter's Church have been ordered and will be with us in the next three months at the cost of £900.

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If anyone wishes to make a small donation towards the new ropes it would be very much appreciated, cheques payable to "Siddington Bell Fund". Contact Alister Painter - tower captain 01285 650624

Let there be light Church spire illumination is only £5 per evening to sponsor, in memory of a loved one, anniversary, birthday or just for yourself. Contact Michael Painter on 07977 409260 or spireview25@gmail.com

St Peter's Church – services and info

St Peter's, Siddington	Services	All Saints, Preston
Family Service, 11:15am	3 rd Mar	BCP Holy Communion, 8am
Evensong, 6pm	10 th Mar	Holy Communion, 9.30am
Holy Communion, 11:15am	17 th Mar	
United Benefice Service, 10am	24 th Mar	
Mothering Sunday Service 11.15am Café Church Elizabeth Way 6pm	31st Mar	Mothering Sunday Service 9.30am

A warm welcome to St Peters. The Church Electoral roll is being renewed this year; if you would like more information about joining then please contact the Vicar before 11th March.

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Morning services at St Peter's are followed by refreshments.

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 9am – 1pm. Tel: 01285 862632 - Answer phone at other times. Email: office@churnsidechurches.org.uk

Churchwardens:

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