

# **Siddington Village News**

**April 2019**

**Editor: Marcia Turner**

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## **Our sponsors this month - Peter and Freda Smedley**

Freda and Peter wished to sponsor this month's edition of the Village News in celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary in April. They have lived in Siddington for 42 years where they raised their 2 daughters and they have always been very active members of the community. They are both regular churchgoers to St Peter's Church and have been involved with all the different Church activities and Freda is currently Secretary to the Parochial Church Council which she has done for 30 plus years! Peter was also Churchwarden for a few years. Freda is also a keen supporter of the Siddington with Preston W.I. Their daughters were equally involved with the Church both having sung in the choir and been bell ringers. More recently Helen (now Caine) was Curate at St Peter's Church. They want to say how happy they have been and continue to be living in Siddington where they have made many friends and would like to thank everyone involved in the production and distribution of the Village News which they enjoy reading monthly.

*Congratulations to you both on reaching such a milestone anniversary.*

*Georgie Hayward*

This edition is kindly sponsored by Freda and Peter Smedley in celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

#### **Matters Arising**

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from Mike Barton of Gloucestershire Public Rights of Way (PROW) with a map dated 1925 suggesting that there had historically been a gate at the canal towpath where it met Park Way. However, the new gate had since been removed. After visiting the site Cllr Parsons (GCC/CDC) had expressed concern to the Clerk by telephone that the new fence had narrowed the footpath considerably and that he would investigate further.

It was also noted that although it had been reported to CDC Planning Enforcement, rendering of the extension at 1 Empire Villas to comply with retrospective planning permission granted in 2018 had not been carried out as required.

#### **District and Parish Council Elections**

Elections to Cotswold District Council and to the Parish Council are due to take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019. Nomination forms are available from CDC offices in Trinity Road in Cirencester or may be downloaded at [www.cotswold.gov.uk](http://www.cotswold.gov.uk) or call CDC on 01285 623000.

#### **Retiring Parish Councillors**

Two of our Parish Councillors, Tony Pugh and John Hall, are standing down at this election, and the Parish Council wishes to express its gratitude for their service to the community, particularly Cllr Hall, who has also been Council Chairman. Cllr Hall reported that although he would not be standing for re-election, but he was happy to continue to sweep out the bus shelter and check the Wildwood park defibrillator. Cllr Deller and the Clerk would liaise in the sourcing of signage for the location of the defibrillator.

#### **Planning**

There were no planning applications to consider this month or any planning decisions to note.

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – the next meeting will be Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall. Minutes of Parish Council meetings are published on the Council's website.

**Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk**

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A very special part of my working week is leading worship on a Monday morning. For me this is a time to remind the children and staff about how special it is to work and learn in a Church School. One of my favourite times of the year to share with children is Lent, and this year after reading from the Bible about when Jesus spent time in the desert, we thought about what Lent is and what we do. The children helped me to make batter for pancakes, which was good fun, and we discussed that Lent is not just about giving something up ready to have Easter eggs, but a time when Christians can reflect and think about their faith.

The Diocese of Gloucester have given us a very special pack this year called 'Shapes for Living' and the children are learning about a Benedictine monk who wrote some simple and practical guidelines to help people develop the nurturing, securing and sustaining shapes for living. In the 5 weeks leading up to Easter, the children and staff will be thinking about relating, praying, working, playing and growing. Everyone at school hopes that your period of Lent is joyful and you have time to think about all the wonderful things God has given us and the gifts we have to share with others.

Until next time,

Mrs Carol Dougill

Executive Head teacher

Kemble Primary and Siddington C of E Primary Schools

## **'EASTER KIDZ'**

**SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> April 2.00 P.M. – 4.00 P.M.**

St Peter's Church is organising 'Easter Kidz' on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April in the Village Hall. This will be an afternoon full of creativity, 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.

A Coffee Morning is being held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019 between 10.30 and 12.30 in the Community Room, Elizabeth Way, Siddington. Proceeds are in aid of St, Peter's Church, Siddington. There will be a Raffle, Bring and Buy stall, cake stall etc.

## **INFORMAL COMMUNION SERVICE - WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL at 10.00am**

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 Tel: 01285 860221  
E mail [vicar@churnsidechurches.org.uk](mailto:vicar@churnsidechurches.org.uk)

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## **Events at the Greyhound**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** – Live music from 'Mouth of the Thames' from 8.45pm

**Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>** – Family fun day on with live music from 6pm with sing along piano man Eugene portman, bouncy castle, glitter tattoos with all proceeds going to Siddington school PTA.

**Easter Sunday** (21<sup>st</sup> April) – Easter Egg Hunt

Senior meals available every Monday lunchtime and evening £12 per person for 2 courses including tea and coffee.

## **Siddington Show 2019?**

I am sorry to announce that the little group of volunteers who have organised the Show in recent years on behalf of the Siddington Gardeners and Allotments Association is standing down and the group has been disbanded. The Show has long been an important event in the village calendar, bringing everyone together each September to display their produce in the village hall, but it won't happen this year without new volunteers coming forward. If you're interested in being part of a new committee or in helping in some other way please contact the Association directly or me as outgoing chairman of the group.

Malcolm Moseley [malcolm4646@talktalk.net](mailto:malcolm4646@talktalk.net) tel 659521

### **SIDDINGTON EVERGREEN CLUB**

Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm in the Elizabeth Way Community Room.

Our speaker this month will be Malcolm Lewis who will be giving us insights into the music of Rogers & Hammerstein.

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

## **Bell Rope Appeal**

It is not too late if you wish to give a small donation towards the "New Bell Ropes" which will cost £900. The bells are an important part of our community, please help if you can, it would be very much appreciated.

Cheques payable to "Siddington Bell Fund" or call Alister Painter (Tower Captain) on 650624. Thank you.

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## SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019

### Turn Right When the Butter Melts

Stephen Rowley is joining us in April 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 more information.

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### Siddington Cricket Club

The club have their first match of the season on Sunday 28th April 1.30pm start.

This season we have 20 fixtures against other Cotswold Villages, mostly on midweek evenings but also a few on Sundays afternoons.

We are always on the lookout for new players both regular and occasional. No cricket ability is needed but enthusiasm is essential.

Potential players or anyone who has an interest in the club can contact Jon Hughes 07947805819 or [jonhughes2000uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jonhughes2000uk@yahoo.co.uk) for more details.

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**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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**Next month's editors:** Monica and Colin Neil

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**Deadline: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019**



# Open Day



**Monday & Tuesday 29th & 30th April  
between 9.30 and 11.30am**

**Drop in to meet the staff and explore  
your local community playgroup**



**For more information please contact Harry Reed (Manager)  
and her team on 07934 495823 or [siddington@pataglos.org.uk](mailto:siddington@pataglos.org.uk)**

PATA @ Siddington & Kemble, Siddington Village Hall, Ashton Road, Siddington GL7 6HD

## News from St Peter's Church

St Peter's Siddington	Services	All Saints Preston
9.15am School Easter Service	4th April	
11.15am Family Service	7th April	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
2-4.00pm Easter Kids	13th April	
6.00pm Service for Palm Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am Service for Palm Sunday
	16 <sup>th</sup> April	7.30pm Compline with Meditation
7.30pm Compline with Meditation	17 <sup>th</sup> April	
3.00pm Meditation	19 <sup>th</sup> April	
10.30am Family Communion	21 <sup>st</sup> April	9.30am Family Communion
11.15am Morning Praise	28 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am 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)

**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.

**Vicar: Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie**

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The Vicar's day off is on Friday.

**Church Office:**

Open Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am – 1.00pm

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