

THE VILLAGE NEWS
Siddington
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Greetings from this month's editors!

For those of you who recently watched **Fleabag** on BBC, you may have learnt about courgettes from Kristin Scott Thomas who said, "Oh, I love courgettes. You can treat them appallingly and they still grow!"



Maybe you're a **Great British Bake Off** fan and know how to avoid a 'Soggy Bottom'.

Or perhaps you've been watching **Line of Duty**? Rather than worrying about 'Bent Coppers', did you know that in order to get prize winning cucumbers they need to be gently bent straight as they grow?

Your village needs you! So please, the TV can wait & come and join in & help with our Village Show. Lots of us are busy but whatever your strengths are, no matter how much time you have there's a role for you!

So, what's involved? Here are a few ways you can help:

- Can you make a good cuppa? – if yes, then we need help arranging teas and cake at the show
- Can you read and write? – if yes, then maybe you can help with the entry forms
- Can you chat? – if yes, then you could help with the fundraising

All jokes aside, the village is looking for enthusiastic people who can come together and organise the only whole-community creative event that we have in the village calendar. At the moment, there are not enough volunteers which will mean the show is cancelled indefinitely, unless new volunteers can be found.

Even if you're not *that* enthusiastic, please get in touch with Malcolm anyway. The plan is for everyone remotely interested to meet up together mid-May and so come along and see how you can help! The more the merrier!

Please contact Malcolm Moseley – malcolm4646@talktalk.net, 01285 659521

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 9TH APRIL 2019

Outstanding & Highways Issues

- Removal of grass island on Church Avenue – Cllr Alister Painter suggested removing this from the list, and it was agreed that as Bathurst Estate was likely to be developing at the old Talland riding school, this item should be removed from the list for the time being.
- Ashton Road flooding – ongoing. It was agreed that as the issue was silt being washed into the drain from the embankment; kerbs to prevent this being washed into the drain might be advisable. Cllr Parsons later reported that an engineer would be visiting the site shortly.
- It was noted that work had started on the canal path towards Cirencester from the Spire View link path footpath, and that the canal path in the direction of the school would be worked on later in the year. The Bathurst Estate would also be looking at the surface of the path from Spire View to the canal path.

Planning applications received by Cotswold District Council to 4th April 2019

- **19/00546/FUL CT.1490/2**

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Harrison, 9 North Hill Road, GL7 1PG

Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension (amendment to 18/02078/FUL) at 9 North Hill Road, GL7 1PG - NO OBJECTION

Consultation expiry date: 8th April 2019

- **19/00051/FUL CT.4893/D**

Applicant: Mr Daniel Rajan, c/o agent Jonathan Rixon, Rixon Architects Limited, 9 The Common, Siddington, GL7 6EY

Proposal: New single detached Dwelling house at land south of The Common, The Common, Siddington – The Parish Council noted the new details (tree report).

Consultation expiry date: 18th March 2019

Planning decisions of Cotswold District Council to 4th April 2019

- **18/04693/LBC CT.8652/C**

Partial re-roofing, re pointing and other repairs at Church Farmhouse, Church Avenue, Siddington, GL7 6EZ – Application permitted

Playing Field / Football Clubs / Grass cutting

Despite both football clubs having been sent the terms for their use of the field, there was still some confusion as to their responsibilities and their contributions to grass cutting. It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk would arrange to meet with representatives of both clubs to clarify matters.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman thanked those Councillors retiring at the forthcoming election for their contributions over the years, particularly the past Chairmen, Cllrs Alison Wagstaff, Neil Selby and John Hall. The Chairman also congratulated those who had taken part in the recent successful litter pick in the village and thanked Wendy Taylor and Moira McCall for organising it and both of them and Sharna Tinson for their efforts with litter picking throughout the year.

Parish Council Election – 2nd May 2019

Seven nominations for the Parish Council election on 2nd May were received at Cotswold District Council. As there were fewer candidates than places on the Council the election is uncontested. Those nominated are now duly elected to serve and will take office at the next meeting on 14th May. Those elected are Nigel Deller, John Hayward, Alister Painter, Mary Painter, Ann Prosser, Ian Smith and Marcia Turner. The four Casual Vacancies will be advertised in due course and if there is insufficient demand for an election to fill them, the Parish Council may proceed to co-option. Those Councillors retiring were thanked by the current Chairman for their valued contribution to the Council over the last few years.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is planned for Wednesday 22nd May at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Whilst this is not actually a Parish Council meeting, it is organised by the Parish Council, and allows various village organisations to present reports on their activities over the past and coming year. Come along and find out what everyone has been up to over the past twelve months.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – the next meeting will be Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 7.30pm in the Committee Room at the Village Hall. Minutes of Parish Council meetings are published on the Council's website.

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VILLAGE LITTER PICKING

Thank you to everyone who helped with our recent village litter-pick. It was a beautiful morning when a small group of volunteers met at the village hall. We spread out over various parts of the village and gathered a total of 10 bags of rubbish. Thank you to CDC for lending us gloves, high-vis jackets and litter grabbers. Hopefully you have noticed how tidy the village is and you will feel inspired to keep it that way.



Moira McCall - on behalf of the group of regular litter-pickers in Siddington.

(Photo – Moira McCall, Sharna King, Wendy Taylor)

SIDDINGTON ALLOTMENTS

"The world's favorite season is the spring.
All things seem possible in May."
- Edwin Way Teale



There was a steady turn out of allotment holders on March 24th for tidy up day. The sun shone, litter was picked, allotments perused, and new takers appeared, enthusiastic with spades in hand and plans to grow. Tea and cake were kindly provided by Tessa at The Coach House. In all, five allotments were reserved. There are a few still unoccupied, so if you didn't manage to get there on the day and are still interested, please contact Liz Alexander our allotment warden on liz@siddington-allotments.org.uk or tel. 07889038987.

ANYONE FOR CRICKET?

Siddington Cricket Club have five fixtures in May:
Wed 1st Bibury Home, Wed 8th North Cerney Away,
Tues 14th Chedworth Away, Wed 22nd Oaksey Away,
Tues 28th South Cerney Away
All games start at 6.00 spectators welcome.



YOUNG OR OLD, LONELINESS DOESN'T DISCRIMINATE

Loneliness and poor social connections can have a significant negative impact on your health and wellbeing. Loneliness can be harmful for our health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day and is worse for us than well-known risk factors such as obesity and physical inactivity.

People of all ages can feel lonely. The number of over-50s experiencing loneliness is set to reach 2 million by 2025/6 and over half of all people aged 75 and over live alone. 50% of disabled people will be lonely on any given day. Action for Children found 24% of parents said they were always or often lonely and 43% of 17-25-year olds who used their services have experienced problems with loneliness.

There are many reasons why you may feel lonely in our community. Maybe your children have now left home, you are divorced or widowed.

More than a quarter of all homes in the UK contain just one person. You may be feeling lonely as you are new to the area, a new parent who finds mum groups intimidating, you work from home alone or your partner works away frequently.

Young or old, loneliness doesn't discriminate and it is not something to feel ashamed or embarrassed about.

We can all help. In addition to simple steps, such as checking in on our neighbours, saying hello and never presuming that someone is happy or hasn't got time for a chat, the village offers lots of opportunities for someone to leave their house and meet new faces. This edition of the Village News has a few ideas!

Many thanks to Campaign to End Loneliness, Action for Children, Age UK and the Jo Cox Commission on Loneliness for their advice for this article.

AN UPDATE FROM SIDDINGTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The children meet Phoebe Pine
Paralympian Archer



The staff and children were delighted to welcome Phoebe Pine - a World Class Paralympian into school on Monday 1st April. Phoebe lives in Siddington and so it was a double treat!

Phoebe is an archer, and a member of the Deer Park Archery Team as well as representing England in the sport.

Phoebe uses a compound bow and she showed us how it is weighted to



help her balance and the string has cogs to help her draw the string. Phoebe sits to shoot and it was fascinating to learn how she manages.

Phoebe showed us a clip on YouTube of when she gained a bronze medal with her team mate and shooting partner John.

'The World Para-Archery Championships in Beijing ended in style today as

Paralympic double champion John Walker and our own Phoebe Pine added compound mixed team bronze to Britain's medals haul. They faced Italy's Alberto Simonelli and Eleonora Sarti of Italy in a tense match'.

(Deer Park Archery website news)

Phoebe is aiming to go to Tokyo next year – we wish her every success!

Thank you so much for visiting us and for inspiring both staff and the children.

Mrs Carol Dougill

Executive Head teacher

Kemble Primary and Siddington C of E Primary Schools

SIDDINGTON EVERGREEN CLUB

Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday 11th May at 2.30pm in the Elizabeth Way Community Room.

Our speaker this month will be Pete Wilson, a popular, regular contributor to the Evergreen Club.

We shall have our usual "Fun Raffle", 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



SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI

Thursday 16th May 2019
Beginner Photography



Janine Kilroe is a fine art photographer-videographer inspired by the sheer beauty and variety of the UK, from natural wonders to the seasons and the different lights they bring. Janine has over 30 years professional photography experience as well as being a qualified teacher, working for many blue-chip companies and the National Trust as well as putting on her own exhibitions. Janine is going to talk about what you need to know about becoming a beginner photographer and how to take a good photograph. As usual there will be tea, coffee, biscuits and a raffle.

We will be meeting this month at Preston Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Visitors Welcome. Please contact Ann on 01285 641469 for more information.

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NEWS FROM ST PETER'S CHURCH

St Peter's Siddington	Services	All Saints Preston
11.15am Family Service	5 th May	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
6.00pm Evensong	12 th May	9.30am Church and Coffee
11.15am Holy Communion	19 th May	6.00pm Evening Service
11.15am Morning Praise	26 th May	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 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 Michael Painter m: 07977 409260 e: spireview25@gmail.com

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