

# The Village News

Siddington

June 2019

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## **Invitation to the opening of the new Village Hall porch - Friday 28th June at 6pm**

The Rt Hon The Earl Bathurst has kindly agreed to formally inaugurate the porch by unveiling a stone plaque recording the origin of the hall, which was built on land and from stone donated by the Earl's great grandfather, and stands as a memorial to those who fell in WWI. The new porch has been financed from Village Hall funds together with grants from Siddington Parish Council and Cotswold District Council (CDC). A World War I commemoration grant from CDC has financed the plaque. The Trustees are most grateful to those bodies for their support and to all regular and occasional hall users.

This project is the culmination of the major works that have been undertaken by the Village Hall Trustees in recent years including a new roof and insulation to the main hall, a new wood block floor, air source heating throughout the building and a new kitchen. Future plans include updating the toilets to ensure full modernisation of the hall in time for its centenary in 2021.

Everyone is invited to attend the opening and join the Trustees afterwards for a glass of fizz and some nibbles.

*This edition is kindly sponsored by both Siddington with Preston WI  
and Siddington Village School*

## Parish Council News – Meeting 14.05.19

At the first meeting of the new Council since its election, Cllr John Hayward was re-elected Chairman and Cllr Nigel Deller was elected Vice-Chairman.

Cllr Evemy (CDC) was welcomed to the meeting and reported that he had spoken to many people in the parishes in his ward and was very much looking forward to working with everyone.

**Co-option to fill vacancies on the Parish Council** - There are currently four vacancies. If you are interested in serving as a councillor you must submit an expression of interest by **5.00 p.m. on Friday 31st May** to Robert Cowley, the Clerk of the Parish Council, at 3 Broadway Lane, South Cerney, Cirencester, GL7 5UH, or by email to [siddingtonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:siddingtonclerk@gmail.com). Supporting statements are encouraged, on no more than one side of A4, detailing why you would be interested in the role. It is hoped that the co-option will be dealt with at the June meeting.

**Chairman's report** - The Chairman set out a number of aims for the new Council over the next four years:

- More engagement with younger members of the Parish.
- More contact with village organisations and businesses.
- Start preparations to create a Neighbourhood Plan, which would guide development in the village.
- Deal with speeding issues in the village.
- Encourage more uses of the playing field.

### **Outstanding Highways issues**

- Work had been completed on the canal path towards Cirencester from the Spire View link footpath. Work will take place on the canal path in the direction of the school later in the year.
- The Clerk is making enquiries about possible locations for an ANPR speed camera on Ashton Road.
- The Parish Council is exploring the possibility of applying for a stopping up order to transfer the rough ground adjacent to the children's play area from Highways to the Parish Council (on the basis of no-cost) so that it can be properly maintained.

## Planning

- 19/00546/FUL CT.1490/2 - Erection of single storey side extension (amendment to 18/02078/FUL) at 9 North Hill Road, GL7 1PG – Application permitted.

## Other items

- The broken notice board in the Elizabeth Way bus shelter will be replaced.

**Next parish council meeting** – Tuesday 11th June 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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## An Evening of Musical Delights



Some of MJ-UK's finest singers, including international opera singer Maria Jagusz, will be performing in a concert St. Peter's Church on Saturday July 13. The show will offer something for everyone, including music from the Last Night of the Proms, opera favourites and songs from iconic musicals. Tickets, which are £10 for adults (to include a glass of wine and canapés) and £5 for children under 16, are available from Siddington Post Office & Stores, **Ann Sheppard (651915)**, **Jill Simmonds (654633)** and the Tourist Information office in Park Street, Cirencester, or contact **Georgie Hayward** ([georgie@uppersidd.co.uk](mailto:georgie@uppersidd.co.uk)) for further information. Parking will be available in the Stable Yard, Church Farm at owners' own risk and no liability attaches itself to Bathurst Estates.

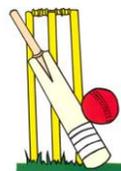
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## Siddington Evergreen Club

Our meeting this month is on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm in the Elizabeth Way Community Room. The speaker is to be announced but we shall have our usual fun raffle, cup of tea and a chat. New members are most welcome; contact **Evelyn Mole** on **640028** for further information.

# Siddington Cricket Club

Siddington Cricket Club has lost the first four fixtures of the season, these being to Didmarton by 9 wickets, Bibury by 80 runs, North Cerney by 12 runs and Chedworth by 68 runs. Fixtures for June are: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June Williamstrip (Away), Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June Swindon Nomads (Home), Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June Avening (Away) and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June Lechlade (Away). All games start at 6pm and home matches are held at the Ampney Crucis pitch. Supporters are welcome!



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## Siddington School News



On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June the children from Kemble and Siddington CE Schools are joining up with Chesterton children to spend a day at Cirencester Park. The children are going to create tree artwork as part of a special piece of landscape work.

In 1695, the first Earl Bathurst bought three estates for his sons. His eldest son, Allen Bathurst, was given Cirencester Park and he set about landscaping it. He created the Broad Avenue, planted with beech trees stretching from Cirencester to Sapperton. In the early 1800's the third Earl Bathurst extended the avenue, planting approximately 240 horse chestnut trees. This was thought to have been done to commemorate the victory of the Battle of Waterloo on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1815.

Of the 240 trees only 92 are left. They are now dropping large boughs, are potentially dangerous and need to be felled. A project is underway to capture the trees in artwork, photographs and pictures before they are felled and a new avenue is planted. Our children, led by the teachers and TPs and directed by Miss Fran Gregory our art and design leader, will create a range of artwork so that we can capture the Broad Avenue to show generations to come what it was like in 2019.

**Mrs Carol Dougill – Executive Head teacher**

## SIDDINGTON VILLAGE SHOW lives on!

Hooray! New volunteers have come forward and the Show will happen . . . on **Sunday 1st September 2019** in the Village Hall. It will follow much the same format as in previous years. More information and entry forms will reach you with the July Village News. Happy growing, baking and making! Further offers of help, if only on the day, will be very welcome – email [malcolm4646@talktalk.net](mailto:malcolm4646@talktalk.net).



**Carlo, Jan M, Jan S, Malcolm (secretary), Monica, Nick (chairman) and Sylvia**

**SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI**  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019 - Singing for Pleasure**

**theWI**  
**INSPIRING WOMEN**

An evening of memorable music performed by Carole and Malcolm Brown who are trained singers and who have performed for a wide variety of audiences throughout the North of England, Gloucestershire and Worcestershire. Their repertoire includes many musical genres from Mozart to Andrew Lloyd Webber, Gershwin and Rodgers and Hammerstein encompassing musicals, comedy pieces, light opera and classical jazz complete with props. As usual visitors and guests are welcome. There will be tea, biscuits and a raffle.

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

Please contact Ann on 01285 641469 for more information.

## Help Save Lives – Free First Aid Course

On Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> there will be two courses on first aid for adults at the Village Hall, one at 9.30am and one at 1pm. These free courses will cover CPR, helping an unconscious casualty, using a defibrillator and primary survey. Each session is around 3 hours. To book a place on either session, email [firstaid@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:firstaid@gloucestershire.gov.uk) or call 01452 583676. These courses are delivered in partnership with Siddington Parish Council.

You are invited to join us for Afternoon Tea at  
St Peter's Church, Siddington on Saturday 8th June 2-4pm



Donations only: All proceeds to St Peter's Church Siddington

## SUMMER KIDZ

**Village Hall, Saturday 6th July 2-4pm**



St Peter's Church is organising 'Summer Kidz', an afternoon of activities for the whole family. This will be an afternoon full of creativity, with crafts (some edible), puzzles and much more. There will also be a story and singing time before we enjoy some refreshments together. The event is free and is for children of all ages.

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## Progress with the Bell Ropes

We are still waiting for the new bell ropes for St. Peter's Church, which are being hand-made locally. As we need six ropes the process takes a while. Thank you for your donations towards the cost of the new ropes, your kindness is very much appreciated.

**Alister Painter – Tower Captain**

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## St. Peter's Coffee morning

The Coffee Morning held at the Community Room, Elizabeth Way on Saturday 6th April raised £185 for St. Peter's Church. A huge thank you to everyone who helped and supported this event.

**Ann Sheppard**

## Walking Bus

Siddington School is re-introducing a 'walking bus' from May 20<sup>th</sup>. The children may be dropped at the Park Way end of Pound Close in the morning and will be escorted up to school by two adult leaders, with the reverse happening in the afternoon. Leaders and children will have hi-vis jackets and all leaders are DBS-checked and trained. This will hopefully alleviate the parking issues on the Coach Road and Pound Close.

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## Pre-school Places



Siddington and Kemble Community pre-school is now taking bookings for September. Spaces are available for 2-4 year olds including 15 and 30 hours funded places for 3-4 year olds. The pre-school is open Monday to Friday and is conveniently located at Siddington Village Hall. Call **07934 495823** or email [siddington@pataglos.org.uk](mailto:siddington@pataglos.org.uk) for more information.

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## Lighthouse

This new venture takes place on the 2nd Monday of every month at All Hallows Church, South Cerney. It offers a relaxed space to be creative, explore faith and enjoy lunch together. The first meeting is on Monday 8th July at 10.30am.

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### Next month's editor

**Georgie Hayward**

Deadline date: **Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>**

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## St Peter's Church Services

St Peter's Siddington	Services	All Saints Preston
11.15am Family Service	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
6.00pm Songs of Praise	9 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am Church and Coffee
11.15am Holy Communion (gluten free)	16 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00pm Evening Service
11.15am Morning Praise	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	9.30am Holy Communion
10.00am United Benefice Service at Cerney Wick 6.00pm Café Church (Elizabeth Way)	30 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am United Benefice Service at Cerney Wick

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.

**Coffee** is served between 10:30–11:00am before our morning services 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](mailto:spireview25@gmail.com).

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The Vicar's day off is on Friday.

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**Churchwardens:**

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All Saints, Preston: **Alister Painter (650624)**