

**Siddington Village News**  
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**Unveiling of the plaque in the Village Hall porch recess**

On the evening of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June the Earl and Lady Bathurst came to the village hall to formally unveil the plaque and open the new Cotswold stone porch which has now been finished.

The plaque commemorates the lives of those who died in Siddington in the First World War. The land on which the village hall now stands was given to the village by Earl Bathurst's grandfather in 1921.

Earl Bathurst spoke of the importance that his grandfather felt that village halls played in the community at that time. The Earl believes that they still play an equally important part in the lives of villages today, to help bring communities together. A view shared by the current trustees.

The opening was followed by a few words from Denys Young, Chairman of the Trustees, and then there was fizz and canapes for everyone who attended. Thank you to all who supported the evening and for everyone's patience whilst the porch was being built.

If you would like to book the Hall, the Committee Room or discuss availability or just see want to see how it now looks inside with the new porch having been built, please contact the Bookings Secretary on 07407352025 or visit the website to check availability [www.siddingtonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.siddingtonvillagehall.co.uk) and forthcoming events. It is cheaper to hire if you are a Siddington resident!

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## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - MEETING – 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019**

### **OUTSTANDING & HIGHWAYS ISSUES LIST (GCC ref nos)**

- Overgrown footpaths between the school and Pound Close, the school and Love Lane – ongoing. The Clerk would write to the owners of the land adjacent to the footpath to the school from Pound Close.
- It was noted that the second section of the canal towpath work would be carried out in August and the path would be closed for the duration of the works. Access for materials would be via the path from the school, and this would necessitate its occasional closure for safety reasons. Cllr Turner referred to the section of the old towpath alongside Corin Medical where that company had had work carried out which had damaged the path surface. The Clerk would write to Corin Medical.

### **HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS**

- Cllr Smith updated the Parish Council on the school's walking bus scheme. Although the school had no powers to instruct, it had requested parents to park with consideration and to avoid parking in Pound Close. Cllr Turner reported that the parking problem now appeared to have moved to Park Way and was creating problems there instead, and that some parents were still driving up The Coach Road to drop children off at the school. Cllr Smith reported that Bromford had no issue with children waiting on the grass area, and advised that any residents with concerns should raise them with Bromford directly.

The Parish Council also agreed to investigate the possibility of planting wildflowers on parts of certain verges and at the playing field in order to reduce mowing costs, improve habitat for bees and other insects and wildlife, and to improve the appearance of the village.

### **Planning decisions of Cotswold District Council to 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

- **19/01851/FUL** CT.1597  
Single storey front and two storey rear extension (Resubmission of application 18/04027/FUL) at The Chippings, Nursery View, Siddington, GL7 6HN – Application Permitted

## **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Turner reported that she had received suggestions that outdoor fitness equipment be provided at the playing field. The Clerk would investigate costs.

Cllr Evemy (CDC) reported that

- CDC had had its first full meeting at which Councillors had unanimously declared a climate emergency and set out various actions to be taken.
- CDC was formulating a new corporate strategy for the Council.
- CDC would be looking at “democratic renewal”, changing the way the Council works and taking a more collaborative approach to local government.

Cllr Parsons (GCC) reported that

- Richard Gray of Highways was continuing to press Highways England for a permanent solution to the issue of flooding at the old railway abutments on Ashton Road.
- GCC was starting up its new incinerator at Gloucester which would remove the necessity to send waste to landfill sites.
- he was chasing the resurfacing of Siddington Road which was due to take place this summer.

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A member of the public, Mr N Anderson raised two issues:

- Reduction of speed limit on the stretch of Siddington/Ashton Road between Church Avenue and Cherry Tree Drive from 60mph to 30mph, as it was for a distance of only 290 metres and included two blind bends. The Clerk advised that from past experience this would require a Traffic Regulation Order, which would cost approximately £15,000, a sum which Highways would be unwilling to spend without good evidence of need.
- Incidents of cars using the Tesco car park behind Cherry Tree Drive at night and revving engines loudly. Although the main entrance to this part of the car park was closed in the evening -

The other entrances were still open to allow cars to leave. The Clerk would write to the store manager.

There would be no meeting in August and the next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in the Committee Room at the Village Hall

**Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk**

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**Gloucestershire Historic Churches Ride and Stride cycle ride**

Jonathan Painter will be taking part again this year. Which will be his 38<sup>th</sup> annual cycle ride to raise money, for our beautiful church of St Peter's as well as other local churches. If you would like to sponsor him or give a donation it would be very much appreciated.

Contact Jonathan Painter 01285 650624

**St Peters church bells will ring again**

Special thanks to everyone who gave donations for new bell ropes without your help this would not have been possible.

Practice nights for bell ringing Fridays at 7pm.

Contact Alistair Painter, Tower Captain, 650624

**Siddington Cricket Club**

Wet weather resulted in Siddington Cricket Clubs fixtures against Swindon Nomads, Avening & Cherrington and Lechlade being cancelled.

Other results were

Kempsford - lost by 8 wickets

Cricklade - lost by 46 runs.

August 7 <sup>th</sup> Home	Swindon Beehive
August 13 <sup>th</sup> Away	Cirencester
August 18 <sup>th</sup> Home	Didmartin



### **A community pre-school**

held at Siddington Village hall. Booking now for September. Spaces available for ages 2-4. Includes 15 & 30 hours funded places for 3 to 4 year olds. Open Monday to Friday. For further information contact 07934495823 or [siddington@pataglos.org.uk](mailto:siddington@pataglos.org.uk)

### **Greyhound Inn**

Senior menu available every Monday  
2 for £15 on fish and chips every Wednesday,  
Live music last Friday of every month from 9pm  
Quiz the last Sunday of every month from 8pm  
Tel 01285 653573

### **SIDDINGTON EVERGREEN CLUB**

Our meeting this month will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 2.30 pm in the Elizabeth Way Community Room. Our speaker this month will be Bill Irvine who will bring us 40's Memorabilia from the Air Raid Shelter Museum.

We shall have our usual Fun Raffle with a cup of tea and a chat among friends. All In all, a good afternoon. Please come and join us, new members are most welcome.

For more information, please contact Evelyn Mole - 640028

### **Reminder**

There will be no WI in August, meetings will resume again in September.



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The  
**Greyhound**  
presents  
**THE PICKLED DOG**  
Charity Beer & Music Festival  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August  
& Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September  
from 12 o'clock midday  
Free entry

local musicians,  
beer tent, gin bar  
BBQ  
market stalls,  
bouncy castle  
plus, lots more

The Greyhound Ashton Road, 01285 653573  
Email [greyhound@wadworth.co.uk](mailto:greyhound@wadworth.co.uk)

Save the date!  
Everyone Welcome

### **An Evening of Musical Delights – St Peter’s Church**

This was another fantastic concert in the Church held on the 13<sup>th</sup> July at which Maria Jagusz and her talented group of young singers entertained the audience for the evening. There was a varied mixture of music including opera, classical, songs from different musical shows and the evening finished off with a number of old favourites from ‘The Last night of the Proms’. Nearly £1200 was raised for St Peter’s Church so thank you to everyone who came along to support the evening. Also, a big thank you to Maria and all her singers and Ann Sheppard and her team for organising such a fun evening.

### **Village Show. Sunday 1st September**

We will soon be collecting the trophies in from last year's winners.... maybe one will take pride of place on your mantle-piece next year?! If you're still in need of an entry-form ring Malcolm on 659521. Or just photocopy someone else's. Admission free - from 2pm

### **Village News on line**

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Deadline 15<sup>th</sup> May

## News from St Peter's Church

St Peter's Siddington	Services	All Saints Preston
11.15am Family Service	4 <sup>th</sup> August	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
6.00pm Songs of Praise	11 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am Church and Coffee
11.15am Holy Communion	18 <sup>th</sup> August	6.00pm Evening Service
11.15am Morning Praise	25 <sup>th</sup> August	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.

**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

**Vicar: Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie**

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The Vicar's day off is on Friday.

**Church Office:**

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**Churchwardens:**

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