

The Village News

Siddington

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Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 6th to Sunday 8th December

It may seem a little early for Christmas but preparations are well under way for the Christmas Tree Festival at St. Peter's Church. For the first time the church will be decorated with numerous Christmas trees, each designed by a Siddington group, organisation or business. The Festival begins on the evening of Friday 6th December. You are invited to come along between 6 and 8pm to share mulled wine and nibbles as you explore the church and listen to the Churnside Benefice choir.

The church will be open all day from 10am on Saturday 7th and from 11am on Sunday 8th December. We will be entertained by Siddington School choir at 2.30pm on the Saturday afternoon and the event ends with a Festive Songs of Praise service at 4pm on the Sunday. Younger visitors will be able to do some colouring and there will be a treasure hunt around the church - with a chocolate prize.

This will be an atmospheric start to the Christmas season so we hope that you will join us.

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Parish Council News – Meeting 08.10.19

MATTERS ARISING

- The Clerk reported that Richard Gray of Highways had advised that he had no plans to re-site the weight limit sign at the junction of Park Way and Somerford Road.
- The Clerk reported that he had looked at the current bus shelter at Elizabeth Way and concluded that simply attaching a canopy and installing seating under would not solve the problem of being unable to see buses approaching. It was agreed to look at providing a new shelter (with seating) to one side, which would allow passengers to see approaching buses. The Clerk would source suitable shelters for consideration.

OUTSTANDING & HIGHWAYS ISSUES LIST

- Second phase of canal towpath resurfacing – issues regarding access for equipment and materials – ongoing.

PLANNING

Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 2nd October 2019

- 19/03218/LBC CT.2247/L
Applicant: Ms Debbie Buggins, c/o agent Miss Kathryn Coombes, Bruton Knowles, Olympus House, Olympus Park, Gloucester, GL2 4NF
Proposal: Remove degraded artificial roofing slates and replace with new artificial slates to be Cardinal reproduction slates at Church Farmhouse, Church Avenue, Siddington, GL7 6EZ
Consultation expiry date: 24th October 2019
NO OBJECTION

Planning decisions of Cotswold District Council to 2nd October 2019

- 19/02071/FUL CT.3819
Erection of two storey rear extension at Cirrus, The Common, Siddington, GL7 6EY - Application permitted.

MILLINGTON MEMORIAL BENCH

The Council approved the quotes for the replacement Millington memorial bench and its installation at St Peter's Church. The Clerk would place the order and instruct the contractor.

PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUBS/GRASS-CUTTING

The Chair had drafted a proposed Letter of Agreement with Siddington FC and Chesterton AFC for use of the playing field and associated facilities, and this had been circulated beforehand. The Council approved this agreement with the proviso that vehicle access to the field be limited to maintenance needs and emergencies only, and that this be included in the agreement.

As there was no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and the meeting closed at 8.27pm. Full draft minutes of the meeting may be viewed on the council website. The next meeting would be at **7.30pm on Tuesday 12th November 2019** in the Committee Room at the Village Hall

Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk

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Siddington Evergreen Club

Our meeting this month will be on **Tuesday 12th November at 2.30pm** in the Elizabeth Way Community Room.

This month we have a different format - the return of SASSY GIFTS, a mobile gift shop selling quality gift items, mostly priced at under £10. The afternoon is open to anyone, of any age, not just club members, so do come along and have a look, perhaps buy something, and have a cup of tea with us. We shall have our usual 'Fun Raffle', 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** on **01285 640028**.

St. Peter's Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning held at the Elizabeth Way Community Room on the 28th September made £248 for St. Peter's Church. A huge thanks goes to everyone who supported and helped with the event. We could not have done it without you.

Ann Sheppard

SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI
Thursday 21st November 2019 – A Bring and Share
Evening of Members' Favourite Recipes



A social evening to bring along your favourite recipe, written down (accompanied by the dish if you wish), whether it be Delia's sticky toffee pudding, a favourite soup, elderflower wine or an old family favourite. As usual visitors and guests are welcome. There will be tea, biscuits and a raffle.

We will be meeting this month at the Elizabeth Way Community Room, Siddington at 7.30pm. Please contact **Ann on 01285 641469** for more information.

Soup Lunches



Over the next few months St Peter's Church is organising some soup lunches in the Elizabeth Way Community Room. An opportunity to come together for a time of fellowship over lunch and to enjoy some delicious homemade soup, bread, fruit and tea and coffee. The date for the 2019 soup lunch is Tuesday 19th November 12.30-2pm. Donations in aid of St Peter's Church. All welcome to come along.

Village Fete Summer 2020

On Wednesday 13th November we shall be holding an open meeting to discuss the feasibility of putting on a village fete sometime during the summer of 2020. If you would like to join us to explore this further, or have any suggestions, you are more than welcome to come along. The meeting will take place in the Committee Room in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.



Refreshments will be served. See you there! For more information please contact **Jude Mason** on **07801 039 033** or email jude.mason@hotmail.co.uk.

The Greyhound

Here at The Greyhound we have a new chef and a new winter menu! Why not come along and see what we have to offer? Our Christmas bookings are filling up fast for December so get in touch if you'd like to make a reservation.

- On Mondays we have a lunchtime and evening Senior deal - 2 courses for £12, to include a tea/coffee as well.
- We currently have a fish and chip offer every Wednesday lunchtime and evening - 2 for £14.
- There's live music on the last Friday of every month and a quiz from 8pm.

Call **01285 653573** for further information or to make a booking.

Siddington School News

What a joy to see the children having so much fun in class while learning! Each class teacher plans topics that will enable all children to learn something new and extend their learning. They enhance topics with a visit to a museum or attraction, or invite a visitor in.

Teachers plan lessons to be as practical and hands-on as possible and then use the interactive whiteboards to download pictures or videos for the children to use.

New this year are knowledge organisers – these are created so that every child is aware of the key facts and language/words they need to learn for each topic. Our teachers are amazing and these knowledge organisers, and topic-related homework challenges, are posted on the school website on the school / class pages and blogs.



If you have not seen our website recently then do have a look at all the fun things the children and teachers are up to! You can read our two weekly newsletters there too. Our school grounds are looking amazing and even when it rains we encourage the children to play!

Mrs Carol Dougill – Executive Head teacher

In aid of Siddington Village Hall

 **QUIZ** 
NIGHT 

Friday 8th November
at the Village Hall

Doors Open 7.00pm. Quiz Starts 7.30pm

 **£5 per person** 

(£6 per person if booked on the night)

(INCLUDES NIBBLES)

 **4 - 6 people per team**
(or join a team on the night)

Licensed Bar & Grand Raffle

CASH PRIZE FOR WINNING TEAM

Tickets from Siddington Post Office
or www.siddingtonvillagehall.co.uk
or phone 07407 352025

Siddington Cricket Club

Siddington Cricket Club played 15 of their 21 scheduled fixtures this season, several having been cancelled due to the weather. Of the games played only one victory was recorded, this being against Cowley. Unfortunately all the other 14 games were lost. However, several games were decided in the last over, none of these being in Siddington's favour.

Jon Hughes

Village Hall

Friday 20th December at 6.00 pm: CAROL SINGING IN THE HALL

The Village Hall Committee invites you to a pre-Christmas 'get together' to hear and join in with the St Peter's Church Carol Singers (in aid of The Children's Society). Doors open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served. If anyone is able to bring a plate of mince pies or any other refreshments this would be most appreciated. Please email siddingtonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com or phone **07407 352 025** to let us know.

If you would like to book the hall for a special event, your Christmas party, for a regular session or you would just like to discuss availability, please contact the Bookings Secretary on **07407 352 025** or visit the website www.siddingtonvillagehall.co.uk to check availability and forthcoming events.

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Next month's editors

Kevin and Maggie Pocock

Deadline date: **Friday November 15th**

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St Peter's Church Services

St Peter's Siddington	Services	All Saints Preston
11.15am Family Service	3rd November	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
6.00pm Remembrance Service	10th November	10.30am Remembrance Service
11.15am Holy Communion	17th November	
11.15am Morning Praise	24th November	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.

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.

Vicar: Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie

The Vicarage, Silver Street, South Cerney, GL7 5TP

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The Vicar's day off is on Friday.

Church Office: Open Tuesday & Thursday 9am–1pm Tel: 01285 862632 (answer phone at other times) or email: office@churnsidechurches.org.uk.

Churchwardens:

St Peter's, Siddington: **Allen Howe (643574) & Michael Painter (07977 409260)**

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