



Siddington Village News  
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## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Decorating our homes for Christmas is one of those traditions that helps make this a very special time of year. There is something about a sparkly Christmas tree, twinkly lights, a nativity set, or a string of Christmas cards that sets the scene for our Christmas celebrations. Unpacking the decorations can bring back memories of people, places and experiences as we are reminded of where things come from or the people who made them. Maybe you have a favourite decoration that takes pride of place in your home?

My nativity set is one of my favourite Christmas decorations. It was given to me as a thank you from friends following their trip to Bethlehem. Each figure is placed on the mantel piece above the fireplace to create a picture. The shepherds, the three wise men holding their gifts, the sheep, a cow, Mary, Joseph and centre stage a manger containing baby Jesus. It reminds me of what is at the heart of the Christmas celebrations, the birth of a baby, God's perfect gift to us. The gift of light, hope, peace, forgiveness and love. In the gift of Jesus, God shows us how much he loves us, a love that is unconditional. If you would like to join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus, who is God with us, a warm welcome awaits you at any of our church services this Christmas. You can find details of our services elsewhere in this edition.

I wish you all a Happy Christmas.

God Bless  
Revd Jennifer McKenzie, Vicar of the Churnside Benefice

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - MEETING - 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

### **SIDDINGTON ROAD RESURFACING**

Concerns had been raised regarding the timings of the road closure for the resurfacing of Siddington Road. Although the staff on site had been very accommodating with residents' requests for access, which had led to an over-run on the work schedule, it was felt that the closure times should not have included the rush hour periods. It was agreed to write to Cllr Parsons of GCC to express the Council's views.

### **OUTSTANDING & HIGHWAYS ISSUES LIST**

- Second phase of canal towpath resurfacing - work commencing in November.

### **Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

- **19/02156/FUL CT.2959/2/K**

Applicant: Mrs Jane Heryet, c/o agent Mr Jonathan Rixon, Rixon Architects Ltd, 9 The Common, Siddington, GL7 6EY

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension at 27 Cherry Tree Drive, Siddington, GL7 1PJ. New details. No further comment.

- **19/00051/FUL CT.4839/D**

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

Proposal: New single detached Dwelling house at land south of The Common, Siddington. Revised details. No objection.

### **MILLINGTON MEMORIAL BENCH**

The new bench has now been installed next to the porch at St Peter's Church.

### **PLAYING FIELD/FOOTBALL CLUBS/GRASS-CUTTING**

The Clerk would arrange a meeting with Siddington FC and Chesterton AFC to discuss queries raised about the Letter of Agreement for use of the playing field and associated facilities.

As there was no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and the meeting closed at 8.45pm. Full draft minutes of the meeting may be viewed on the council website.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019 in the Community Room at Elizabeth Way.

**Robert Cowley - Parish Clerk**  
[siddingtonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:siddingtonclerk@gmail.com) [www.siddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.siddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk)

The Parish Council would like to wish all residents a very



**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

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**Christmas and New Year Waste Collection**  
27th December 2019 Everything, 4th January 2020 Food/Garden,  
10th January 2020 Everything

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## **SIDDINGTON SHOP AND POST OFFICE**

### **CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS**

Christmas Day closed

Boxing Day and New Year's Day 8am -12 noon

**SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI**  
Thursday 19th December 2019  
Songs, Games, Mingling and Fun

It's time for our Christmas Party. We have music, games, wine and bring and share finger buffet.

As usual visitors and guests are welcome. We will have our Charity Christmas Raffle. We will have wine to drink, but also tea for the drivers amongst us.

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



**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

A reminder that St. Peter's Church is hosting its first ever Christmas Tree Festival over the weekend of the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> December. The church will be beautifully decorated with numerous Christmas trees, each designed by a Siddington group or business. There will be refreshments available (donations welcome) throughout the event. For younger visitors there will be a treasure hunt around the church - with a chocolate prize. Entry is free so do take some time out from Christmas preparations to relax and enjoy the spectacle.

- **6<sup>th</sup> December 6 - 8pm** -Churnside Benefice choir at 6.45pm
- **7<sup>th</sup> December 10am - 5pm** - Siddington School choir at 2.30pm
- **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 11am - 4pm** -Festive Songs of Praise at 4pm

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST STRIDE/RIDE**

Jonathan Painter would like to express his thanks to everyone who kindly sponsored him for this event. He visited a total of 31 churches and raised a sum of £661.00 which will help to maintain our beautiful churches. Without your assistance and generosity this would not have been possible. Thank you.

**FLY TIPPING/LITTER PROBLEM**

The village has its regular village litter pickers who work hard to keep the village clean. However there is an escalating problem on the Ashton Keynes road (between Siddington and Cirencester). We have a weekly "fly tipper" dumping substantial amounts of rubbish on the Ashton Road. It appears they operate on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon between 4pm and 6pm. We have also noticed some regular offenders in the village disposing of soiled nappies etc. on the pavements on a regular basis. It is not acceptable for our litter pickers to deal with this kind of disregard. Anyone dropping litter should be reported and if you witness any fly tipping events you should report vehicle details etc. to CDC. We would also ask the community to remain responsible for their own rubbish disposal in support of our regular village litter pickers who do such a great job. Many Thanks Sharna Tinson

## **BURGULARY CAMPAIGN**

Gloucestershire Police are currently delivering a communications campaign in relation to burglary. The "WIDE " combination of security devices provides a home with 49 times more protection against burglary compared to having no devices at all. A "WIDE" combination of security devices includes

Window locks

Indoor lights on timer switches

Double door locks or dead bolts

External lights on a sensor.

Events are being held across the county where the public can get advice from a local officer, pick up a free timer switch and purchase discounted forensic marking kits.

The links to the above content can be found here:

<https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/campaigns/burglary/>

Discounts on forensic marking kits:

<https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/campaigns/burglary/#kits>

Events:

<https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/campaigns/burglary/#events>

## **ROSIE RUMBLE AWARD**

Rosie's family requested ideas from readers on how best to proceed with this award, which acknowledges an individual who goes above and beyond in relation to supporting Village activities and events. Unfortunately due to little response this year's winner is still to be decided. Consideration is being given to asking village organisations/bodies to nominate someone who they think would be a worthy recipient. This will be done in the New Year.

## **SIDDINGTON VILLAGE FETE**

A well attended open meeting was held in November to discuss the possibility to hold a Village Fete in 2020. It was great to see there is desire for this, so it's full steam ahead. The next meeting to discuss the range of possible activities and finalise the date for the Fete in June will be in the Village Hall Committee room at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th of January.

For any queries please contact Jude on [jude.mason@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jude.mason@hotmail.co.uk) or 07801039033.

## News from Siddington School



### **52 Lives - School of Kindness**

**Our vision is ‘to have fun, do our best and to look after everyone’.** We were thrilled a couple of weeks ago to welcome Dan from the 52 lives charity who came to talk to the children about the organisation he works for that carries out acts of kindness, that cost nothing for children and families all around the world. He told us about a boy called Simon who had leukemia and could not leave his bedroom and he inspired every child in the school to send a message to him to cheer him up. Some children wrote letters, some wrote jokes and some made a banner with pictures and captions on. They were all boxed up to send to him and cheer him up! What a fabulous charity and we all had that lovely warm, fuzzy feeling inside that is only created in our bodies when we help someone and make a difference to their lives - try it too! <https://www.52-lives.org/schools/>  
Until next time,

Mrs Carol Dougill - Executive Head teacher  
Kemble Primary and Siddington C of E Primary Schools

### **SIDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB**

Siddington Cricket club held their end of season dinner and prize giving at the Greyhound Inn on Friday 22/11/19. The following cups were awarded; Batting Cup - Jim Bliss, Bowling Cup -Joe Rendall, Most Improved Player Cup - Neil Aynon and the Rosie Rumble Captains Cup awarded for the most helpful player - Phil James.

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## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 6.30 pm start. Mince pies and mulled wine will also be served. **All welcome.**

**Refreshments:** If anyone is able to bring a plate of mince pies or any other refreshments this would be most appreciated and if you are able to let us know in advance, please phone Mary Deller on 07407352025 or email [siddingtonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:siddingtonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com).

**Race Night** -Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020 - further details to follow

**Quiz Night on 8<sup>th</sup> November** - £427 was raised at another enjoyable quiz evening. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

**Hire of Hall:** please contact the Bookings Secretary on 07407 352025 or visit the website [www.siddingtonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.siddingtonvillagehall.co.uk) to check availability

### **Vacancy Siddington Village Hall Trustees Committee**

We have a vacancy for a trustee on the committee and are inviting expressions of interest. For further details on the role please contact **Denys Young -Chairman**

**Tel: 01285 659486 - Mobile 07768471273**

**Email: [denys.young@btinternet.com](mailto:denys.young@btinternet.com)**

## HANDEL: MESSIAH CIRENCESTER PARISH CHURCH

**Saturday 21st December 2019 6pm-8.30pm**

Coventry Cathedral Chorus give their annual performance accompanied by Orchestra Pro Anima. Soloists Phillipa Hyde, Soprano Simon Ponsford, countertenor, Greg Tassell, Tenor and James Cleverton bass. Tickets - £30, £25, £20 (concessions available) - available from [www.ticketweb.uk](http://www.ticketweb.uk), Cirencester Visitor information centre or at the door.

**Next month's editor: Jane Lloyd**

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**Deadline: Sunday 15th December 2019**

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH

St Peter's Siddington	Services	All Saints Preston
11.15am Holy Communion	1 <sup>st</sup> December	8.00am BCP Holy Communion
Christmas Tree Festival	6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> December	
4.00pm Songs of Praise	8 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Holy Communion
6.00pm Carol Service	15 <sup>th</sup> December	
2.15pm Christingle Service	18 <sup>th</sup> December	
6.00pm Carol Singing (in Village Hall)	20 <sup>th</sup> December	
	22 <sup>nd</sup> December	4.00pm Carol Service
2.30pm Crib Service 9.00pm First Communion of Christmas	24 <sup>th</sup> December	
10.00am Christmas Worship With the distribution of Holy Communion	25 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am Holy Communion
10.00am United Benefice at South Cerney	29 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am United Benefice at South Cerney

Details of other services in the benefice can be found on the Churnside  
Benefice website. [www.churnsidechurches.org.uk](http://www.churnsidechurches.org.uk)

**Church spire illumination** is only £5 per evening to sponsor.  
Contact Michael Painter m: 07977 409260 e: [spireview25@gmail.com](mailto:spireview25@gmail.com)

**Vicar: Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie**

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

Tel: 01285 860221

Email: [vicar@churnsidechurches.org.uk](mailto:vicar@churnsidechurches.org.uk) - The Vicar's day off is on Friday.

**Church Office:**

Tel: 01285 862632 or Email: [office@churnsidechurches.org.uk](mailto:office@churnsidechurches.org.uk) - Open  
Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am - 1.00pm, answer phone at other times.

**Churchwardens:**

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

All Saints, Preston: Alister Painter 650624