

THE VILLAGE NEWS

Siddington

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**While the new website is being built the Village News will
available on the Parish Council website:**

www.siddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk

UPDATE ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

Over the last few months, the village website (www.siddington.com) has been subject to some hacking attacks, and it's now no longer possible to update it in its current form. The site is still viewable but hasn't been updated since July.

The plan is to take this opportunity to completely rebuild the site from scratch, and we hope to be able to relaunch a new site by the end of September. Jeremy Smith and Peter Mathews will be coordinating and building the new site. We will be using a lot of the existing content on the site, but some of it is quite out of date. Jeremy will be contacting relevant people from different clubs and organisations to ask them if they would like to change the content on their particular pages for the updated website. If you are one of those people and have some ideas for your page, or have any suggestions for new content on the website, you can contact Jeremy at jeremy.smith@education.lu.

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SIDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB MAKE SOLID START TO THE SEASON

Siddington Cricket Club have made the best possible start to the delayed cricket season, winning their first five matches. After their opening win over Cowley, they have defeated Sheepscombe by 5 wickets, Williamstrip by 5 wickets, Wild Duck by 30 runs and Didmarton by 4 wickets. Their winning streak was ended by Cirencester who won by 7 wickets.

Games for September are all away and on Sunday, with a 1pm start.

Upcoming matches: 6th September: Selsley & Rodborough, 13th September: Wanborough, 20th September: Aldsworth.

Jon Hughes

SIDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL

The Hall re-opened as planned on Monday 3rd August after a great deal of work to make the environment COVID safe in line with government requirements. Following a detailed risk assessment strict measures are in place to ensure clear entry and exit points with a one-way system and limits on numbers to allow social distancing to be observed.

At present, we are restricting hall use to our regular users only, but the situation will be kept under review in light of changing guidance and local factors. We are unfortunately not able to take bookings for private parties at present given the restrictions still in place from the government.

Any changes to the current position will be posted on the website and our Facebook page.

We were pleased to have been recently awarded a small business support grant by CDC which will help us to mitigate the financial losses incurred over recent months. Thanks go to Nigel Deller for his work in securing the grant.

As part of our on-going commitment to improve the existing facilities we are planning to undertake refurbishment work on the hall toilets, including the provision of another accessible WC and baby changing area. This will further enhance what is already a very impressive community facility that the village can be proud of.

YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU!

We currently have two vacancies for Trustees to help us manage and run the Hall which is a vital part of community life in the village. The Trustees, who are all local residents, are members of a small charity set up to oversee and manage the running of the Hall. This is a voluntary unpaid role which enables local people to put something back into village life on behalf of all the residents.

We urgently need two new members to join our friendly and enthusiastic team.

No specific skills are needed – just a willingness to give some of your time helping on a practical level to keep this vital village facility going.

There is a Trustees committee which meets once a month to oversee activities.

So if you would like to join us please contact our Chairman Denys Young on 07768 471273 or e-mail denys.young@btinternet.com who will be happy to provide further information.

NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S CHURCH

It is with sadness that we report two lightning conductors and a small amount of lead were stolen from St Peter's Church; the Police have been informed.

THANK-YOU NHS SPITFIRE TOOK TO THE SIDDINGTON SKIES

The spitfire that's been an iconic image throughout the coronavirus crisis flew over the village last month, as it made its journey around the county to pay tribute and say 'thank you' to all the NHS and key workers for their hard work. The aim of the flypasts is to lift the spirits of those across the UK, many of whom are still living in some isolation, while also saying a patriotic 'thank you' to those who have been at the forefront of the fight against the virus. The spitfire landed at nearby Cotswold Airport to refuel and for a spot of lunch on Tuesday 18th August.

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