

# The Village News

## Siddington

### November 2020

[www.siddington.com](http://www.siddington.com)

## Village website re-launched

from **Jeremy Smith** ([Jeremy.smith@education.lu](mailto:Jeremy.smith@education.lu))

By the time you read this I hope that the new version of the village website will be up and running. Please have a look ([www.siddington.com](http://www.siddington.com)) and let me know what you think. It is a work in progress, so if you think anything needs to be updated or changed, particularly on a page that applies to your organisation, please let me know, either by email or phone (07837 754939).

I will try to keep the calendar up-to-date with local events, and we can always add new pages if needs be. One idea was to have a business directory for local businesses (i.e. those in the village). Again, if you would like to be included in this listing, please let me know.

I would also welcome any photos of the village to add to the gallery page, particularly to show Siddington through the seasons, and we could have a highlighted photo of the month. There is a form on the gallery page where you can send me your photos directly. There is also a new page where you can submit news items for the following month's Village News directly from the website.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to Peter Mathews for his help in setting up the structure of the site and indeed in hosting the site.

# Parish Council News – Meeting 13.10.20

[www.siddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.siddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk)

## Planning

Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 8th October 2020:

- 20/02787/FUL - Applicant: Helen McHattie, c/o agent Mr B Iles, IBA  
Proposed tennis court and enclosure at Siddington Fields, Ashton Road, Siddington, GL7 6HR  
Consultation expiry date: 8th October 2020 - NO OBJECTION
- 20/02953/SCR - Request for Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Opinion under Regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 for a proposed Solar PV Project at land east of Ashton Road, Siddington. EIA not required.

Although this is not a planning application requiring consultation, the Parish Council felt that such a development would have a significant impact on the village and result in a loss of agricultural land for the benefit of power generation. The Council noted that the old railway embankment would appear to remain in the proposal, so there remains an opportunity for the creation of a cycle route to South Cerney in the future. The developers have requested a meeting with the Parish Council, which will be arranged via Zoom or similar means.

## Severalls Field Development update

Cllr Smith reported that the school and trust had met with the developers and requested a more substantial and practical drop-off point than the two spaces proposed. The alternative suggestion is a small loop for about five vehicles where parents could stop to drop-off their children at the 'walking bus' staffed by the school and then immediately leave without remaining on site, thus freeing up space for other parents. The Council agreed to support this proposal. Cllr Evely will report back to the planning officer.

### **Playing field**

There have been some instances of dog fouling on the playing field. Please clear up after your dog. There is a dog poo bin opposite the entrance to Pound Close and three litter bins on the playing field, any of which may be used to deposit bagged dog poo. Thank you.

### **Contribution to the costs of production of the Village News**

As the Council uses a fair amount of space in the Village News each month, and as not all residents have internet access to enable them to view information on the Parish Council website, the Council agreed to provide a monthly amount of £50 to support the Village News, as it is seen to be a valuable asset to the community. This will be reviewed at March's meeting.

### **Measures to improve website accessibility**

The Council approved Adam Curtis's proposal to bring the Parish Council's website into compliance with accessibility regulations at a cost of around £390.

### **Sponsorship of some grass verge areas**

The Council has received an offer of sponsorship of some of the grass verge areas it maintains. Councillors agreed in principle and will investigate this further.

### **Replacement speed warning sign at Ashton Road**

The Council agreed to investigate further the replacement of the non-functioning speed warning sign on Ashton Road with a higher specification model. The Clerk will contact Crudwell Parish Council for information on their speed sign in order to make a comparison of costs. This will be an agenda item in November.

Full draft minutes of the meeting may be viewed on the council website. Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, Parish Council meetings are currently taking the form of conference telephone calls. Details of how members of the public may 'attend' meetings are published with the agenda on the Parish Council website and on the notice board outside the post office. The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th November 2020.

**Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk - [siddingtonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:siddingtonclerk@gmail.com)**



# Siddington School News



*'To have fun, do our very best and look after everyone in a caring Christian community'*

## **Term 1 – a term full of Learning and Thankfulness**

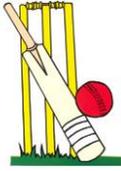
We have come to the end of our first term back. It has been a term full of learning for us all. Staff have needed to adapt the routines and school environments to keep everyone safe. They have needed to change the way that they teach to ensure they put in all the safety measures required, while still adapting to the learning needs of all. The children have jumped straight back into their learning with enthusiasm, and have quickly adapted to the new ways of working and moving around school. We have introduced our remote learning plan to support children if they are unable to come into school. This has meant that many parents are now learning, with school's support, how to help their child with this new, remote way of accessing their education. It is the end of my first term as Headteacher at Siddington and I have had the joy of meeting new people, working with new colleagues, and learning lots of new skills too!

We have been reflecting all term on the Christian Value of Thankfulness. What do we have to be thankful for? We are grateful for our friends and colleagues and the opportunity to be back together again after so many months of uncertainty. We are thankful that all the children and staff have returned safe and well to school. We appreciate the Siddington Primary School family and how we are here to support each other to reach our potential. We are thankful for the school PTA who are already working tirelessly to develop a school library for the children to enjoy for many years to come. It has certainly been a time for us all to reflect on the last few months and appreciate what we have.

We are now looking forward to our virtual parent workshops and welcoming new parents with our Open Evening that we are hosting on Friday 6th November. We are also looking forward to watching a virtual Pantomime in school.

**Katie Cook - Headteacher**

## Siddington Cricket Club



Siddington Cricket Club finished their season losing by 6 runs to the Wild Duck. Despite the delayed start to the season the club managed to play 12 games. Five were won and seven lost. Due to the present situation there is no date yet set for the AGM. Anyone who would like to join us as either a player or supporter in 2021 would be most welcome. Contact **Jon Hughes** on **07947-805819**.

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## Village Hall update

The hall has remained open since the last update and continues to offer a limited service in line with current Government restrictions. The Trustees are continuously monitoring any changes announced and remain committed to keeping the hall environment safe for all users. Unfortunately we cannot take any new booking requests for the remainder of this year and private parties are still not allowed.

In line with the current rules there is now an NHS QR poster displayed at the entrance to the hall and all visitors with an NHS Covid-19 app on their phones are required to scan in on entering the building. A pen and paper system is also in force to record details of visitors without the app to comply with NHS track and trace processes.

**Priory Inn Wood Fired-Pizzas** - The Priory Inn in Tetbury is taking its famous wood-fired pizza on the road. The van made its first visit to Siddington on Friday October 9<sup>th</sup>, parking up at the Village Hall entrance from 6-9pm. If it proves to be a success the service will continue. Cash or card payments are accepted. Please check the 'Priory on the Road' Facebook page or the website – [www.priorywoodfiredpizza.co.uk](http://www.priorywoodfiredpizza.co.uk) – for updates and details.



# Village Hall Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday 17th November 2020 at 7.30pm**

Given the current restrictions it is not possible to hold a physical AGM this year. Instead we will be holding the meeting on line, which will allow all interested Siddington residents to join virtually using the Zoom platform. Zoom is easy to use and can be downloaded via your computer's internet browser.

There will be an opportunity to ask any questions about the content of the Chairman's Annual Report and the Treasurer's accounts, which will be available on the Village Hall website for a period prior to the meeting date.

An amendment to the governing document will also be included on the agenda to authorise holding the AGM in a virtual format.

If you would like to attend the meeting please contact the Chairman Denys Young via email ([denys.young@btinternet.com](mailto:denys.young@btinternet.com)). Denys will then send you an email invitation with a meeting link.

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## Village News editor needed

A new editor is needed to put together one monthly issue of the Village News each year. No particular skills are needed except some basic proficiency with Microsoft Word and familiarity with emails. An interest in the local community is an advantage! Any training or support needed will be readily given.

If you are interested, please contact Malcolm Moseley by email [malcolm4646@talktalk.net](mailto:malcolm4646@talktalk.net) or telephone 01285 659521, as Malcolm organises the monthly rota of editors, or Georgie Hayward – [georgie@uppersidd.co.uk](mailto:georgie@uppersidd.co.uk).

# News from The Greyhound

## Booking now for Christmas 2020!

Tel: 01285 653573 Email: [greyhound@wadworth.co.uk](mailto:greyhound@wadworth.co.uk)

Christmas at the Greyhound is guaranteed to be one of your highlights of 2020. From set menus to festive drinks, we've got your celebrations covered.

### Christmas Celebration Menu

With a choice of either a 2 or 3 course meal, you can enjoy great festive cheer with us from the 1st November, and all Celebration Menu bookings made and paid for before 1st November will receive a 10% discount! (Each booking will require a £5 deposit per person.)

### Christmas Day Menu

Christmas Day is sure to be a day to remember with our carefully selected 5 course meal for £64.95 per person. Please note, we will require a £10 deposit per head.

Head to our website to see our monthly offers . . . and please remember to check our opening times, as they are subject to change.

[www.thegreyhound-inn.co.uk](http://www.thegreyhound-inn.co.uk)

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### Next month's editor

Kevin and Maggie Pocock

Deadline date: **Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup>**

Email: [maggie\\_pocock@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:maggie_pocock@yahoo.co.uk) Tel: 01285 657223

# St Peter's Church News



Due to the Covid-19 situation there are still no regular services at St. Peter's. However, weekly combined benefice services take place at All Hallows Church in South Cerney and you may attend by booking a seat so that numbers and contact details may be monitored.

For those unable to attend in person there is an option to follow the services via Zoom and the Vicar can provide service sheets for you to follow. Please contact the Vicar for details of any of the above methods of joining the services.

**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 Tel: 07977 409260 Email: [spireview25@gmail.com](mailto: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 9.00am – 1.00pm

Tel: 01285 862632 - Answer phone at other times.

Email: [office@churnsidechurches.org.uk](mailto:office@churnsidechurches.org.uk)

## **Churchwardens:**

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All Saints, Preston: Alister Painter 650624