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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Over the last few months there has been much talk about how Christmas might be celebrated this year as we continue to live in the midst of a global pandemic. As I write, questions still remain over many of our much-loved Christmas traditions and there is a feeling of sadness and disappointment that Christmas will not be the same this year.

People are however thinking creatively about how we can still make Christmas a special time of year. This is true in the church too as we have been exploring creative ways in which we can celebrate the birth of Jesus. As we have been reflecting and planning for Christmas this year, we as Christians have been powerfully reminded that while, how we celebrate Christmas might look a little different what we celebrate remains the same. Christmas for us is still a time to mark the birth of Jesus, God's wonderful gift to the world, the gift of love, peace, and hope. This is a time to remember a tiny baby born in a stable who grew up to change the world by sharing the love of God. The heart of Christmas remains the same this year as always with its values of love, kindness, and generosity. There are many ways we can share the heart of Christmas this year and shine out some much-needed light and love into the world. For example, we could donate to a charity, or we could cook a Christmas dinner for an elderly neighbour who might be on their own or give some time to really listen to someone who is struggling.

I wonder what you might do this year to share the light, joy, love, and generosity of Christmas and bring some Christmas cheer.

I wish you all a happy Christmas.

Revd Jennifer McKenzie. Vicar of the Churnside Benefice

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PLANNING

Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 5th November 2020

- **20/03723/FORST**
Felling License application at land parcel at Severalls Field, Parkway, Siddington, GL7 6HR
Consultation expiry date: 27th October 2020
NO COMMENT
- **20/03744/TPO 06/00057/TPO**
Lime tree nearest to garage and house - there is a large horizontal limb, high up that has grown away from the main crown. Now it is away from the main crown it is starting to grow vertical points. Proposed work to reduce this limb back to the main crown periphery (25% approx.). The lowest limb of this tree removed to raise the crown at Plummers Barn, Fraziers Folly, Siddington, GL7 6HR
Consultation expiry date: 19th November 2020
NO OBJECTION
- **20/03759/COMPLY CT.9143**
Applicant: Severalls Field Developers Ltd, c/o agent Mrs Holly Simkiss, Stonewood Partnerships Ltd, The Barn, Somerset House, Church Road, Tormarton, GL9 1HT
Proposal: Outline application for the erection of up to 88 dwellings, to include vehicular access off Park Way; new pedestrian and cycle links to the wider area; improvements to Siddington School, including improved access facilities and the erection of a new purpose built school hall; a solar park; ecological enhancements; strategic landscaping; and associated infrastructure at land parcel at Severalls Field, Parkway, Siddington
Consultation expiry date: 23rd November 2020

The Chairman referred to the letter received by CDC from an officer at Gloucestershire Highways, which raised no objection to the proposed two parking spaces as a drop-off point for the school, and even went as far as to doubt the need for them, as the developer had stated that they would only reasonably be for use by residents of the new estate. The Highways officer's response had been based on a letter dated March 2020 from the former head at the school,

and which was now out of date and did not reflect the current views of the school, its governors or the Corinium Education Trust. Cllr

Parsons would endeavour to get the Highways officer's letter retracted and Cllr Evemy would alert the planning officer at CDC to the situation.

The Chairman and the Clerk would draft a letter refuting the Highways officer's letter and pointing out the lack of consultation. A copy would be sent to GCC's Chief Executive.

OBJECTION

Playing Field

The first areas have been planted with wildflowers along the eastern side of the hedge by The Twenties. Huge thanks go to Robert Finucane and Jack Blamey for all their help with the preparation and planting, and also to Ellie Jones for all her expert advice.

Spire View Footpath (Spire View to canal towpath)

The Parish Council's contractor has started work on the new surface for the path and work is expected to take up three weeks.

Sponsorship of some grass verge areas

The Council agreed to the offer of sponsorship of the grass triangle at The Common and the verge alongside the playing field, subject to more information being provided by the sponsor.

Replacement speed warning sign at Ashton Road

The Clerk had circulated details of Crudwell Parish Council's speed warning sign, and it was agreed to ask Richard Gray of Highways for a more detailed breakdown of his estimated costs. The Clerk would also investigate further so that a fair comparison might be made.

As there was no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and the meeting closed. Full draft minutes of the meeting may be viewed on the council website. Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, physical Parish Council meetings are not taking place until further notice. However, Council meetings are 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 8th December 2020. Robert Cowley - Parish Clerk

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The WI is still here even though we have not been able to have our monthly meetings. For those of you who are online there are some good diverse classes and talks being run by Denman.org.uk at this time which are open to all not just members. To mention just a few these range from Mindful Yoga, Preserving, Felting, Calligraphy to a Talk on Gallows, Gangsters and Good Time Girls, Royalty in London and Art on London streets - Statues, Memorials, Banksy and Graffiti.

Not sure how things will progress with holding face to face meetings in the foreseeable future but hopefully this will be possible sometime next year. The numbers for all committee members are on the back of the programme should you wish to get in touch or have a chat.

In the meantime the Committee would like to wish all our members a Happy Christmas and New Year and hope you all remain safe and well.

Siddington Coronavirus Support

As we find ourselves in lockdown again, and with ongoing restrictions likely in the near future, it's a good time to remind you about the Siddington Coronavirus Support (SCS) Group. A group of willing and enthusiastic volunteers from the village are on standby to support our local residents. For those of you who need to stay at home, Siddington Coronavirus volunteers are on hand to help with shopping/prescriptions/post or to make a call to anyone feeling anxious or lonely.

If you need help you can call 01285 610231 or email siddingtonhelp@outlook.com. You can also visit the Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/Siddington-Coronavirus-Support-104188954557898>

News from Siddington School



Siddington C of E Primary School

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

This term’s Christian Value is Compassion. We will be talking to the children about how they can be kind to others and show empathy, even when they might have differing viewpoints.

We are looking forward to a virtual school trip to Edinburgh zoo, a virtual pantomime, creating a poppy display for Remembrance Day, as well as all the enjoyable things the children will be doing as part of the curriculum. We have already had a lion visit the school (he was very soft and cuddly) and a dinosaur that made a real mess in the Early Years classroom!

Please look out for the short film on our website that we hope will share with everyone some of the fun children have learning, during their school day.

This term will be difficult for many due to the National lockdown, but we will be working with families to ensure that the children are happy in school, enjoying their learning, and continuing to reach their potential.

Katie Cook - Headteacher

WASTE RECYCLING - Christmas & New Year Holiday Changes

Weds. 23 December (Refuse & Recycling waste) as planned

Weds.30 December (food waste only) to be made THURS. 31st Dec.

Weds.6th January (Refuse & Recycling waste) to be made FRI. 8th Jan.

Weds.13th January (food waste only) to be made THURS. 14th Jan.

Weds.20th January (Refuse & Recycling waste) forward as planned.

Rosie Rumble Award

This will be the final year that the Rosie Rumble award will be presented.

In these difficult times of the Coronavirus pandemic, Rosie's family felt that there could be no one more deserving recipient than the **Siddington Coronavirus Support Group** which is made up of enthusiastic and willing volunteers helping the vulnerable in our community. The monies given will be used by the committee to assist with this aim.

Village Carol Singing

It is with sadness to say the Carol Singing has been cancelled this year due to Coronavirus, the first time in 46 years. The carol singers from St Peter's Church have always sung carols around the village and in later years at the Village Hall. It is such a lovely occasion hopefully next year we can all come together and sing the carols we love.

May you all have a peaceful Christmas

Mary Painter

Siddington Evergreen Club

Hello Everyone,

We trust that you have all been "keeping safe" from this virus and remain in good health. We hope you will be able to meet with your families at Christmas and have a lovely time together. Looking forward to meeting you all again.

Six feet apart! Six feet apart! And all our movements validated, Oh! What joy when we are free, when all our arms are vaccinated.

Wishing you JOY and PEACE this Christmas.
Every blessing, Evelyn & David Mole (640028)

Siddington Village Hall update

In line with Government regulations the hall has had to be closed to all users except the playgroup until December 2nd 2020 at the earliest. A decision about re-opening will be made by the Trustees in light of any new information forthcoming from the Government beyond that date. As ever, the on-going health and safety of all hall users will be central to any possible re-opening of the building.

Trustee vacancies

As advertised in previous editions we still have two Trustee vacancies to help us in providing this vital community service so please do contact our Chairman Denys Young if you are willing to help.

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We are only a small team of volunteers so these on-going vacancies inevitably mean that the current trustees have to do even more to keep the hall running smoothly.

Siddington Shop and Post Office

There will normal opening hours over the Christmas period but post will be not collected on Bank Holidays.

The last post collection Christmas Eve will be midday
No Papers Christmas Day

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Deadline: Sunday 15th December 2020

St Peter's Church News

Churnside Benefice 'Virtual' Carol Service

Sunday 20th December 6pm

Streamed via Zoom and the Churnside Benefice Churches Facebook page

We may not be able to hold our normal carol services this year but that does not mean the carol service is cancelled. For instead of inviting you to church we are creating a carol service video that you can watch and enjoy at home. Our virtual carol service will contain carols for you to sing along to as well as Christmas readings, poems, and prayers.

Carol singing on your doorstep

Wednesday 16th December 6pm

We want to encourage everyone to get involved in joining people from across the country in singing Christmas carols from their doorstep on Wednesday 16th December at 6pm. The carols will be broadcast on local radio to help us stay in time with each other. This is a great way to bring some Christmas cheer and joy to our communities this Christmas. Please see the Churnside Benefice Churches Facebook page for more information.

Church spire illumination is only £5 per evening to sponsor.

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