

# The Village News

Siddington

June 2021

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## A community project

In December of this year the Village Hall celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Officially opened at 7pm on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 1921 by Earl Bathurst, the hall was seen as a fitting memorial for those lost in the First World War.

From the beginning it was a community project. Earl Bathurst donated the land and the stone to build the hall, and several wealthier residents gave substantial donations, but there was still a need for further fund-raising. A summer fete raised £150, Mrs Adamthwaite donated £17 as the result of her concert in the Bingham Hall and Mr Garlick raised £15 from 'small weekly dances' in the schoolroom. Eventually the committee had the required £975 and Mr W. G. Tanner was awarded the contract.

Over the years the hall has been maintained by many volunteers and has hosted many community gatherings. We are now being invited to celebrate its centenary by taking part in a series of events over the next 12 months. See page 5 for further details.

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# Parish Council News – Meeting 04.05.21

Full draft minutes of the meeting may be viewed on the council website.

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## CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr John Hayward was unanimously re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council. It was agreed to postpone the election of a Vice-Chairman until the next meeting.

## COUNCILLOR CHANGES

- Following her resignation from the Parish Council, the Chairman thanked Cllr Ann Prosser for her sterling service to the Council over the past twenty-six years.
- Newly co-opted Cllr Jan Sparrow was welcomed to the Parish Council.
- It was unanimously agreed to co-opt Hayley Davies to the Parish Council.

## ANESCO SOLAR FARM APPLICATION

Anesco has declined to increase their community offer. The Council will seek further advice on how proceed.

## SEVERELLS FIELD DEVELOPMENT

The Chairman reported that he had misread the rules regarding judicial review and so the deadline for submission had only just been missed. The Council noted that the developer had reneged on undertakings given at the application and appeal stages with regard to the school drop-off point adjacent to the school. An email from the developer, Stonewood Partnerships Ltd, offered ongoing contact during the construction phase.

## PLANNING

**Planning applications received at Cotswold District Council to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

- **21/01271/FUL** – Erection of a replacement garage and workshop at 27 North Hill Road, GL7 1PG  
Applicant: Mr Mark Haller, c/o agent Mr Gary Lawes, Jagged Edge Design Ltd, The Studio, Irongate Farm Business Units, Rodmarton, Cirencester, GL7 6PQ  
Consultation expiry date: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021      NO OBJECTION

- **21/01373/FUL** – Erection of extension to front, dormers to rear and enclosed walkway at Oakleaze, South Cerney Road, Siddington, GL7 6HT  
Applicant: Mark and Rebecca Pope, c/o agent Steve Wright, Steve Wright Planning Services, 10 Mulcaster Avenue Grange Park Swindon SN5 6EH  
Consultation expiry date: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021      NO OBJECTION

### **Planning decisions at Cotswold District Council to 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

- **21/00882/FUL** - Proposed car port and stores with accommodation over at new dwelling known as Elder Cottage, Siddington Fields, Ashton Road, Siddington.      APPLICATION PERMITTED

### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting took place online via Zoom on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April. A number of village organisations had submitted reports on their activities and answered questions on the night. Draft minutes of the meeting will be published on the website in due course.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

As the regulations permitting remote meetings for local Councils ended on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021, the Parish Council will now resume 'in-person' meetings. However, due to space limitations at the Village Hall, meetings will take place at St Peter's Church in Siddington in June and July (by kind permission of Revd McKenzie). The Parish Council does not meet in August and the situation will be reviewed for September.

The agenda and Covid requirements for attendance at meetings will be published on the website and on the notice board outside the post office in due course. The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at St Peter's Church, Siddington.

**Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk**  
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## Siddington School News



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

The children have been very excited this month, as we have hatched ducklings in school. We have loved taking care of them, watching them grow and learn to swim. Each class has had time with the ducklings and have learnt lots about them, such as how they are adapted to life in the water and on land, what they eat and what we need to do to look after them. Work continues to improve the learning environments, with Pentagon Play recently helping us to develop our Early Years outside area.

We have been learning outside as much as we can. The children have been doing science experiments about sound on the school field and using our forest area to do art and design. Now the better weather is upon us, we can do more physical education and all the children took part in the National Mile Walk at the beginning of the month.

Some children are having the opportunity for additional tutoring sessions and after school learning as part of our Catch-up programme of support. We continue to do our Worship virtually so we can still 'meet' as a whole school.

**Katie Cook – Headteacher**

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## Siddington Evergreen Club

Hello everyone, just a reminder that hopefully we shall be able to meet after restrictions are lifted in July. So don't give up hope, and as Vera Lynn would sing, *"But I know we'll meet again some sunny day"*. Meanwhile 'keep safe'.  
Every blessing,

**Evelyn & David Mole (640028)**

# Village Hall update

In accordance with Step 2 of the Government's roadmap, the Village Hall was reopened on 12th April 2021 for all children and young people under the age of 18. This includes parent and toddler groups. From 17th May 2021, progression to Step 3 means that the Hall can open for all indoor group exercise classes for people of all ages.

The provision of a Covid-secure environment, including risk assessment, thorough cleaning and other health and safety measures is a key on-going priority.

There is one remaining key date for venues such as ours and this may still be subject to change depending on updated information from the Government. **21st June: All restrictions to be lifted so children's parties etc. can recommence.** The Hall will be available for bookings at the weekends for children's parties or other gatherings but will be restricted to one booking on a Saturday and one booking on a Sunday. Please see our website: <http://siddingtonvillagehall.co.uk> or Siddington Village Hall Facebook page for further updates. It is important to emphasise again that this final date is 'at the earliest' and will only be confirmed by the Government in due course.

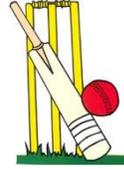
## Siddington Village Hall Celebrates a Very Big Birthday

2021 marks a very important date in Siddington's history – it's the Village Hall's 100th Birthday! While we probably won't be receiving a telegram from the Queen, there will be plenty of opportunities to celebrate the centenary and enjoy yourselves. Plans are afoot for the next 12 months – a garden party for all the family and a roaring 20's speakeasy party, as well as a formal rededication of the Hall. We'd like as many of Siddington's villagers as possible to take part so please keep your eyes peeled for further details on how you can get involved...

And in the meantime, if you would like to contribute, please contact [siddington100@gmail.com](mailto:siddington100@gmail.com). Happy 100 years!

# Siddington Cricket Club

Siddington Cricket Club have made a good start to the season, winning two games, losing one and a tie in the other. Wins were against Cowley by 9 wickets and National Star College Staff by 8 wickets. The club tied on 110 runs each against Christian Malford. Churchdown defeated us by 6 wickets.



June games are, Tuesday 1st against Williamstrip, away, Sunday 6th Selsley & Rodborough Away, Tuesday 8th Stroud Post Office Home, Friday 18th Swindon Nomads Home, Tuesday 22nd Bayshill Home, Sunday 27th Fox & Hounds Home. The club has recently appointed Alan Fuller to the committee as Club Development Office. We are now actively looking to return to a home ground in Siddington Parish after playing our last five seasons at Ampney Crucis.



Along with many other groups, members of the **Siddington with Preston WI** are hoping to recommence meetings in the near future. If restrictions are lifted at the end of June as anticipated, further information will be available in the July edition of the Village News.

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## Next month's editors

**Nick and Jude Grayson**

Deadline date: **Tuesday June 15<sup>th</sup>**

Email: [nickgrayson@hotmail.com](mailto:nickgrayson@hotmail.com)

# Ride the Month, May update

## Black Betty is smashing out the miles!



We are riding our tandem, Black Betty, and our initial target was 100 miles in May in memory of a dear friend who died last year from prostate cancer, raising money for Prostate Cancer UK.

**We have completed 136 miles so far and have raised £1830!**

The money we raise will fund life-saving research and support men and their families affected by the disease. We are both very touched by people's generosity and inspired to carry on clocking up the miles. Despite the rain and some evil head winds over the last few week we are determined to keep rolling if people are kind enough to keep giving. Our new target is 300 miles by the end of May and it would be great to get to £2000 if possible. **If you would like to donate, please visit our Just Giving page <https://cyclemonth.prostatecanceruk.org/fundraising/kim-chris-and-black-betty-cycle-for-richard>.**

If you see us out riding in the village, give us a shout and a wave!

**Kim & Chris Tye**

### **Young family seeking house in village and surrounds**

We are looking to move into the area to be close to family. We are looking for a family home, 3+ bedrooms with a good-sized garden. We would consider a project or even a plot of land. We are in rented accommodation, with finances and a solicitor in place. Please contact Catherine on 07779 003614 or [caths100@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:caths100@yahoo.co.uk).

# St Peter's Church News



**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

Tel: 01285 860221

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

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:**

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

All Saints, Preston: Alister Painter 650624

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## **June Trotman's Memorial Service**

June Trotman's family are hoping to hold a memorial service at Ampney Crucis church on Saturday 3rd July at 12 o'clock, if restrictions allow, followed by afternoon tea at Ampney Crucis village hall. Anyone who knew June would be welcome to join us to celebrate her life.

**Linda Topsom**