

THE VILLAGE NEWS

Siddington

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Siddington Village Hall Celebrates a Very Big Birthday: Dates for Your Diary

It's Siddington Village Hall's 100th birthday this year and after the events of the last 15 months, a good party seems in order. So, to celebrate the Hall's centenary, the Village Hall Committee is hosting a party harking back 100 years to the Roaring '20s. We'll be putting on the 'ritz' in a Great Gatsby, speak-easy style on the evening of Saturday 20th November.

The formal rededication of the Village Hall will take place during the Siddington Village Hall Carol Concert, being held on Tuesday 21st December 100 years exactly to the day when the Hall was originally dedicated and opened by the Right Hon. Earl Bathurst, CMG.

The Siddington Village Hall Committee hopes many of us lucky Siddington villagers will take the time to join us in celebrating our Hall and the village.

More details on these celebrations will follow in later editions of the Village News.

If you would like to be a part of the celebrations or have any enquiries, please contact siddington100@gmail.com

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Parish Council News – Meeting 9th June 2021

VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Nigel Deller was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council.

CASUAL VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

There is currently a vacancy in the Office of Councillor for Siddington Parish Council, which the Council is able to fill by co-option, rather than a formal election process. Anyone interested in serving as a Parish Councillor, will need to submit an expression of interest by 5.00 p.m. on Monday 31st August 2021. Supporting statements are encouraged, on no more than one side of A4, detailing why you would be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor. Expressions of interest should be submitted to the Clerk. To be eligible for co-option on to the Parish Council, candidates must satisfy the standard election qualification criteria. Please contact Cotswold District Council's Elections Team if you need any guidance, (01285 623000; e-mail elections@cotswold.gov.uk).

COUNCILLORS – OLD AND NEW

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Hayley Davies to the Parish Council and also Cllr Lisa Spivey as the new county councillor covering the parish. The Chairman also thanked former county councillor, Shaun Parsons, for all his sterling work for the parish over many years.

CLOSURE OF GREEN LANE TO MOTOR VEHICLES TO PREVENT FLY-TIPPING

The Council considered Ben Knight's request for support for his proposal that Green Lane be closed to motor vehicles to prevent fly-tipping. The Council was sympathetic to the proposal, but had concerns about disabled access for walks and that there should be parking arrangements for disabled. Cllr Spivey (GCC) would investigate how best to proceed.

GRAVEYARD EXTENSION

Following a meeting with the Bathurst Estate, Cllr Hayward had circulated a proposal for the Parish Council to acquire an area of land to the east of the current graveyard free from the Estate for the purposes of providing additional burial space. The likely costs to the Parish Council would be of £5,000 for legal costs, fencing/hedging and landscaping. The Council unanimously approved the Chairman and Clerk to progress the proposal.

PLANNING

- **21/01752/FUL**

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Jefferies, c/o agent Mr Lee Clarke,
Lee Clarke Architectural Services, 1D Barton Court, Gloucester Street,
Cirencester, GL7 2DL

Proposal: Single storey rear extension at 94 Siddington Road, GL7 1PQ

NO OBJECTION

- **21/01860/FUL**

Applicant: Mr Thibakaran, c/o agent Mr Raja Sekaran, Aarcicon,
42 Brudenell Close, Amersham, HP6 6FH

Proposal: Alterations to the ground floor entrance to first floor flat through external staircase at The Post Office Stores, 26 Ashton Road, Siddington

NO OBJECTION

- **21/01905/FUL**

Applicant: Mr C Glinn, c/o agent Mr Rod Naverette,
Home Plan Design Services, 27B High Street, Highworth, Swindon, SN6 7AG

Proposal: Two storey side extension, single storey front and rear extensions at 29 The Twenties, Siddington, GL7 6ES

NO OBJECTION

- **21/01996/CLOPUD**

Applicant: Evans, c/o agent Cotswold Architectural Design, Rear Studio,
80 Cricklade Street, Cirencester, GL7 1JN

Proposal: Single storey rear extension at Winter's Folly, Ashton Road,
Siddington, GL7 6HD

NO OBJECTION

- **21/02009/FUL 15/01565/OUT**

Applicant: Mrs Holly Simkiss, Stonewood Partnerships Ltd, The Barn, Somerset House, Church Road, Tormarton, Gloucestershire, GL9 1HT

Proposal: Removal of Conditions 22 (layout and provision of solar park) and 23 (removal of equipment) on permission 15/05165/OUT - allowed on appeal APP/F1610/16/W/3151754 at Severalls Field, Parkway, Siddington
The Council was concerned as to the future use of the land previously proposed as a solar park and felt that the area should have a condition imposed to prevent any future development taking place on it.

OBJECTION

- **21/02137/FUL**

Applicant: Mr J Hall, c/o agent Mr J Phillips, Abberley Design Ltd, 4 Butts Farm Courtyard, Poulton, GL7 5HU

Proposal: Erection of car port, replacement of flat roof above dormer windows with pitched roof at 42 Cherry Tree Drive, Siddington, GL7 1PJ

NO OBJECTION

OTHER MATTERS

- The Council formally approved the quotation for fencing repairs at the playing field. The Clerk would instruct the contractor.
- The Council approved a request from Siddington & Kemble Playgroup for £200 of funding for a gazebo.
- The Council approved the quotation for additional surfacing work for the Spire View footpath. Cllr Spivey (GCC) would check whether she would be able to provide any funding.

Full draft minutes of the meeting are on the council website.

The agenda and Covid requirements for attendance at meetings will be published on the website and on the notice board outside the post office.

The next meeting, 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th July 2021 at St Peter's Church, Siddington. **Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk**

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Siddington School News

The return to school after half term has been fun for children and staff. Our family of ducklings has now grown to five, regularly completing the daily mile with the children. We have created a whole school 'bubble' meaning that the different age groups have been able to come together during the school day. To see the school community come together has been lovely for the staff too. The school bell has come back out, and the children can take turns at ringing it at the end of playtime – a long standing Siddington tradition.

'I am going to play with the new reception children who I haven't played with yet. I am so excited!' Year 6 pupil.

Parents have reported that the children have looked forward to coming back to school because of these changes:

'He can't wait to come back and play outside with everyone. He's never been so excited to come back to school' (Year 4 parent).

Our Value this term is Courage. We will be thinking about how we can show courage in our daily lives, by responding in a positive way to our mistakes, and by being brave when we find something difficult to do. We will reflect on how, with God's love, we can show courage even when times are tough.

The children are enjoying having visitors attending school to take them for cricket coaching sessions, working with the local Police Community Support Office to learn how to keep safe, and working with the Secondary School teachers on map skills and orienteering. We will be watching a virtual theatre show and virtual Science workshops throughout the term.

Black Betty Ride the Month for Prostate Cancer UK final update!

On May 31st we completed our charity ride in memory of our dear friend Richard by cycling from Siddington to where he lived in Foxcote. It was 17 miles virtually uphill all the way! We arrived to a lovely welcome from his family and friends and lunch in the garden before cycling back to Siddington.



Kim & Chris Tye

Our total over the month was 376 miles and raised an amazing £2334!

We were so touched by the support and generosity of family, friends and people we didn't even know! This charity and cause is obviously close to people's hearts.

Special thanks to each and every one who supported us. The money raised will fund life-saving research and support men and their families affected by this.

Siddington Cricket Club

Recent results included a tie 134 runs each against Williamstrip. We beat Stroud Post office by 70 runs and Selsley & Rodborough by 41 runs. We lost to Wild Duck by 34 runs. July games are Lechlade 6th Away, Banterlon 13th Home, Ashton Keynes 21st Away and Avebury 28th Away.

Siddington Village Hall Update

Following the recent Government announcement step 4 of the roadmap has been deferred for 1 month.

Therefore at the earliest on 19th July all restrictions may 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 revised date is 'at the earliest' and will only be confirmed by the Government in due course.

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

The Siddington Show – save the date!

Sunday 5th September: We will be issuing full information and guidance on how the Village Show will be held in next month's edition, please be assured that we will be following all Government advice and guidelines regarding social distancing.

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Next month's editor

David Murray:

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St Peter's Church News

St Peter's Church Siddington presents '**Summer Worship**' on Sunday 11th July at 3pm in the churchyard. This is an opportunity to come together for a short act of worship to celebrate summer with hymns, readings, and prayers. All welcome. If required, please bring a chair to sit on. For more information, please contact Jennifer our Vicar.

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

Vicar: Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie: The Vicarage, Silver Street, South Cerney, GL7 5TP Tel: 01285 860221

Email: 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.) Email: office@churnsidechurches.org.uk

Churchwardens: St Peter's, Siddington: Allen Howe 643574 & Michael Painter 07977 409260 All Saints, Preston: Alister Painter 650624

June Trotman's Memorial Service

The Trotman family regret that due to Government restrictions the memorial service planned for June, on Saturday 3rd July at 12 noon in Ampney Crucis church has been postponed. They will advise when they are able to rearrange it.

Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride

I will be taking part again this year to raise funds for G.H.C.T who will be celebrating their 40th anniversary this year. I first took part in 1983, please sponsor me or make a donation to help our church, at G.H.C.T Just Giving page "Jonathan Painter Ride and Stride" contributions go to St Peter's Church. Many thanks Jonathan 01285 650624.