

The Village News

Siddington

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Upcoming Events

Formal Covid restrictions have now ended. Hopefully we can look forward to a summer/autumn where we can mix more with friends and family. There are a number of events planned in the coming months which I'm sure will bring some cheer to us all.

Summer Slamdown!

Live Wrestling at the Village Hall

Sunday 15th August, doors open 12.30

£10 adults, £5 children on door or via Evenbrite website

Siddington Village Show

The Village Hall

Sunday 5th September

Entry forms from Siddington Post office

Siddington Village Hall's 100th Birthday Party

In Great Gatsby, speakeasy style of the Roaring '20s

Evening of Saturday 20th November

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - MEETING – 14TH JULY 2021

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

It was noted that Green Lane had now re-opened and the issues of quad bikes and fly-tipping were returning. Cllr Spivey had investigated the routes to closure of Green Lane to vehicles, and it was agreed that a Public Space Protection Order was the best option. This would be arranged via Cotswold District Council, and Cllr Evemy (CDC) would be asked about taking this forward.

PLANNING

Planning approvals at Cotswold District Council to 9th July 2021

- **20/04550/FUL & 20/04551/LBC**
Alterations and extension to ancillary outbuilding to form annex, relocation of existing secondary vehicular access and associated ancillary development at Roberts House, South Cerney Road, Siddington, GL7 6EX
- **21/01860/FUL**
Alterations to the ground floor entrance to first floor flat through external staircase at The Post Office Stores, 26 Ashton Road, Siddington GL7 6HD
- **21/01905/FUL**
Two storey side extension, and single storey front and rear extensions at
29 The Twenties, Siddington, GL7 6ES
- **21/01996/CLOPUD**
Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use of Development under Section 192 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for a single storey rear extension at Winter's Folly, Ashton Road, Siddington
- **21/01752/FUL**
Single storey rear extension at 94 Siddington Road, GL7 1PQ

STREET NAMES AT SEVERALL'S FIELD DEVELOPMENT

Cotswold District Council had requested the Parish Council's views on the naming of two streets in the Severalls Field development. The developer's

suggestions of “Blossom Avenue” and “Orchard Field/Grove” were felt to be very uninspired, and that names incorporating local people or areas would be more suitable. The Clerk would write and suggest that street names could include: “St Mary’s” (as Upper Siddington used to be known as Siddington St Mary and the site of St Mary’s Church was nearby), “Gingell” (after the popular late headmaster of the adjacent primary school), “Severalls” (as this is the name of the field being developed).

PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Smith and Cllr Langdon had met with representatives of Siddington Cricket Club to discuss their desire to be based in Siddington, and a potential ground-share of the playing field with Chesterton AFC. Concern was expressed about whether the playing field was large enough to accommodate a cricket pitch and the consequent danger of balls injuring people or damaging property. If an alternative location to the playing field could not be found, it might mean a slight realignment of the football pitch. The Clerk and Cllr Langdon would liaise to arrange an initial meeting with Chesterton AFC to discuss the potential idea with them and ascertain their views.

Full draft minutes of the meeting may be viewed 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 in due course. As the Parish Council does not meet in August, the next meeting has been provisionally set for 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th September 2021 at the Village Hall.

Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk

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Siddington Cricket Club

Two games were played against Kempford, with Siddington winning one by 6 wickets, and Kempford the other by 5 wickets. Fox & Hounds beat us by 2 wickets. Fixtures for August are; Tuesday 3rd Sheepscombe Home, Sunday 8th Didmarton Home, Thursday 12th Stroud Post Office Away, Sunday 15th Woodford Away, Sunday 22nd Hillersey Away.

Siddington School News

Sports Day, end of term trips to the water park, leavers' assemblies, cricket, football coaching sessions, and a 'red and white' dress up day (to celebrate England's successes in Euro 2020) are just some of the exciting activities the children have been involved in this term.

We have completed our transition days, where children had the opportunity to visit their new classes. Our new Reception children were able to come and play, and have a story, in our Outside classroom. The children enjoyed meeting their new teachers, and we were excited to introduce them to two new members of staff. Miss Smith joins us as our Year 1 and 2 teacher, and Mrs Hunter will join the new Reception class as their teaching assistant. Mrs Hunter is also a Forest School Leader and will develop the Forest School provision over the coming year.

The school has also taken the decision to employ a member of staff to support the mental health and well-being of the children. Mrs Loveridge will also work in class and will work in a Family Support role for part of the week.

The teachers have completed an assessment week with the children, where the same benchmarks for success were used to compare how our children have achieved in line with National expectations. We can say that our approach to remote learning and the changes we have made to how the curriculum is taught, have been a success. We are very proud of what the staff and children (with the parent's support) have achieved this year, and our results compare very favourably to national expectations from previous years.

Still a few days to go, and a much-needed rest for everyone is on the horizon. It has certainly been a year we will never forget, but also one full of success, joy and hope for the future. I look forward to sharing our many successes with you in the next academic year.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer. See you in September!
Katie Cook- Headteacher

WANTED – NEW GOVERNOR FOR SIDDINGTON SCHOOL

What are we looking for?

Governors do not need to be experts in education; everyone has something to offer and we welcome applications from people with as wide a range of skills and interests as possible.

If you are interested to know more, please email Ian Smith, Chair of Governors chair@siddington.gloucs.sch.uk to request further information and receive an application form.

The Siddington Village Show

Sunday 5th September 2-4pm at the Village Hall

We hope that you are growing, cooking and making in preparation for the Village Show this year. You have hopefully received your entry form in the last edition of the Village News - if not, spare copies are available from the Village Shop.

The show will take it's usual format this year, however, we are aware that some of the village residents are still anxious and concerned about the Covid pandemic. With this in mind, we will be taking some precautionary measures such as having a one-way system around the village hall and (weather permitting!) having the produce and plant stall outside.

If you would like to donate any produce or plants, please bring them along any time after 10am.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Meetings of **Siddington with Preston WI** have recommenced with the first meeting held on Thursday 22nd July, and thereafter on the third Thursday of every month.

Village Hall update

Following the recent Government announcement, step 4 of the roadmap will go ahead on the 19th July.

From that date all restrictions will be lifted at the Village Hall 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.

The thorough cleaning schedule and other health and safety measures will remain a key on-going priority.

We have also recently drawn up a Village Hall Safeguarding Policy, which is available on our website <http://siddingtonvillagehall.co.uk> in the *Statements and Documents* section. If anyone needs to raise any safeguarding concerns, there is now a dedicated email address that is monitored regularly: SVHsafeguarding@gmail.com. The named person for safeguarding concerns at the Hall is Kim Tye.

Centenary Celebrations: We Want to Hear from You

It may only be August, but as you may have read in July's edition of the Village Newsletter, plans are already afoot for Siddington's Christmas Carol Concert on Tuesday 21st December 2021 – 100 years to the day when the Village Hall was originally opened by the Right Hon. Earl Bathurst, CMG.

A lot has happened in those 100 years and we want to hear your memories... Those weddings and birthday parties that we have taken place at the Village Hall – please send us your stories and photos! Stories your mum, dad, aunts, uncles, grandparents, or even great-grandparents may have shared with you about events they attended at the Hall, send them on. In particular, we are very keen to discover any stories and photos that your

family may have featuring the original opening ceremony from December 1921. Please send your memories to siddington100@gmail.com. If you have photos that you do not wish to depart with, even for a short period, we can arrange for them to be scanned.

We can't wait to hear from you !

Tickets for the Roaring 20s Speakeasy Party (Saturday 20th November) will go on sale in September so keep your eyes peeled. In the meantime, if you would like to get involved with the celebrations, please contact siddington100@gmail.com.

Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust



Just Giving page "Jonathan Painter Ride and Stride" will be cycling for St Peter's Church.

"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. Many thanks
Jonathan 01285 650624"

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Next month's editor

Daisy Payne

Deadline date: **Sunday Aug 15th**

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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

Vicar: Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie

The Vicarage, Silver Street, South Cerney, GL7 5TP

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Email: vicar@churnsidechurches.org.uk

The Vicar's day off is on Friday.

Church Office:

Open Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am – 1.00pm

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Thank you.....

Ann Cook would like to say thank you for all of the kind words and cards, following the loss of her husband, Gordon.