



Siddington Village News

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A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

With Christmas fast approaching I am sure that like me many of you are in the midst of your Christmas shopping - writing lists of all that you need to buy and all the people that you need to buy a present for, ticking the items off one by one as things get sorted out. If your family and friends are anything like mine, then some of the people on your list will be easy to buy presents for, while others prove to be a little bit more tricky. One of the things I love most about Christmas shopping is finding the perfect gift for someone else, a gift that will bring another joy and happiness and reminds them that they are valued, loved and cherished.

For Christians, Christmas is a time when we celebrate the perfect gift of God to us, the gift of Jesus. The gift of light, hope, peace, forgiveness and love. In the gift of Jesus, God shows us how much he loves us, a love that is unconditional and everlasting. If you would like to join us in celebrating the birth of Jesus, who is God with us, a warm welcome awaits you at any of our church services this Christmas.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas

Revd Jennifer McKenzie
Vicar of the Churnside Benefice

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - MEETING 3RD NOVEMBER 2021

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that Cllr Chris Langdon had resigned earlier in the day. The Chairman wished to record the Council's appreciation for Cllr Langdon's contribution to the work of the Council and it was agreed that he would be greatly missed. The Clerk had informed CDC, who would issue the Notice of Vacancy in due course.

The Chairman wished to record thanks to Bob Allison who had provided free advice to the Village Hall on fire safety over a number of years. The Chairman also congratulated Johnathan Rixon on organising a successful weekend of ditch clearance. Thanks also to the Bathurst Estate for their support, and to Janet Bayley who had successfully arranged to meet on site with Gloucestershire Highways and the Environment Agency to look at the bridge area near Siddington Mill and get agreement for work to be carried out.

The Chairman had also recently met with Lord Apsley, who would be attending the carol service at the Village Hall centenary on 21st December, and who had expressed a desire to attend a forthcoming Parish Council meeting.

PLANNING

Planning applications at Cotswold District Council to 4th November 2021

- **21/03182/FUL**

Applicant: Mr Martin Reeve, c/o agent Mr Graham Holland, Park Blockley Ltd, 27 Somerford Road, Cirencester, GL7 1TP

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension at 14 The Twenties, Siddington, GL7 6ES

Consultation expiry date: 11th November 2021, NO OBJECTION

- **21/03928/HEDGE**

Applicant: Rhiannon Butcher, Clancy Docwra Ltd, Clare House, Coppermill Lane, Harefield, UB9 6HZ

Proposal: To enable the construction of a foul sewer connection from a proposed development south of Love Lane onto the Chesterton Farm sewer leading to the Cirencester Treatment Works at Spratsgate Lane, Siddington.

Consultation expiry date: 16th November 2021, NO OBJECTION

Planning decisions of Cotswold District Council to 4th November 2021

- **21/03069/FUL & 21/03070/LBC**

Erection of single-storey extension to barn, installation of ASHP unit, access ramp and internal alterations. Demolition of outbuilding and erection of office/living annex. Erection of greenhouse and associated landscaping works at Nashes Barn, Coach Road, Siddington GL7 6HL. Applications withdrawn.

- **21/02813/TPO**

T1 - Lime - Remove dead and broken branches. Reduce height by 3m and crown spread to north and east by 1.5m and to south (over hall) by 2m. Remove basal growth. Lift canopy to provide 3m ground clearance.

T2 - Lime - Reduce height by 4.5m and crown spread to north by 2m and to south by 1m. Remove deadwood. Remove section of ivy and basal growth. Lift canopy to provide 3m ground clearance.

T3 - Lime - Reduce height by 3m and crown spread to north, south and west by 1m. Remove section of ivy and basal growth from base. Lift canopy to provide 3m ground clearance.

T4 - Lime - Reduce height by 3m and crown spread in all directions by approximately 1m to check growth. Remove dead and broken branches. Remove section of ivy from base. All at Siddington Village Hall, Ashton Road, Siddington. Application permitted.

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.

The Parish Council will meet next at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th December 2021 in the Committee Room at the Village Hall.

Robert Cowley Parish Clerk

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THE GREYHOUND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

We will be holding a festive afternoon on Sunday 19th December from 4pm onwards. There will be live music, bbq, disco, mulled wine/cider and an afternoon full of festive fun.

We are also having a disco and buffet on New Year's Eve from 7pm which is free entry and will be open till 1am, families welcome.

SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI

Will be meeting at Preston Village Hall on December 3rd 2021 with the usual Christmas Party and games with members bringing food.



SIDDINGTON EVERGREENS CLUB

Siddington Evergreens would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New year. They hope to resume their regular sessions in the spring of 2022 and will update everyone via the Village News in due course.

Evelyn Mole 01285 640028

GLOUCESTERSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE & STRIDE

Jonathan Painter would like to thank all who very kindly sponsored him for the Historic Churches Ride & Stride Event this year. With your support and his effort 34 churches were visited and £1,055.00 raised.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR REFUSE COLLECTION 2021/22

There is no change to waste, recycling, food waste and garden waste over the Christmas and New Year. Crews will be collecting Monday to Friday as normal including the 3 bank holidays.



SIDDINGTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



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

With the success of our Harvest festival, we are looking forward to Advent and Christmas. One of the drivers of our curriculum is the theme of Sustainability. In the media, there is much discussion about the damage being done to planet Earth. The children have been discussing how they can live their lives in a more sustainable way. However, it is important to remember that Advent is a time for hope, positivity and looking forward.

The children have also been enjoying their enrichment activities, with opportunities for Forest school, Archery and Science club among the most popular. They are also looking forward to the Pantomime trip and Christingle service at the local Church.

We are supporting the Village Hall 100 years celebrations with an art exhibition entitled 'Siddington through time'. Please look out for the children's artwork on display in the hall. The Christmas card competition has also taken place with the two winning entries being on sale at the Village shop.

Mrs Cook - Headteacher

We have places available. Please contact the school if you have moved to the area and would like to look around our school. We are also welcoming visits from parents looking for a reception school place for September 2022.

SIDDINGTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ofsted
Good School

We have fun
We do our very best
We look after everyone

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appointment today
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SIDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Christmas Card Competition - The Winners!

The festive season is looming large and Siddington Village Hall's plans are coming to fruition. The Village Hall Committee has joined forces with Siddington CofE School to produce two special Christmas cards in celebration of the hall's centenary.



Congratulations to the two winners, Evelyn Cook and Erica Rowarth, who are both aged 5 and in the Kingfishers class at Siddington CofE School!

Their beautiful card designs will be on sale at Siddington Post Office and Siddington School from the afternoon of Tuesday 23rd November priced at £3.50 for a pack of five cards. All profits from the sale of these cards will be donated by Siddington Village Hall to Siddington School in honour of the centenary year.

Join Us to Celebrate 100 years of Siddington Village Hall with an Evening of Christmas Carols

On Tuesday 21st December, Siddington Village Hall will be celebrating its 100th birthday!!!

To celebrate this auspicious occasion, the hall will be hosting the village's annual carol concert along with a rededication of the hall by Earl Bathurst. The Right Hon. Earl Bathurst, CMG, originally opened and dedicated Siddington Village Hall 100 years ago to the very day.

The Siddington Village Hall Committee warmly invites all villagers to come along at 6pm to join their family and friends in fine voice! Homemade refreshments will be served afterwards.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of Siddington Village Hall's Trustees - we hope to see many of you at the hall throughout 2022.

VILLAGE NEWS EDITOR REQUIRED

Siddington Village News is looking for a new editor to produce a monthly edition in 2022. No previous experience is needed, just an interest in the village and some experience of using Word software. We have a nice friendly, supportive team of editors and guidance notes to assist you. If you are interested, please contact Malcolm Moseley asap at malcolm4646@talktalk.net.

VILLAGE SHOP & POST OFFICE

Opening Hours & Posting Dates Christmas & New Year

SHOP

Opening times will be 7:00am - 7:00pm all days from Monday 20th December to Monday 3rd January **EXCEPT** for the following:

Saturdays 25th December and 1st January **8:00am - 3:00pm**

Sundays 26th December and 2nd January **8:00am - 12:00 Noon**

POST OFFICE - Last Posting Dates

UK & NI - 2nd Class 18th December, 1st Class 21st December,
Special Delivery 23rd December

INTERNATIONAL

EUROPE varies - 6th December to 16th December

USA & CANADA 13th December

AUSTRALIA 6th December & **NZ** 7th December

Please ask at the Post Office if you need further advice.

Next month's editor: Jane Lloyd

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Deadline: Wednesday 15th December 2021

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NEWS FROM ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Services at St Peter's

Sunday 5th December 11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 12th December 6pm Carol Service

24th December Christmas Eve 2.30pm Crib service

Especially suitable for children

9pm First Communion of Christmas

25th December Christmas Day 10.45am Holy Communion

Church Spire Illumination is only £5 per evening to sponsor.

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The Vicar's day off is on Friday.

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Open Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am - 1.00pm, answer phone at other times.

Churchwardens:

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