

Siddington

THE VILLAGE NEWS

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SIDDINGTON SCHOOL UPDATE

The school took part in Mental Health Awareness Week, and this ended with a 'Dress to Express' yourself day. The children chose their clothing based on an emotion, something that made them happy, or that represented them as an individual. Some children dressed in clothing that made them feel comfortable about themselves, or in onesies of their favourite animal, clothing that represented something they were interested in, or in a colour that expressed an emotion.

We have also had workshops to support the children with feelings of anxiety. The children made worry boxes/monsters and learnt about how their body feels when it is worried and what we can do to help ourselves when we are anxious.

Our Year 5 and 6 children visited Skill Zone in Gloucester to explore how to keep themselves safe in a variety of situations. This included fire safety, stranger danger and online. Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children had a wonderful day at The Cotswold Wildlife Park. They enjoyed seeing all the animals and learning about their habitats.

Mrs Cook - Headteacher



The banner features a blue background with a central yellow circle containing a globe and a wooden cross. To the left, the text reads 'SIDDINGTON C of E' in yellow, 'Ofsted Good School' in white on a blue square, and 'We have fun We do our very best We look after everyone' in white. To the right, it says 'PRIMARY SCHOOL' in yellow, 'Book your appointment today' in white, and 'Tel: 01285 652866' in yellow.

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Parish Council Meetings: 25 Jan and 8 Feb 2022

(Full minutes available at www.siddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk, ___ Robert Cowley the Clerk, can be contacted at siddingtonclerk@gmail.com)

APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET & PRECEPT FOR 2022/23

The proposed budget and precept for 2022/23 were unanimously approved. The budget totalled £32,200 and after drawing from unallocated reserves the precept would be £26,450. This would mean an increase of £0.99 (2.01%) for a Band D dwelling.

Planning applications received by CDC to 3 February 2022

- 21/02416/FUL: Proposal: Erection of detached dwelling house at land east of Birch Cottage, Park Way, Siddington. Applicant: C&R Legal Ltd, c/o agent Mr Mike Smith, Mike Smith Architecture, Drummond House, 19 Gosditch, Ashton Keynes, SN6 6NZ. Consultation expiry: 14 February 2022. NEW DETAILS: The Council noted an alternative access had been proposed. But, the sight lines of the new access were across the neighbouring property, over which the applicant had no control, and currently did not exist. The Council maintained its objection and believed the application should be refused. OBJECTION
- 22/00255/LBC: Proposal: Installation of bathrooms to ground and first floors of east wing of house at Siddington Manor, Church Avenue, Siddington, GL7 6EZ. Applicant: William Underhill & Maxine Harrison, c/o agent Mr M. Lowe, Windmill Cottage, Duntisbourne Abbots, GL7 7JN. Consultation expiry: 22 Feb 2022. NO OBJECTION

Planning decisions of CDC to 3 February 2022

- 21/03596/FUL & 21/03597/LBC. Internal remodelling of utility room and erection of a single storey extension for plant room. Skylights to be inserted over the utility room, and dressing on ground and first floors. Expansion of patio area and addition of accessible ramp. Alterations to garden, including creation of drystone wall to define and greenhouse, pond and associated pathways to connect new elements. Placement of new concrete slab and ASHP unit, to serve barn. Change of Land Use from stables to office and living annex at Nashes Barn, The Coach Road, Siddington, GL7 6HL. Applications permitted.
- 21/03859/FU: Erection of single storey rear extension at Elleberta, Siddington Road, Siddington, GL71PE. Application permitted.

CO-OPTION TO FILL CASUAL VACANCY ON THE 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, must submit an expression of interest by 5.00pm 31 March 2022 to the clerk. Supporting statements are encouraged, (max one side of A4), explaining your interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. 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 on this aspect (telephone 01285 623000 or e-mail elections@cotswold.gov.uk).

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

As part of the review run by Cotswold District Council, Cirencester Town Council had submitted a proposal to transfer the whole of north Siddington (Siddington Road, North Hill Road, Cherry Tree Drive and Wildwood Park) from Siddington into Cirencester. However, before the Parish Council meeting on 8th February Cirencester Town Council had withdrawn the proposal.

PLAYING FIELD

Stonewood Partnership (the developer at Severells Field) has kindly made a large donation towards the cost of repairs to the Park Way fence at the playing field. The Parish Council wishes to express its gratitude for their generosity.

LITTER PICKING

Cotswold District Council has provided the Parish Council with litter picking equipment (litter grabbers, gloves, hi-vis vests, sacks). Anyone wishing to litter pick around the village, please contact the Clerk. Thank you.

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

The agenda and Covid requirements for attendance at meetings are published on the website and on the notice board outside the post office in due course as meetings are called. Meetings usually take place in the Committee Room at the Village Hall. The next meeting is planned for Tuesday 8th March 2022.

Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk

THE ANNE ROBSON HELPLINE

If you or someone close to you is dying, you can talk to us. The Anne Robson Trust aims to be there to listen to anyone who is struggling with the imminent death of someone they care about. We know facing the end of life can leave you isolated and alone.

Being able to access support whilst a loved one is dying is really important for a number of reasons. Gaining knowledge of what may happen towards the end and having a sense of 'preparedness' helps both the person dying and their family gain as much control as possible.



www.annerobsontrust.org.uk/helpline-service to find out more, or call us on 0808 801 0688 - Calls are free and confidential.

EVERGREENS

A great opportunity for the over-60s of Siddington and Preston to make friends in relaxed, pleasant, warm and comfortable surroundings (Elizabeth Way Community Room). We meet every second Tuesday at 2.30pm, with different speakers providing a talk, demonstration or slide show. Various topics have been covered over the years, from nature talks to reminiscences about a childhood in a Barnardos Home, Caribbean Islands to storytelling, and from treasures in the attic to Life Boats. Members are also kept informed about any advances that may improve their lifestyle.

There is always an 'everyone's a winner' raffle, plus tea and coffee with biscuits or cake. There is a modest yearly subscription to cover refreshments, birthday posies and cards. The club offers free transport to Siddington and Preston residents who otherwise can't get to meetings.

Next meeting - The Evergreens hope to resume their regular sessions in the spring of 2022 and will update everyone via the Village News in due course. Contact: Evelyn Mole 01285 640028.

Lynn Costello is the Village Agent, providing the elderly with easy access to information and services. Call her on 07701 281785.

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SIDDINGTON ALLOTMENTS

Siddington Allotments have been around for over a hundred years. There are 24 plots, with 40 people working them. Water supplies have always come from the nearby brook. Siddington Gardeners & Allotment Association is a friendly bunch of gardeners and plot holders with a passion for gardening. Join in the fun, meet other gardeners, and learn more about gardening. This new generation of gardeners is reducing its carbon footprint, getting healthy exercise in the fresh air, and growing wonderfully tasty (often organic) fruit and vegetables. The dynamic social calendar includes an annual plant sale; the Village Grow and Show; tidy days with tea and cakes; flower arranging at Easter and Christmas; allotment week; and get-togethers at the pub when seasoned members share hot tips and gardening advice.

Contact If you're interested in taking on an allotment, contact our warden, Liz, on 07889 038987 or liz@siddington-allotments.org.uk.

Five things to do in the garden in March

1. Tomatoes are one of the easiest crops to grow. Even if you don't have a greenhouse, plants will thrive on a sunny patio or balcony. To ensure early crops sow tomato seeds indoors or in a heated greenhouse
 2. The First-early potatoes that you chitted during January or February can be planted out in late March if the soil is workable. Choosing a sunny position, they can also be planted in large tubs or growing bags if space is limited
 3. Build a compost bin. Our gardens produce a huge amount of waste – from grass clippings to prunings and spent veg plants. Instead of binning it, composting allows green waste to break down naturally, and the resulting crumbly brown compost can be spread on flower beds and veg patches as an organic soil improver. You can buy compost bins or make one out of old pallets
 4. Plant summer flowering bulbs such as dahlias, lilies and gladioli. When picking your bulbs ensure they are firm and no signs of mould. Bulbs hate to be wet so need good drainage
 5. If you want fresh herbs March is a good time to start sowing the seeds. Hardy ones such as parsley, chervil and chives are good to start with and can be sown in the ground or small pots.
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NEWS FROM SIDDINGTON VILLAGE HALL TRUSTEES

The Trustees of Siddington Village Hall are delighted to report that sales of the winning Christmas card designs raised over £100 for Siddington School!

Siddington Village Hall celebrated its 100th birthday on 21st December 2021. Congratulations to the two Christmas card design competition winners, Evelyn Cook and Erica Rowarth from Siddington Primary School, whose card designs were printed and sold in the village shop and school. They were presented with their mounted and framed designs, although sadly we couldn't do this at the extra-special Christmas Carol Concert that due to be held on to celebrate the centenary. We took the very difficult decision to cancel this event in light of the Covid-19 situation.

We had great fun working with the school and hope the funds prove useful and the children enjoy spending the money!

WHAT'S ON AT THE VILLAGE HALL?

We have plenty to choose from whatever your tastes and age. From baby yoga to adult tap classes, there's hopefully something that takes your fancy. <http://siddingtonvillagehall.co.uk/regular-users/>.

Do you have any skills that you could share with the community and run regular or one-off session? siddingtonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com.

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Mon	Available for hire	Available for hire	Available for hire
Tues	Baby Yoga with Sinead Issacs 10:00-12:30	Tai Chi with Joe May 13:30-14:30	Pilates with Shauna Wheeldon 17:15-18:15, 18:30-19:30, 19:45-20:45
Weds	Yoga with Susanna Lavender, 10:45-12:15	Cheeky Feet with Spiral Dance, 14:00-14:30, 15:00-15:30	Adult Tap with Spiral Dance, 18:30-19:15, 19:15-20:00
Thurs			Adult Tap with Gloria Mannion / Rochelle Stage School, 19:30-21:00
Fri			Karate with Tim Johnson, 17:30-20:00
Sat	Ballet, tap, modern jazz and acrobatic from pre-school up to major qual level. Gloria Mannion 09:30-13:00		Available for hire
Sun	Available for hire	Available for hire	Available for hire

Contact details for classes listed below:

- Baby yoga: <https://sineadyoga.com/>
- Tai chi: <https://passion4laughter.com/joes-taichi-and-movement-real-life-courses/>
- Pilates with Shauna: <http://www.total-lifestyle-coaching.co.uk/timetable.html>
- Yoga with Susanna: susannayogalavender@gmail.com
- Cheeky Feet / Adult Dance w Spiral Dance: www.spiraldancestudio.co.uk
- Rochelle Stage School / Adult Tap with Gloria Mannion: 01793 750711
- Karate with Tim Johnson: tpjohnson830@gmail.com

SIDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB

Siddington Cricket Club recently held their presentation evening at their headquarters The Greyhound Inn. Awards went to, Batting Jack Thomas, Bowling Alan Fuller, Most improved player Joe Rendall, Rosie Rumble captains cup Jon Hughes. Outgoing Chairman Malcolm Moseley presented a cup for the clubman of the year, which was presented to Alan Fuller.

SPONSORSHIP OF THE VILLAGE NEWS

We are always grateful to receive any funding towards the Village News. It is entirely produced and distributed by a willing band of volunteers. Each edition currently costs £89 to print and is distributed to every house in Siddington. If any individual or organisation would like to sponsor an edition or to place a small advert (up to 4 lines) in the News there is a charge of £10. Thanks to all our 2021-2022 sponsors.

Donations can also be made in the Village News collecting box on the counter in the shop and we are very grateful to the people who donate money in this way, leaving us some of your change would be much appreciated. Every little bit counts towards our costs.

If you would like to support the News or want more information, please contact David Murray (07590 228621 davemurray614@gmail.com) or Georgie Hayward (07722 652886 georgie@uppersidd.co.uk)

THANK YOU

The family of Jane Baxter, who sadly died on January 18th, would like to thank the many villagers for their messages of condolence. Jane enjoyed many happy years living in the village.

St Peter's Church info

March 2022		
Sun 6 th March	11.15am	Family Service
Sun 20 th March	11.15am	Holy Communion
Sun 27 th March	11.15am	Mothering Sunday Morning Praise

Details of other services in the benefice can be found on the Churnside Benefice website. www.churnsidechurches.org.uk

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 m: 07977 409260 e: spireview25@gmail.com

Vicar: Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie (Friday is day off)
The Vicarage, Silver Street, South Cerney, GL7 5TP
Tel: 01285 860221, Email: vicar@churnsidechurches.org.uk

Associate Priest: Helen Caine (available Tuesday/Friday/Sunday)
Email: associatepriest@churnsidechurches.org.uk

Church Office: Open Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am-1.00pm, answerphone at other times. 01285 862632, office@churnsidechurches.org.uk

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