

THE VILLAGE NEWS

Siddington

July 2022

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The Siddington Village Show



We are pleased to announce that there will be a Village Show again this year on Sunday September 4th in the Village Hall.



After there was no show in 2020 due to Covid and a reduced show last year, we are planning to put on a full show again with refreshments, games and activities!

There was a successful plant sale to raise funds for the Show, held in the car park of The Greyhound on Sunday 5th June which raised over £100 – we would like to thank everybody who donated plants for the sale and who popped along and bought some, as well as The Greyhound for allowing the use of their car park.

You will find your Village Show entry form enclosed with this edition and further entry forms will be available from the Village Shop from August.

So get growing, baking and making in preparation! There will be prizes for the winners and trophies as well.

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Parish Council News – Meeting 14th June 2022

Parish Council

The Council received the resignations of Cllr Hayley Davies and Cllr Victoria Wilson. The Clerk would ask CDC to produce the necessary Notice of Vacancies for publication in due course. If there were insufficient requests for a by-election, then Parish Council would be able to proceed to co-option to fill the Casual Vacancies.

Phone Box

The Council has had the old phone box on Ashton Road renovated and converted into a book swap facility. Former parish councillor Hayley Davies has taken on the management of this project to be known as the “Book Booth”.

Playing Field

The Council considered suggestions for activity equipment aimed at older children at the playing field. It was agreed to investigate provision of “trim trail” type equipment.

Highways & Footpaths

The Clerk would source a quote for cutting back the grass overgrowing the pavement along the north side of Parkway.

Police Report

April Crimes – Total 4

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| 1 | Assault |
| 1 | Causing public, fear, alarm or distress |
| 1 | Theft |
| 1 | Criminal damage |

May Crimes (up until 30/05/22) – Total 13 crimes

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| 1 | Causing public, fear, alarm or distress |
| 9 | Assault |
| 2 | Theft |
| 1 | Criminal damage |

Please be aware that most of the assaults are linked to one incident and this is why there appears to be a spike in the numbers.

PCSO Kim Collins

Green Lane – fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour

Cllr Turner reported on the onsite meeting with Cllr Evemy (CDC), Cllr Spivey (GCC) and officers of CDC and Ubico regarding fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour, and the potential for closure of Green Lane. There were two options:

- 1 – A Public Space Protection Order (PSPO), which could close the lane to vehicles and prevent fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour. The order would have to be renewed every three years and the lane would remain the responsibility of Highways.
- 2 – Full closure and creation of a bridleway on the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way, which would close the lane to vehicles and prevent fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour. This would return the lane to the ownership of the riparian owners (adjoining landowners), who would then be responsible for maintenance including verges and hedges.

Both options would involve costs and public consultations. Cllr Every would pursue the PSPO option with CDC and Cllr Spivey would pursue the full closure option with GCC and report back.

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 12th July 2022.

Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk

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Charity Concert in aid of the Ukraine Fund

Saturday 2nd July – 7:30pm

St John the Baptist Church Cirencester



There will be a performance by the Gloucestershire Police Male Voice Choir together with Gloucestershire Youth Orchestra in aid of the Ukraine Fund.

Tickets £15 including refreshments.

Tickets available at www.gloucestershirepolicemvc.co.uk or on the door on the night.

Siddington C of E Primary School

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

Our Platinum Jubilee Street party was a huge success. The children and their families enjoyed celebrating together, with singing and dancing from across the decades. As you can see from the picture, the staff enjoyed themselves too!



Our next big event for our families is our sports day, where the parents are invited for breakfast before watching the children take part and earning points for their house teams. Our PTA Summer fete will also take place on 15 July at 3.30pm and Siddington village residents are very welcome to join us.

This term our school Value has been Courage. Having the courage to do what is right, even when it is difficult to do so. We have also been thinking about how we can be courageous in our learning. We remember that making a mistake is an opportunity for new learning.

Last year we welcomed baby ducks into school and this year we have been watching quails hatch and grow. The children are learning about how to look after them and they are proving to be a joy to have in school.

The whole school has enjoyed a visit from the Life Education Bus. There was a workshop for each year group on safe relationships, growing and changing.

We are starting to think about saying goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. We have taken part in the Leaver's Service at Gloucester Cathedral and the end of term hoodies are on order! We look forward to enjoying our last few weeks with the eldest pupils in our school, before they take the next step in their education journey.

Mrs Cook - Headteacher

Siddington Cricket Club



For various reasons several Siddington Cricket Club games have been cancelled recently. Of the ones played we did defeat National Star College Staff, but lost to Didmarton, and Avebury.

St Peter's Church Events

Afternoon Tea in St Peter's Sunday Saturday 2nd July 2-4pm

You are invited to join us in St Peter's Church Siddington for afternoon tea on Saturday 2nd July between 2 and 4pm. Come and enjoy some delicious sandwiches, cake, and scones in our beautiful church. Donations welcome towards the work and upkeep of the church. All welcome to attend.

Churchyard Tidy up

On Saturday 30th July from 10am we will be having a churchyard tidy at St Peter's Church. If you are able to help, then please bring along relevant tools. Refreshments will be provided. For more information please contact the Vicar Revd Jennifer McKenzie.



5 Things to do in the garden in July



1. Keep watering pots and containers, in hot weather these can need watering daily.
2. Pick flowers for indoors – especially sweet peas to keep them flowering for longer.
3. Deadhead spent flower heads as this will encourage new flower growth or allow plants to put their energy into their roots.
4. Thin out apples – reduce the number of apples on each cluster to between 1 and 3 depending on the size of your tree – this will give larger, tastier fruit!
5. Just enjoy the outdoors and sunshine!

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News from St Peter's Church

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| Sunday 3 rd July | 11.15am – refreshments served from 10.30am | Family Service |
| Sunday 17 th July | 11.15am – refreshments served from 10.30am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 24 th July | 11.15am | Morning Praise |
| Sunday 31 st July | 10.00am | Benefice Service (venue tbc) |

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.
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