

The Village News

Siddington

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Showtime!

Siddington Village Show takes place on Sunday 4th September at the Village Hall. The competition categories are open to all residents of Siddington Parish and you have until 6pm on Friday 2nd September to submit your entries at the Post Office.



There are prizes for each category winner, certificates for the best three entries in each category and trophies for overall winners. Entries must be taken to the hall between 10am and 11am on the morning of the event. The hall will then be closed to visitors for judging.

The doors open again at 2pm, when everyone is welcome to come along and view the entries. There will be a raffle, a Produce and Plant stall and refreshments and cakes provided by the St. Peter's flower arranging team.

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Proposed Siddington Neighbourhood Plan – call for volunteers

Neighbourhood plans take a lot of work and cost money. Why should Siddington bother preparing one?

The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government states: *'Neighbourhood planning provides the opportunity for communities to set out a positive vision for how they want their community to develop over the next 10, 15, 20 years in ways that meet identified local need and make sense for local people. They can put in place planning policies that will help deliver that vision or grant planning permission for the development they want to see'.*

All very well but we are also told 'A neighbourhood plan cannot stop development and government has made it clear that it is not a tool for residents to oppose proposals for new developments close to them'. So what's the point?

Looked at from a negative perspective, our neighbours Kemble & Ewen, Somerford Keynes, South Cerney and Preston all have neighbourhood plans, and without one Siddington may be at a disadvantage. Equally, we'll never know how effective a neighbourhood plan might be in influencing our future if we don't have one. Rather more positively, the process of preparing the plan will give the community a chance to focus on the future shape of the parish and its needs, something we haven't done for over twelve years since we produced the Siddington Parish Plan. By having a neighbourhood plan, we would be entitled to a greater proportion (40% more) of any Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) raised from developments in the parish. Any CIL monies received would be spent on improving community facilities.

I have volunteered to get the Siddington Neighbourhood Plan process going but can only do so with help from members of the parish. All those involved in the parish plan found their involvement fulfilling and worthwhile and I'm confident that involvement with the Neighbourhood Plan will be equally rewarding.

Please contact me on 01285 653316 or email john@haywardproperty.co.uk to find out a bit more about what's involved. No particular skills are required – just a bit of time, enthusiasm and a sense of humour.

John Hayward

What's on at The Greyhound

Many thanks to The Greyhound for sponsoring this edition of the Village News. Our local pub has live music every month, open mic nights on the third Thursday of every month and fish and chips every Wednesday for just £20 for two.

Waiting and kitchen staff are still needed. If you're interested in applying, contact Lucy on 01285 653573 or email greyhound@wadworth.co.uk for further information.

Siddington Cricket Club



The hot, dry weather once again enabled Siddington Cricket Club to play all their scheduled fixtures in August. We defeated Stroud Post Office but lost to Kempford, Ashton Keynes and Lechlade.

Evergreen Club

The Evergreen Club provides a great opportunity for the over-60s of Siddington and Preston to make friends in the relaxed, pleasant, warm and comfortable surroundings of the Elizabeth Way Community Room. This month we will be meeting on Tuesday, 13th September @ 2.30pm. New members are very welcome – contact Evelyn Mole on 01285 640028 for more information.



Cheers! Local craft brewery welcomes visitors for taproom events

“We describe CLB as a lockdown project that got out of hand!”, says Nick Hunt, Somerford Keynes resident and Chief Beer Officer at Cotswold Lakes Brew Co. After selling its first beer over the May Bank Holiday in 2021, the fledgling craft brewery has produced over 20,000 pints and boasts an impressive line-up of five tasty brews. But more than just great beer, the brewery is doing their bit to help tackle some serious global issues, too. “Food production is the biggest contributor to climate change and one third of all food is wasted”, explains Nick. Whilst not unique, the Cotswold Lakes Brew Co. collects left-over bread from nearby restaurants and hospitality businesses which it reuses as a key ingredient in its beers. The team has also committed to donate 1% of gross sales revenue to the Cotswold Lakes Trust, helping the conservation and enhancement of the Cotswold Water Park.

The CLB range is stocked in a number of local outlets, but the team never tire of telling their story. To find out more, and for a great night out, pop along to one of their taproom events at Field Farm and meet the team! For dates and more details, visit: www.cotswoldlakesbrew.co.uk/taproom.

PILATES
Siddington Village Hall
Total Lifestyle Coaching

Spaces Available *** Spaces Available *** Spaces Available

The Pilates sessions condition the body and mind, using precise and controlled movements to restore balance and freedom of movement. Classes are taught with purpose, educating clients about their body awareness, combining somatic education, fascial release and other mind-body practices so the body is able to move better in a functional, flexible and strong way.

TUESDAY EVENINGS - 5.15pm & 6.30pm & 7.45pm

Spaces are limited and must be booked in advance. Please contact Shauna Wheeldon on:

shauna.wheeldon@gmail.com or 07717 560296

Siddington with Preston WI

Thursday 15th September 2022



BARRY WICKES – WILD THINGS

The speaker this month is Barry Wickes, who will be talking about Wild Things and Wildlife Rescue.

We will be meeting this month at the Elizabeth Way Community Room, Siddington at 7.30pm.

Please contact Ann on 01285 641469 for more information.



Five things to do in the garden in September



1. Buy and plant spring bulbs. By planting out snowdrops, crocus, daffodils, hyacinths and tulips you can have early colour in your garden before annuals and perennials are in bloom.
2. Keep harvesting crops. If you have a glut of fruit and veg, try freezing, drying, pickling and storing so that you can benefit from them later on.
3. Rake lawns and aerate and apply autumn fertiliser. This is also a good time to sow new lawns if the weather isn't too dry.
4. Divide your herbaceous perennials. This will keep your plants healthy and vigorous year after year and multiply your stock.
5. Raise pumpkins and squashes off the ground to prevent rotting. Place them on slate or wood.

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Next month's editor

Philip Woodall

Deadline date: Thursday September 15th

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Chesterton AFC at Siddington playing field

Chesterton AFC are part of Gloucestershire Northern Senior League 2 and our home ground is Siddington playing field. We are managed by Brad Robinson, who stepped in to pick up the reins when our previous manager left halfway



through last season to progress to higher levels of football. We are grateful to Brad and his team and also grateful to Grip Tyres of Cirencester, who have provided our new kit this year.

We train on Tuesday evenings, currently from 6-7pm. New and past players are welcome to join us. We also welcome spectators. At our home games we are able to offer coffee, tea and light refreshments. Our season was due to start on the 13th of August, but because of the hot weather our first game was postponed until the 16th of August. All of our fixtures can be found on the GNSL website - www.gnslweb.co.uk.

Parish Council Survey

The Parish Council has included a flyer in this edition of the Village News, giving residents the opportunity to vote on a proposal to exclude motor vehicles from the quiet lane in Upper Siddington. Details of the reasons for this proposal are included in the flyer. Please take the time to return your response to the box in the Post Office, or email your response to siddingtonclerk@gmail.com.

St Peter's Church News



September Services

Sunday 4th September 11.15am Family Service

Sunday 18th September 11.15am Holy Communion

Sunday 25th September 11.15am Morning Praise

Refreshments are served before the services from 10.30am.

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 on 07977 409260 or email: spireview25@gmail.com.

Vicar: Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie

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The Vicar's day off is on Friday.

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