

# Siddington Village News

November 2022

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## Siddington Christmas Tree Festival

From 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> December St Peter's Church will once again play host to the Siddington Christmas Tree Festival, where the church will be decorated with numerous Christmas trees, each designed by a Siddington group, organisation or business. The festival will be open on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December between 6pm and 8pm, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December between 10am and 5pm, and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December between 1pm and 4pm.

Refreshments will be served throughout the festival. There will be a Christmas raffle with some lovely Christmas hampers to be won. We also have a 'Made in Siddington Stall' selling things like knitted items, preserves and Christmas cakes. Younger visitors will be able to do some colouring and there will be a treasure hunt around the church - with a chocolate prize. This will be an atmospheric start to the Christmas season so we hope that you will join us.

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**Alison Pine**

# Parish Council News – Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022

## Severells Field Development

The Council noted that a number of the properties were now occupied and it was agreed that the village Welcome Pack be updated and made available on the Parish Council website –

[www.siddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.siddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk) (front page). Cllr Hayward would ask the editor to ensure that copies of the Village News were delivered to the new houses.

## Police Report

No report had been received. Cllr Turner reported that the “joyriding” on Spratsgate Lane and the Love Lane industrial estate appeared to be organised race meetings publicised on social media. The Chair would draft a letter to the Police & Crime Commissioner asking for robust action to be taken.

## Defibrillator Provision for Upper Siddington

The Clerk reported that the cost of a solar-powered defibrillator cabinet alone would be in excess of £2,100. It was agreed to investigate the potential of siting a defibrillator on the outside fence of the substation next to the playing field.

## Planning

### 22/03226/FUL

Applicant: Bathurst Development Limited, c/o agent Miss Dawn Brodie, Savills, Wytham Court, West Way, Oxford, OX2 0QL

Proposal: Erection of a single-storey extension to an existing school. Alterations to playground and car parking area plus ancillary development at Siddington CofE Primary School, The Coach Road, Siddington, GL7 6HL

Consultation expiry date: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022

The Parish Council did not object to this application. However, it was agreed that a condition should be imposed whereby construction delivery hours would be restricted so as to not coincide with school arrival and departure times, along with penalties should the condition be breached. Officers are asked to liaise with the Parish Council and District Councillor Mike Every on the drafting of the condition to ensure

that detailed local knowledge is harnessed to the mutual benefit of the applicant, the school and the community.

### **Playing Field Trim Trail**

Cllr C Smith had circulated information on trim trails from suppliers. Cllr Smith was asked to arrange site visits and seek further advice from the suppliers.

### **Potential Closure of Green Lane to Motor Traffic**

The Council had received 71 responses to the recent survey. 69 were in favour of excluding motor traffic and restricting Green Lane to pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders, and 2 were against. Cllr Turner would draft an email to GCC and Cllr Spivey setting out the reasons for closure to motor traffic.

### **Casual Vacancies on the Parish Council**

There are currently two vacancies 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 will need to submit an expression of interest by **5.00 p.m. on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022**. Supporting statements are encouraged, on no more than one side of A4, detailing why you would be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor. Expressions of interest should be submitted to the Clerk. 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 (tel: 01285 623000 or e-mail [elections@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:elections@cotswold.gov.uk)).

**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 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

**Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk**

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## Siddington with Preston WI



### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November -Folk Song and Dance in the Cotswolds

A talk by Martin & Shan Greabe with music and songs about the singer and dancer Alf Cobb of Siddington. It also covers the links between Arts and Craft movement and folk song and dance in the South Cotswolds.

As usual, visitors and guests are welcome. There will be tea, biscuits and a raffle.

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

Please contact Ann on 01285 641469 for more information.

### A Message from Mary Painter

'I wish to say a special thank you to everyone who kindly sent me so many lovely cards to get well. All your kindness and good wishes and friendship mean such a lot to me. Thank you all and God bless.'



### Five Things to Do in the Garden in November



1. Get wildlife ready for winter by filling bird feeders and leaving a fresh water supply. Try building insect hotels by drilling holes in old logs or leave a corner of the garden wild.
2. Give your tools an MOT- garden tools should be cleaned and sharpened after a season of use. Ensure all lawn mowers have been cleaned, checked and drained of fuel.
3. Autumn fruiting raspberry cane can be cut down just above the soil line. Gooseberry, blackcurrant and redcurrant can also be pruned.
4. Add well rotted manure to empty vegetable beds. During the colder months it will breakdown releasing valuable nutrients.
5. Cut back and mulch perennial plants, cutting stems back to just above the ground and apply mulch to the base of plants to protect roots and suppress weeds



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

It has been a fantastic first term at Siddington C of E Primary. We have been thinking about what we are thankful for and the children enjoyed sharing their ideas with parents in the Harvest festival at St. Peter's Church. They shared their poems and pictures and created a prayer space when they got back to school.

We have been working with a company called 'BEST – be a better you' who teach about mental health and wellbeing through sport. Some of our children also enjoyed a special afternoon with BEST as a reward for showing outstanding respectful behaviours.

Year 5 and (some) Year 6 children have taken part in 'Bikeability' and have learnt how to ride their bikes safely on the roads. They also learnt about keeping their bikes in good working order so that they are ready to ride on the roads.

We have partnered our year 6 pupils with our new Reception children and they have been helping them settle in. It has been lovely to see how well the year 6 pupils have taken this role on and to see the youngest children in our school settle in so quickly.

Miss Smith (our Science leader) worked hard last year to achieve the Primary Science Quality Mark. The school achieved this award in September with recognition of the impressive way the children can talk with such enthusiasm about what they have learnt in Science. They were also impressed with all of the opportunities the children have for enrichment activities in this subject. Well done to all the staff for all their hard work at promoting Science in our school.

**Next month's editors:** Kevin and Maggie Pocock  
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**Deadline: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

## **Siddington Village Hall- Christmas Carol Concert**

It's November, Halloween has passed by in a haze of pumpkins and sweets, and fireworks will soon be popping off left, right and centre; soon enough it will be time for Santa to make his annual visit...

Now we've set the scene, the Trustees of Siddington Village Hall would like to warmly invite all Siddington residents to our Christmas Carol Concert to be held at Siddington Village Hall on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December from 6pm.** There will be plenty of joyous carols followed by delicious homemade refreshments and mulled wine.

Following restrictions on social gatherings and surges in Covid-19 cases, this year's carol concert will be the first since 2019. It also allows us the opportunity for the village to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the hall, it being postponed from last December.

We very much hope you can join us, and we look forward to welcoming you all.

## **Pilates at Siddington Village Hall**

The village hall is currently in use every day throughout each week for myriad activities. One of the longest running classes held at the hall is Pilates. Shauna Wheeldon has been teaching Pilates classes on Tuesday evenings at the hall for over 12 years, and she currently teaches three individual classes each Tuesday: 5.15pm, 6.30pm and 7.45pm.

If you're curious about Pilates, here Shauna tells us more about it:

*"Often our modern-day lifestyles can lead to imbalances which then contribute to restrictions, discomfort, and pain in our bodies. Pilates addresses these imbalances aiming to restore the body back to physical function.*

*Pilates is a controlled mind and body method of exercises which are suitable for anyone from the first-time exerciser to the professional athlete. Pilates helps*

*improve posture, flexibility, mobility, strength and focuses on functional recruitment of the body's stabilisers. Each exercise is adapted to meet individual needs, incorporating the latest research and other movement practices so clients can improve movement and function to allow their bodies to work efficiently and with ease".*

If you would like to find out more about Pilates classes at Siddington Village Hall on Tuesday evenings or to enquire about spaces, please contact Shauna Wheeldon at [shauna.wheeldon@gmail.com](mailto:shauna.wheeldon@gmail.com) or call 07717560296.

To discover all that is on at Siddington Village Hall, please visit: <http://siddingtonvillagehall.co.uk/regular-users/>.

If you have a passion you would like to share by hosting classes of your own, or would like to hire the hall for a family gathering or children's party, please contact: [siddingtonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:siddingtonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com).

**The Siddington Village Hall will host its Annual General Meeting at 7pm on Tuesday 15th November 2022 in the SVH Committee Room. All villagers are welcome to attend.**

## **Village News Editor Needed**

Are you interested in editing the Village News? We have a vacancy for an editor in 2023. Each editor takes responsibility for one edition a year. This involves collating articles, liaising with the printer, collecting the copies from the printer and taking them out to the distributors. You need to be a competent user of Microsoft Word and should be confident editing, proof-reading and occasionally writing short articles of local interest. You will be fully supported by an existing editor as you get to grips with the task.

For further information email Alison Wagstaff [awsiddington@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:awsiddington@yahoo.co.uk)

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## News from St Peter's Church

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Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	11.15am – Refreshments served from 10.30am	Family Service
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	4.00pm	Remembrance Service
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	11.15am	Holy Communion

Details of other services in the benefice can be found on the Churnside Benefice website. [www.churnsidechurches.org.uk](http://www.churnsidechurches.org.uk)

**Church Spire Illumination:** only £5 per evening to sponsor.

In memory of a loved one, anniversary, birthday, or just for yourself.

Contact Michael Painter.

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**Vicar: Revd. Jennifer McKenzie**

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

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The Vicar's day off is Friday.

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**Church Office:**

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