



# Siddington Village News

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## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

One of my favourite Christmas traditions, along with singing carols, spending time with family and friends, is decorating my home for Christmas. There is something about a sparkly Christmas tree, a nativity set and some twinkly lights that help set the scene for our Christmas celebrations and help make this a special time of year. Along with the decorations my children have made over the years, my favourite Christmas decoration is my nativity set, a gift from friends following a trip to Bethlehem.

My nativity set contains simple figures carved from olive wood and it takes pride of place on the mantelpiece in my lounge. Each Christmas the figures are carefully placed to create a picture of that first Christmas when Jesus was born. Arranged are the figures of Mary, Joseph, some animals, the shepherds, the wise men and then centre stage the manger holding God's great gift to us, the gift of Jesus. This reminds me of what is at the heart of the Christmas celebrations, the birth of a baby, God's perfect gift to us. The gift of light, hope, peace, forgiveness and love. In the gift of Jesus, God shows us how much God loves each and every one of us. 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. You can find details of our services elsewhere in this edition. I wish you all a Happy Christmas.

**Revd Jennifer McKenzie, Vicar of the Churnside Benefice**

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - MEETING 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

### **CORONATION OF HM KING CHARLES III**

The Parish Council would welcome suggestions for ways to commemorate the Coronation of HM King Charles II on 6<sup>th</sup> May next year. The Council would also like to hear from any volunteers willing to take things forward with the support of the Council. Please contact the Clerk in the first instance.

### **POLICE REPORT - CRIME BREAKDOWN**

This report covers the period of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022, during which 7 crimes were reported.

**Criminal Damage** - 1 traffic lights

**Violence** - 3 (one incident was a dog bite, the second concerned threatening messages & the third incident a verbal altercation)

**Theft** - 2 (one incident theft from a vehicle & the other was shoplifting)

For further information concerning the crime figures please go to the police website [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk). The Siddington Policing Team can be contacted by telephoning the non-emergency number 101 or by emailing [101@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:101@gloucestershire.police.uk). Information can also be passed via Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111. We are also contactable online via the Constabulary website [www.gloucestershire.police.uk](http://www.gloucestershire.police.uk). Many thanks.

PC Christopher Pritchard (Area Beat Manager)  
PCSO Beverley Rowe

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Cllr Turner thanked those who had helped with the sorting out of the emergency stores.

- The Clerk would order appropriate signage for the doors.
- The Clerk would investigate the cost of a replacement gritting machine.
- The Clerk would order a snow shovel, a sand shovel and some bags of builders' sand.
- Cllr Sparrow would arrange for the gutters on the Parkway store to be checked.
- The bags of road grit would be transferred to the localised grit bins.

## **MOWER FOR SALE**

The Council is selling its petrol-powered Viking rotary mower (to be serviced immediately prior to sale). Price £300. Please contact the Clerk for more details.

## **PLANNING**

### **22/03538/FUL**

Applicant: Spire House Developments Ltd, c/o agent Mr Justin Dowling, Christopher Stanley Architecture & Planning Ltd, 218 Watermoor Point, Watermoor Road, Cirencester, GL7 1LF

Proposal: Erection of detached 4 no. bed dwelling within curtilage of existing dwelling and erection of two-storey rear extension and single-storey front porch to existing dwelling at 88 Siddington Road, GL7 1PF

Consultation expiry date: 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022

The Council agreed to object to this application on the grounds of over-development in that the proposed new dwelling was far too large for the available plot. **OBJECTION**

## **POTENTIAL CLOSURE OF GREEN LANE TO MOTOR TRAFFIC**

The Council agreed that Cllr Spivey should be asked to press Highways' legal team for a detailed response regarding the request for a closure of Green Lane to motor vehicles, and to also ask for a site visit.

**The Parish Council would like to wish all residents and their families a**

**Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**



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 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

**Robert Cowley - Parish Clerk**

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## SIDDINGTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



We are welcoming visits from families considering Siddington Church of England Primary School for their child in September 2023. Any parents wishing to visit the school should contact the school office on the number above or on [admin@siddington.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@siddington.gloucs.sch.uk). We will then organise a visit during the school day (or in the evening) where you will have the opportunity to experience the day-to-day running of the school and meet the Headteacher and staff.

We also have limited places in some year groups and would welcome visits from parents who may have recently moved locally. We look forward to meeting you!

SIDDINGTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ofsted Good School

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

Book your appointment today  
Tel: 01285 652866

The banner features a blue background with a yellow circle in the center containing a blue cross and a green globe held by two white hands. The school name is written in yellow at the top. The Ofsted logo and a quote are on the left, and booking information is on the right.

### WHAT'S ON AT THE GREYHOUND IN DECEMBER

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec** Music with Total Eclipse

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup>/Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 16<sup>th</sup>** DJ Party nights

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>** Ginny & Phoebe

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>** Festive day with music, mulled wine, cider and pizza - no need to book

**New Year's Eve** Disco from 7pm till 12.30am free entry.

We will also be showing the World Cup on outside TVs under the Marquee.

## PATA@Siddington Playgroup

Is excited to share that we are holding a Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall this December. Please come along and find some gifts in time for Christmas whilst supporting your local playgroup too! There will also be Playgroup Christmas raffle tickets on sale with exciting prizes such as Family entry tickets to Westonbirt Arboretum, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Little Centurions soft play and much more. We look forward to seeing to there!

**Gemma Turner - Early Years Manager  
PATA@Siddington and Kemble**



The poster features a festive background with white bokeh lights. At the top, the text 'PATA @ Siddington Christmas Fayre' is written in purple and red. Below this, the date and time 'Saturday 3rd December 2pm - 4pm' are displayed in red. A row of colorful wrapped gifts is shown in the center. The bottom left contains contact information for PATA @ Siddington & Kemble, including the address 'Siddington Village Hall, Ashton Road, Siddington, Cirencester GL7 8HD' and phone number '07934 495823'. The bottom right has a purple box with the text 'Interested in a table? Stalls cost £10.00 each plus a donation to our raffle. To book please email [siddington@pataglos.org.uk](mailto:siddington@pataglos.org.uk)'.

**PATA @ Siddington**  
**Christmas Fayre**  
**Saturday 3rd December**  
**2pm - 4pm**

A chance to get Christmas wrapped up early whilst supporting our local businesses!  
Various stalls offering handmade, unique gifts. Refreshments, raffle & more.

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**SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
WI Members Christmas Party**

**theWI**  
INSPIRING WOMEN

An evening of entertainment, fun and laughter.

**We will be meeting this month at Elizabeth Way Community Room, Siddington 7.30pm.** Please contact Ann on 01285 641469 for more information.



The Trustees of Siddington Village Hall kindly request your presence to celebrate 101 years of our wonderful village hall on

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December from 6pm**

at Siddington Village Hall.

*Join us for carols,  
a rededication of the Hall by Lord Apsley,  
and delicious homemade refreshments.*

*Charity collection in aid of The Children's Society.*

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## **SIDDINGTON EVERGREENS CLUB**

Siddington Evergreens would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year. We will be meeting in the Elizabeth Way Community rooms at 2.30pm Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Contact Evelyn Mole 01285 640028 for any other details.

## **CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR REFUSE COLLECTION 2022/23**

Refuse, food waste and recycling for the week commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2022 will run one day late due to no collection on the Bank Holiday Monday.

**Note:** the garden waste collection is suspended from Monday 26th December 2022. Collections will resume from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

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## SIDDINGTON



- Do you have skills that you would like to share?
- Do you want to ensure our village hall sticks around for the future generations of Siddington to enjoy?
- Would you like to help out with community events?

A cornerstone in our village, Siddington Village Hall has been around for 101 years; from January 2023 there will be two openings on the Board of Trustees. For those that are not aware, our beloved village hall is run entirely by volunteers who dedicate a few hours throughout each month to ensure the village hall remains open and is available for everyone to enjoy.

Becoming a trustee of Siddington Village Hall is a great opportunity to use your personal and professional skills, and to join a great team of people who also want to ensure the successful running of the village hall. Volunteering as a trustee is a great way to make new friends in the village and support our community.

We are also seeking less formal help from the Siddington community - would you like to help out when you can and not be committed to regular hours of volunteering? There are opportunities to help the trustees in the running of the hall at particular events and busy times of year.

If any of this piques your interest and you would like to get involved, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us by emailing [siddingtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:siddingtonvillagehall@gmail.com)

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**Deadline: Thursday 15th December 2022**

## News from St Peter's Church

<b>December 2022</b>		
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	11.15am - Refreshments served from 10.30am	Family Service
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00pm	Carol Service
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am	Benefice Communion with Bishop Rachel at All Hallows, South Cerney
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm  9.00pm	Crib Service  First Communion of Christmas
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	Family Communion
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	10.00am	Benefice Communion at All Hallows, South Cerney

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

Please note that due to rising energy costs, church spire illumination will increase to £10 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: Revd. Jennifer McKenzie**

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

Tel: 01285 860221

Email: vicar@churnsidechurches.org.uk

The Vicar's day off is on Friday.

**Associate Priest: Helen Caine** (available Tuesday/Friday/Sunday)

Email: associatepriest@churnsidechurches.org.uk

**Church Office:**

Open Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am - 1.00pm

Tel: 01285 862632 - Answer phone at other times.

Email: office@churnsidechurches.org.uk

**Churchwardens:** Allen Howe 01285 643574