

# THE VILLAGE NEWS

Siddington

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Editor: Jane Lloyd



## Clearing the Pavements of Snow



After the heavy snow fall and freezing weather in December I have heard and seen much discussion on pavement clearing both in person and on line – much of it untrue.

Most importantly it is not true that you can be sued if you clear snow and ice from the footpath outside your home. People walking on snow and ice have the responsibility to be careful.

There is no legal requirement in this country (there is in others) to clear paths outside your home, but it is considered neighbourly if those that are able to, do so for the benefit of everyone using them.

The county council do not have the manpower to clear and grit pavements so if we want it done we have to do it ourselves. To this end the Parish Council has created a winter store on Parkway (the old bus shelter), in there are shovels for clearing snow, salt and a salt spreader for gritting the pavements. This equipment is available for anyone in the Parish to use. The closest key holder to the store is Marcia Turner at 24 Parkway, other key holders are listed on the Parish Council notice board by the shop.

If all those that are able do a little bit, it will make our village safer for everyone.

Marcia Turner

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## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – MEETING 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022 LOCAL ELECTIONS – 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023**

Elections to Cotswold District Council and every Town/Parish Council within the District will take place on Thursday 4th May. All seats on all councils will be subject to the election process.

**Timetable:** A timetable of key events is available on our website: <https://www.cotswold.gov.uk/about-the-council/electionsand-voting/current-and-future-elections/>

The dates on the timetable are set in legislation and cannot be changed. Other key dates and information will be added as we finalise our plans.

**Prospective candidates & clerks briefing:** We will be holding a briefing for prospective candidates at both District and Parish/Town level on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 5:30pm and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 1pm**. Both sessions will be held online using Teams.

Clerks and prospective candidates are encouraged to attend this session which will cover the key dates, the new Voter ID regulations and information on completing and submitting nomination papers. Please email [elections@cotswold.gov.uk](mailto:elections@cotswold.gov.uk) to join the meeting providing your name and email address for the link to be sent to.

**Registration:** We will be sending a Household Notification Letter to all in early February to check the details we hold, and give residents an opportunity to update their registration if needed. Anyone not already on the register has until 17<sup>th</sup> April to register to vote at elections on 4<sup>th</sup> May.

**Voter ID requirements:** From May 2023 electors wishing to vote in person at a polling station, including those acting as a proxy on behalf of another individual, will be required to produce an accepted form of photographic ID to prove their identity before they will be issued with a ballot paper. Details of acceptable ID can be found on: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/voter-identification-at-polling-stations-and-the-new-voter-card/protecting-the-integrity-of-four-elections-voter-identification-at-polling-stations-and-the-newvoter->

[card#annex-a-list-of-identity-documents-that-will-be-accepted](#) Expired photo ID documents can be used as long as the photograph is still a good likeness of the elector. If voters don't have one of the accepted forms of ID, they can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate. This can be obtained free of charge and the application process will go live on 16<sup>th</sup> January. More details of the process will be publicised in the New Year. Electors voting by post will **not** need to provide photo ID. Should anyone require help with any part of the election process, they should contact this office and we will do what we can to assist. 01285 623002

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<https://www.facebook.com/CotswoldDC/>

**S. Dalby Electoral Services Manager/Deputy Returning Officer**

### **CO-OPTION**

The Parish Council has unanimously co-opted Ann Gibbons to fill the Casual Vacancy on the Council.

**CORONATION OF HM KING CHARLES III** The Parish Council would welcome suggestions for ways to commemorate the Coronation of HM King Charles III 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.

### **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.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

**Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk**

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The PTA have continued to support our school in so many ways this year. They have funded school trips, and the coaches and ice creams at the pantomime at Cheltenham's Everyman theatre (which we are looking forward to seeing in January). Each child receives a Siddington school cuddly bear when they join the Siddington family. A huge thank you from the staff, parents and children for all that they do.

I would also like to thank our Open the Book team who come in weekly to share stories from the Bible in a fun and interactive way.

It has been a busy year with many successes, not least our Good Ofsted inspection in July. Although school attainment data is not being published this year, we are also celebrating all of the hard work the children and teachers put in. Our year 6 pupils were not only ready for Secondary school but their SATS results showed that they had excelled in their attainment compared with other pupils nationally. Our standards in KS1 continue to be strong, showing that all pupils at the school are attaining well and making strong progress. Well done to all the staff and pupils for these outcomes.

We know that school isn't all about Ofsted and exam results and so we are looking forward and planning how we can continue to make school fun and enriching for the children. Next year we have many more exciting trips and activities planned.

Katie Cook – Headteacher

## SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI



**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**  
**ANTARCTIC ADVENTURES**

Happy New Year to you all.

This month the talk is by Paul Jones on his Antarctic adventures.

There will be a bring and buy stall.

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.

**Playgroup** had a great autumn term. We really enjoyed being a part of the Siddington Christmas Tree Festival and being very busy making lots of autumnal crafts, Christmas decorations and baking! Muddy Mondays will return on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January. It's 9:15 – 10:45am, we are an outdoor stay & play group. £1.50 per child, 50p for each additional child. Come and have a look at what we have to offer! We have some spaces available for the Spring term, we accept 2, 3 and 15/30hr funding. Please give Gemma a call on 07934495823 or email [siddington@pataglos.org.uk](mailto:siddington@pataglos.org.uk) to enquire!



### **Soup Lunch**

St Peter's Church is organising a soup lunch in the Elizabeth Way Community Room on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February between 12noon and 2pm. An opportunity to come together for a time of fellowship over lunch and to enjoy some delicious homemade soup, bread, cake and tea and coffee. Donations in aid of St Peter's Church. All welcome to come along.

## **WINTER KIDZ!**

On Saturday 14th January 2023 St Peter's Church is organising an afternoon of fun activities for the whole family called 'Winter Kidz' which will be held in the Village Hall from 2 to 4pm. Activities will include creative crafts, an edible craft, colouring, puzzles and much more. There will also be a story and singing time before we enjoy some refreshments together. The event is free and open for children of all ages.

**SAVE THE DATE!** – Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> Quiz and Puddings evening in the Village Hall organised by St Peter's Church. Bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles. Tickets £5 (£7 on the night) available shortly from the Village Shop or Gill and Mike Barge on 07873496265. You can organise yourselves into teams and there will always be room for any individuals to join a team.

## **The Art Club**

Siddington Art club meets in the Community Room in Elizabeth Way every Monday between 10am and midday. "Art" covers a range of skills including drawing, painting, sewing and knitting. We enjoy getting together for the company, a chat and coffee while we work on our individual projects.

If you think you might be interested in joining, please phone Sylvia on 01285 655274

**Thank You** to everyone who sponsored me for the cycle ride. The amount raised was £445 – Jonathan Painter

## **Sponsorship of the Village News**

Thank you to all those who sponsored us in 2022, hopefully we can rely on your continued support in 2023. We will be in touch in due course.

**We are of course always looking for new sponsors.** If any individual or organisation would like to sponsor an edition please contact our treasurer, David Murray 07590 228621

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The cost, which covers printing will be £95. The VN is distributed monthly to every house in Siddington (circa 650 copies), and of course sponsors will be entitled to editorial coverage.

## **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, proofreading 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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### **Next month's editor**

Alison Wagstaff

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Deadline for next month's Village News: 15<sup>th</sup> January

## News from St Peter's Church

<b>January 2023</b>		
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	10.00am	Benefice Service All Hallows, South Cerney
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	11.15am (Refreshments served from 10.30am)  3.00pm	Holy Communion  Benefice Messy Christingle All Hallows, South Cerney
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan.	11.15am	Morning Praise
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	10.00am	Benefice Candlemass Communion 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)

**Church spire illumination** is only £10 per evening to sponsor,  
Contact Michael Painter 07977 409260 e: [spireview25@gmail.com](mailto:spireview25@gmail.com)

**Vicar: Revd. Jennifer McKenzie**

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

Tel: 01285 860221      Email: [vicar@churnsidechurches.org.uk](mailto:vicar@churnsidechurches.org.uk)

The Vicar's day off is on Friday.

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

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