

The Village News

Siddington

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Celebrating 100 Years of our WI



Congratulations to Siddington with Preston WI, which celebrates its 100th anniversary this month. Ann Gibbons, the current President, gives us an overview of those early days.

Siddington Women's Institute was formed 100 years ago on the 22nd March 1923. The amalgamation with Preston came later. The founding President was Mrs Christopher Bowly of Siddington House, with Vice Presidents Mrs Hughes of the Rectory, Mrs Attwater of Dry Leaze and Mrs Seymour Paskin of Siddington Manor. It seems likely that these ladies were the main force behind the formation, especially as Mrs Bowly started the funds with a donation of £5 (£400 in today's money). There were around 75 members, with many longstanding Siddington names featured: Millington, Waldron, Hicks, Bateman and Gardiner amongst them. One member's address is given as 2 Council Houses (on what is now Parkway), another is Pound Lane (also Parkway). Other addresses are The Towers and Empire Cottages (continued on page 4).

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Parish Council News – Meeting 14.02.23

PROPOSALS FOR THE FIELD GARDENS & NURSERY

A very interesting presentation was given by Johnny Bruce about the proposed organic nursery and education centre on Orchard Field. Concern was raised about access and car parking. The Council also expressed concern about any future use of the land should the nursery business cease to operate. Cllr Hayward would compile a list of concerns / things to consider / proposals to reassure the parish.

PLANNING FOR THE CORONATION WEEKEND

In the absence of any volunteers the event will be co-ordinated by a group comprising Cllr Hayward, Cllr Turner, Cllr Sparrow and Olivia Murray. The football club had confirmed the clubhouse would be available on 7th May. See page 3 for details.

COUNCILLOR MARY PAINTER

Cllr Turner reported that Cllr Mary Painter had resigned from the Parish Council. The Council wished to record its grateful thanks for all the many years of service that Cllr Painter had given to the Council.

HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

- **Defibrillator provision for Upper Siddington:** It was noted that the location for the proposed defibrillator had to be agreed with South West Ambulance Trust before the application submission. Cllr Hayward would source quotes for the trench and cabling from the football clubhouse to the corner by the notice board. Cllr Deller reported that SSE had refused permission to site the defibrillator at the sub-station, but that they might be able to offer a grant through the resilience fund – Cllr Deller would pursue this.
- **Tree inspections:** The Clerk would arrange inspections of the Council's trees.

POTENTIAL CLOSURE TO TRAFFIC OF GREEN LANE - UPDATE

Cllr Spivey had chased GCC Highways again for a site meeting so that they could fully explain their objections to the proposals. The petition would be submitted at the March meeting of GCC.

PLANNING

- **22/04399/FUL:** Erection of single-storey rear extension, increase in roof height, addition of dormer and associated works at 47 North Hill Road, Siddington, GL7 1PG
Consultation expiry date: 21st February 2023 - NO OBJECTION
- **22/00937/COMPLY:** Compliance with conditions re permission 20/04499/FUL - Construction of a temporary 19.94MW Solar Farm at Grid Reference 403536 198745, Ashton Road, Siddington. Application approved.
- **22/03226/FUL:** Erection of a single-storey extension to an existing school, alterations to playground and car parking area plus ancillary development at Siddington Church of England Primary School, The Coach Road, Siddington, GL7 6HL. Application permitted.
- **Update on Orchard Field development:** The Council believed that all properties had been reserved, and was concerned about the lack of pedestrian access to and from the site resulting in pedestrians on Parkway where there was no footpath and also a blind bend. Cllr Evely would raise the matter with the planning officer.

Full draft minutes of meetings may be viewed on the council website. The next meeting is planned for Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk

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The Coronation Big Lunch

Sunday 7th May on the **Siddington Playing Field**

Bring your picnic and friends to join the celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III. More details to follow. If you would like to get involved in the organising, please contact marcia.j.turner@outlook.com.

Siddington Women's Institute 1923

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The social conventions of the time are evident in our early records. Most ladies were listed under their husband's first name, as was the founding President (actually Sarah Bowly). And our town planners no longer name the streets of social housing 'Council Houses'.

The first meeting was on the 25th April 1923 and 51 members attended. It included a 'guess the weight of the cake' competition won by Mrs Bateman, a talk on the aims and objectives of the WI and a demonstration of how to recover an umbrella and make a new handle (sounds a bit like Trigger's broom).

We meet at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of the month in the Elizabeth Way Community room. New members and visitors are always welcome.



News from Siddington School



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The 2nd of March is World Book Day. We aren't dressing up this year but parents are invited to our Open Afternoon on the 3rd March to share a book with their children.

The 17th of March is Comic Relief Day. The children will be coming into school wearing something red or 'ready for bed'!

Pupil Voice - The teachers are spending this term monitoring what the children think about school. Pupils have all said that they feel safe in school, that their teachers teach them about online safety, healthy eating and healthy relationships. They were all able to say who they would go to if they were worried about something in or out of school. In the subject specific pupil voice sessions, children were able to discuss how teachers help them to revisit learning, and they could discuss their learning from the term/year.

Mrs Cook – Headteacher

Stolen Cast Iron Rhubarb Forcer

We have had the above stolen from our allotment in the last 2 weeks. Besides being a very useful piece of garden equipment it also has a lot of sentimental value, having belonged to my father and grandfather. If you see it discarded or offered for sale, please contact us on 07870 547014.

Many thanks, Maggie and Kevin Pocock



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Quiz and Puddings evening

Saturday, March 11th at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall, organised by St Peter's Church. Bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles. Tickets £5 (£7 on the night) available from the Village Shop or Gill and Mike Barge on 07873 496265. You can organise yourselves into teams and there will always be room for any individuals to join a team.

PATA@Siddington playgroup

Playgroup has had a great first term back. We've enjoyed exploring the local community, donating and swapping books in the book booth & creating some spring decorations! We are now accepting bookings for September 2023. We accept 2, 3 and 15/30hr funding. Please give Gemma a call on 07934 495823 or email siddington@pataglos.org.uk to enquire.

Muddy Mondays are back during term time from 9:15 – 10:45am. We are an outdoor stay & play group. £1.50 per child, 50p for each additional child.

Gemma Turner - Early Years Manager
PATA@Siddington and Kemble



Five things to do in the garden in March



1. Sow broad beans directly outside. You can also sow courgettes, leeks, peas and beetroot under cover.
2. You can still plant fruit trees and bushes and prune your fruit trees too. On cold nights protect any fruit blossom from late frosts.
3. Dig out any problem weeds – they'll be easier to control for the rest of the year. Hoe regularly to prevent annual weed seedlings growing.
4. Start sowing hardy annuals outdoors, including californian poppies and nasturtiums. Plant faded forced bulbs out in the garden for next year.
5. Buy good value young bedding plants for growing on to a larger size under glass, or sow your own in a heated propagator.

Village News Deliverer Needed

A volunteer is needed to deliver 43 copies of the Village News to residents in Cherry Tree Drive. If you are able to help, please contact **Marion Carruthers** on 01285 655230 or email marion.carruthers@btinternet.com.

News from Siddington Village Hall

Please join the trustees of Siddington Village Hall in welcoming two new members to the board: Penny Badger and Marjory Jarvis have kindly volunteered their time and expertise as co-opted trustees.

Siddington Village Hall is run entirely by volunteers from the village and surrounding areas. We meet every two months to discuss the running of the hall and major projects afoot. It takes many hours of dedication to keep the hall open for our village and the wider communities it serves. If you have an interest or skill you feel could benefit either the running of the hall or by hosting a class or workshop, please don't hesitate to get in touch by emailing siddingtonvillagehall@gmail.com.

Wednesday 21st December 2022 saw the **101st birthday** of Siddington Village Hall, which rather serendipitously coincided with our annual Christmas carol concert.

This was the first since 2019, as Covid had scuppered all our best laid plans to celebrate its 100th birthday in 2021. The special occasion was marked with Lord Apsley rededicating the hall, and plenty of carols joyously echoed around the hall. The collection for The Children's Society raised over £260.

Thank you to all that attended, supported the event with their time, and donated refreshments. We hope to see you all again in December. It'll come around sooner than you think...

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Next month's editor

Marcia Turner

Deadline date: **Wednesday March 15th**

Email: marcia.j.turner@outlook.com

St Peter's Church News

| March 2023 | | |
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| Sunday 5 th March | 11.15am (Refreshments served from 10.30am) | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 19 th March Mothering Sunday | 10.00am (Service followed by refreshments) | Mothering Sunday Service |
| Sunday 26 th March | 11.15am | Morning Praise |

Church spire illumination is only £10 per evening to sponsor, in memory of a loved one, anniversary, birthday, or just for yourself. Contact **Michael Painter**, Tel: 07977 409260 or email: spireview25@gmail.com

Vicar: Revd. Jennifer McKenzie (day off on Fridays)

The Vicarage, Silver Street, South Cerney, GL7 5TP Tel: 01285 860221

Email: vicar@churnsidechurches.org.uk

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 out of office hours) or email:

office@churnsidechurches.org.uk

Churchwarden: Allen Howe, Tel: 01285 643574

'EASTER KIDZ'

SATURDAY 18th 2pm – 4pm Siddington Village Hall

Following on from a very successful and fun-filled afternoon at Winter Kidz in January, St Peter's Church is organising 'Easter Kidz', an afternoon full of creative fun, with edible craft and activities for the whole family, based on the Easter theme. There will also be a story, fun time with musical instruments and singing, followed by afternoon tea and refreshments. This event is free and is suitable for children of all ages.