

Siddington Village News

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A village celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III

To mark the coronation of King Charles III the village is holding a “Big Lunch” on Sunday 7th May. This will be a great opportunity for people to come together on the playing field. It is very much an informal and casual event, you bring along your own picnic and all that you want with it – food, drink, picnic rug, or tables, best china and candelabra – whatever you feel like. The football club will be open for the use of toilet facilities and hand washing. We will have live music during the afternoon from two local bands. The event will finish at 6pm, but for those wishing to continue, the Greyhound will be open and are planning something special.

We would love to see lots of people there. If you are on your own, or a couple who would like some company, we are planning a community table or two where people will be provided a spot at a shared table. If you would like to request a space at a community table please contact marcia.j.turner@outlook.com We have requested a dry and sunny day, but no guarantees so come prepared – it will be fun whatever the weather.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – MEETING 14TH MARCH 2023

PLANNING FOR THE CORONATION WEEKEND

Cllr Turner reported that plans were progressing for the afternoon event on Sunday 7th May at the playing field. Two bands had been booked. An event licence had been obtained for 2.30-5.30pm. Bunting and tents had been arranged.

HEALTH & SAFETY MATTERS

Defibrillator provision for Upper Siddington. It was agreed that the location would be in the vicinity of the notice board. The Clerk would agree this with South West Ambulance Trust and submit the funding application to CDC. Cllr Hayward would source quotes for the trench and cabling from the football clubhouse to the corner by the notice board. Cllr Deller was continuing to pursue grant possibilities with SSE.

POTENTIAL CLOSURE TO TRAFFIC OF GREEN LANE - UPDATE

Cllr Spivey (GCC) had forwarded the GCC Highways legal team's responses regarding the request to close Green Lane to vehicular traffic. The Council was extremely disappointed with the negative response and the apparent unwillingness to agree to a site visit to view and understand the situation on the ground. However, the Council unanimously agreed to proceed with GCC's suggestion of a survey at a cost of £50.00, provided the list of consultees included people and organisations that were local and relevant – e.g. Gloucestershire Public Rights of Way officers and local landowners. The Council wished to record its thanks to Cllr Spivey for her continuing efforts and tenacity in pursuing this matter on behalf of the Parish Council and residents.

PLANNING

Applications received at Cotswold District Council to 9th March 2023

- **23/00384/CLEUD**

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Knight, c/o agent Mark Chadwick, Howard Cole, Greenacre, Slad, GL6 7QD

Proposal: Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Development under Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for confirmation that the development granted under permission 20/00868/FUL has lawfully commenced at Dryleaze Farm Quarry, Ashton Road, Siddington, GL7 6DB

Consultation expiry date: 13th March 2023

NO COMMENT

Planning decisions at Cotswold District Council to 9th March 2023

- **22/04255/FUL**

Demolition of the existing flat roof utility and shed, new single storey kitchen extension, first floor dormer extension, new solar panels and associated works at

22 North Hill Road, Siddington, GL7 1PG – Application permitted

- **22/04363/FUL**

Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension with associated works, including demolition of a single storey rear extension and conservatory - Variation of Condition 2 (approved drawings) of approval 22/00821/FUL to change the window colour at 1 The Close, Siddington, GL7 6HQ – Application permitted.

Update on Severells Field development

As it was plainly evident that the developer had failed to comply with a planning condition requiring the construction of pedestrian access to the Coach Road prior to occupation of any dwellings, Cllr Evemy (CDC) was asked to take this up with Mike Napper at CDC and planning enforcement.

Update on Anesco Solar Farm development

Cllr Hayward reported on a recent phone call with Anesco and other updates.

- Work had started on the site access off Ashton Road.
- The site was expected to be connected and working in February 2024.
- Anesco had sold the scheme on to a group of investors, but £80,000 had been allocated to be paid to the Parish Council for the benefit of the community.
- The possibility of provision of electric vehicle charging points for the village and also solar panels for the village hall would also be discussed with Anesco.

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 11th April 2023 at 7.00pm.

Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk

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Exciting times at your local taproom!

After a successful first year of hosting weekend events from their home at Field Farm in Somerford Keynes, the Cotswold Lakes Brew Co. team has been hard at work redeveloping the taproom and event space for what it hopes will be an even busier season in 2023.

Working with local builders and tradespeople, the taproom will have a permanent bar set-up, new toilets, including disabled facilities, and a raised stage for hosting local bands and performers. The team will also be installing new brewing equipment, enabling it to expand its range with 'special edition' brews.

It's certainly an exciting time for the brewery. After winning awards for their Pale Ale and Cotswold Porter in 2022, the team is aiming to build a greater following in the local area and make the taproom a popular venue for locals and holidaymakers. "The improvements we're making to the taproom will enhance the experience for our customers, making it that little bit more comfortable without losing the charm of the farm." says Nick Hunt, CLB's Chief Beer Officer.

The taproom is a family-friendly environment, serving delicious hot food and offering a wide selection of alcoholic and soft drinks. But it's the live entertainment that draws many of the visitors to the Farm. "We had some great local music acts in 2022," said Nick. "There was a Motown and disco singer, some terrific acoustic bands and even an impromptu open mic night!"

The CLB taproom opens for business from 5pm on Good Friday, 7 April. For more information, and details of other special events, check out their website: www.cotswoldlakesbrew.co.uk/taproom

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We have a new member of the Siddington C of E Primary School family... a hamster! I can't reveal the name of our new friend yet, as the children will be making suggestions and voting for their favourite. The children will be taking turns in having the hamster in their classrooms and learning how to look after it.

Congratulations to our three district finalists in the Oracy competition 'Look who's talking'. One of our finalists, Lola, was even a runner up on the day. It was noted by other schools how our children were supporting each other and also congratulating pupils from other schools on their talks. Well done to them all.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils are busy preparing themselves for the Mock trials, due to take place at the end of March. We came third in this inter-school competition last year. I wonder how our children will do this year? They have also had an internet safety talk from PC Leah that focused on the use of social media and gaming online.

Year 3 and 4 are preparing for their trip to the Roman Baths and all of our younger children (EYFS – Year 2) are going to Slimbridge Wetlands, Butterfly World and Westonbirt Arboretum.

To celebrate World Book day the children decorated a potato as a character from their favourite story. These included Gangsta Grannie, Elmer and the BFG. The children also had visits to their class from people who came to read them their favourite story. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time.

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Our Postie is retiring

You may not be aware, but our regular Village postie Robin is retiring on the 12th August. He has been a great asset to the village, besides delivering letter and parcels he is a friendly face who is extremely helpful and informative. He also keeps an eye on the old and vulnerable in our community. You may like to give him an individual card and gift but if you would prefer to donate to a collective contribution, Anne at the post office will be starting a discreet collection that he is not aware of.

The money will probably go toward a voucher but this will be confirmed in a later edition of the news.

Easter Afternoon Tea

On Saturday 15th April between 2 and 4pm St Peter's Church Siddington will be hosting a special Easter Afternoon tea. Come join us for afternoon tea in our beautiful church, decorated to celebrate Easter. There will be activities for children including an Easter Egg Hunt and there will also be a raffle. Donations welcome in support of St Peter's Church. All Welcome to attend.

Proposed addition of a trim trail to the playing field

In response to comments that there is little to occupy teenagers and adults in the village, the Parish Council is considering installing a trim trail on the playing field. If you would like more information or to express an opinion please go to www.siddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk

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The Coronation Big Lunch

Sunday 7th May
Siddington Playing Field

Bring your family and friends to join the celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III with lunch and music.



We are having a village get together on the playing field, between 11.30am and 6pm on 7th May.

Please bring your own picnic and drinks plus blankets and fold up tables and chairs. There will be a few communal picnic tables available to share.

The Clubhouse is open 11-6pm for toilets.

We will have live music between 2.30pm and 5.30pm by two local bands, TNT and The Zimmerman.

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News from St Peter's Church

April 2023		
Sunday 2 nd April	11.15am (Refreshments served from 10.30am)	Morning Praise with Passion Reading
Wednesday 5 th April	7.30pm	Compline with meditation
Friday 7 th April Good Friday	3.00pm	Meditations at the foot of the cross
Sunday 9 th April Easter Day	10.30am	Easter Family Communion
Sunday 16 th April	11.15am (Service followed by refreshments)	Holy Communion
Sunday 23 rd April	11.15am	Morning Praise
Sunday 30 th April	10.00am	Benefice Communion

Details of other services in the benefice can be found on the Churnside Benefice website. www.churnsidechurches.org.uk

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 m: 07977 409260 e: spireview25@gmail.com

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