

Siddington  
THE VILLAGE NEWS  
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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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# PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - 11 April 2023

(Full minutes available at [www.siddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.siddingtonparishcouncil.org.uk), Robert Cowley the Clerk, can be contacted at [siddingtonclerk@gmail.com](mailto:siddingtonclerk@gmail.com))

## PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION – 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023

As there were fewer candidates than seats on the Council, this election is uncontested, and the following have been duly elected as Parish Councillors for Siddington: Nigel Deller, Ann Gibbons, John Hayward, Chris Smith, Ian Smith, Jan Sparrow and Marcia Turner.

At the Parish Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> April, Cllr Alister Painter retired after four decades on the Council. The Council thanked Alister and also recently retired Cllr Mary Painter for their many years of service to the Council and the community, and presented them with a painting of St Peter's Church in Siddington in grateful recognition. Thanks are also due to Cllr Nick Anderson who is also standing down at this election.

## SIDDINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting is planned for Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.45pm at the Village Hall. Whilst not actually a Parish Council meeting, it is organised by the Parish Council, and allows various village organisations (including the Parish Council) to present reports on their activities over the past and coming years. Come along and find out what everyone has been up to over the past year. Refreshments will be available.

## POTENTIAL CLOSURE TO TRAFFIC OF GREEN LANE - UPDATE

The Council had agreed to ask GCC to proceed with the survey and to also look at the covering the costs of creating the closure as it would be of great benefit to the whole community. It was also agreed to continue to press for a site meeting. The Clerk would update Cllr Spivey and ask her to take things forward.

## PLANNING

### Applications received at Cotswold District Council to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023

- **23/00618/HEDGE:** Applicant: Neil, c/o agent John Dyton, Eric Cole Ltd, Eagle Suite, The Wheelhouse, Bonds Mill, Stonehouse, GL10 3RF Proposal: Resubmission of 20/01608/HEDGE and previously 18/01636/HEDGE - Remove 5m section of hedge as shown on submitted plans at Upper Siddington Lodge, GL7 6HL. Consultation expiry date: 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023, NO OBJECTION

- **23/00834/FUL:** Applicant: Quickmove Properties David Simmons, c/o agent Mr Justin Dowling, Christopher Stanley Architecture & Planning Ltd, 218 Watermoor Point, Watermoor Road, Cirencester, GL7 1LF. Proposal: Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey front porch to existing dwelling, replacement windows throughout and rendering over existing concrete block walls at 88 Siddington Road, GL7 1PF. Consultation expiry date: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023, NO OBJECTION

### **Planning decisions at Cotswold District Council to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

- **22/04399/FUL:** Erection of single-storey rear extension, increase in roof height, addition of dormer and associated works at 47 North Hill Road, GL7 1PG – Application permitted
- **23/00384/CLEUD:** 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 Drylease Farm Quarry, Ashton Road, Siddington, GL7 6DB – Application permitted.

### **Trim Trail at the playing field**

Options being considered are available for viewing on the Parish Council website. Please email any comments to the Clerk.

### **Severells Field development**

It is plainly evident that the developer has failed to comply with a planning condition requiring the construction of pedestrian access to the Coach Road prior to occupation of any dwellings. An update on the situation has been requested from CDC planning enforcement.

**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 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm.**

**Robert Cowley – Parish Clerk**

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## SIDDINGTON SCHOOL UPDATE

Tiger, our new hamster, has been settling into school life. She has spent time in most of the classrooms and is looking forward to her first holiday with a Siddington family over Easter.

The reception, year 4 children have been to visit Butterfly World, Slimbridge and the Roman Baths. The year 5 and 6 children also came runners up in the Mock trials with special commendation certificates. Certificates included

one for the winner of the poster competition and one for the best costume.

We were invited back to St. Peter's Church for our annual Easter service. The children made a lovely banner as a gift to display inside St. Peter's. Parents were invited to attend the Church service and have also been invited into school to spend some time in classrooms to look at the children's work.

The school raised £161 for Comic relief. This saw the children dressing 'in red or ready for bed'.

We would like to thank the Parish Council for funding an art project in school that will celebrate the King's Coronation. We have two artists coming into school to work with the children to create an art installation for the new hall. The Parish Council have also funded a gift for each pupil to commemorate this special event. A big thank you to them for their support.

Mrs Cook - Headteacher

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## PLANT SALE – The Greyhound Carpark, Sun 4 June 11am - 1pm

There will be a bring-and-buy plant sale to help raise funds for this year's Village Show on Sunday 4th June in the carpark at the Greyhound. We will have a variety of vegetables, herbs and flowers available including tomatoes, beans, bedding plants and perennial flowers and shrubs.

If you would like to donate any plants for us to sell, please either bring them along at 11 am on the day or drop them round to Jan & Carlo at 18 Parkway a few days before.

Please call Jan before dropping any plants round: 07875 071555

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## SIDDINGTON with PRESTON WI

**Thursday 18 May 2023, speaker: Louise Parker  
'Journey from lockdown to textile artist'**



As usual visitors and guests are welcome. There will be tea, biscuits and a raffle. Please note the meeting this month will be back in Preston Village Hall, Preston at 7.30pm.

Please contact Ann on 01285 641469 for more information.

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## BARNSELY VILLAGE GARDEN FESTIVAL

**13 May 2023, 1030am-3.30pm**

Local village festival raising money for three local charities. Something for everyone – tickets online in advance or £12 on the day.

<http://www.barnsleyvillage.co.uk/villagefestival.html>

- Access to open gardens (Barnsley House, Barnsley Park, The Little House, Oxwold House)
- Face painting
- Two local bands
- Ladies choir – A Splash of Red
- Classic cars on display
- Teas and coffees for purchase
- Craft and plant stalls and displays
- Morris Dancers
- Bell ringing
- Plus more!



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## FOOTPATH FLOWERS

New Siddington resident, Mike Hosken, has been walking along the canal on a daily basis for over a year. Not content with a purely physical exercise, he has been taking pictures on his way round - mainly flowers of course – (The rather lovely selection of photos and info is available here [hosken.w3spaces.com/Path/SiddingtonPath.html](http://hosken.w3spaces.com/Path/SiddingtonPath.html)).

Mike is wondering if he ought to try to find a more public, permanent home for it all. There's a link to his email at the end of the main page, if you'd care to offer any suggestions.

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## **VOLUNTEER FOR CITIZENS ADVICE**

Local volunteering opportunity: Inspired by the Big Help Out? Do you want to be part of a friendly team helping your local community?

Due to unprecedented demand caused by the cost-of-living crisis, Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswold Districts needs local volunteers to help local people. We're looking for people from any background, who can give 8-10 hours per week and are looking for a rewarding and challenging role.

**Administration/triage assistants.** You will:

- Welcome callers at the door of our Stroud or Cirencester offices.
- Triage callers without an appointment - identifying emergencies and providing information and signposting to other agencies when needed (no advice giving involved).
- Help with various administrative tasks, including phoning and texting clients and handling post. You must be able to use a computer but full training in triage and our IT systems will be given.

### **Volunteer Advisers:**

You will give advice and information (face to face, by telephone and email) to clients on a wide range of problems. No prior advice experience is necessary as full training will be given. Information sessions for volunteer advisers: 24 May 2023 (2-3.30pm) in Stroud and 7 June 2023 (10.30-12 noon) in Cirencester.

“Now more than ever, you can really make a difference by volunteering with us. We're seeing more and more people needing support as living costs spiral. As well as helping the local community, we know people who volunteer their time get a lot back. We'll give you all the training you need and would love to hear from you.” Elizabeth Hall, our Chief Executive

To find out more about these roles or register your interest, contact our Learning and Development Officer at [training@ca-scd.org.uk](mailto:training@ca-scd.org.uk). Further information available [www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk).

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## **GARDENING TIPS FOR MAY**

1. Watch out for late frosts. Protect tender plants
2. Earth up potatoes and promptly plant any still remaining
3. Plant out summer bedding plants at the end of the month
4. Mow lawns weekly - but maybe leave areas uncut for wildlife
5. Check for nesting birds before clipping hedges



# SIDDINGTON

To get involved or want to find out more, please email us on [siddingtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:siddingtonvillagehall@gmail.com)



Your Village Hall Needs

# YOU

A cornerstone in our village, our beloved Siddington Village Hall (SVH) has been around for 101 years and is run entirely by volunteers. They dedicate a few hours throughout each month to ensure the village hall remains open and is available for everyone to enjoy.

- **Do you have skills to share?**
- **Do you want future Siddington generations to be able to enjoy the Village Hall?**
- **Would you like to help out with community events?**

## **We have a vacant position on the SVH Board of Trustees**

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 space. 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.

# ST PETER'S CHURCH INFO

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May 2023		
Sunday 7 May	11.15am (Refreshments from 10.30am)	Family Service
Sunday 21 May	11.15am	Holy Communion
Sunday 28 May	11.15am (Refreshments after service)	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** 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](mailto:spireview25@gmail.com)

**Vicar: Rev'd Jennifer McKenzie** (Friday is day off)  
The Vicarage, Silver Street, South Cerney, GL7 5TP  
Tel: 01285 860221, Email: [vicar@churnsidechurches.org.uk](mailto:vicar@churnsidechurches.org.uk)

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