

Sydenham
July & August 2018
Newsletter



Editorial

Well the Fayre has come and gone for another year. What a cracking day it turned out to be and once again the weather was on our side with fantastic sunshine throughout the day. The local crowds came out in their hundreds and celebrity villager Fiona Bruce welcomed everyone and was involved throughout alongside local MC Lucy Potts standing in for Nick who was away on business. The Potts family have a tradition of dressing up and Lucy did a fantastic job all afternoon sitting on the shoulders of the immensely strong dwarf.

I am indebted to newly married Pippa at the Crown for putting together the Fayre report, well done Pippa. There are some great pictures of the event which Paul has put together as a montage and I must also thank Richard Wallis who took some high quality views of the tug-of-war from his upstairs window.

We have reports from other village activities including three monthly Church Service Dates, the shortened Parish Council Report due to Rachel being unavailable, an update from Toby, Captain of the Cricket Club. Also a review of recent WI activities, Pippa's excellent Fayre report, the named winner's of the OSR 200 Club and news from The Crown and the Inn at Emmington.

Lastly we are really pleased to announce that Kate Stewart (The White House) has given birth to a baby boy, a brother to Bodie, and a second son to proud father Ross. It all happened rather suddenly in the early hours of Sunday morning 15th July around 2am, about six weeks earlier than expected! Mother and tiny baby (no name as yet) but weighing around 4lb, are both doing well. We send our love and best wishes to all the family and will update you with a picture in the September issue.

The next Newsletter will cover September and October – we are talking about Autumn but we've had a great spell of hot weather so let's continue enjoying the summer whilst it's here! We are happy to publish your reports, updates, news and views – please send your copy by 8th September to Fi Kermack, Paul Stancliffe or to the Editor: royharry@aol.com. Enjoy the read

Roy

Funeral Service of Graham John Martin on Monday 11th June

Sadly Graham passed away unexpectedly in Charing Cross Hospital aged 61 on 27th May.

Rector Maggie led the service on 11th June which was attended by a full congregation of his family, including his Mother and sons Ben and Leon, and many local friends, who afterwards assembled at The Leathern Bottle in Lewknor. He was buried in Sydenham churchyard alongside many family members. Our condolences go to the family

Roy

Church News

St Mary's Church Services

*Services from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer are marked *.*

July

Sunday	22 nd	10am	Children's Special Songs of Praise – <i>Wardens</i>
Sunday	29 th	10am	United Parish Holy Communion at St Andrew's

August

Sunday	5 th	10am	*Holy Communion – <i>Rev'd Joan DeVal and Rev'd Dr Jacky Barr</i>
Sunday	12 th		No Service
Sunday	19 th	12noon	Baptism – Rev Dr Jacky Barr
Sunday	19 th	6pm	Special Evensong with Bishop Brian Skinner – <i>Rev'd Joan DeVal</i>
Sunday	26 th	10am	*Matins – <i>Rev'd Joan DeVal</i>

September

Sunday	2 nd	10am	*Holy Communion – <i>Rev'd Joan DeVal</i>
Sunday	9 th		No Service
Sunday	16 th	4pm	Harvest Festival – <i>Rev'd Joan DeVal</i>
Sunday	23 rd	10am	Special Cricket Club Songs of Praise – <i>Warden's</i>



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Parish Council News

The July Meeting

Sydenham Grove Appeal

Responses to the appeal were lodged with the Inspector by 11th July and the Parish Council have submitted their response together with the presentation made to the planning committee. Villagers have been encouraged both individually and via Sydenham Mail to respond and hopefully a number of you have, as there is strength in numbers.

SSE Undergrounding project

The project has stalled as SSE is awaiting approval of new highway access to install the switchgear.

Speeding/VAS

Installation of the replacement Vehicle Activated Sign on the B4445 is progressing although there are a few issues with highways to be resolved. We are also progressing with the purchase of a car to be used as a mobile pinch point.

Playing field

We are expecting a ROSPA inspection this month and any problems highlighted will, as always, be rectified.

The summer months tend to see some anti-social behaviour on the playing field involving non-villagers. A recent incident has been reported to our PCSO who has reiterated that incidents need to be reported as they are happening on 101 by villagers and the police will attend if possible. Retrospective reporting is not effective.

The new A frame is complete with a wonderful bespoke seating area underneath which sadly has been vandalised. The new A frame was funded mainly by a donation from Sydenham Fayre with the balance met by the Parish Council. What a shame that a village funded asset in our playing field has been subjected to anti-social behaviour.

Potholes and road drainage

Villagers are urged to report problems on Fix my street, <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>, the more reports on an issue the better. The PC does **not** have any other method to report problems on the Highways.

The blocked underground pipe outside Byre House has been replaced whilst the recent Thames Water road closure was in operation. We await rain to test the result!

Neighbourhood plan

A Consultant has been commissioned to help the neighbourhood plan group, and grant funding obtained to pay these costs. A walk around assessment has been undertaken with the consultant to look at the character of buildings in the village. There will be another village meeting in the near future to advise on progress and explain the slightly different approach that has been advised. A Sydenham mail message will be sent to advise on the date.

Planning

P18/S1319/PDH, 12 Park View, Sydenham Road, Sydenham, OX39 4LQ

Erection of a conservatory

This application has been withdrawn

P18/S1889/HH, 12 Park View, Sydenham Road, Sydenham, OX39 4LQ

Erection of a conservatory.

Parish Council recommendation: No Objection

P18/S1830/FUL, Croxford's Orchard, Sydenham Road, OX39 4NE

Construction of a new barn.

Parish Council recommendation: Refusal

P18/S1324/HH, Rosecroft, Brookstones

2 storey rear extension, porch, additional dormers & associated external works at (Amended plans received 13/06/18 showing rear extension reduced in height, the eaves height reduced & the entire extension moved further about from the eastern boundary).

Parish Council recommendation: No objection

P18/S0992/LB & P18/S0967/FUL, Manor Farm Brookstones Sydenham OX39 4LZ

Demolition, extension, alteration and conversion of existing buildings to form four dwellings with parking and amenity space.

Parish Council recommendation: Refusal



A Riot of Colour

Everyone who walks or drives through the village cannot fail to notice the profusion of colour by the Church memorial wall. We have Gilly to thank for brightening up our day with the beautifully planted and tended flowers.

SYD-FEST

THE CROWN INN, SYDENHAM

SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2018

Join us on Saturday 8th September for
The Crown Inn's annual homage to live music,
fabulous food & great local beer!

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Sydenham Fayre 2018:

Saturday 2nd June heralded another successful 'Sydenham Fayre' for the village – and what an amazing event it was! Opened by the village's very own Fiona Bruce, the sun was out in full force (as is Sydenham Fayre tradition), visitors attended in their droves and it was a great day for all, bringing villagers new & old together, creating a memorable (and profitable) occasion for the greater good of Sydenham & its organisations.

This year saw a new addition of a **'Sydenham Car Show'** featuring a number of the village's unique & prestigious autos, all gleaming in the bright sunlight, lined up against the wall of St Mary's Church, and superbly coordinated by Jeff Ludgate.

The **'Sydenham Dog Show'** was as usual, a well-attended feature – supported in part by Petcare Thame, and also Hearing Dogs For Deaf People, and supervised and presented by the lovely Lizzie Greenwood-Hughes.

Praise goes out to **'The Moles' – Sydenham's Cricket Team** for their superbly managed BBQ, it was a feast for all, and especially hard work given the day's heat & the many hungry visitors.

The **Fayre Raffle** was once again a popular inclusion, and congratulations to this year's winners Fiona Dyer (£100), Kate Stewart (£75), Jody Zacharuk (£50), Jon & Eleanor Church (Meal at The Crown), Karen Schmidt (Meal at The Inn).

The Fayre's closing event, the traditional **'Tug of War'**, was a strongly fought competition, with The Crown Inn proving to be this year's champions with a 2-0 victory.

Thank you's must be extended to all those who helped make 'Sydenham Fayre' the success it was – from donating bric a brac, plants, bottles, books & crockery, making cakes, loaning equipment and especially to all those who diligently manned a stall. Thanks also to the musical geniuses 'SYD' for keeping the crowds entertained. It all represents a huge team effort, and the Fayre wouldn't be what it was without everyone's input and support.



HUGE THANKS goes out to the hard-working **'Sydenham Fayre Committee'** led confidently by Geoff Isherwood, and supported by his collective of ladies – Sue, Lizzie, Hayley, Pippa, Vicki, Cheryl & Haruyo. It's definitely the more the merrier on the committee, so if you're interested in joining the team next year, or have any feedback, please email us:

Sydenham.fayre.june@gmail.com



Once all the takings were counted, **Sydenham Fayre 2018 raised a whopping £5473** – a fantastic amount which has been distributed accordingly to beneficiaries around the village & beyond – including St Mary's Church, Church Wall Garden, Cricket Club, Newsletter, Thame Lions, Sydenham WI, Aston Rowant School, Lewknor School & (new for this year...) the 'Christmas Sleigh Project' – watch this space, Santa is coming to Sydenham!

Sydenham Fayre 2019 will take place on Saturday 1st June

Please put the date in your diary and hang on to any bric a brac (etc) for next year's event – information will be released soon about drop off points & volunteer sign ups...

'Three Cheers' for Sydenham Fayre 2018 – the village did itself proud!

A rare letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

Well that was a really great day yesterday. The whole family came and really loved it. It is really impressive to put on an event of that scale for a village of this size and we hope that the funds raised will be up to expectations.

I took a few photos which might perhaps be suitable for the newsletter so attach them in case. I took 'before' and 'during' (*on centre spread*) photos from my bedroom which show a nice contrast in activity levels during the day.

Here's to 2019!

Kind regards Richard Wallis

Rose's Plant Stall



Just a line to say that June 2nd was my final Sydenham Fayre! After thirteen years Peter and I have decided to stop and just look after our garden. We have raised just over £12,000 with the plants and other activities for Aspire, the Spinal injury charity which our son Matt supported by climbing Mount Kenya.

A big thank you to Pat and Ken Hardiman for letting us set up in their front garden and also thank

you very much to all my loyal purchasers of plants over the years. Thanks also to Nicky and Chris for their help and selling skills. We will continue to support Aspire and of course visit the Fayre.

Best wishes to all our supporters.

Rose and Peter







Sydenham Women's Institute

your local group of friendly, active women from
Sydenham and surrounding villages.

WI – Exercising the brain cells

Sadly the Thatcher booked for our June meeting was thatching elsewhere but never fear, our creative President came up with the idea of a quiz and we all rather enjoyed it!

It's good to stretch the old brain cells but equally it is also rather scary as, having put a few years under our belts, there is still so much stuff out there we don't know. 'Speak for yourself' I hear my cleverer WI's say!

So here's a taster of some of the questions – note to oneself, try and learn a new fact a day, a poem a month, Chinese in a year... anything to keep those brain cells busy.

In the NATO alphabet, which word represents the letter L?

What does SCUBA stand for?

Which of the green energies is aeolian energy?

Who cut off the tails of the three blind mice? The Farmer's Wife

Which word can go before, meat, dog and roll? Sausage

What was the name of the ship that the Pilgrim fathers set sail for America in? Mayflower

What is the International vehicle registration letter for Germany? D

Which is the only English word anagram of the word 'English'? Shingle

We also had a sheet of brain teasers. You really have to get your grey cells round those! Below are some examples: Can you work out what they are saying?

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For answers, come to a future WI meeting!

On July 7th, the WI ladies were joined by friends and family on the Saturday night excursion of the Chinnor Railway Fish & Chip Supper Quiz night. What a lovely evening with five teams of four competing from the Sydenham WI and over 100 other guests and very appropriately the



President's team came out as the overall winners. Well done Siobhan, Lloyd and friends.

Due to holiday's we do not have an August meeting so the next meeting will be at Rosemary's house on Thursday 20th September at 7.30pm.

New members are always welcome, please come along to one of our meetings which are held on the third Thursday each month at 7.30pm. For more information visit our website at www.sydenhamwi.co or email Sandra on sandra@harmonycottage.co.uk

Fi & Ed

Bits & Pieces

Aston Rowant Fete

A big thank you to all villagers who helped with or attended Aston Rowant Fete on Sunday 8th July.

On (another) blisteringly hot day, fete-goers were treated to music from Oxford's Kennington Band and country dancing from Hedgehog class at Aston Rowant School. Refreshments came in the form of Pimm's, BBQ, ice lollies and cream teas. There was a variety of stalls and games, including the popular Auction of Promises, a "Human Fruit Machine" and a Bake Off.

The fete is organised and run by the Aston Rowant School PTA who did a fantastic job. All the kids got involved, holding a "Crazy Hair Day" at school in return for tombola donations.

Funds raised will go towards the outdoor learning area and climbing frames for Early Years pupils and the rest of Aston Rowant School.

Vicki

Charity Clay Shoot on 8th July at Copse Farm

What a fantastic turnout on Sunday afternoon in aid of The Brain Tumour Charity organised by the Harbour family. Susie and Ian and Emily wish to thank all the supporters and friends for coming along and particularly the team involved with the shoot, the catering and the administration for their contribution. The weather played a significant part as it was a wonderful day which raised more than £3,000 for the charity. Well done everyone involved.

Roy

Bad News for Kingston Blount

The new owner of Hill Cottage, a private developer, has been given permission by SODC to build a large private house in the Meadow for his own use, with access along the Right of Way from the Kingston Stert Road to the former Shoulder of Mutton. There are few details available as yet about when work will begin and how traffic will be managed. But it is regrettable to say the least that the children from the Primary School and from Lord Bill's who use that Right of Way will have to cope permanently with increased traffic and for some time with heavy construction vehicles.

Dr Brian Hutton Robin Cottage, Kingston Blount 01844 354173

OSR 200 Club July/August Draw Winners

Whilst awaiting the start of the England /Columbia game on Monday evening we held the two monthly draw with the great help of Buster, Sheldon, Jeremy, Roger, Simon, twins Dave & Richard and of course landlord Dave Maisey.

July	August
£25 201 H. (The Inn at Emmington)	£25 145 Oliver Ashfield Smith
£15 78 Spencer Jones	£15 50 John W Wilson
£10 135 Eyoree	£10 162 Chris Jones
£10 66 Paula Newton	£10 167 Eleanor Church
£10 183 Laura (Vince)	£10 201 H. (The Inn at Emmington)
£10 209 Simon Barnes	£10 171 Harry Ashfield Smith
£ 5 173 Toby Britton	£ 5 212 Kevin Wobbly King

Thank you all for your continued support for the Old School Room.

Rosemary Carter Baking Opportunity

If you require a cake to be made for any occasion, this is a great opportunity to take advantage of Rosemary’s offer. She is an outstanding cook and baker and is available and happy to create a cake to suit your occasion. Please contact her on 01844 352737.

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Many thanks, **Andy Warman**, Chinnor & District RBL, GP90 Coordinator

The Royal British Legion.

The Chinnor & District Remembrance Day services this year will be marked by the planting of 'Peace Roses' in the churchyards of Chinnor, Sydenham, Crowell and Aston Rowant and other denomination churches as well as the usual memorial services and parades to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the ending of the Great War.

The Royal British Legion's work is encapsulated in its motto: *Live On – to the memory of the fallen and the future of the living*. The Legion is the nation's biggest Armed Forces charity providing care and support to all members of the British Armed Forces past and present and their families. The Legion champions Remembrance and

Sydenham (The Moles) Cricket Club News



The Moles have been enjoying a good season, with not surprisingly, no games lost to rain!

To date, the win / lost ratio is at 50/50. The highlight was a fantastic win v Haddenham at home, winning by 43 runs. The match featured a stunning 102 not out by James Garlick.

There is a good schedule of fixtures for July and the team are looking forward to the away match at Blenheim on Sunday 19 August. The pitch is right in front of the main house and all villagers are very welcome to come along and support. More details will follow via the village email and Facebook page.

22nd July – Haddenham (a)
5th August – Swyncome (a)
19th August – Blenheim (a)
8th September – Tour to Wiltshire
9th September – Ibstone (a)

As ever, we welcome players of any age and ability – please do get in touch if you would like a game, or



come down to nets (7pm every Wednesday at our home ground, Aston Rowant Cricket Club).



Off the field of play, the club enjoyed its annual cycle ride and inspection of local pubs. Apologies to anyone of a sensitive nature who experienced the outbreak of lurid lycra.

Toby Roe

Pub News

The Crown

June has been a momentous month for The Crown Inn – firstly with the Sydenham Fayre, a brilliant & busy day enjoyed by all, with an after party to remember (or not, depending on how much beer you consumed....!!)

Followed soon after by the Wedding of landlord/lady, Will & Pippa – it was wonderful to be able to show off Sydenham to friends & family, and thank you so much to everyone who helped us celebrate, to all the well-wishers and for your patience with the pub closed for a few days...

But now we're back to work with a bang, and ready for a busy & bright Summer...

We'll be introducing a **New a la Carte Menu** in the coming weeks – including a new Roast Sirloin of Beef Salad for Sundays, alongside our amazing roast dinners!

Plus we will also be showcasing a **New Wine List from mid-July** featuring a lighter selection for the sunnier weather, as well as some **Summer Wine Specials**, so watch out for a few special offers in the coming months...



Thursday Set Lunch

Don't forget we offer a special **Set Lunch** every Thursday – 2-courses for £12, 3-courses for £16. Plus, there's **Lighter Bites & Sandwiches** on offer every day (except Sunday).

'August Bank Holiday Brunch' – Monday 27th August

Sittings at 11.30am & 1.30pm – August Bank Holiday (Monday 27th August) sees the return of our hugely popular Bank Holiday Brunch, from pancakes & eggs benedict to the quintessential full English, bloody marys, smoked salmon with scrambled eggs & more, plus there's smaller plates for the little ones – bookings now open!

'Syd-Fest' – Saturday 8th September

The Crown Inn's annual homage to **live music, fabulous food** and **great beer** returns this Saturday 8th September – **with 20+ local beers and ciders** including Rebellion, XT, Tring, Loddon, Loose Cannon, Windsor & Eton & Hitchcox Cider and many many more!

We'll be firing up the **BBQ** from 3pm for some smoked favourites, including **delicious pulled pork baps, beef brisket, halloumi burgers & more!**

Plus...the **Live Music** will begin from 4pm, and continue late into the evening! **A date for your diary – the sunshine is booked, so let's celebrate summer...**

'Aunt Sally'

With the 'Aunt Sally' season in full swing, the doll & sticks are always out for a practise. Our fixtures are up on the bar so you'll know when to pop by and cheer on the home squad! The team are having a great year with only one loss so far... (well done to the Inn – you were worthy adversaries!)

As always, email us on hello@crownsydenham.com or call 01844 351634 to book...

We hope you take the time to enjoy all this remarkable weather we're experiencing, and look forward to seeing you soon for a sunny drink in the garden!

Pippa, Will & the team at The Crown Inn xx www.crownsydenham.com

The Inn at Emmington

Well the red, white and blue bunting and England flags have been taken down and packed away safely for another four years – a big thank you to all those who enjoyed the football with us over the last month and made for such a great atmosphere. The sun seemed to shine everyday and the food and beer flowed freely.....maybe next time!!

The Summer has so far been extremely busy with our rooms full most of the time. Remember, if you are hosting a party or have relatives and friends visiting but are short on space, please do give us a call and we can arrange a special room rate for you. Older parents visiting their children but wanting

The good weather has also meant the garden has had plenty of use particularly our shaded patio under the grape vine. There is plenty of room for the children to run around, safe bike parking, a dog friendly garden and an Aunt Sally throw to keep you amused. If we see you throwing well, you may be invited to join our Aunt Sally team who are finding their feet in this our first season and starting to move up the league – a big crowd is expected when we throw against The Crown once again at the end of the season, (I think we may forget Tug o' War and stick to throwing sticks if the first match is anything to go by!!)

We look forward to welcoming you to The Inn over the rest of The Summer

David, Sharon and family x



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