

SIBFORD SCENE

December/January 2019

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Picture by John Berry

SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

10th December - IT Room, Primary School - 7.30pm

CAROL CONCERT

13th December - Sibford School - 6.30pm

CAROL SERVICE

14th - Holy Trinity Church - 7pm

FILM NIGHTS

22nd December - Paddington 2 - Village Hall - 4pm

30th January - Mama Mia, Here We Go Again - Village Hall - 7.30pm



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ED'S THOUGHTS

Lots of things happening in December - Coffee Morning at Silver Birches (1st); Carols at the church (14th); Pop Up Christmas Shop at Wykham Farm (1st-9th). So much to do, so many places to go.....

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE IN THE SIBFORDS!!!

Thought for the month:

The boys of the NYPD choir
Still singing 'Galway Bay'
And the bells are ringing
Out for Christmas Day!

Jem Finer, Shane MacGowan



LETTERS AND NOTICES

Refurbishment of Cotswold Close Play Area

We are looking for volunteers to join us in raising funds and organising new equipment for the Cotswold Close play area, which is in need of an upgrade. If you are a parent or grandparent of young children who enjoy using the area and would like to get involved, please email charlotte_l_carey@yahoo.co.uk.

Dirty Dogs

"Just a polite, but heartfelt request! If you are a dog owner please could you ensure that you are a) aware where your dog might be b) keep it on a lead when walking he or she and c) if it decides to empty its bowels on my drive then clear up after it!

I was horrified and just a tad hacked off, when I came home for lunch today (Thursday 8th October) to find that some irresponsible dog owner had allowed their dog to have a pooh by my Wisteria!!!! Quite put me off my lunch
Disgusted of Sibford

Tricia Everett The Forge, Sibford Ferris

EXHIBITION OF LIFE IN THE SIBFORDS FROM 1914 to 1918

We would like to thank all those who came along to see the Exhibition of Life in the Sibfords from 1914 to 1918. We sold all the copies of the illustrated booklet produced for the Exhibition and have arranged a reprint. A few copies will be available at £6.00 each if you would like one and have not already placed an order - just telephone us on 780259 and let us know.

Keith and Maureen Hicks



LETTERS AND NOTICES

Visitors to the churchyard may have noticed a new headstone. It replaces the overgrown patch marked only by a rusty hurricane lamp on a stake. In 2003, a traveller called John had been living in a tin shed below the Elm Crossroads in the Ferris. After spending a bitter winter in this makeshift home, and through the generosity of passers-by who would take food or some warm clothing, John had become a well-known local figure, and people would often stop at his shack for a chat.

Sadly, one morning in April, he was found to have succumbed to the privations of living in a tiny tin shed with no door, and he had died during the night. Those who had supported him raised the money to pay for his burial in the churchyard, and I carved a wooden headstone to mark the final resting place of 'John - a gentleman of the road.'



The following ten years took their toll on the hastily sourced and unseasoned oak of the headstone, and so this year I carved a new one out of a lovely old piece of re-cycled teak, and installed it at the beginning of November.

John came to us with nothing, and I am pleased that, through the kindness of strangers, he has found his place in God's Acre.

Michael Spring

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I am grateful for those who helped collecting door to door it was gratefully appreciated. Thankyou.

Peter Robinson. Poppy Appeal Organiser



NATURE NOTES

Following on from my comments on garden ponds in last month's Nature Notes. Pam Ascott has a spare pond liner. If anyone is interested please contact her directly -ascott305@icloud.com

Pam also reported seeing a Red Admiral butterfly in the sunny weather on 1st November.

The charity Butterfly Conservation has published the results of the 2018 Big Butterfly count. Given the hot sunny weather and increased participation in this annual event it was disappointing that numbers of several of the more colourful common butterflies were lower than in previous years. Small Tortoiseshell, Comma and Red Admiral were all down significantly. The was better news for the Holly and Common Blues.

Sue and Chris Beach managed to get a good photo of one of the Red Kites that seem to be appearing more frequently in the skies above Sibford on sunny days. I always find it difficult to get photos of birds in flight.

Tawny Owls seem to have been particularly vocal during October and early November. This is the time of year when the young are dispersing and the adults are establishing their territories.

I have noticed more Magpies and the occasional Jay around the Sibford school grounds this year.

This year seems to have been exceptionally good for hedgerow fruits including blackberries, sloes, rose hips, haws and apples. This should be of benefit to the many species of animal that rely on this source of food.

Please send any contributions for the next Nature Notes to
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Andy and Gill Newbold.



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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

QUIZ NIGHT

Our annual Quiz will be held on Saturday, January 12th 2019, starting prompt at 7pm. Teams of up to 6 persons [definitely no more than 6 even if children]. Hot supper included in entry fee of £9 per person. Licensed bar available. Money will be collected on the night. Please do not bring own drinks.

Entry by E-Mail to: ginnybennett@googlemail.com with the following information

- * Name of team
- * Number of persons
- * Any food requirements ie: Vegetarian/Vegan/Gluten free. Meals must be ordered in advance.
- * Any changes must be communicated no later than 10th January [Thursday]

FAMILY FILM FOR CHRISTMAS

We are showing "Paddington2" on December 22nd at 4pm Doors open at 3-45pm.

Adults £2 each . Primary School age children will have FREE entry.
Snacks and drinks available.

RUGBY ON THE BIG SCREEN

We plan to show several 6 Nations games . Free entry. Starting on February 2nd with Scotland V Italy at 2-15pm and Ireland V England at 4-45pm. Licensed Bar.

On 10th February we show England V France. There may be more coming up so watch the sibfords website and check notice boards for posters. The Calcutta cup on 16th March will definitely be shown at 5pm.

WINTER WARMTH

May we remind all users of the hall to keep the outer doors closed to keep in the heat and not heat the car park!

DONATIONS

We would like to thank all those who gave donations when parking at the Village Hall on the night of the Firework Display. We raised £68 for our car park resurfacing fund.

LOST PROPERTY

One ladies jacket, 1 cap, 1 small orange top, 1 navy top and an umbrella. Please contact Ginny if they are yours.

INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS

Please contact Ginny on 01295 780373 or via thesibfords.org web site. we have a beautiful hall now, and the small hall is soon to be decorated. Why don't you hold an event here? We have a well equipped kitchen and the Audio Visual system is fantastic. Available for Parties, Dinners, Meetings, Dances and Talks



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

continued.....

FILM NIGHTS

The much anticipated sequel - **Paddington 2** - finds Paddington happily settled with the Brown family in Windsor Gardens. While searching for the perfect present for his beloved Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday. Paddington spots a unique pop-up book in Mr Gruber's antique shop, and embarks upon a series of odd jobs to buy it. But when the book is stolen, it's up to Paddington and the Browns to unmask the thief.

Paddington's biggest adventure yet sees Hugh Grant and Brendan Gleeson joining the all-star returning cast of Hugh Bonneville, Sally Hawkins, Julie Walters, Jim Broadbent, Peter Capaldi and Ben Whishaw as the voice of the beloved bear. Doors open at 3.30. Film starts at 4. Adults £2. Children £1

The January film is on Wednesday January 30th, 2019.

The film is **Mama Mia Here We Go Again.**

Get ready to sing and dance, laugh and love all over again. Ten years after *Mama Mia!* you're invited to return to the magical Greek island of Kalokairi in an all-new original musical based on the songs of ABBA. With the film's original cast returning and new additions including Lily James, Andy Garcia and Oscar winner Cher. The right film for a cold and dark January evening!
Doors open at 7. Film starts at 7.30. Adults £2. Children £1.

Sibford Residents

My family and I are looking to move into The Sibfords.

After a fair number of day trips driving around North Oxfordshire and Warwickshire, we have come to really settle on these two villages. My partner and I have visited on several occasions now and on first impressions find it to be a friendly place with a strong sense of community. My partner, James, and I both work in the Arts and have two young children. We've been renting for quite some time and so are really very keen to finally put down some roots!

We hope to find something like - a four bedroom house with a garden to make a family home. If anyone is considering a move, we would very much like to hear from them. We are fully proceedable and for the right property would be able to move quite quickly. If you might like to discuss further, please contact:

Zoë Telford – Mobile 07974 658381.

SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

The upcoming Sibford Gower Parish Council, Monday 10th December, 7.30 pm

If you haven't already seen these details on the Sibfords website <https://thesibfords.org.uk/>,

this is a reminder for all of you living in the Gower that the next meeting of the community's council comes up on Monday 10th December. It will be held as before in the village Primary School, and is at the new time of 7.30 pm.

There are usually a few formal matters the Council needs to attend to, but as you know we otherwise see this as an opportunity for the community to meet: a forum where villagers can come together to talk over matters of common concern or shared interest. Our last open village meeting on 17th September had over 40 people attending and a wide-ranging, convivial and thoroughly enjoyable occasion it was!

An invitation went up on the Sibfords website and on the Parish noticeboard at the crossroads before this magazine went to press requesting a 2-week notice for any items you wanted us to include on our agenda. We already have a number of items put forward, not least a report from the 'Speeding' working group convened by Richard Irons; and the evening will include a conversation picking up on the interest that was shown at the last meeting in developing the annual summer Parish meeting to have more of a celebratory feel to it, and another around the implications for the whole community of the development proposals for the Hook Norton Road.

The full agenda will be published 3 days beforehand on the Sibfords website and on the Parish noticeboard on Thursday, 6th December.

Hugh Pidgeon
Chair, SGPC

"I love the idea that the summer Parish meeting might have something of a celebration about it. I wrote in the brief bio-note about myself on the Gower Council section of the Sibfords website that as an Aussie expat I have really loved living in the Gower these past three years, and I look forward to discussing with you all how we might start preparing for that. Do come!"

Trina Crilley
Councillor, SGPC

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SIBFORD GOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

We have had a great start to the second half of the Autumn Term here at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School.

November began with the annual Firework Display and Bonfire, organised by our fabulous PTA. We give huge thanks to Claire Evans, the PTA, friends of the PTA and friends of the school for all the hard work they put into both the preparation and the clear up, which took A LOT of work! The public turn-out, the atmosphere and refreshments were excellent, and the fireworks were just wonderful!

On the Monday following this display, our Year 5 and 6 pupils headed off to Condover Hall in Shropshire for a five day residential with our wonderful staff members, Mr. Stotesbury, Mrs Humphrey and Mrs Williams. They had an amazing time, taking part in a range of adventure activities including abseiling, buggy building, climbing wall, rocket launch, rope walk and initiative exercises, a sensory trail, laser quest, grid stones, tunneling and circus skills, a nocturnal safari, archery, aerial challenge, initiative exercises and then some more abseiling. The weather held up for them, despite some appalling weather back here in Sibford Gower, and the children finished their final day with a camp fire under the stars.

Our children love having the opportunity to work together on projects in mixed age groups, especially if these projects have an art & design, cultural or science focus. While our Year 5 & 6 children were away on their residential trip, back in school we implemented a week long, cross-curricular, cross-phase mini-topic, with a focus on R.E, the arts, literacy & 'topic' maths. The theme was Festivals of Light, with a specific focus on Diwali.

The week started with a special assembly where we lit the diva lamps and shared the Diwali story of Rama & Sita, Ravana, the ten-headed demon king, and Hanuman, the leader of the monkey army and it ended with a special whole school sharing assembly and a Diwali Disco! To find out what happened in between, as well as much more about our wonderful village school, please look on the photo gallery page of school website which can be found at <http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk/>



Friends in Flanders

Sibford School marked the 100th anniversary of the Armistice by welcoming Linda Palfreeman, author of the book 'Friends in Flanders'.

Linda spoke about the work undertaken by the Friends Ambulance Unit (FAU) during the First World War.

"Most Quakers were of the opinion that any war was directly opposed to their beliefs and to the 'law of love,'" she explained. "However many of the younger men in particular were anxious to carry out work in the war zones. They wanted to share the dangers and the deprivations being suffered by their countrymen who were risking their lives at the front and they believed that one way to do this was by creating an ambulance unit."

Linda outlined some of



the work undertaken by the FAU, particularly in Ypres where the men worked tirelessly to try to alleviate the suffering of the townsfolk and where they faced the added challenge of a typhoid epidemic.

Their actions were greatly appreciated by the people of Ypres as a letter subsequently published in the Quaker magazine 'The

Friend' reveals: 'Neither ourselves nor our poor will ever forget your generosity towards us,' it reads. 'We shall always keep a very happy memory of the English Ambulance ... its only object had been to spread benefits around us and to distribute true comfort during these mournful days.'

Anna Jo Mathers, Assistant Head, Learning and Teaching, at Sibford School said: "It was a real pleasure to welcome Linda, her talk was inspirational."

- Linda and Anna Jo are pictured with Sibford pupils.

Sibford School Carol Concert

Sibford School will be holding its annual Carol Concert on Thursday 13 December starting at 6.30pm. The school would like to extend a warm welcome to friends from the Sibfords who are invited to join with pupils, staff and parents to share in this time of celebration.



SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

Forthcoming Walks:

10th Dec; 7th Jan; 21st Jan; 4th Feb; 18th Feb; 4th Mar

There will be a light lunch at Carters Yard for those who walk on **10th December**. Please let Sue know if you are able to attend

Leaving the village hall on foot or by car at 10.00 am sharp to do a circuit of approximately 2 hours' duration. It is therefore recommended that you get there for 9.55am. Dogs welcome provided they are put on leads when requested. Walking boots and poles recommended but not compulsory. (Some routes include stiles).

Walkers should either park on the road or on the grass field at the village hall and not on the tarmac area which is reserved for the painting class.

All welcome. Enquiries to Sue Bannister
T: 780365 or E: sebannister@gmail.com

Ian Sharp, ian@iansharp.net, Lamb's Croft, Back Lane, Sibford Ferris, OX15 5RE. Tel. 01295 780790, is now the footpaths warden and anyone who has a problem or complaint should contact him.



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SIBFORDS SOCIETY

On 25th October Victoria Huxley, authoress of 'Jane Austen and Adlestrop - her other Family' gave us a fascinating exploration into Jane Austen's connection with her village. Jane visited Adlestrop on several occasions when she stayed with her uncle, the Rector, at The Parsonage and called on her wealthy relatives, the Leigh Family, who owned Adlestrop Park .Victoria's thorough research into Jane's life and the influence of her 'other family' on her work led to a book full of information, anecdotes and at times moving insights into the fortunes of a young woman during the Regency period. The book can be borrowed from our Archive Room.

Victoria says that when we next walk through Adlestrop she will meet us and show us 'The Plunge Pool' at Adlestrop Park!

On 15th November Liz Woolley introduced her award –winning film 'The 66 men of Grandpont, 1914 -1918', an excellent community project which with painstaking research uncovered the lives of the 66 young men whose names are on the war memorial in Liz's local church ,St Matthew's, South Oxford .Their descendants pay tribute to them and the film investigates who these young men were and how they lived, up until their lives were cut short so tragically. Margaret Drabble, who lives in the same street as Liz, summed up the film beautifully by saying that it was more moving than some of the great memorials. The film can also be borrowed from the Archive Room.

We have come to the end of our programme of talks for this year, but look forward to the Social on February 21st, when we will be entertained by the fabulous New York Jazz Quartet, dress in 1920's style, and indulge in pink cocktails! Tickets from Clive: 780475 and Diana: 780506. Non-members very welcome.

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We do not meet during January so after Christmas the next meeting will be on
FEB 5TH 2019

The Committee and members wish all the readers of Sibford Scene A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

[And thanks to Tony for his work on the Scene]

Eveline Boughton

WELCOME

WELCOME TO SIBFORD

If you are new to the Sibfords and would like a 'Welcome to Sibford' booklet, providing details of village services and activities, please call Ivor Hopkyns on T: 788367 (Gower & Burdrop) or Nic Durrant T: 788865 (Ferris). And don't forget that we are lucky enough to have a really great village website too at: thesibfords.org.uk

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As Seen From The Sidecar

7 November at 07:17 .

Today was probably the last chance we'd get to explore Vladivostok as we've had word that we should be starting the process of getting the bike out of customs tomorrow. If all goes to plan we should get it out on Friday and then we'll spend the weekend working on the bike before heading west on Monday. .

With it being such surprisingly glorious weather we thought why not take the Funicular up to the observation deck. What a cracking spot it is too. It gave us the chance to look out over the whole of Vladivostok and it was quite the view. It's only our third day in Vladivostok so we're still trying to work it out but it's a pretty cool place!



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HORTI SOCIETY

On Wednesday 14th November we had Howard Drury, horticultural broadcaster, speaker and writer, to talk to us about plants that give colour from winter to spring. Howard's delivery was somewhat idiosyncratic. He embraced technology with enthusiasm and gave us, at times, more of a son et lumiere than a talk with illustrative slides. The slight whiff of misogyny was not meant to be taken too seriously, and what was undeniable was his mastery of his craft. Howard understands plants and what they like best.

Some of his tips

Plant panolas (a cross between a pansy and a viola) rather than pansies as they will flower at lower temperatures.

Protect greenhouse plants by covering them with fleece rather than bubble wrapping the greenhouse.

Spray the pole of your bird feeder with WD40 to deter squirrels and if you feel particularly vengeful, a 'tilt and spin' contraption will have them spinning off at a pleasing trajectory. Feed birds with sunflower kernels NOT peanuts

Plant winter irises deeper than the RHS advice

Don't cut grass back until February or March

Mulch hellebores with leaf mould and don't cut the leaves back too early as the plants depend on the leaves for food.

The evening ended on a high note with Val Law's excellent mulled wine.

This is the last talk of the year and the next speaker will be on March 13th 2019 when the inestimable Tom Duncan will be talking to us on 'plant selection, successes and failures'

Can I remind you all to keep your cameras at the ready so that we have a bountiful crop of entries into the spring show photography section.

Categories are:

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2. A cushion
3. A hand knitted article
4. An item of cross stitch
5. A piece of metal or woodwork - please state size on entry.
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8. A handicraft exhibit - please state size on entry
9. A handicraft exhibit - age 16 and under



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Photography

Note, Photographs may not exceed 5" x 7" (13cm x 18cm) and should be mounted on a piece of A5 paper unless otherwise stated. Classes 13 and 14 will be disqualified if signed on the front.

1. Photograph - landscape/country scene
2. Photograph - trees/woods/Forests
3. Photograph - texture/line/pattern
4. Photograph - sunset
5. Photograph - water
6. Photograph - wildlife in the garden
7. Photograph - the beauty of plants
8. Photograph - a night photo
9. Photograph - sea life
10. Photographs of 4 related views - mounted on one sheet and named
11. A black and white photograph - any size (one only)
12. An enlargement - any subject (max size A4, black and white or colour)
13. A painting or drawing
14. A painting or drawing aged 16 or under.

Diana Thompson



THE CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER

SILVER BIRCHES, BACKSIDE LANE SIBFORD GOWER
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Hosts – ELEANOR & BRIAN JOYNES

10 am to 12 noon

HOMEMADE Mince pies, Shortbread, Scones
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Earl Grey, Ceylon, Strong, Green or Fruit, Tea; Lemonade, Orange Juice

There will be a –

Bring and Buy (anything), a Cake Stall –

And a Raffle

Proceeds in aid of Holy Trinity Church Sibford

In Your Garden - December/January

1. It is a good idea to insulate the garden tap before it freezes up. Disconnect the hose and put it away in the shed.
2. Have a look at the borders and see where there are gaps you could fill with some new flowering shrubs, as now is the best time to buy them. Daphnes, mahonia - great in shade - and Lonicera winter beauty are all treasures to please you in the dark months.
3. You can now prune apple and pear trees, except for those grown spread out against a wall.
4. I have a little group of Iris unguicularis, tucked under a south wall, in well drained soil. They start flowering in December and January. You can pick a few stems and they open in the house, with a lovely primrose scent.
5. You can sow Sweet Peas now, and have them flowering early. Plant them in long pots, or loo-roll centres, and keep them in a cold frame, or greenhouse. Mice are particularly fond of them, so set a mousetrap near. I find they can't resist chocolate, so rather than cheese, I set the trap with that. Hard to resist though when you are working in the greenhouse with a mug of coffee, and feeling peckish.
6. Where you have pulled out all your veggies, you can warm yourself up with digging the soil over, and adding some manure.
7. If your roses have had black spot, try to rake off all the leaves from underneath them, to prevent it coming back next year. And spray them against black spot early in the growing season.
8. If we get snow, carefully shake it off the branches of shrubs - particularly camellias which have flowering buds on already. The branches can easily snap under the added weight.
9. Cheer up your patio and front door steps with pots of violas, and cyclamen, with bulbs planted beneath them to come through later. When your hyacinths start to flower do not put them in too warm a room, but keep them in a cool, light windowsill, otherwise the flowers and leaves grow too tall, and go over too quickly.
10. Now is the time to sit down by the fire, look at all the seed catalogues, and dream of what you might plant for next year. Think of white foxgloves, tall nicotiana, chocolate cosmos.... asparagus...strawberries....woops - I'm feeling peckish again. Have a lovely Christmas, and Happy New Year.

Jupe Hitchens

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The Overseas Club was formed in 1914 to encourage children to raise small amounts of money to provide funds to buy these small items. Those who raised larger amounts received a certificate from the Overseas Club in recognition of their efforts.

The people of York led by the Lord Mayor sent a Commemorative Tin to all the men who were serving abroad and who came from York. Each tin contained a solid block of Rowntree's chocolate wrapped in paper. It was a pressed steel tin with a hinged lid, printed with a design incorporating the flags of the Allied nations and an inscription, which read:



The Lord Mayor of York, John Bowes Morrell and the Sheriff, Oscar F. Rowntree, send best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a bright New Year to all York men who are serving their King and Country. Christmas 1914.

A nationwide appeal for donations was organised by King George V's daughter Princess Mary. The items including chocolate, cigarettes and a picture of Princess Mary were packed into five-inch long tins which were paid for by the Sailors and Soldiers Christmas Fund. It is thought that more than 355,000 were sent to troops serving on the Front Line in 1914, although due to the pressures put on the postal service some soldiers did not get theirs until 1916.

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Baptist	Hook Norton, Sunday, 10.30 am



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHATTER

December 1st is the date of the CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING from 10am at the home of Eleanor and Brian Joynes in Backside Lane.

Younger Families - there will be a MESSY CHURCH with a Christmas Theme in SHUTFORD Village Hall from 4pm on the afternoon of Saturday December 8th. All younger children with an adult helper are warmly welcomed.

Sibford's Traditional service of Carols and Readings for Christmas will be in church at 7pm on Friday December 14th.

Specially for Children the Christingle and Crib service will be in church on Sunday 23rd at 4.30pm

December Services in church

- Dec 2nd 10 am Confirmation Service with Bishop Colin in TADMARTON
- Dec 9th 9.30am Morning Praise. Liz
- Dec 14th 7pm Traditional Carol Service (adult focussed)
- Dec 16th 9.30am Holy communion Ronald
- Dec 23rd 4.30pm Christingle and Crib (TOTALLY Child focussed) Ronald
- Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass commencing at 11.30pm. Ronald
- Christmas Day - 10am Family Holy Communion with Rev John Whitwell.
- Dec 30th 10am Benefice Holy Communion in Sibford. Canon Glyn Evans

January 11th 2019 Wykeham Benefice Council meets to discuss all sorts of matters concerning all six churches. ALL PCC members are invited to attend as is anyone else who would like to be there. Venue tbc.

Wed 30th Sibford PCC meets at the Rectory

January Services

- Jan 1st 10.30 BCP HC in Broughton Castle Chapel. Ronald
- Jan 6th The Epiphany of Our Lord
10am Benefice Eucharist in Swalcliffe. John
- Jan 13th 11am Methodist Service in Sibford
- Jan 20th 9.30am Holy Communion. Ronald
- Jan 27th 9.30am BCP Holy Communion. John.

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SOA Bridge Street	6.17	9.02			16.07
Ilmington, Red Lion		9.20	11.40		16.25
Shipston, Tilemans Lane	6.37	9.37	11.47	13.26	16.32
Shipston, Pettiphers Garage	6.40	9.40	11.50	13.29	16.35
Lower Brailes, The Park	6.50	9.50	12.00	13.50	16.45
Sibford Ferris School	7.02	10.02	12.12	14.02	16.57
Lower Tadmarton	7.12	10.12	12.22	14.12	17.07
Banbury Bus Station	7.25	10.25	12.35	14.25	17.20
			B		
Banbury Bus Station	10.30	12.40	14.30	17.30	
Lower Tadmarton	10.43	12.53	14.43	17.43	
Sibford Ferris School	10.53	13.03	14.53	17.53	
Lower Brailes, The Park	11.06	13.16	15.06	18.06	
Shipston, Pettiphers Garage	11.16	13.29	15.16	18.16	
Shipston, Tilemans Lane	11.19		15.19	18.19	
Ilmington, Red Lion	11.36		15.31		
SOA, Bridge Street			16.00	18.41	
SOA, Wood Street			16.03	18.48	

Notes:

NS - Not Saturdays

SSH - Saturdays, Monday to Fridays during School Holidays

B - Bus also serves Lower Quinton, Meon Vale, Clifford Chambers and on school days operates via Shipston High School

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DECEMBER

- 1st-9th - Christmas Pop Up Gifts and Gallery - Wykham Park Farm
1st - Christmas Coffee Morning - Backside lane - 10am - Noon
2nd - Santa Fun Run - Wykham Park Academy - 10am
4th - Friendship Club Christmas Tea
8th - 16th - Christmas Art Exhibiiton and Sale - Swalcliffe Village Hall
14th - Carol Service - Holy Trinity Church - 7pm
18th - Friendship Club Christmas Lunch
22nd - Film: 'Paddington 2' - Village Hall - 4pm

JANUARY

- 12th - Village Quiz - Village Hall - 7pm
20th - Film: 'Mama Mia Here We Go Again" - Village Hall - 730pm

DECEMBER BIN COLLECTIONS

- Green Tuesday: 11th
Blue/Brown Tuesday: 4th; 18th

Unwanted clothing and shoes may be recycled anytime at the Textiles/Recycling Bank at Sibford School Swimming Pool. Bottle banks at Sibford Ferris: Elm crossroads and Sibford Gower: Wykham Arms car park.

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