

SIBFORD SCENE

March 2019

No 410



The lovely Jo Connor in Lust for Life!

Horti Society Talk

13th - "Plant selection - Successes & Failures" - Village Hall -
7.30pm

Rugby: Engand v Scotland

16th - Village Hall - 4.30pm

Sibfords Society

21st - "The History of the Village Hall" - Village Hall - 7.45pm

Film Night - "The Wife"

27th - Village Hall - 7.30pm



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ED'S THOUGHTS

As usual, The Sibford Players created mayhem with Kat Davidson's production of "Lust for Life" - Suitable madness enjoyed by all!! (review - page 5)

The Village Website

If you want to keep up with the latest news in the Sibfords in between Scenes, then don't forget to visit our excellent village website edited by Tim Huckvale. It is regularly updated with village news and important information on the Sibfords

BROWN ENVELOPE APPEAL

it's that time again! In your Scene this month is a brown envelope in which I would ask you to make a donation to keep the Scene going. Then just drop it off in the Village Shop or Surgery. If you want to contribute online, then the details are:

Bank Account - NatWest 60-01-35. Account number: 52612236

Please give generously!

Thought for the month:

"Doo be doobie doo"

Sammy Khan



LETTERS AND NOTICES

At this time of year, as the temperature warms up and darkness falls, frog, toads and newts will emerge from hibernation and make their way along the roads leading to the village pond.

Please drive slowly and look out for them to avoid squashing. They show up in headlights and can easily be mistaken for lumps of mud. Check the road before parking. They are easily stepped on, causing injury, so pedestrians need to shine a torch ahead. They could be picked up and popped into the pond, ensuring they have a safe arrival! Thankyou for your care

Glennis Hardman

Sibford Gower Spring Clean

Saturday March 30th at 10am We'll collect rubbish along the roadsides and footpaths of the parish. Rubbish bags and gloves will be provided so please come and join us - the more the merrier!

Tony Skowronski

"LUST FOR LIFE"

REVIEW

Sibford Players raised the bar again this year, with a lively entertaining production which proved the perfect showcase for a wide range of talents. The variety show format, mixing up sketches, songs, dances and comedy routines made for a lively fast-moving evening full of surprises.

Jo Connor's brave and brilliant performance of Victoria Wood's classic keep-fit comedy routine featuring unlikely step queen Hayley Bailey, raised the energy levels early on and the string of sketches which followed kept us on our toes.

Amidst the comedy there were some quirky, even poignant moments, as in the sketch where two ladies sit chatting on the pier and one admits to 'tipping her husband over the edge,' cue laughter, but then we discover she means his ashes..

Each sketch brought it's own surprises, from the lady horse riders discussing mind-boggling philosophical questions, to the shell-suited simpletons Karl and Gayle.



Dave & Rachel - "Young Love"

Special mention to Dave Rowley for wearing the most revealing costume of the night, a skin tight green daffodil suit. Brave man.

Coping with so many set changes between a succession of short sketches might have slowed the pace and proved a distraction, but in an inspired move by Director Kat Davison every scene change became a little show of its

"LUST FOR LIFE"



Tony & Maria - "Cheese & Jam"



Anne and Caroline - "Newsreaders"

Far from interrupting the flow they added to it, each one becoming increasingly ambitious until the 'scene shifters' observed through binoculars by a David Attenborough look-alike, almost stole the show. Moving furniture has never been so entertaining. Kat's cast danced with tables, spun and swooped with chairs and entered and left the stage with immaculate timing in the guise of everything and anything from synchronised swimmers to Beyonce backing dancers.

Not content with performing on stage, the Players had already been out and about using Sibford as the film set for an ambitious black and white Hammer horror-style movie. This surprise screening after the interval added yet another entertaining twist to the already packed programme. Chris Cullen was perfectly cast as the evil Count Orlok, special mention to the three sisters' wigs which deserved star billing. Vampire bites, plague-struck villagers, death and terror all adding up to a big screen helping of hilarious horror.

Classic sketches from comic greats including The Two Ronnies and Victoria Wood were perfectly placed between home-grown offerings from The Players' own Dave Rowley and Ginny Bennett. Sibford Village Hall was transformed into an impressive performance space with raked seating, lively set and excellent lighting and sound.

If ever there was a need for an evening of good old-fashioned fun and laughter to give us all a boost it's now. Fangs for the fun Sibford Players, yet again you didn't disappoint.

AA

A note from Matt Bishop of "As Seen From The Sidecar"

Hi everyone, thanks so much for following my travels over the past 15 months. We have now officially driven around the world on our scooter and sidecar. It took us 455 days to circumnavigate the globe on our ridiculous vehicle. On route we faced some of the most challenging landscapes on earth. From the sands of the Sahara, to the snows of Siberia, we faced a temperature range of +50°C to -37°C. It was an amazing experience but also the hardest thing either of us have ever done.



We returned on the 19th of January as the first people to ever circumnavigate the globe on a scooter with a sidecar having beaten the current world record for the longest journey on this kind of vehicle, 8 times over. Now we're back we'll be spending our time doing talks about our travels, writing a book and producing a film. At the same time, we'll be continuing to raise awareness and funds for organisations fighting modern slavery and human trafficking. We'll hopefully arrange a talk or something in the village sometime in 2019 but in the meantime you can follow our progress

and donate to charities we support on our website at

www.asseenfromthesidecar.org/donate.

Thanks for all of your interest and support,

Matt





INDOOR TABLE TOP SALE

1-3pm

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Saturday 2nd March 12noon onwards*

Entrance Fee – 50p



NATURE NOTES

Yesterday was a glorious afternoon and I walked, via Burdrop, from the primary school to my bungalow in Woodway Road at around 5pm. By the school, a starling, perched on an aerial giving a selection from its repertoire. As I approached the church, two green finches, both male, churring in turn as the search for territory begins. Crossing the sheep field, the call of a collared dove, and a green woodpecker passed by, on its low undulating flight. In the dip by the stream, two redwings watched me through the gate then flew off over the trees, where, if they were listening, they would have heard a group of long tailed tits peeping. House sparrows chatting in the ivy by the Dower House. A song thrush, singing each phrase twice, as I neared the road junction and in the distance the argumentative cawing of rooks. Meeting Megan Gilkes near The Old Bakehouse gave me another species as she had just, a few seconds before seen a goldcrest flitting in the rose on Little Thatch. I knew I would hear more house sparrows at the beginning of Woodway Road and I was momentarily taken back to the marvellous cries of the swifts there last summer. As I neared home, a large group of chaffinches accompanied me, moving in small clusters from tree to tree and a wood pigeon sat waiting patiently.

How interesting and enjoyable my walk had been...I didn't mention any of the many robins and blackbirds along the way and I do wonder what other birds I had overlooked.

During these past few weeks, I have been watching a large flock of linnets and chaffinches, probably numbering around 150, that have been feeding regularly on dropped fat hen seed in the field behind The Brambles bungalow. Fieldfares and redwings are about in good numbers on the Sibford School playing fields and feeding on fallen apples in the orchard at home. A week ago a small group of pied wagtails were flitting about on the patch left by the muck heap near the 'footpath' between Woodway Road and the Kiss and Drop entrance to Sibford School. This in itself is not particularly noteworthy but amongst them was a single grey wagtail.

A little owl was found dead in a nearby farmyard. No obvious signs as to how it died. Its plumage was that of a first year bird. Red kites are often to be seen gently flying to and fro over the fields but seeing three together in the last week of January was unusual. I was pleased to hear the call of a buzzard towards the end of January. Every evening, and actually earlier, from around 4:30pm, the tawny owls begin singing.

In the wider picture, I have heard that there are plenty of brambling to be seen in the grounds of Broughton Castle, and 22 shoveller ducks on Boddington reservoir. For much more detailed information of where to see birds in the area, visit banburyornithologicalsociety.org.uk

Sue Sabin

SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

Reflections on the meeting of the Council, Tuesday 12th February

A personal note from the Chairman

I was struck again at the meeting of the Gower Council on Tuesday, 12th February, how indebted I felt to the lively conversation that developed around a key number of topics that had come up on our agenda for the evening. Although we have been in place as a new group of counsellors since last May, nine months is not a long time, and we hugely value the opportunity of running our thinking past our fellow villagers and getting their responses. We are always conscious that we are after all acting on their behalf. In formal terms we are anyway accountable to the electorate for the funding that supports the work of the Council, and I said in the meeting I think we are doing that incredibly well – not least because of an enormous amount of painstaking work put into reviewing and updating our accounts by Cllr David Allen and our clerk Vanessa Mulley. But when it comes to gaining a measure of what is needed and whether we are doing as much as we could be doing, that we can only gain from the many conversations of the kind we had on February 12th, and all of us have at a personal level simply by being out and about in the village and participating in its many events.

Sometimes it is not as straightforward as it seems, as we learned from Ian Sharp who joined us as the Footpaths Warden for the two villages of our community. Sometimes the issues just keep coming back as in the case of the village pond in the Gower which thus far has proved an insuperable challenge to a succession of Councils over decades. And sometimes we have to contend with the complexity of planning law and conflicting interests as is currently the case with the application still being considered by Cherwell District Council for a development on the Hook Norton road – with implications in how that is handled for both villages and not simply for the Ferris.

We touched too on the matter of speeding more work is being done by a group of volunteers from the community to come up with measures that would really make a difference.

SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

They are not the only group that has stepped forward. The Hook Norton Road development has its own Action Group, and we talked about the invaluable, and selfless work done on behalf of the village – and in their case for over 400 years - by the Town Estates Charity. Opportunities to serve on their Board of Trustees will be coming up later in the year when several vacancies will be coming up.

Full details of all of this and much more in the minutes on the Sibfords website.

Hugh Pidgeon, Chair, SGPC

Not many people know that

Hugh Pidgeon, Chair SGPC

In some recent research, colleagues and I have done on the origin of the Annual Parish Meeting which comes up in both the Sibfords in April, we discovered that the Annual Parish Meeting was set up as part of the Local Government Act in 1972 to foster local democracy and defined as ‘a meeting of the electors of a parish’ and the purpose of the meeting ‘for the community to come together to discuss parish affairs’ – but it turns out that there is no statutory definition or case law to determine what constitutes a “parish affair”.

What did become clear is that “The Annual Parish Meeting is an entirely SEPARATE meeting from the Parish *Council* Annual Meeting which takes place in May and is a formal council meeting at which the Parish Councillors hold themselves to account for the previous year’s activities and expenditure. But the Annual Parish Meeting is a much informal affair.

The most regular reference in all the various accounts is to the word ‘community’; and we are very conscious that our own website now represents the two villages, the Sibfords, as one community.

This raised a lot of interest at the meeting of the Gower Council of Tuesday, February 12th, and we are developing a conversation with the councillors of the Ferris to consider whether for the more informal purposes for which the Annual Parish Meeting was devised and set in law, it might actually be more appropriate that for this one occasion in the year:

- we conduct the Annual Parish Meeting as one community, and that
- we devise an event that is more celebratory of that community in character.



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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

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March 16th: England V Scotland [Calcutta Cup] .Doors open at 4-30pm for a 5pm KO

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LIGHTS, CAMERA , ACTION!

A Concert of music from STAGE and SCREEN performed by the award winning 45 piece BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONIC WINDS on **Saturday 13th July 2019.**

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Advance Tickets : Adults £13, Child £6 , Family Ticket £32, from Keith Hicks 01295 780259

EASTER EGG TRAIL

April 19th 2019 , Good Friday.Starting at 2pm our popular Easter Egg Trails will lead you back to the Village Hall to collect a chocolate egg. Teas served in the small hall.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you would like to book the hall please contact Ginny [Booking Secretary] on 01295 780373 or via thesibfords.org website.

You can check availability of the hall on the Village Hall Diary page on the website.Why not check out what` s going on? Join a group?

Start a new one?

LOST PROPERTY

There are still items in the cloarooms at the hall .Please have a look next time you go there to see if they are yours. Any item left at the end of February will be disposed of.

Sibford Ferris Annual Litter Pick

Saturday 2nd March at 10am. We are running the Litter Pick slightly earlier this year hopefully getting the rubbish picked up before the verges grow too much. We will meet at 10.00am at Lanes End Corner (by the notice board) and spread out from there to collect rubbish along the roadsides and footpaths of the parish. Rubbish bags will be provided so please come and join us, the more people who help, the less time it takes and the better the job we can do.

Adrian Lamb



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

continued.....

The film for March 27th is **The Wife (15)**

Joan Castleman (Glenn Close) has spent forty years sacrificing her own talent, dreams and ambitions to support her charismatic husband Joe (Jonathan Pryce) and his stellar literary career. Ignoring infidelities made in the cause of his art, she has put up with his behaviour with undiminished grace and humour.

The foundations of their marriage have, however, been built upon a set of uneven compromises and Joan has reached a turning point. On the eve of Joe's Nobel Prize for Literature, the crown jewel rewarding a spectacular body of work, Joan will confront the biggest sacrifice of her life and some long-buried secrets.

Based on the bestselling book by Meg Wolitzer, *The Wife* is a poignant, funny and emotional journey, a celebration of womanhood, self-discovery and liberation, featuring a stunning cast that also includes Max Irons, Annie Statue, Harry Lloyd, Elizabeth McGovern and Christian Slater.

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Swalcliffe Park Equestrian Calendar of Events

Calendar of Events - 2019

Sat 16th & Sun 17th March	British Eventing Horse Trials
Sun 7th April	Warwickshire Hunt Pony Club Hunter Trials
Sun 14th April	Festival of the Horse Area 5 Qualifier
Sat 27th & Sun 28th April	Horse-Events One-Day Event
Mon 6th May	BRC Horse Trials Area 18 Qualifier (TBC)
Fri 2nd - Sun 4th August	BRC National Horse Trials Championships
Sat 14th & Sun 15th Sept.	Horse-Events One-Day Event (TBC)
Sun 27th October	CROWN Riding Club Hunter Trial (TBC)

NEWS FROM SIBFORD GOWER ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL

It has been a half-term of varied weather here at school with high winds, rain and, most excitingly, snow. Despite the difficulties the white stuff created for some families and staff in travelling out of their own villages, school did open and two thirds of our children made it in. Our extensive grounds are perfect for fun in the snow and the children put on their wellies, hats and gloves to come out and explore the snow in an impromptu 'science' lesson, followed by cups of hot chocolate back in their warm classrooms.



The chocolate theme continued with the Key Stage 2 trip to Cadbury World in Birmingham, during which the children took part in workshops and learning activities exploring the Mayan civilisation, including their cultivation of the cocoa pod, to support and enrich their learning on the theme of Mayans back in school.

We have also been 'celebrating' Chinese New Year in school, through assemblies, displays and work in classrooms.

Carol and Paula, who run our brilliant After School Care facility until 5.30 pm every term time weekday, cooked noodles with the children and shared 'fortune cookies', as well as organising lots of Chinese New Year themed Art & Craft activities.

Our new Early Birds Club is going well and means that we are now able to offer wraparound care from 8 am to 5.30pm, including options for breakfast and/or a light 'tea'.

To see some of the pictures from our 'Snow Day' and to find out more about our wonderful village school, including our wraparound care offer, please visit our website at <http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk/>

Everything stops for tea



March Open Events

On Friday 8th March, toddlers and their parents are invited to come along to enjoy a **Stay & Play** session with the Early Years department ... there might even be the chance to meet the school's new resident lambs!

On Friday 15th March, Sibford School is hosting a **Whole School Open Morning**.

Then on Saturday 23rd March, Sibford will be hosting a **Junior School Open Morning** focusing on its provision for 3 to 11-year-olds.

For further details on any of the above call Elspeth on 01295 781203.



Overseas students at Sibford School enjoyed a quintessential English tradition when they made, baked, served and ate a typical afternoon tea. Out came the bone china cups and saucers; the tea pot was warmed; and there was a tasty offering of dainty finger sandwiches, cupcakes and scones ... complete with clotted cream and strawberry jam. The students even discovered the contrasting traditions of Devon and Cornwall ... discussing whether they preferred their jam on top of the cream or below.

Student Emily said: "It was a great lesson and really enjoyable. We learnt all about the different types of food that make up a typical English afternoon tea. I am now looking forward to making some scones for my brother next time I go back home to Germany."



Café Scientifique

Sibford welcomed Dr Chris Ward, infectious diseases and microbiology specialist trainee at King's College Hospital in London, as guest speaker at this term's Café Scientifique. Chris discussed pathogens that have crossed a species barrier into humans and subsequently caused epidemics.

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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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On **21st March** we are holding our brief AGM, when we will be distributing the programmes for the coming year , followed by an illustrated presentation by Keith Hicks on 'The History of the Village Hall.' Keith will be speaking about the origins of the Village Hall, what the village did without one, and the trials and tribulations of the current hall over the past 60 + years. You are very welcome to share your memories, too. Village Hall, doors open 7.45 p.m. Meeting begins 8 p.m. Visitors welcome at £3 p.p. Refreshments available free of charge

Our programme for 2019

21st March : AGM followed by Keith Hicks' presentation on 'The History of the Village Hall.'

18th April : Stephen Barker – 'The Battle of Edgehill'.

16th May: Gillian White – 'Queen Victoria- a Life in Portraits.'

20th June: 'A day out on the Toddington Railway'

30th July: A visit to Highclere Castle .

July : A Swift walk round the Sibfords with Chris Mason, date TBA.

19th September: Martin Sirot-Smith – 'Sulgrave Manor and the Washington Family.'

17th October: Colin Hill: 'The Barn Well Hill Railway'.

21st November: 'The Broughton Hoard'.

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The trip out on the 19th of March the details of which have not been finalised,
More on that on the 5th Eveline Boughton

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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Chipping Norton - Every Wednesday

Chipping Norton Farmers - 3rd Saturday of the month

Deddington Farmers - 4th Saturday of the month

Great Rollright - 1st Saturday of the month

North Cotswold Farmers - 1st Thursday of the month @ Stourton (6-8pm)



Saturday 30th March 2019

11.00am

**Grand launch of the new Swalcliffe community project,
WOODLAND PLAY PARK**

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- Bring a toy rabbit
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12.00 noon - 3.00pm

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HORTI SOCIETY

Just a reminder that on **Wednesday 13th March at 7.30** we start our annual programme of talks at the village hall with Tom Duncan who will be familiar to many of you and who will be speaking to us on 'Plant selection - successes and failures'. We will also be holding our AGM just before the meeting, which we will try and make as snappy as possible!

March is also the month that annual subscriptions are due. At £10 per annum we hope you will agree that this represents great value for money, especially as a number of garden centres, notably Applegarth, offer a 10% price reduction to Sibford Horti members.

And lastly, apologies for last month's typo. Andrew Tindsley is not coming to speak to us on April 13th but on **Wednesday 10th April** so please make sure he is firmly put into your diaries on the right date!

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In Your Garden - March

Spring is coming! Let's get back outside and enjoy the birds singing, and find joy in the spring bulbs bursting into blossom. It is the start of the birds nesting season, so try not to trim any hedges where they build, and leave clumps of straw, moss or twigs around to help them make a perfect nest.

1. Hoe off any weeds that have dared to grow in the winter, and then mulch the borders, with compost or manure.
2. Cut back perennials, i.e penstemons, asters etc to where you can see new growth sprouting.
3. Prune the roses. Cut out any dead growth, and always try to prune back to an outward facing bud.
4. It is a good time to feed fruit bushes and trees, with fertiliser such as Growmore.
5. If you haven't done it yet, hurry up and chit your new potatoes - use an egg tray to stop them lolling into each other in a brotherly sort of way, and place them in a cool, fairly light place. You should be able to plant them out by mid-April.
6. Now is the time to sow seeds of leeks, lettuce, onions and peas, if you have a warm greenhouse, and they can go out into a cold frame in April, to harden off before planting.
7. I think I reminded you to divide your crowded perennials in the autumn, but if you were naughty and left them, you still have just enough time to do it. Choose the large clumps, and take fresh roots from around the edge, leaving the central clump, which will be old and tired by now. You only need to divide them once every three years.
8. March is the best time to plant bare-root roses, so indulge your longing for some glorious new repeat flowering roses. Bare-root plants are always the best, and the cheapest way to buy them.
9. Geraniums that have been keeping you cheerful, flowering in the kitchen window sill, probably need a rest now. Trim them back, and remove some of the top soil, and then add some compost and feed them. They will soon get their energy back.
10. I wonder if you remembered to get the lawnmower serviced? If the weather warms up, and the grass is dry, rake it over to get rid of fallen leaves and mossy bits, and give it a fairly high cut.

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Roman Catholic	Brailes, Saurday, 5pm; Shipston, Sunday 9am Kineton, Sunday 11am
Baptist	Hook Norton, Sunday, 10.30 am



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHATTER

Just a reminder that LENT starts on March 6th. People often say "I'm giving up...whatever.....for Lent" but how about we ALL say "I'm going to buy one item of food each shop I do for the Food Bank or Young Homeless Project or for Polly"? That would do some real good for many people. And you may leave your donation of tinned or packeted food in the church and I will see it gets to the right place.

There will be a series of Lent Lunches throughout our six parishes, and Sibford's is on Tuesday March 26th, from 12noon until 2pm and it will be at either Gil Soden's or Judy Abbott's.

The PUDDING CLUB returns! the CHALLENGE is made. How many different puddings can you consume!? Debbie's record of a paltry SIX is under threat! **Saturday March 30th** - the eve of Mother's Day, in the Village Hall from 6pm. Some home-made soup as your "main" and then....go for it...PUDDING. Soft drinks and bottles of wine will be on sale. EVERYONE warmly welcomed. £5 per person whatever your age....children eat a surprising amount! So give Mum a real treat - Puddings on the Saturday, flowers at church at 10am on the Sunday, and then, no doubt, a lovely lunch.

Widen Your Horizons, that series of talks last year, attracted a good many people. This year there will be talks from a Prison Chaplain, the hospice Chaplain, and also a Gravetalk session - your chance to talk about death and dying whilst eating cake! Full details on the posters, but Wednesday evenings, 7.30pm in church (warm) with refreshments (free).

March Services

3rd	10am	Shutford (Ronald)
6th	7pm	Ash Wednesday Service. (Ronald)
10th	8am	BCP HC (Ronald)
	9.30am	Morning Praise (Ronald)
17th	9.30am	Holy Communion (Liz)
24th	9.30am	BCP Holy Communion (Ronald)
31st	Mothering Sunday	10am Family Service (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

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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

Note - ALL buses loop through Sibford Ferris, Burdrop & Sibford Gower



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

13th - Horti Meeting - Village Hall - 7.30pm

16th - Rugby: England v Scotland - Village Hall 4.30pm

21st - Sibfords Society (History of the Village Hall) - Village Hall - 8pm

23rd - Sibford Primary - Race Night - Village Hall - 4pm

27th - Film Night - Village Hall - 7.30pm

30th - Pudding Club - Village Hall - 6pm

30th - Village Spring Clean

APRIL (Part)

10th - Horti meeting talk - Village Hall - 7.30pm

18th - Sibfords Society talk: "The Battle of Edgehill" - Village Hall -8pm

MARCH BIN COLLECTIONS

Green Tuesday: 5th; 19th

Blue/Brown Tuesday: 12th; 26th

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