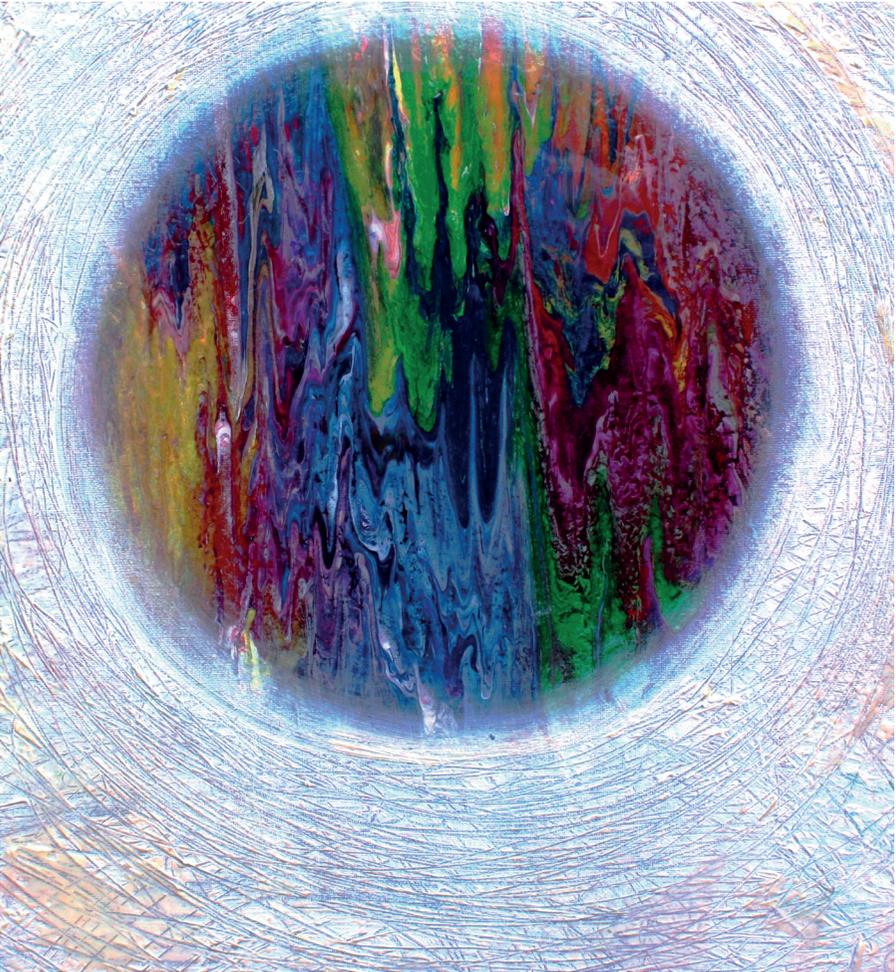


SIBFORD SCENE



APRIL 2016

No. 381

SIBFORD GOWER ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 11 April, Village Hall, 7.30 pm

SIBFORD FERRIS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 18 April, Sports Hall Classroom, Sibford School, 7.30 pm

FILM NIGHT: *Bridge of Spies*

Thursday 28 April, Village Hall, from 7 pm

SIBFORD SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

Friday 29 April, from 9.45 am

LETTERS & NOTICES

Margaret Hobson and family invite friends, neighbours, walkers, children and dogs to help them celebrate Paul's life at 3.00 pm on Sunday 24 April when they will scatter Paul's ashes amongst his beloved trees at Greenacres. Casual clothes and suitable footwear advised. *Please see Judith Weeks' tribute to Paul on page 9.*

Thank you to all Sibford Ferris litter pickers - A large number of Sibford Ferris residents turned out on 20 February for the annual litter pick, which made the task easier and quicker for all. A big thank you to all who gave time and energy to clean up the verges and footpaths around the parish - a fantastic effort and much appreciated.

Sibford Gower & Burdrop Annual Spring Clean - Sibford Gower Parish Council is very grateful to those who volunteered their time to clear rubbish in Sibford Gower & Burdrop on 5 March. Also very much appreciated are those who cleared quite large areas by prior arrangement. The operation was organised by Parish Councillor Peter Abbott, to whom thanks are extended. *Peter Hardman, Clerk*

Plant sale in aid of Horti funds at Carter's Yard on Saturday 14 May from 10 am - 12.30, all welcome. *See page 8.*

Yew Tree House - As work continues at Yew Tree House we are very aware of the access and parking challenges presented by deliveries of materials and builders' vans. We will of course continue to make every effort to minimise inconvenience to everyone, and hope that you will continue to be tolerant and understanding. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused.
Jean & Roger Mallows

The village shop needs a RELIEF DELIVERY DRIVER for local newspaper round, one/two mornings per week plus holiday/sick cover. Contact Sibford Stores T: 788317.

Sibford Scene's combined summer issue this year is June/July - please see back page for information and copy deadline.

The Sibfords are No 1 in *The Times* list of 'most desirable' villages in the south of England. Hardly news to us ...

Special thanks to Muriel Chandler - The Village Hall Committee is sure that all residents join us in a huge vote of thanks to Muriel for 24 years of dedicated work as caretaker and secretary of the Village Hall. Muriel gave her time above and beyond the call of duty. We hope to have a little get-together to say thank you properly, and will let you all know about those plans very soon.

FIVE MINUTES WITH ...

THIS MONTH: **Mary Nash**

Mary and Norman Nash moved to the Sibfords in 1986 having spent the previous 25 years in Wimbledon. After 20 years at the Red House in Burdrop, they moved to Vine House in Sibford Gower. The couple have three children and seven grandchildren.

Why Sibford?

We moved to Sibford in 1986 because we wanted to moor our narrow boat, *The Lady M*, on the Oxford canal somewhere between Oxford and Banbury. We bought a very old boat so we could lend her to family and friends without anyone worrying about bumps and scratches! She took us on all the tidal rivers and the wonderful canal system over the Pennines down to Bristol, into Wales on an amazing aqueduct with a sheer drop down one side, and where our daughter danced on the roof and terrified us. We went up one-way tunnels and had to back out and I nearly sank her twice. We were on a river in flood and had to moor for several days. We got stuck in the ice and had to abandon ship. In all, we had a wonderful time!



Mary & Norman Nash at their granddaughter's wedding last summer.

What is your earliest memory?

I was born in a village in Northern Ireland and my first memory is travelling by ship to Australia aged two to visit my grandmother. There was some trouble in Suez so our route took us via the Cape. My brothers and I were taken on deck to see the 'tablecloth' (cloud formation) over Table Mountain.

continues over/...

Bed and Breakfast at the Court House

*Comfortable 17th century house on Sibford Gower's Main Street.
A warm welcome and excellent accommodation.*

*E: enquiries@hillcrestsibford.co.uk or
see www.hillcrestsibford.co.uk for details*

FIVE MINUTES WITH ... (CONTINUED)

Tell us something surprising about yourself

After 3 years at the Central School of Speech Training & Dramatic Art, I was recruited by MI5 and after a year in London I went to work in Singapore and Hong Kong for two years. I can say this now as it was 60 years ago and the Official Secrets Act operates for 30 years. Only my husband Norman was allowed to know; I was given permission to tell him about my work when we were engaged. It gave my children quite a shock when they were told at last. Now the grandchildren say '*Granny was a Spook*'.

What do you do in retirement?

We did a lot of overseas travelling when Norman was working. Now we stick to car, train, ferry, or sometimes cargo boat. We used to do a lot of gliding, but no longer. These days, a lot of our time is taken up visiting family and old friends. We also both sing in the church choir.

What do you like about Sibford and is there one thing you would change?

I love Sibford in every way.

Mary and Norman celebrate their Diamond wedding anniversary this month. I know that everyone will join the Sibford Scene in wishing them huge congratulations and best wishes. Ed.

Sibford Stores & Post Office, Sibford Ferris, OX15 5RG

Telephone 01295 788317 / 788348

YOUR LOCAL CONVENIENCE STORE AND NEWSAGENT

We deliver newspapers and magazines 7 days a week to all the surrounding area. Place your regular order today, whether for 1 day a week or 7. Always a wide selection of magazines, specialist titles available to order.

Chilled & Frozen foods, groceries, cigarettes, beers, wines and spirits, fresh fruit and vegetables, pet foods, household goods, toiletries, medical requisites and lots, lots more ...

Health Lottery, photocopying, fax service, dry cleaning

We will also undertake your mailings for you, just ask.

Always an excellent selection of Hook Norton bottled beers in stock.

Telephone your grocery order for free local delivery.

OPENING HOURS

Monday to Saturday 7.30 am to 7.30 pm

Sunday 7.30 am to 4.00 pm

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POST OFFICE, THERE ARE LOTS OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES AVAILABLE ON YOUR DOORSTEP

SIBFORD FOLK

Jane Meyler lives in Burdrop with husband Andrew, two dogs and several horses. The couple have two grown-up daughters, Lucy and Kate. Here, Jane tells us about her work and how she became a business coach.

I am a business coach. What that means in very practicable terms is that I sit face-to-face with a client for two hours, discussing their business challenges and working with them to establish insight and solutions.

I didn't realise it at the time, but the journey from there to here is obvious. My working life truly set off when I started as an assistant to the Director of a national charity. 18 years later I left as a Board Member. The reason I stayed for all those years was because of the rapid growth in the 'care in the community' initiative, when large institutions were closing down and we were providing accommodation for those adults with a learning disability who at last began to have the opportunity to lead independent lives in their own homes.

This had its many challenges and I started a two track trajectory of learning: firstly, how to get the best out of people living and working in a very challenging environment; and secondly how to run a fast-expanding business. So, I trained as a counsellor and I qualified as a Human Resources practitioner.

I left when my two girls were born to become a freelance management consultant. This was a time of both great personal success and frustration. The work did not quite hit the spot, and I realised one day that I was missing the closer working relationships I had enjoyed previously, where I felt I was making a real difference to someone's life.

When business coaching appeared from over the pond, I was standing in the right place at the right time. Here was a gift for me to work in a business environment where I enjoy the buzz, whilst

continues over/ ...



Jane Meyler

SIBFORD FOLK (CONTINUED)

using the facilitative skills I had developed over the years as a consultant, trainer and continue as a volunteer counsellor.

At that time male sportsmen dominated this new profession; sports psychology having suddenly become transferable into the business arena. I was well placed to market myself and was offered the position to sit alongside someone setting up the first university accredited coaching development programme in the UK. The hitch was that, to be credible, I had to be generating my own income as a business coach. I worked there for 10 years, training over 200 coaches, while at the same time building my business and learning and qualifying in many different aspects of this work.

Some twenty years on I continue to work solely as a business coach. I enjoy every working day; I have amazing conversations with interesting, intelligent people seeking to achieve their best in a challenging, fast-moving and globally-focused business world. The profession of coaching people at work has become big business, with nearly every university offering degree qualifications - the latest statistic I could find from one of the largest accrediting bodies in 2012 stated that there were 45,500 business coaches worldwide. So I am often surprised as I rush from early morning chores (think horses) to catch the train to London, and quietly continue to run my own happy business life, still learning, still listening, still coaching.

Jane Meyler

Colour Analysis by Annie Broe

I will show you which colours are best for you.

Wearing the right colours is an easy and effective way to enhance your appearance.

You will instantly look more radiant, younger and healthier.

You will feel more confident.

Colours are very powerful – use this power to your advantage and look fantastic!

Vouchers available – the perfect present

For a personal colour analysis or for more details, please call me on T: 01295 780637 or 07930 398151. E: annie4colourandstyle@gmail.com

SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

14 March Meeting - The meeting was attended by Cllrs Tim Huckvale (Chair), Maureen Hicks (Vice-Chair), Ginny Bennett, Adrian Lamb and Peter Robinson, the Clerk, County & District Cllr George Reynolds and two members of the public. **Ongoing matters** discussed included: provision of faster broadband; community first responder scheme; proposed affordable housing scheme; Rural Community Energy Fund; upkeep of the fitness equipment and Cotswold Close play area; cutting of subsidies to bus services; registration of assets of community value; celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday. There were thanks to Adrian Lamb for organising the litter pick on 20 February and to all those who turned out to help. Also discussed were the light on Mannings Hill, the parish council's publication scheme and a damaged footpath sign. The date of the Annual Parish Meeting was set for 18 April. **Correspondence** - it was noted that Ginny Bennett would be attending the Banbury Rural Neighbourhood Police Team annual meeting on 15 March, there had been a Freedom of Information request, and in response to the Independent Remuneration Panel Report received from the district council it was decided that councillors would not claim expenses reimbursement. **Finance** - items discussed included the offer of a pension scheme to the Clerk and the review of the effectiveness of internal audit. The asset register and financial risk assessment were also reviewed. **Planning** - the outcome of the planning workshop attended by Maureen Hicks and Ginny Bennett on 23 February was discussed and Cllr Reynolds commented on the consultation drafts circulated in February. There had been two planning applications and four notices of decision since the previous meeting. There was no further business. Full draft minutes either via the Sibfords website (thesibfords.org.uk/sfpc) or from the Clerk (T: 788557).

The next meeting of Sibford Ferris Parish Council will be the annual Parish Council meeting on Monday 16 May 2016 at 7.45 pm in the Sports Hall Classroom at Sibford School. The Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 18 April at 7.30 pm in the same venue (*see below*). All welcome.

Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting - Residents of Sibford Ferris are warmly invited to attend the Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting which will be held on Monday 18 April 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Sports Hall Classroom, Sibford School. There will be reports on the year 2015/16 from the Chair of the Parish Council and its Responsible Financial Officer, the County & District Councillor, the Head of Sibford School, Sibford Village Hall, and the Town Estate Charity with respect to the management of Wheathills. Also on the agenda will be the proposed affordable housing site and feedback from the Rural Police Team meeting of 15 March. There will be an opportunity for residents to raise issues and ask questions on village matters. If you would like further information, please contact the Parish Clerk on T: 788557 or E: sibfordferrisparishclerk@gmail.com.



SIBFORD HORTI SOCIETY

Sibford Horti Spring Show is on Saturday 21 May from 2.30 to 4 pm. Entry night is Wednesday 18 May from 7.30 to 8.30 pm at the Village Hall. You should receive a copy of the Show schedule with this edition of the 'Scene. If not, please contact Gil Soden (T: 780543) or Helen Lamb (T: 780380). Do look through to see what you can enter: the more entries, the better the Show!

On Wednesday 9 March, members of the Sibford Horticultural Society enjoyed an interesting talk and slide show about Shakespeare's Gardens and their history - including his birthplace, Ann Hathaway's cottage and Hall's Croft. The talk was given by Roger Pringle, former director of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, who saw many changes to the gardens during his time there. Our next meeting will be Wednesday 13 April at 7.30 pm, when Glenis Dyer will give a talk on *Care and Pruning of Clematis*. This talk replaces the listed one by Janet Cropley, who very sadly has died after a riding accident.

Plant sale in aid of Horti' Society funds at Carter's Yard on Saturday 14 May from 10 am - 12.30, all welcome. A wide range of very reasonably-priced plants on sale; your chance to buy plants and cuttings from some of the best gardeners in the Sibfords. Coffees and teas available plus a walk round Carter's Yard garden. Entrance through side gate next to Wykham Arms. Further info from Sue Bannister T: 780365.

THIS MONTH IN YOUR GARDEN - APRIL

1. Weeds are starting to grow - keep them under control with a hoe, or pull 'em out.
2. Tie in loose new growth on climbing and rambling roses.
3. Make sure you protect tender new shoots of delphiniums against slugs - grit works well.
4. Lightly cut back lavender, santolina and helichrysum.
5. Sweet peas can go outside around now. Make wigwams for them to grow up.
6. Sow hardy annuals when the soil starts to warm up.
7. Camellias are starting to flower. Don't let them stand in the early morning sun: if they have frost on them, they will brown up.
8. Repair patches in the lawn and trim the edges. Mow the lawn when it is dry enough.
9. Start sowing vegetables like spinach, but leave beans until May.
10. When forsythia has finished flowering, cut back the flowering stems. Likewise, cut back salix, cornus and cotinus (smoke bush) now.

PAUL HOBSON

In mourning Paul's passing, I have been thinking about all he has done for the village during the 17 years we were blessed to have him amongst us. He and Margaret completely changed the environment for us, initially allowing us to use the field for the Millenium Pageant, which fitted so beautifully into such a fantastic setting. Once that was over he started creating a glorious woodland. It is a great sadness that he will never see its full glory, but it is already a very special place. Having created it, he then shared it with us all: "Why would I want to keep it to myself?" he replied when I mentioned this to him.

Around it Paul planted and tended a hedge - a proper mixed hedge just as our forefathers would have planted, it even contains a burnet rose. Then, all the trees, planted and tended so lovingly, and the flowers: snowdrops, crocus, primroses and daffodils in the Spring, then the massed bluebells. Fritillaries have appeared more recently, and if the land remains unspoiled they will spread into an amazing display in the late Spring.

All this is on our doorstep and can be walked every day. Thank you, Paul. Very few people can leave such an outstanding memorial and we shall remember you with affection and gratitude.

Judith Weeks

• • •

Thank you Judith for these kind words. I have been overwhelmed by all the cards, letters, calls and offers of help I have received since Paul died. It is very gratifying to learn that Paul was held in such high esteem in the village he loved. He would have been surprised and flattered.

Margaret Hobson



Inspirational wildlife
Gardens

wildlifegardencompany.co.uk

Amanda Ransom
01295 780799



**OPUS Property
Services Ltd**
*Bathroom &
Kitchen Design
and Installation*

From minor alterations to full refurbishment we can transform your bathroom or kitchen into an inspirational space. We offer a complete service from the first sack of rubbish out to the final polish.

Call Alan or Catherine on
01295 780652 or 07816592124

Visit: www.opusps.co.uk
for photo gallery and to learn more about us.

NATURE NOTES

26 Feb - Cold winds, but the rooks are already collecting twigs to repair or rebuild their nests.

3 Mar - A bit early, but I thought I heard a blackbird sing a few notes this evening.

9 Mar - 1.36 inches (35mm) of rain fell last night and this morning and has flooded some roads. I think it was the flood at Shipston-on-Stour that the bus could not get through.

13 Mar - A cock blackbird was lying dead near Haven Cottage this morning. I expect it was a road casualty and may have been the very tame one that we often see between there and the shop.

14 Mar - I was surprised and a bit disappointed to hear that my daughter's cat had killed a weasel. Before we used combine harvesters and stored the grain in sheaves built into ricks, we liked to see weasels as they followed the tracks chewed by mice and rats. They were thin enough to follow their tracks through the ricks and must have reduced their population although there were always a lot of rats and mice in the ricks threshed in the spring. I have a memory of the farm cat with a mouse under each front paw and one in its mouth wondering what to do about the others that were escaping.

15 Mar - The rooks are still collecting twigs from the beech, silver birch and larch trees. They don't seem to take any dead twigs and sometimes drop the live ones in their struggle to break them off. They never retrieve them, but just break off another one leaving the lawn littered with sticks. Fewer rooks were taking them this morning which may mean that they are now egg-laying. Some of the nests are now very deep as they build new on old. They may be six feet or more deep and I think jackdaws could be nesting in the lower storeys.

Miss 'T' Catering

Catering for events including
anniversaries, weddings,
christenings, birthday parties,
funerals
and private dinner parties.

~.~.~

Also available

Cutlery and crockery hire.

Contact Victoria Taylor on:

Mobile T: 07841 910037

Home T: 01295 788206

For Practical Garden Assistance

Please contact Nick Taylor
T: 07425 136992

E: johnnicktaylor31@gmail.com

All types of garden work undertaken

QUALITY FISH DIRECT
FROM GRIMSBY MARKET

Proprietor: Nikki Rayner

T: 07871 879197



www.qualityfishgrimsby.co.uk

Freshest fish and shellfish direct from
Grimsby to Sibford Village Hall EVERY
MONDAY from 4 'til 5.30 pm.

SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

Notice of Annual Parish Meeting - All residents of Sibford Gower & Burdrop are invited to take part. The meeting will be held in Sibford Village Hall on Monday 11 April 2016 commencing at 7.30 pm under the Chairmanship of Dr Oswyn Murray. The Parish Meeting may by law discuss all parish affairs and pass resolutions about them.

AGENDA

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15 April 2015
Matters arising
Chairman's Report
Clerk's and Financial Report
Thames Valley Police Matters
Highway & Footpath Matters
Holy Trinity Church Report
Friends Meeting House Report
Primary School Report
Report by The Town Estate Charity
Report by the Neighbourhood Watch Representative
Village Hall Report.
The Sibfords Community Plan
Any Other Business.

*Peter Hardman
Clerk to Sibford Gower Parish Council*

PILATES IN SIBFORD Madeleine Wilson M. Sc.

Mat & Studio Master Teacher offers bespoke one to one and duet sessions training on specialised pilates equipment. Reformers, chairs, barrels & Cadillac plus small group matwork classes.

For all Levels
from Beginners to Advanced.

T: 01295 780279
Mobile: 07905 953300
E: mw1@linuxwaves.com
www.pilatesinsibford.co.uk

Holmby House **Sibford Ferris**

A stunning setting for special celebrations

From Buffets to Gourmet Dinners

Formal dining for large groups

Garden parties

Business meetings

Wedding receptions

Luxurious B & B

Self-catering accommodation

T: 01295 780104

E: sally.wass@btinternet.com

www.holmbyhouse.com

GREAT TASTE

Another recipe from local cookery writer, Katriona MacGregor ...

Once an ingredient found only in specialist delis, chorizo is now a staple in many kitchens. Cooked with pungent sweet leeks and shiny puy lentils it's a wonderful combination of flavours and a very satisfying yet quick supper served with some crusty bread.



Chorizo with leeks, lentils and cider (*serves 2*)

100g cooking chorizo
1 large leek
250g cooked puy lentils (*pre-cooked pouches are ideal*)
1 fat clove garlic
1 tsp paprika
250ml cider
1 tbsp white wine vinegar
2 tbsp chopped parsley

Slice the chorizo at a slight angle into pieces roughly $\frac{1}{4}$ cm thick. Finely shred the leeks, also at an angle, and crush the garlic. Fry the chorizo for 5 mins over a moderate heat, tossing occasionally until it releases red oil into the pan and starts to darken at the edges. Add the leeks and garlic, stir well and cook for another 5 - 7 mins until the leeks have wilted and softened. Add an extra glug of olive oil if the mixture seems dry. Stir in the paprika, lentils and half of the parsley over the heat and then pour in the cider. Bring to a simmer, turn the heat down a little and leave to gently bubble for ten minutes until the lentils have absorbed most of the liquid. Add the vinegar, season with salt and pepper and serve with the remaining parsley scattered over the top.

SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

Forthcoming Walks

4 April, 18 April, 9 May, 16 May, 6 June, 20 June, 4 July, 18 July

Leaving the village hall on foot or by car at 10.00 am sharp to do a circuit of approximately 2 hours' duration. Dogs welcome provided they are put on leads when requested. Walking boots and poles recommended but not compulsory. All welcome. Enquiries to Sue Bannister T: 01295 780365 or E: sebannister@gmail.com

Please notify Sue, village footpaths warden, if you discover things that need repairing or cutting back on the footpaths within the Sibfords' parishes.

From April, Sibford WI will cease to exist in its present form because our membership is now too low to be viable. Three years ago we had almost 30 members, but numbers have gradually declined due to house moves, frailty or family health problems. All genuine reasons.

We have tried very hard to attract new members by placing notices in the Sibford Scene, the most recent by Jan Warner in October 2015 pointing out that we are not all 'Jam & Jerusalem' and inviting guests to meetings to see for themselves. Some have taken up the offer and enjoyed the meetings but were unable to commit to regular attendance.

Normally a WI folds due to lack of essential officers such as President, Secretary or Treasurer. Sibford WI is in the unique position of having all three, but we are all getting older and there are no younger members to succeed us. This is a very sad situation, especially as Sibford WI was due to celebrate its 88th anniversary this November.

So, what is the way forward? Rather than close completely, it is hoped an 'enlargement' can be formed with Hook Norton WI, which would make it easier to restart Sibford WI at any time in the future. There are nine paid-up members in Sibford WI, two of whom have dual membership with Hook Norton WI. For an 'enlargement' to take place, official procedures have to be followed and a secret ballot held by all paid-up members of both Institutes. Oxfordshire Federation Women's Institute Advisor, Jane Finnerty, will oversee the voting, which will take place at a Special Meeting of Hook Norton WI on 19 April. If passed, the membership of the remaining Sibford members will be transferred to Hook Norton WI.

Whatever the outcome, Sibford WI will continue its 2016 arranged programme to conclusion in August. We meet for our AGM on Tuesday 12 April.
Glennis Hardman, President, Sibford WI

EXHIBITION

by Nigel Fletcher

14th - 30th May. 10 - 5.30

Swalcliffe Village Hall

email: nvfletcher@btinternet.com

tel: 01295 780662



CHIPPING NORTON LITERARY FESTIVAL



21 to 24 April 2016 - A treat for book lovers!

The annual Chipping Norton Literary Festival has brought all Chipping Norton's venues to life every April since it began five years ago, and 2016 will be as lively as ever.

Among the distinguished speakers and guest authors this year will be the legendary novelist and screen writer Fay Weldon, who'll be airing her latest novel *Before the War*, a tale of London between the wars when the capital was "fizzing with change, full of flat-chested flappers, shell-shocked soldiers and aristocrats clinging on to the past." Tickets for her talk at the Theatre on the Saturday evening are already selling out fast.

Other notable authors taking part include David Nicholls, Ben Miller, Prue Leith, Stuart Maconie, Joanne Harris, Janet Ellis of *Blue Peter* fame and the indomitable Brian Blessed (*right*), who almost certainly won't be needing a microphone!



Brian Blessed
photo ©Steve Cowell

We celebrate Charlotte Bronte's 200th anniversary with a talk from her biographer, Claire Harman, and across the weekend there are several events for Shakespeare fans to coincide with the 400th anniversary of the Great Bard's death.

I will be chairing a panel of three brand new authors who'll be talking about the painful and exhilarating process of getting their first novels published – all of which are flying high in the book charts.

More frivolously, there'll be a demo about spices, tips on how to write a food blog - and even a cocktail workshop.

Finally, if you feel you have a book in you, or want to resurrect a flagging one, there are creative workshops for every genre hosted by top flight tutors. And, once your novel is taking shape, you'll be needing an agent: Carole Blake of Blake Friedmann will discuss how to find the right one for you.

Workshop numbers are kept deliberately small so every participant benefits from plenty of personal attention, so I advise visiting www.chiplitfest.com and putting your name down as early as you can. Once you've decided which events you want to attend, tickets are on sale via the Theatre. Call the box office on 01608 642350.

Sue Cook, patron, Chip Lit Fest 2016



THE QUEEN'S
90TH BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

A small Steering Group has been formed to bring a birthday celebration to the Sibfords during the weekend of 11 & 12 June. A musical concert given by the Worcester College Choir, Oxford will be held in Holy Trinity Church on Saturday evening and on Sunday afternoon, to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday, an afternoon of family activities will culminate in a street tea party in Acre Ditch for everyone. We'll need lots of helpers and contributions towards the tea party, so think about what **YOU** could do to bring our community together on that Sunday afternoon in June.

Your 'Royal' invitation and an outline of the planned activities will be delivered to every household in the May issue of the Sibford Scene. The full programme of events will follow in the June issue.

Sibford has a long history of celebrating Royal occasions. In June 1887, Sibfordians were celebrating Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. A committee, chaired by Rev E Stevens with Mr William Lamb as Secretary and Treasurer, together with 17 other committee members, planned the celebrations. A total of £26.17s.6d was collected from 130 subscribers.



Kept safely by the Lamb family we are lucky to have copies of the accounts for both the 1887 and 1897 Victorian Jubilees. In 1887, the accounts prepared by Sibford Gower and Burdrop record that:

*400 dinner tickets were printed
265 lbs of meat at 8d per pound were purchased from Rathbone's
18 gallons of beer were bought for 18 shillings
Jubilee medals, tea and sports were provided for the children
The Sibford brass band was engaged for £2.10s.0d
Groceries, eggs, potatoes and tobacco for pipes were purchased
12 yards of calico were bought for tablecloths, cost 3d per yard
In all, a total cost of £25.12s.8d.*

More recently, her Majesty's Coronation, Silver, Golden and Diamond Jubilees have also been celebrated with many varied activities here in the Sibfords. The last Sibford Street Party was held in 1995 on the 50th anniversary of VE Day. We now have a chance to celebrate again and we hope you will join with us for this special 90th birthday party. *Maureen Hicks*

Queen for the Queen - Sunday 12 June
More info at: thesibfords.org.uk/event/queen-queen

BEE KEEPING

When the Sibford Scene asked beekeeper Anthony Allen what one piece of advice he would give to would-be apiarists, he replied, “Just do it.”

Anthony, owner of the Cotswold Goodlife Company based just outside Tysoe, runs regular beginner’s beekeeping courses and thinks the biggest barrier to the more widespread uptake of this sustainable and rewarding hobby is fear. *“Every year we speak to a large number of people who express an interest in keeping bees but are in that ‘fear zone’ and can’t make the leap from desire to doing.*

“I know how it feels but I also know that the fear is groundless. The biggest problem in my view is that there is too much incomplete information out there and the more you search, the more confusing it all becomes. Somehow the simplicity of beekeeping has become a form of dark art mystery.”

As pollinators, bees are an essential part of our food chain: one third of the food we eat would not be available without them, and the honey, wax, pollen and propolis (glue) they produce have nutritional, craft, manufacturing, and medical benefits and applications.

In the UK some 70 crops are dependent on visits from bees, and bees pollinate the flowers of many plants which form part of farm animal feed, yet bees are increasingly endangered. Some farming practices continue to disturb the natural habitats and forage of solitary and bumblebees, and the honey bee is under attack from the varroa mite. Most wild honey bee colonies have died out as a result of this disease, and it is only the treatment and care provided by beekeepers that is keeping colonies alive today.

C. A. Berger

Painting & Decorating
Interiors & Exteriors
Residential & Commercial
Carpentry Repairs
and
Property Maintenance

Mobile: 07875 212 315
Office Tel/Fax:
01295 738633

It’s not complicated or time-consuming to keep bees, but you do need to understand them, so Anthony recommends taking a beginner’s course and joining a local beekeeping association, where you will feel supported through the process and meet fellow beekeepers.

BEEKEEPING

As a member of a beekeeping association you may also be able to buy your bees from a local beekeeper or, later in the year, be lucky enough to acquire a local swarm. There are beekeeping associations at Adderbury, Stratford and Warwick, and Anthony runs regular beginner's courses, as well as dispensing practical advice and guidance, just down the hill in Tysoe. The equipment list is simple too: as well as a hive, you will need a protective suit with veil, gloves to protect you and the bees, a hive tool to help you move frames, and a smoker to calm your bees.



Bees on a Burdop buddleia, 2015

"Last year I helped a couple on their road to becoming beekeepers." Anthony told us, "After an afternoon of coaching and two short apiary visits, I now have two happy beekeepers who produced 60 jars of honey and 20 tins of bees wax - all from one new hive.

"To become a beekeeper you do have to be prepared for a programme of continual development, but surely that's the joy? The point is you don't have to be a walking font of knowledge to start. I wish I had met someone who could have told me all of this 20 years ago and instead of worrying that I will never be as knowledgeable as I would like to be, I wish I had just done it."

Anthony Allen is the founder of The Cotswold Goodlife Company, just outside Tysoe. The next beginner's beekeeping course is on 27 March, but courses run throughout the year. To continue this discussion, get in touch with Anthony at: E: aagoodlifeco@gmail.com or T: 01608 683912.

RICHARD WALLINGTON BUILDER

Block paver drives a speciality
Also extensions, patios
fencing etc.
High Quality Work - Free Estimates
T 01295 780705
Mobile 07743 932545
(Sibford Gower)

YOGA

Sibford Village Hall
Tuesday 9.00 - 10.00 am
Thursday 7.00 - 8.00 pm
Friday 9.00 - 10.00 am
Enquiries to Juliette
T: 07703 836 856
E: Juliette53@btinternet.com

Winning Ways - Pupils at Sibford School in the Ferris are set for a spending spree after winning a cash award in the 2016 World Book Day competition. Working on the theme 'Where does your reading take you?' the pupils created a special literary tree and on World Book Day they discovered that their entry had been highly commended, meaning they now have £500 to spend on books for the school library.

Twelve-year-old Charlotte Harries-Harris said: "We got our inspiration from Enid Blyton's *Faraway Tree* series where the tree takes people to different worlds. We came up with our favourite books and got places from them ... and made leaves out of book pages and placed these on branches to represent the different locations each book takes us.

"We decided to put the tree up in the Library to inspire others to read these books ... We now plan to keep the tree growing so that it encourages more and more people to get into books."

Pictured right : World Book Day Winners, Jessica Main, Seamus Casey, Charlotte Harries-Harris, Grace Marot, Rebecca Shilling and Harvey Jones.



Author Visit - Also on World Book Day ...

Sibford School received a visit from Curtis Jobling, production designer of award-winning hit children's television show 'Bob the Builder', creator of Raa Raa the Noisy Lion, and author/illustrator of numerous children's books and novels. Curtis chatted about his books - including the 'Wereworld' series, 'World of Warriors' and 'Frankenstein's Cat' - and revealed that the original Bob had a moustache but was asked to shave it off! He also conducted two creative writing workshops.

Open Events - Sibford School's next Whole School Open Morning is on Friday 29 April to give parents of prospective pupils the opportunity to find out more about what the school offers for pupils aged 3 to 18. On Wednesday 4 May, the school will host an Open Afternoon, focusing on Sibford's provision for pupils aged 3 to 7. For further information, call admissions officer, Elspeth Dyer, on 01295 781203.

www.sibfordschool.co.uk

LETTERCARVE

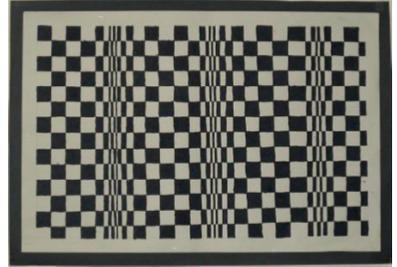
HAND-CARVED HARDWOOD SIGNS FOR THE HOME AND WORKPLACE.
SUITABLE FOR HOUSES, SCHOOLS, ESTATES, FARMS, STABLES, KENNELS, OFFICES.

MADE LOCALLY IN SIBFORD GOWER.

.COM

SIBFORD GOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

During the Spring Term, our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children have had great fun exploring their cross-curricular topic theme of Tunnels, Towers and Turrets. Beech Class have been learning effective ways to attack and defend castles. Acorn Class built their own castle as a role play area, complete with gruesome gargoyles, and chopped vegetables to make a pot of soup which was big enough to keep them going if they were besieged! Both classes had great fun on a coach trip to Oxford Castle. Acorn Class ended the project with a class assembly for parents in which they shared art work, writing and all sorts of interesting facts about castles and castle life.



Op Art by Daniel Fleming, Kyle Willcocks & Sienna-Hope West

In the run up to the school's 20th annual Art Exhibition, the children in Maple and Oak Class explored the work of the Optical Artists, Victor Vasarely and Bridget Riley. They worked to create their own fabulous examples of Op Art, which are currently on display in the Old School Library.



Op Art by Charlotte Allen & Joanna Young

We have also been able to make excellent use of our beautiful school grounds for a Forest School Project. Our Year 5 children have been out and about every Thursday morning, building dens, climbing trees, making fires and all sorts of other brilliant things. This has been led by Beverley James, a forest school leader based at The Warriner School Farm, and was funded by Sanctuary Housing.

www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk

JENNIFER WEALSBY - ART & DESIGN

Tutor of drawing and painting classes since 1988

Mondays 10 - 12 noon
Fridays 1 - 3 pm

Sibford Village Hall, small hall - pastels
Sibford Village Hall - drawing and watercolour

Also drawing and watercolour classes at:

Wednesdays 9.30 - 11.30 am Churchill Village Hall

Wednesdays 1 - 3 pm Spelsbury Memorial Hall

Fridays 9.30 - 11.30 am Holly Tree, Deddington

**To register your interest or find out more, please contact
T: 01608 730401 or E: jgw4art@gmail.com**

DID YOU KNOW ...

A blue plaque on Sibford Gower's Manor House commemorates it as the home of Frank Lascelles, Pageant Master of the British Empire. Born Frank William Thomas Charles Stevens in 1875, son of the Rev Edward Stevens, Lascelles was a pupil at Sibford School and read English Literature at Keble College, Oxford. He worked as an actor in London from 1904 - 1906 and was praised by the critics for his performance in Romeo and Juliet. It was during this period that he adopted the stage name of Lascelles.

Lascelles created 'The Manor' by joining cottages and a barn rumoured to be on a site previously occupied by the Knights Templar. He entertained his theatrical friends there lavishly, including Dorothea Baird (the original Trilby Girl) and Ivor Novello, and liked to drive through the villages in a carriage drawn by white ponies.

A prominent member of the village community serving on the Parish Council and the Town Estate Charity, he organised many charity events at the Manor and in Banbury People's Park. As well as directing many open air pageants throughout the British Empire he was a talented artist, writer and sculptor.

Lascelles died whilst convalescing in Brighton in 1934 and a well-attended memorial service was held in Sibford's Holy Trinity Church.



Lascelles directing an Oxford pageant c. 1907



THE
WYKHAM
ARMS
SIBFORD GOWER

Damian and Debbie invite you to enjoy the atmosphere of our 16th Century thatched Inn.

- Bar and a la carte menus available lunch & dinner
- Excellent Sunday lunch - to suit the weather!
- New food and wine takeaway menu
- Wednesday steak and wine night £15
- Selection of fine wines and real cask ales
- Happy hour and a half every Wednesday evening
- Gift vouchers available

Opening Times

12.00 am - 3.00 pm

6.00 pm - 11.30 pm

Open all day Saturday & Sunday for cream teas

Bar only Sunday Night

Closed all day Monday (*except bank holidays*)

Temple Mill Road, Sibford Gower, Banbury OX15 5RX

T: 01295 788808/07 E: info@wykhamarms.co.uk www.wykhamarms.co.uk

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

This year's **DOG SHOW** is on Saturday 4 June. There will be classes to suit all dog shapes and sizes and the schedule will be on thesibfords.org.uk website from early April.

SIBFORD FAYRE takes place on 17 September. If you have any fantastic ideas for the Fayre then contact Ginny on T: 780373.

FILM NIGHTS continue with *Bridge of Spies* on Thursday 28 April. Based on the 1968 shooting down of a U-2 spy plane, the film tells the story of a lawyer negotiating the exchange of an American pilot for a Soviet spy. Directed by Steven Spielberg, starring Tom Hanks and Mark Rylance. Rating 12a. Doors open 7 pm. Drinks available or bring your own wine.

HALL BOOKINGS - Contact Ginny on T: 780373 or via the website.

CHANGES AT THE VILLAGE HALL - The Village Hall Management Committee continues with financial plans set in motion a year ago. Revenue from Village Hall fundraising functions is reserved for replacing the main hall roof and other improvements such as lighting, insulation, decoration and car park repairs. The cedar shingle roof, last replaced in the late 1980s, has a life span of about 30 years. Muriel Chandler is retiring as caretaker and secretary and the Committee has appointed a paid caretaker who will start at the beginning of April. This will cause an increase in the running costs of the hall. Whilst trying to remain competitive, we do have to make a small increase in hire rates to fund the running costs of the Halls. At the present time we are still subsidising local hirers. From 1 April 2016, the hire cost for one hall will rise to £9 per hour (from £8.25). Other new rates can be found on thesibfords.org.uk website. Improvements have already been achieved with the replacement of the main doors, making a difference to comfort in the Hall.

Ginny Bennett

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Police T: 101 • Emergencies T: 999

Crimestoppers T: 0800 555111 • Trading Standards T: 0845 0510845

Serious, growing crimes are computer and telephone scams targeting individuals and businesses. Fraudsters constantly change their approach to victims and are very convincing. Remember that your bank and the police will never ask for bank details, so do not give them out. If you think you have been targeted, contact Action Fraud T: 0300 123 2040.

Vans and tools are being targeted. Don't become a victim: do not leave tools in vans overnight and during the day make sure they cannot be seen and that you lock your vehicle when you leave it. It is also important to make sure you never leave bags or valuables in view in your vehicle. If you see anyone behaving suspiciously, please report it with as much detail as possible.

Mollie Mulley



DAVID BOVILL

ARCHITECTURAL AND PLANNING SERVICES

Providing a personal service from Design through Planning and Building Regulations, and beyond if required

Specialising in Extensions, Loft Extensions and Listed Buildings work

Please phone or e-mail to arrange a free initial consultation

01869 347906

davidbovill@btinternet.com

PC problems

Get IT sorted

- ◆ *Qualified PC technician,*
- ◆ *Expert advice,*
- ◆ *Competitive rates,*

www.oxoncomputers.co.uk

Get IT sorted

Tel Dan: 01295 788766

RED HORSE VALE



All Types of Fuel, Coal, Smokeless, Gas, Logs Kindling, Barbecue Needs, Central Heating Oil, Oil Tanks & Coal Bunkers

Landscape & Building Materials

Garden Centre & Garden Supplies,

Farm & Country Sundries

Equestrian Products, Horse & Pet Feeds

Open: Monday - Saturday 8am - 5pm

Windmill Farm, Banbury Road (A422),

Oxhill, Warwickshire CV35 0RP

Tel: 01926 642832 Fax: 01926 642853

www.redhorsevale.co.uk

Serenity at Sibford

Luxury Treatments in Peaceful Countryside

Telephone 01295 788463 or
email jo@serenityatsibford.co.uk

Pamper yourself

WITH ANY 3 TREATMENTS FOR JUST £55

Choose from ...

- ◆ Back, Neck & Shoulder Massage
- ◆ Relaxing Guinot Facial
- ◆ Eyebrow Shape and Tint & Eyelash Tint
- ◆ File and Polish Fingers
- ◆ File and Polish Toes

For all other treatments please visit:
www.serenityatsibford.co.uk



BESPOKE DESIGN SERVICE FOR
CUSTOM MADE FURNISHINGS

Curtains, Blinds & Cushions

Loose covers

Headboards & bedspreads

Curtain poles & tracks

New Sofas & chairs & reupholstery

Lampshade making

01295 788145

info@annwoolgrove.com | ann@yarnhill.co.uk

www.annwoolgrove.com



SIBFORDS SOCIETY

On 18 February we got together for our Social Evening, welcomed with a glass of mulled wine provided by Keith and Maureen Hicks. There followed an amusing quiz prepared by Tony Haynes, with some unusual pictures of famous personalities whose names didn't automatically come to mind! There was a great selection of food which we had all brought, and we were entertained by Richard and Elizabeth York, two historical musicians who had come from Northampton to entrance us with their skills. They performed Elizabethan music on replicas of medieval instruments, from harps to a hurdy gurdy, a recorder, an English concertina, pipes and bagpipes - and interspersed their playing with facts about the instruments (e.g. the father of Galileo was involved in harp design) and Richard's unique story-telling. Elizabeth was recovering from a winter lurgy and was unable to add her singing voice, so we will definitely have to invite them back to enjoy that too.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the evening a success, to Glennis Hardman for her lovely basket of flowers and to Sally Hopkyns for her floral table centres, and of course to all the volunteers at the end who efficiently got the kitchen looking spick and span!

The next meeting is on 21 April, when Stephen Barker, an independent Heritage Advisor working for Oxfordshire Museum Services, will be talking about the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry on the Somme. The talk is illustrated with contemporary and modern images, maps, photographs and ephemera. Doors open at 7.45 pm and the talk begins at 8 pm. *For further information about the Sibfords Society, contact Diana Hughes (T: 780506) or Bryan Mills (T: 780248).*

THE VILLAGE SHOP HOOK NORTON

National Lottery

Grocery - Greengrocery - Bakery - Wines
Spirits - Confectionery - Newspapers
Magazines - Cards - Bottled Gas
Open Monday to Friday
8 am to 8 pm
Saturday 8 am to 8 pm
Sunday 8 am to 6 pm
Telephone: 01608 737245

SUN IN RAS AL KHAIMAH, UAE

Our ground floor apartment is available to escape the British weather, 50 mins north of Dubai. Pool, beach, bar, restaurants, cities, mountains and lots of desert. Living room with kitchen and dining areas, double bedroom, bathroom, cloakroom, private balcony overlooking gardens, sleeps up to 6. £350 per week. Contact Lucy on
T: 01295 780469
www.ourplaceinrak.com



Children's Day Nursery Epwell

- Care for children aged 2 to 5 years
- Full and part time places available
- Open Monday to Friday 9.00am - 4.00pm
- Ofsted rating: Outstanding
- Competitive rates
- Early years grant registered

The nursery provides excellent opportunities for children to explore and learn through play under the guidance of highly trained, experienced and caring staff.

Ring Julia on: **01295 780580** or
Email: **Julia@arknursery.net**



SIBFORD SCENE, MAY
May issue deadline 18 April.

Got something to share? Plan ahead and don't wait until the deadline. Space is limited and we're always full!

Petina's Waxing

Treatments at my home in
Sibford Gower
- 10% off first treatment -
For more details, contact Petina
T: 07801 699997



The Firs Garage

www.firs-garage.com

Family business established 1960

Tel: 01608 737349 / 737641

Hook Norton, OX15 5DD

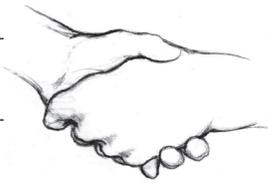


New Mitsubishi vehicle range
to suit all motoring needs
Call Firs sales to book a test drive

Extensive range of new
and used economical
cars, hybrids & 4x4's
Part exchange welcome

Service
MOT Parts
Bodyshop
Fuel Shop





FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our last meeting we enjoyed a most interesting talk with pictures by Maureen and Keith Hicks. Even members who don't live in Sibford really enjoyed it. Our thanks to Maureen and Keith for a very interesting meeting.

On Tuesday 5 April we will have our Easter tea. Mrs Beryl Brooks has once again offered to make the Simnel cake, which is always delicious. Our grateful thanks to her.

Tuesday 3 May is the Club's AGM. PLEASE would all Members try to attend. A reminder that annual fees are due that day. New members are always welcome.

Eveline Boughton

WELCOME TO SIBFORD

If you are new to the Sibfords and would like a *Welcome to Sibford* booklet, please call Ivor Hopkyns T: 788367 (Gower and Burdrop) or Nic Durrant T: 788865 (Ferris) for information about the villages' services, schools, clubs and societies. Did you know that the Sibfords have a comprehensive website too? Visit thesibfords.org.uk for an up-to-the-minute village diary and information on all things Sibfordian.

- **Bespoke bathrooms, kitchens and carpentry**
- **Fitted furniture**
- **Plumbing and electrical works**
- **Home improvements and renovations**

**Hugo
Seely**

Trading in the Sibfords since 1992

From concept to completion

*Exceptional value,
exceptional service*

T: **01295 780355**

or **07773 319239**

E: **hugo.seely@gmail.com**

Excellent references

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends Sibford Gower, Sunday, 10.30 am
Roman Catholic Mass Wroxton, Sunday, 9.00 am and Brailes,
Sunday, 11.30 am
Baptist Hook Norton, Sunday, 10.30 am

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHATTER

A date for your diary - The Chapel Choir of Worcester College, Oxford will give a concert in church on **Saturday 11 June** as part of the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations (*see page 15*). Time to be confirmed, but probably early - 6.30 pm - to allow families with younger members to attend. Look out for your special invitation with next month's Sibford Scene.

Church clock - Well, Smith of Derby are hard at work as I write - mid March - so, by the time you read this maybe the clock will be fully overhauled, converted to electric winding, and with a shiny newly-painted face and hands. Will it continue to keep such excellent time as it has under the guidance and care of Tom Pratt? I don't know how many years Tom has been the church clock winder, but it's a few. I would like to say to him on behalf of the church PCC, and indeed of everyone in the villages, the most heartfelt thank you for his devotion and care.

Services for April

3 April	10 am	Benefice Eucharist in Sibford - Ronald
10 April	8 am	BCP Communion - Ronald
	11 am	Methodist Service
17 April	9.30 am	Communion - Glyn Evans
24 April	9.30 am	BCP Communion - Christopher Hall

Benefice Quiz Night - Friday 22 April, 7 pm for 7.30 pm start. North Newington Sports and Social club. Do you remember last year's very enjoyable Quiz Night? The chance once again for a bit of gentle intra-Benefice rivalry and one-upmanship! Can your church field a team or maybe two? Epwell ought to do well; they're a bright lot there, but Swalcliffe aren't dunces either! Go on, book the date and find a team.

SIBFORD BUS SERVICES

Banbury & District Dial-A-Ride

A minibus with tail-lift to take the **elderly** or **disabled** and escort to Banbury (£5 return) door-to-door service. Book at least one day in advance. Operates Monday to Friday 9 am to 5 pm.

T: 01295 263777 for details.

Also takes bookings for group outings.

Banbury. T: 01295 257715

Stagecoach Timetable

Mondays to Saturdays

(No services on Sundays or public holidays)

Bus 50A Banbury to Stratford-upon-Avon

Banbury, bus station	08.30	10.55	12.45	14.26	16.05	17.10	18.10
Sibford Ferris, crossroads.....	08.52	11.17	13.07	14.48	16.27	17.32	18.32
Sibford Gower, school	08.55	11.20	13.10	14.51	16.30	17.35	18.35
Shipston on Stour	09.15	11.40	13.35	15.11	16.50	17.55	18.55
Stratford on Avon, Wood St	09.40	12.09	14.04	15.40	17.19	18.24	19.24

Bus 50A Stratford-upon-Avon to Banbury

	<i>NS</i>							<i>Sch</i>	<i>Term</i>
								<i>hols</i>	<i>time</i>
Stratford, Wood St	06.20	07.10	09.05	11.10	13.10	15.10	15.24	16.24	
S Gower, school	07.04	07.55	09.56	11.56	13.56	15.56	16.10	17.14	
S Ferris, crossroads	07.07	07.58	09.59	11.59	13.59	15.59	16.13	17.17	
Banbury, bus station	07.28	08.25	10.21	12.21	14.21	16.21	16.35	17.39	

NS Not Saturdays

All buses operate low floor wheelchair accessible vehicles. For complete details of all stops served by service 50A, timetables are available from the Tourist Information Centre, Castle Quay, Banbury.

Fares

Sibford Ferris & Sibford Gower to Banbury:

Single £2.90 (Child £1.45) Return £5.35 (Child £2.70)

Sibford Ferris & Sibford Gower to Stratford:

Single £4.90 (Child £3.30) Return £7.30 (Child £4.90)

Unlimited Travel Cards are available for 1, 7 or 28 days but are regional and must be bought in advance. Contact the Stagecoach office, Stratford T: 01789 412680.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2016

Mon	11	Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
Mon	11	Primary School summer term begins
Mon	18	Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting, Sibford School, 7.30 pm
Mon	18	Sibford School summer term begins
Thur	28	Film Night: <i>Bridge of Spies</i> , Village Hall, from 7 pm
Fri	29	Sibford (whole) School Open Morning, from 9.45 am

APRIL BIN COLLECTIONS

Green Wednesday 6 & 20 April
Brown/blue Wednesday 13 & 27 April

Unwanted clothing and shoes may be recycled anytime at the Textiles Recycling Bank at Sibford School Swimming Pool.

MAY (PART)

Tues	3	Friendship Club AGM, Village Hall, 2 pm
Sat	14	Horti Society plant sale, Carter's Yard, 10 am - 12.30
Mon	16	Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting, Sibford School, 7.45 pm
Wed	18	Horti Show entry night, Village Hall, 7 pm - 8 pm
Sat	21	Spring Horti Show, Village Hall, from 2 pm
Thur	26	Film Night: <i>The Danish Girl</i> , Village Hall, from 7 pm

ADVANCE NOTICE - SIBFORD SCENE

This summer's combined issue of the Sibford Scene will be the June/July issue. Please bear this in mind when promoting events or diary dates for both months. The deadline for the June/July issue is 18 May.

SIBFORD SCENE

DEADLINE FOR MAY ISSUE - 18 APRIL 2016

Editor: Caroline Seely, Home Farm, Sibford Gower, OX15 5RS
E: sibford.scene@btinternet.com

Ad Manager & Treasurer: Ivor Hopkyns, Elmridge Farmhouse,
Sibford Gower, OX15 5RT

T: 01295 788367
E: sallyandivorhopkyns@hotmail.com

Front cover pic: *Sibford's New Moon* by Lyndsay Madigan, Old Mission Hall Studios, Sibford Gower. www.lyndsaymadigan.com