

SIBFORD SCENE

OCTOBER 2016

No 386

FAMILY HARVEST SERVICE  
8TH OCTOBER

FILM NIGHT  
"FLORENCE FOSTER JENKINS"  
27TH OCTOBER - VILLAGE HALL



## ED'S THOUGHTS

Well, apart from getting Mrs Seely's name wrong and wiping Sibford completely out of the bus timetable - not a bad effort! Apologies all round...

Isn't it fabulous to hear the church clock chiming again - well done and thankyou to everyone involved in it's refurbishment!

Many congratualtions to David Bennet and his daughter, completing the Great North Run! (page 13)

A thought for October:

"I get by with a little help from my friends"

*John Lennon*

## LETTERS AND NOTICES

**'Quakers in Sibford'** – an illustrated talk on Saturday, 8th October, 3.30pm – all welcome

The present Quaker Meeting House in Sibford Gower has been the home of Quakers in the area since 1865, but there has been a Meeting House on this site since 1681. If you are interested in the history of the building or of the Quaker movement or if you are just curious about who the Quakers are, you will be very welcome to an illustrated talk about the Quakers at the Meeting House in Sibford Gower at 3.30pm on Saturday, 8th October. The Meeting House is wheelchair accessible and has a hearing loop. Local Quakers will be on hand to answer questions between 3pm and 5pm and will be serving a fair-trade afternoon tea – all welcome

**'Flu Jabs'** - These are now available at the Surgery. Please call 780213 for an appointment

### **SIBFORD SUMMER REWIND 2016**

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported our charity Sibford Summer Rewind on Saturday 3rd September.

Following an acoustic set from local musician David Alleyn, our headline band NO TOOLS REQUIRED kept everyone rocking on the dance floor, with classic songs from 6 decades.

Look out for more Live Music Nights at our newly refurbished Village Hall, and hopefully we will persuade NO TOOLS REQUIRED to raise the roof for us again next year.



## FIVE MINUTES WITH.....

*This month, we have Paige Godman.....*

I am Paige Godman, I am 14 years old. I go to Sibford School and I am currently in year 10, doing my GCSE's.

### **What do I do**

Well I go to school, and at the weekends I usually meet up with friends. We go to places like Stratford, Banbury, Oxford or Birmingham to go shopping. I am also a family girl, and so when I spend time with my parents and I have a sister called Summer who is 9 and we get on really well - when we want to!



### **Favourite Subject at school and why**

My favourite subject at school is Drama, I take this as a GCSE. This is my favourite subject because I love the atmosphere, also it allows you to become different characters and you can be whoever you want to be. Also I like sport because I like working in a team, and no matter what's happened it will always put my mind at ease.

### **Biggest Influence on me**

My biggest influence on me would be my family, they are very supportive of me. They will always comfort me no matter what I do. But especially my Grandad, who will always come and watch the sport fixtures we have, and any drama production or event at school. He encourages me to do well, and keep trying. He is always there for me, and he will help me in whatever I do. He is my inspiration and I will always try to make him proud.

### **Ambition**

When I was younger I always wanted to be a doctor. But now I am grown up, I want to be part of the production industry and my main dream is to be a theatre or TV actress. I know this is a difficult profession ( I have had experiences of that) but I am very determined to follow my dreams. When I put my mind to something I will always try my best to excel in whatever it is. But part of me would like to be in a job that helps people, like a counsellor or a carer. But of course I am still 14, and who knows what could happen in the future?



## FIVE MINUTES WITH.....

### Hobbies

My hobbies would normally be drama, I do this 4 times a week inside and outside of school. including Playbox on a Tuesday, which is a theatre company that allows young people to be in shows and perform in front of a proper audience. I am also part of the 'Sibford Players' so I now go there on a Thursday for the upcoming play. I take part in school activities, mainly the school sports teams such as; Hockey, Netball, Rugby, Rounders and Cricket. The School always puts on a play every year so I do that too.

### What do you like about living in the Sibfords, and is there anything you would like to change?

I love living in Sibford - we came from another small village, but its much better here. We have been here for 4 years now and we all love it! I think it's a lovely community and everyone is so friendly! it is also really nice to be in the next village from school, so we don't have to travel as far and get up as early! I also have friends that live in the village so it's nice to see them to. I wouldn't change anything about Sibford.

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# NATURE NOTES

**Aug 24th** We have a beech tree that overhangs our lawn and each year the squirrels are, by this time, chewing off the nuts which then litter the lawn so thickly that we need to rake or sweep them up before we mow the grass. Why they do this I have never managed to work out. The nuts have not developed and there are no signs that they eat any part of the case, so it seems that they are destroying what could be a valuable source of winter food if they were given time to mature. I know we used to like to stop and eat some beech nuts at Lanes End Corner on our way back home from school even though peeling them was a bit hard on the finger nails.

**Sep 12th** A squirrel crossed the lawn carrying what looked like an apple but I now think must have been a plum because the few plums that were on the tree have all gone.

**Sep 18th** It is the worst year for butterflies that we have had since we moved to this bungalow 30 years ago. We have for many years grown an area of perennial wild flowers and an adjoining patch of buddleias of various colours and together they have attracted quite a lot of butterflies. This year however the buddleias are almost over with very few butterflies having visited them. The basic butterflies tortoiseshells and peacocks are few and far between but I am still thinking that we might be seeing signs of an influx of red admirals. I counted six of them this morning on the remaining white buddleia flowers. The only butterflies, apart from whites, that are up to near normal numbers are the speckled woods. It cheers me to see so many bumble bees on the wild flowers particularly on the wild marjoram. I think that quite a lot of them are queens that are feeding up ready for hibernation which is good news for next year.



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# SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

The Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting on 22 September was held too late to report in this edition of the 'Scene, but the minutes are available on the village website at: [thesibfords.org.uk/sfpc-meeting-archive](http://thesibfords.org.uk/sfpc-meeting-archive)

## **Survey - Open Space, Sport & Recreation in Cherwell**

The Parish Council have received the following email in which there is a link to a survey on open space, sport and recreation in Cherwell which the consultant would like to be opened up to residents to complete.

We need your local knowledge to guide us. We need to:-

1. Understand if there has been any changes to your open spaces and sporting places since the last audit
2. Know about any local projects and / or proposals (underway or committed too) that would be relevant to our open spaces and sporting places work
3. Be aware of local sport, leisure and / or recreational activities taking place in your Village Hall(s) / Community Centre(s)

**Questionnaire** We have included a questionnaire to gather information on the three factors identified above. Please be as comprehensive as possible in your answers and attach additional sheets if necessary. If you wish to discuss any specific issues or local priorities you are welcome to contact us on the phone number provided below.

**Community feedback** In order to better meet the needs and desires of the wider community, we are asking for individuals to complete a short survey on their use of Cherwell's open spaces and sporting places.

The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete and will be a powerful tool in prioritising future investment for both open spaces and sporting facilities across the district. The survey can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CherwellOpenSpacesandSportsFacilities>

**Timeframe** We are working to a tight schedule to ensure all the elements of this project connect at the right times. We need to receive your questionnaires and / or comments by: 15th October 2016.

# GREAT TASTE

## **Blackberry Jam**

The hedgerows around Sibford are heaving with the most beautiful fat juicy blackberries this year, crying out for jam making, ice cream churning and maybe a bit of bramble liqueur making. This is the simplest of recipes for blackberry jam, the fruit being so delicious you don't need much else in the way of flavourings. Spooned onto yoghurt for breakfast, sandwiched between layers of sponge cake or dolloped onto scones with clotted cream, it's the best seasonal treat. I use brown sugar in this recipe which gives a lovely flavour but granulated white sugar works just as well.

1.2kg freshly pickled blackberries

1.2kg soft brown sugar

3 lemons, zest and juice



Wash your berries under cool running water and drain. Tip them into a large, metal saucepan (or jam pan if you have one) along with the lemon juice and zest.

Simmer gently for a few minutes, stirring every so often, until the berries have released lots of juice. Press down lightly with a potato masher to break up the fruit a little but still leaving some whole pieces.

Tip the sugar into the pan and stir over the heat until the sugar has dissolved. Bring to the boil and boil rapidly until the jam reaches 105 C on a sugar thermometer. If you don't have a thermometer, you can test the setting point by spooning a little jam onto a fridge cold plate. Wait for 2 minutes and if the surface of the jam wrinkles when you push it with a spoon, it's ready.

Leave the jam to cool for a few minutes before skimming any frothy scum from the surface. Pour into sterilised jars, using a jam funnel if you have one.

Once cool, cover with a disc of greaseproof paper and seal the lids tightly.

*Katriona MacGregor*

# VILLAGE HALL NEWS

## SUMMER REWIND

Many of you missed an evening of great music with local band "No Tools Required".

They were FANTASTIC! The poor response to ticket sales was disappointing. We would like to put on more music events, so plan a Ceilidh in March 2017.

## QUIZ NIGHT

Our annual Quiz is booked for November 12<sup>th</sup> 2016. Teams of maximum **8** people can enter. This may cause disadvantage to smaller teams, so we would like to suggest that small teams look to join another small team. {More chance of winning!} Entry £8 per head and will include a **HOT SUPPER**. Licensed bar available.

## FILM NIGHTS

Although we had to cancel "Spotlight" in August because of the builders in the large hall, it may be shown later this year.

OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup> "Florence Foster Jenkins" .A biographical comedy-drama about a New York heiress who dreams about becoming an opera singer, although she has a painful lack of singing skill. Starring Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant. PG rating.

THE LARGE HALL looks fantastic! Wait till you see the ceiling lights! We also have double glazed windows in the toilets so nice and cosy now.

## HIRING THE HALL

To hire the hall or for information please contact Ginny on 01295 780373 or via the website :thesibfords.org.uk

## LITTER

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# VILLAGE HALL NEWS (CONT'D)

## **SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT PHASE II – The Final Touches**

Those of you that have had reason to use the village hall in the past few weeks will have noticed that all the building work and lighting is now complete. We have had numerous comments of appreciation; even remarks that the hall looks bigger (it is actually (200mm narrower). Tapper Interiors have done a splendid job completing the work on time and on budget.

### ***WE NOW HAVE TO DECORATE!***

We plan to do this ourselves with the help of as many villager volunteers as possible. We just haven't the funds to pay to have it done professionally. Give us an hour or a whole day.

The decorating dates are Monday 03 October to Thursday 06 October starting each morning at 09.15. Please come along with your rollers and paint brushes to help put the finishing touches to our splendid hall. Coffee and tea will be provided in quantity!

Please contact Keith Hicks – 01295 780259 : keith@hicks@sibford.co.uk or just come along on the day – Many hands...etc.

Thanks in anticipation. Many thanks - Keith

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# VILLAGE PEOPLE

*Bryn Williams is in the spotlight this month.....*

**Who Am I?** My name is Bryn Williams, born in Kenilworth Warwickshire, but named after my father's horse by my mother who met both father and horse when she went camping on his family farm in north Wales many years ago. I am married to Lucy and have two children, Nat (15) who goes to Sibford and Beatrice (13) who is at Stratford Grammar. I also have two stepsons Ashley (24) and Jess (22), who have flown the nest.

**What I Do.** I've been a clinical psychologist since 1999 since gaining my doctorate from Christ Church, Canterbury. I work with children and families and specialise in safeguarding vulnerable children. I support children who have been fostered and adopted and also work with neurodevelopmental difficulties. I enjoy the teaching part of my job and now I'm also working in the UAE and sometimes in the Channel Islands where we lived before moving to Sibford Gower.

**How Long in Sibford?** We moved to the Gower in 2013 having bought our home in 2010 whilst still living in Jersey. I feel like I've lived here forever...I feel so at home here and can't believe just how beautiful it is. After a horrible week doing child protection stuff I feel so lucky to come home to a very special and well hidden place with miles of walks and a first class steak and New Zealand white at the Wykham Arms and our other favourite at The Gate. We didn't go away this summer, and it has been the most wonderful summer just hanging around the village.

**Hobbies?** My children are my biggest hobby and I love nothing more than just being around them, at home with Lucy. We have a host of animals and our parrot, dogs, cats, and more recently our pony keep the family busy. My work has always been more than a job and I've enjoyed writing a book and a chapter for another book, and recently developing a psychological tool for schools to use on line over the last year. I like taking up a challenge and am now learning to speak, read and write Arabic. I'd love to have my own horse and hope to soon. We love going to steam fairs and I'm secretly quite into visiting charity shops with Lucy. If I was 25 again, I would go into building, I'd love to restore old things.

**What really gets you going?** My children, they drive me insane, but I love them so much, the four of them are a hoot, but know how to drive me to an early grave! My work is important to me, and I despair at how this amazing country we live in can't get itself sorted out with the neglect and harm done to children and young people. Oh, and Dieting!



# DID YOU KNOW?

## **Harvest time:**

The following is an extract from a piece written by Joshua Lamb in 1937 when he reflected on country life in the previous 70 years:

'Up to the year 1872 no introduction of machinery had taken place on our father's farm, (*Grounds Farm, Sibford Ferris*) and we remember how during hay time we loved to go and watch the string of mowers following each other across the field of grass or clover, laying low the beautiful flowers and exposing the nest of the partridge, landrail, quail and lark and disturbing the little grass mouse in its cosy home; or in the harvest time assisting with a sickle in reaping the corps of golden wheat. When the corn was all cut by hand, every available man, woman and child, including many of the local tradesmen, were in the habit of assisting and very considerable sums of money were earned especially when the work was done by the "piece" and days of sixteen hours were frequently made. The introduction of the reaping machine in 1872, followed by other horse-drawn implements, gradually took the place of the farm labourers, until at the present time (1937) not more than about one-third the former number are employed.'

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## THE GREAT NORTH RUN-1 1 TH SEPTEMBER 2016.

Over the past 30 years I have made my annual journey to North East England (I am a "Geordie") to participate in the Great North Run, now widely recognised as the World's Favourite Run. This year, accompanied by my daughter Suzie Taylor, an Adderbury Running Club Member, we were pleased to join over 40,000 individuals on the 13 miles, 192.5 yard course from Newcastle to South Shields, the vast majority running for good causes.

The Great North Run attracted entries from over 170 countries, the friendliness of the competitors, the warmth of the spectators is a sight to behold and the marvellous weather added to a very special occasion. Tens of thousands took their place in the start pens stretching back almost a mile on the Central Motorway, with the Elite Runners headed by Mo Farah The first wave were the Wheelchairs, followed by the Elite Women and then at 10.40 am the Elite Men and the full field.

Suzie and I had followed a well proven training schedule, and crossed the official starting point after 25 minutes. 2H 2M 16S later we crossed the finishing line together in 12,328 and 12,332 place respectively, on a personal note, I was pleased to finish 15th in my age group, no further comment, running 1M 37S faster than in 2015 !.

Most importantly we were running for Marie Curie and to date have received donations in excess of £500, with further pledges being made. I am most grateful for the support and encouragement of the people of Sibford Ferris, Sibford Gower and Burdrop, not only this year, but on many occasions in the past as I strode the paths, lane and roads.

No thoughts of retiring yet, I have set a target to 2020 when I hope to have the company of my family and my eldest grandson !.

*David Bennett*

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# WELCOME TO SIBFORD

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Before our big move to Oxfordshire we lived for 12 years in North Yorkshire near Ripon where we loved walking in the Dales and Moors and visiting the stunning coast.

We moved back to Oxfordshire to be closer to both of our families and are loving being able to spend more time with them.

Both girls are at Chipping Norton School. Clemmie is in Year 9 and Daisy has just started in Year 7. Alfie is at Enstone Primary School and plays football at Hook Norton.

We can't believe how lucky we are to have moved to such a welcoming village and stunning countryside and look forward to becoming part of the Sibford community.

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/](http://thesibfords.org.uk/)

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## SIBFORDS SOCIETY

### **Sibfords Society Meeting, 15<sup>th</sup> September.**

With all the stage presence of a grande dame of the theatre , a superbly carrying voice and her witty interpretation of history, Dr Gillian White had the audience of Sibford Society members plus guests enthralled for the whole of her talk.

The topic was riveting , even though it took place hundreds of years ago, 'The Entertainment at Kenilworth Castle in 1575' - the attempts of Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, to woo the Virgin Queen, which involved a great deal of rebuilding of the castle, the planting of a garden which Elizabethans thought very risqué, as it appealed to all the senses, and the laying on of all kinds of entertainment, including eight -foot trumpeters with six-foot long trumpets, a twenty-four foot dolphin and an eighteen -foot mermaid, a 'wild man' whom Elizabeth encountered in the woods whilst she was out "killing things", and culminating in a planned picnic with a proposal of marriage, which caused Elizabeth to fly into a temper and almost leave, but she stayed.

There are darker sides to the story: the mysterious death in 1560 of Dudley's hapless wife, Amy Robsart, the death of his young son from his second marriage, and Elizabeth's undeniable grief years later, on his own death. Elizabeth and Dudley undoubtedly loved each other throughout their lives; and one was left at the end of the talk feeling quite wistful that the outcome of all Dudleys's attempts hadn't been a happier one.

In these days of governmental blunders and mindless terrorism, this escapism was very welcome, into the world where Kenilworth was beautiful and whole, and poets penned romantic nonsense to try to persuade a Queen to wed.

Next month, 20<sup>th</sup> October, come and learn about 'The History of Sudeley Castle'.in the Village Hall. Doors open 7.45, the talk, by Jane Rowe, begins at 8 p.m.Visitors are welcome at £2.

*Diana Hughes*

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## **SIBFORD PUPILS CELEBRATE GCSE RESULTS**

Following on from last month's issue, where we announced some fantastic A Level results for Sibford School pupils, there were more celebrations following the publication of GCSE results.

The school once again recorded some outstanding results in science subjects, with 100% of pupils taking Biology and Physics gaining A\*-C grades, and 94% of those taking Chemistry achieving A\* - C.

Five students ~ William Edmonds, Alexander George, James McCullough, Isaac Roberts and Gary Rooney ~ achieved A\*s and/or As in all three science subjects.

The school also saw excellent results in the core subject of Mathematics, with 90% of students achieving A\* to C grades.

In all, top A\* and A grades were spread across a total of 19 different subjects ~ English Language, Mathematics, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Additional Science, Religious Education, Art & Design, Business Studies, Design & Technology, Food & Nutrition, Geography, History, Information & Communication Technology, Music, French, Spanish and Chinese.

Two students achieved A\*s in over 50% of their subjects.

Isaac Roberts (pictured), who gained an A\* GCSE Maths Grade when he was just 13, added to his earlier success with a further five A\*s (in English, Biology, Physics, Spanish and Statistics), three As (in Biology, Geography and Music) and two Bs (in English Literature and Religious Education).



William Edmonds achieved six A\*s (in English, Maths, Chemistry, Physics, Statistics and Religious Education), four As (in Biology, French, History and Information & Communication Technology) and one B (in English Literature). Overall, 50 Year 11 pupils took GCSEs with 78% achieving five or more A\* to C grades.

Toby Spence, who took over as Head of Sibford School on 1 September said: "These are some strong results and I would like to offer my congratulations to both the pupils who have achieved them and the staff who have helped them to do so. This is particularly so in the case of those students whose results don't make the headlines but who, while struggling academically and receiving extra learning support, have achieved some consistent C and D grades."



## SIBFORD GOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

We have had a lovely start to the new academic year at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School. Our new Reception children have settled in quickly, warmly welcomed by all of our older pupils.

Classes have elected their representatives for the WOMBATS, our pupil-led School Council. Over the next few weeks, council members will be involved in identifying their school Hot Spots & Grot Spots to help staff and governors decide which areas of school improvement we need to prioritise over the coming months.

Alongside topic work on the themes of 'Great Britain' and 'Egypt', there has been a food and cookery focus in classrooms.

Oak Class children have been out into our beautiful orchard to harvest apples, pears, plums and damsons. They organised a market stall in the playground and collected donations for the fruit, which we will be sending to support our friends at the Rojo Rojo Aids Orphanage in Kenya.

Children in Acorn and Beech Classes have also been cooking with our orchard fruit to prepare their 'healthy breakfast' during our whole school Healthy Week, and Willow Class have been cooking with produce the children have grown in our raised beds. First on the menu was a delicious chocolate and beetroot cake: the outcome of their science work exploring the changing states of solids and liquids.

Our littlest children have put on their wellies and raincoats and been out & about weeding and planting bulbs, ready for next Spring.

For more information about our wonderful village school, you can look at our school website at [www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk)

# ***Bonfire Night***

Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School

***Sat 5<sup>th</sup> November***

***Gates open @ 5.00pm***

Advance ticket prices: Family £12; Adult £5; Child £3

Prices on the night: Family £20; Adult £6; Child £4

*(Family Ticket - 2 adults and 3 children)*

Advance tickets available until 3<sup>rd</sup> November from Amanda Ransom: [amandaransom22@gmail.com](mailto:amandaransom22@gmail.com)

Refreshment's - Mulled Wine Hot Dogs Burgers Bacon Roll Homemade Soup Sweets

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# SIBFORD HORTI SOCIETY

Many thanks to all who supported the show on the 27th August. Despite the wet weather on the afternoon, plenty of people came to admire the flowers, fruit, vegetables and preserves on show. The hall looked, and smelled, lovely. Thanks to the committee for all their hard work in organising and setting up the show.

Our next meeting is on October 12th, 7.30 pm in the Small Hall when Kathy Swift will be talking to us about the making of the garden at Morville. All welcome.

Annual subs of £8 will be due that night as well.

## IN YOUR GARDEN - OCTOBER

- 1 Divide big clumps of rhubarb.
- 2 Climbing roses should be pruned now. Tidy up pergolas, and tie in new growth.
- 3 Keep mowing lawns whilst they are still growing and keep the edges cut.
- 4 October is the best time to plant new trees and shrubs - the garden centres are putting them out now.
- 5 Rake up fallen leaves to make leaf mould. If you can, put them through a shredder they rot down much faster.
6. Check the ties on trees and stakes, before winter gales cause damage.
- 7 If you have had black spot on roses, carefully pick up the leaves and destroy them. Don't compost them
- 8 Reduce watering of houseplants, and plant up bulbs of hippeastrums, and they will flower in the New Year
- 9 Plant wallflowers, pansies, bellis etc in containers for winter/spring flowering
- 10 Wait for the first frosts before you lift dahlias tubers. Wash and dry them, and put them in a box of dry compost under the staging or in a frost-proof place. If you leave them in the ground, protect them with straw or bracken.



## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At our last meeting we had a very interesting talk from a company called Collective Solutions on how to write a will and all that entails. Most informative all round.

Also in the post I had a notice of a FREE check on electric blankets in Oxfordshire. If any OAP would like a chance to have this done please 01 865 815000 option 4 to make an appointment. It might be worth it.

Sept 20th we had lunch at the Wkyham Arms and the club thank Damian and Debbie for a wonderful lunch time.

Oct 4th we are having a Birthday Celebration for a Honorary Member of the Club Mrs Beatrice Tanner she will be 106 years young. The Committee and Members wish her a Very Happy Birthday.

Our Oct trip on the 18th will be to the National Memorial Arboretum leaving Sibford at 10-00

If anyone wishes to go please contact Evey on 263460. Club members will hear about it on Oct 4th

The Club as been in existence since the late 70's and is open to anyone over 50. It cost ONLY £8 a year. and meet twice a month. 1st Tuesday in the Village Hall and the 3rd Tuesday we usually have a trip somewhere. Come and see what we are about, YOU might like to join us.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## **Autumn at Upton: Poppies and Remembrance**

As the weather gets a little colder, and we see the last of our beautiful Asters at the end of we are looking towards the end of our Second World War interpretation, and thus the end of the war and Remembrance.

Celebrating 70 years since the end of the Second World War we reflect and remember those played their part in this conflict.

From 22 October – 13 November we'll have a range of celebration and remembrance activities taking place, poppy inspired offers in the restaurant, and poppy items available in the shop.

### **Make a Poppy, 22-30 October, 12-3pm**

Create a poppy to display in the garden for Remembrance Day and make something for yourself to take home. This event is aimed at everyone there will be easier crafts for children and more challenging crafting for adults too. £2 per person. Donations will go to the British Legion. Normal admission prices apply.

### **Remembrance Poppy Display, 12 & 13 November 12-4pm**

See the poppies crafted by visitors displayed around the property and write your own messages to the fallen on our flag of remembrance in the house. Normal admission prices apply

**Write a message to the fallen, 22 October – 13 November** At the end of your house visit take moment in the Ballard room to write your own message to the fallen by our flag of remembrance.

### **Find peace in the gardens**

The garden is a great place for reflection, so please enjoy a wander along the winter route, enjoying time with friends and family or finding a quiet corner to reflect.

Details of all events, opening times and dates are on the website.

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uptonhouse](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uptonhouse)

## LOCAL MARKETS

**Deddington Farmers** - 22nd October

**Chipping Norton** - Every Wednesday

**Chipping Norton Farmers** - 15th  
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Phone calls from banks or police asking for cash payments also have been circulating. Never give your bank details to anyone you don't know. No one from the police or any banks will ask for money or your bank details.

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### Bus 50A Banbury to Stratford-upon-Avon

BANBURY BUS STATION	1035	1240	1440	1715
Banbury Calthorpe Street	1037	1242	1442	1717
Broughton	1043	1248	1448	1723
Lower Tadmarton	1047	1252	1452	1727
Upper Tadmarton	1050	1255	1455	1730
Swalcliffe Church	1053	1258	1458	1733
Sibford Ferris School	1057	1302	1502	1737
Sibford Gower Primary School	1103	1308	1508	1743
Lower Brailes The Park	1107	1312	1512	1747
Upper Brailes The Gate	1110	1315	1515	1750
Shipston, Pettiphers Garage	1119	1324	1524	1759
Tredington White Lion	1126	1331	1531	1806
Halford Inn	1130	1335	....	....
Newbold on Stour Church	....	SF	1534	1809
Alderminster Church	....	....	1537	1812
STRATFORD BRIDGE STREET	....	....	1550	1825

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	NS			S
STRATFORD BRIDGE STREET	0615	0910	....	.... 1555
Stratford Wood Street	0617	0912	....	.... 1557
Alderminster Church	0627	0922	....	.... 1607
Newbold on Stour Church	0630	0925	....	SF 1610
Halford Inn ....	0930	1135	1335	....
Tredington White Lion	0634	0934	1139	1339 1614
Shipston, Pettiphers Garage	0643	1148	1348	1623
Upper Brailes, The Gate	0652	0952	1157	1357 1632
Lower Brailes, The Park	0655	0955	1200	1400 1635
Sibford Gower Primary School	0702	1002	1207	1407 1642
Sibford Ferris School	0705	1005	1210	1410 1645
Swalcliffe Church	0709	1009	1214	1414 1649
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## OCTOBER

- 8th Family Harvest Service - Sibford Church
- 12th Horti Society meeting - 730pm - Village Hall
- 15th Deadline for the Cherwell Survey (Page 6)
- 20th Sibfords Society meeting - 745pm - Village Hall
- 27th Film Night - "Florence Foster Jenkins" Village Hall: 7pm

## OCTOBER BIN COLLECTIONS

- Green Wednesday 5th & 19th October
- Blue/Brown Wednesday 12th & 26th October

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.

## NOVEMBER (PART)

- 12th Quiz Night - Village Hall
- 24th Christmas Fayre - Village Hall

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