

SIBFORD SCENE

March 2018

No 400



Photo by David Hall

ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN

3rd - Ferris: Lanes End Corner ; Gower: Village Hall - both at
10am

"LIFE AFTER RICHARD III"

15th - Sibford Society - Village Hall - 8pm

SIBFORD FERRIS PC MEETING

19th - Sibford School - 7.45pm

FILM NIGHT

28th - "Goodbye Christopher Robin" - Village Hall - 7.30pm

EASTER EGG TRAIL

30th - Village Hall - 2pm

FILM AFTERNOON

30th - "Polar Express" - Village Hall - 4pm



ED'S THOUGHTS

FIX MY STREET

I was following a car along the Colony the other day and I noticed that it was weaving all over the road to miss the potholes!!! Why haven't they been repaired?! How many cars have been damaged?! **End of rant**

The most reliable way to report problems with roads and local amenities, such as:

Pavements

Streetcleaning

Unlit lampposts

Potholes

Overhanging trees

Abandoned vehicles

Dog Fouling

Drainage

Flyposting or graffiti

Flytipping or litter

is via [FixMyStreet](#). If you can, take a photograph of the problem first and have it ready to upload with your report.

Thought for the month:

"Every little thing gonna be alright!" -

Bob Marley

Nice review of the Sibford Players - it was a lot of fun.....! (page 9)

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ED'S THOUGHTS

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PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Both councils need new councillors, so why not put yourself forward? You will be contributing to making the Sibfords an even better place to live!

Full details can be obtained from the Parish Council Secretaries....

Amphibian Alert

As soon as the temperature warms up, frogs, toads and newts will emerge from hibernation as darkness falls and make their way along the road 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 as lumps of mud. Pedestrians need to shine a torch ahead as they are easily stepped on causing injury

Glennis Hardman

Seen in local rag:

Fire fighters were called to extinguish a washing machine fire at a farm in Duns Tew. One crew from Banbury attended at 5.46pm on Thursday but the fire was out by the time they arrived

Grimsby Fish

The new day of Thursday begins on th 1st March



SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

Forthcoming Walks:

5 Mar; 19 Mar; 9 Apr; 23 Apr; 14 May; 4 Jun

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. (Some routes include stiles).

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

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

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



NATURE NOTES

At least one Red Kite has frequently been seen soaring in the skies above the Sibfords over the last couple of months. These magnificent birds with their 5 foot wingspan and distinctive forked tail have had an interesting history.

In the UK the red kite was a valued scavenger during the Middle Ages that helped keep streets clean and was protected by a royal decree; killing a kite attracted capital punishment. Shakespeare described London as "The city of kites and crows," and in *A Winter's Tale*, reference is made to their reputation of adorning their nests with frilly material stolen from washing lines (including underwear!)

"When the kite builds, look to lesser linen."

However, by the 16th century a bounty was placed on its head and, in common with many other birds of prey, it was relentlessly persecuted as 'vermin'.

The red kite became extinct in England in 1871 and in Scotland in 1879. A small number survived in mid-Wales (maybe as few as 12 individuals). In 1989 a re-introduction programme was started in England and Scotland which has been incredibly successful in re-establishing this bird in the British countryside.



Although its clearly still winter the first signs of the coming spring are here. From early January spring flowers started to appear. Particularly noticeable this year was Gorse with its bright yellow flowers that have a distinct smell of coconut on sunny days. Gorse can flower in any month but is perhaps most welcome in the winter when there is little else around.

Please send any observations of interest to ajnewbold88@gmail.com

The first butterflies of the year should be around by the time this is published.

Andy & Gill Newbold



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

EASTER EGG TRAIL

On 30th March [Good Friday] we will have our Annual Eggxtravaganza. Two trails suitable for smaller children and one for bigger more adventurous families. Entry £3 per child starting from 2pm at the Small Village Hall. Chocolate Egg for each entrant on return. Tea and snacks available all afternoon.

At 4pm THAT AFTERNOON we are screening "**Polar Express**". A bit unseasonal it's true, but this FREE EVENT is to make up for the DVD malfunction in December, when we could not show the complete film.

May 12th **The Eurovision Song Contest**

July 15th **Wimbledon Men` Final**, with cream teas available.

September 8th **The Last Night of the Proms**

FUTURE EVENTS

Jazz Night and Picnic We provide the Music, you bring your own food and drinks.

Annual Fayre July 7th.

FILM NIGHTS

March 28th "**Goodbye Christopher Robin**" Film about the idea behind the much loved "Winnie the Pooh" books and their writer A A Milne and his family. The success of the books did not bring happiness to all of them. Future Film Dates April 25th and May 30th.

VILLAGE HALL MEETINGS

The **Annual General Meeting** is on June 6th and we invite anyone to attend. Committee Meeting on April 6th. If you have any great ideas that you would like to put to the Committee or find out about the running of the hall and would like to attend a meeting contact Ginny on 01295 780373.

BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION

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ERICA WIMBUSH

Tim and Erica came to Sibford in 1976 on Tim's appointment as Rector. With their two boys Peter and Andrew and later James they first lived in Barley Close until the present Rectory was built in the early 1980's. Despite the demands of her growing family, Erica supported Tim in his Benefice duties in every possible way.

Erica trained as a nurse at the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford. In 1985 she took up the post of part-time surgery nurse in the Sibford surgery, a position she held until her retirement in 2013. For all this time she was a much loved and popular member of the surgery staff.



In the early 1980's Erica helped to reinstate the Cub Scouts which had not been active in Sibford since the

end of the war and for some years occupied the post of Akela, being an important influence on young members from Sibford. She regularly attended Scout Camp and enjoyed discussions well into the night round the camp fire.

Tim was an accomplished organist and when he started a Benefice choir in 1987 Erica with a lovely soprano voice became a founder member, assiduously attending all Friday night practices and every event at which the choir performed. She continued as a regular choir member right up to the time of her death.

Tim was diagnosed with cancer in 2010 and Erica nursed him at home until his final visit to Katharine House Hospice where he died in September 2011.

Erica had been a member of the Parochial Church Council for many years and this she continued after Tim's death, being appointed as Church Warden soon after Tim's successor, Ronald Hawkes, was appointed. For most of this time Erica was the PCC representative on the Deddington Deanery Synod.

Erica was an active supporter of the Friendship Club, the Sibford Society and the Fielding Day Centre, as well as all church events and was a competitive contributor to the Horticultural Society show. She also took various parts in the Sibford Millennium Pageant. When her sister Pam sadly died in 2004, Tim and Erica made a home in the Rectory for her invalid brother in law John and his West Highland Terrier Meggie, who became a well known personality in the village and at most church services, dying at a great age only weeks before Erica herself.

One of Erica's favourites was acting as an Arena Steward at the annual Blenheim Horse Trials and various other horse events in the district. She loved animals and was prepared to stand her corner from criticism for regularly feeding the badgers.

ERICA WIMBUSH

Continued.....

Erica very bravely bore the news of her own diagnosis, so relatively soon after Tim's own similar illness, and throughout was calm and uncomplaining. Her death leaves a large hole in her loving family and for all her many friends in the village and beyond.

SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Spring Clean will take place on Saturday 3rd March and volunteers are sought to give an hour or so of their time to help with the work of clearing litter from where it may have gathered in Burdrop or Sibford Gower. We'll meet at the Village Hall at 10am, when the areas which require attention will be allocated.

Clear recycling sacks and black rubbish sacks will be provided together with cotton gloves. The District Council supplies on loan hi-viz jackets for a minimal number of litter pickers, so if you're able to bring your own along, it will be extremely useful.

Should anyone be willing to help, but not available on 3rd March, please phone Peter Hardman (780391) and he will discuss with you a particular area that would benefit from your attention on another day.

The Members of Sibford Gower Parish Council hope the occasion will once again receive the usual enthusiastic support and look forward to seeing you on Saturday 3rd March

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SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Litter Pick - Saturday 3rd March - 10 am at Lanes End Corner
We will be meeting at Lanes End Corner - the cross roads in the middle of the village where the bus stops - at 10 am to litter pick the verges and paths around the parish. Bags will be provided; some gloves will also be available but you might prefer your own, and with enough help we can all be home by lunch time. Adrian Lamb will be coordinating the morning and rounding up the bags so if you would like to help but cannot manage the day please get in touch: adrian.lamb1@btconnect.com or 780 380.

Parish and District Council Elections

May 3rd this year is election day for Parish Council and District Council elections. All five Sibford Ferris Parish Council posts are up for election, and no more than three of the present councillors will be standing again, so at least two new councillors are needed. Being a parish councillor is an interesting and enjoyable way of contributing to your community, and helping to make it a better place to live and work. The basic qualification is that you **must** have lived or worked within three miles of the parish for the last 12 months. The deadline for nominations is 4pm on Friday 6th April; nomination papers can be picked up from Tim Huckvale or downloaded from the Electoral Commission website at <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-and-community-council-elections-in-england-and-wales>.

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THE SIBFORD PLAYERS - review

Midsummer Night's Nightmare!

Sibford Players made a welcome return to the Village Hall stage on February 2nd with a brand new production featuring the familiar madcap mayhem which again guaranteed sell-out shows.

With a nod to the bard, writer Dave Rowley and writer/director Kat Davison came up with an ambitious idea to reprise the hapless am dram troupe from last year's production of Murder Most Foul and add Shakespeare into the mix.

Again the Act One action centres on shambolic rehearsals as the opening night approaches and the bumbling amateurs forget lines, drop props, fall out and fall over, all to terrific comedy effect, while the hapless director played by David Alleyn attempts to impose order on the chaos.

The Players are playing it for laughs from the very start, an effective opening scene features bumbling vicar played by Bryn Williams, wandering in by torchlight to open up the hall while jiggling along to Frankie Goes To Hollywood's Relax.

The Second Act, a shortened version of Shakespeare's classic, is of course as filled with gaffs as we have come to expect; notably a moustache which attaches to everything except Demetrius' upper lip, set which falls over and unreliable props and effects, including bubble and smoke machines and sprinklers which all develop a life of their own.

The action lurches along in barely controlled chaos, with every character contributing to the comedy. Special mention to Chris Cullen's Puck, an apparent cross between Spider Man and Lord of the Rings' Gollum.

Costumes and wigs deserve star billing, notably the blonde mullet perched atop Lysander's head and a certain fairy's pink tights. Emma Coventry's costumes contributed hugely to the fun, as did a clever set by Sandra Clacy which transformed the space into a lovers' forest by clever use of trailing vines and lights complete with fake grassy knoll.

What better way to round off a rumbustious night of rollicking good entertainment than Abba's Dancing Queen, complete with a choreographed dance routine perfect for a rousing singalong finale.

A great way to cheer a gloomy winter's night and this reviewer is already looking forward to booking a seat for the Players 2019 return.

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SIBFORDS SOCIETY

Thanks to all of you who made the well attended Social Evening on Thursday, 15th February, such a success - from everyone who brought party food to share, to all the helpers who worked so hard to make everything appear, and then disappear at the end of the evening, and to each and every one of the entertainers who contributed to make it such a special event.

On 15th March we will have a brief AGM , followed by Dr Richard Buckley's talk on 'Life after Richard III' which had to be postponed last November. The timing of this is very good as we are planning a coach trip to Leicester on 24th May, to see the Richard III Exhibition and to visit his tomb in the Cathedral.

The Village Hall doors open at 7.45 p.m. and the meeting starts at 8 p.m. sharp. Visitors are welcome at £2.50 p.p. Refreshments are free of charge

Diana Hughes



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Our fundraising team is busy planning events for 2018, and we hope you'll be able to join us at one or more of them. From our Care for a Cuppa coffee morning event in May – which this year will have a royal twist to celebrate the royal wedding – to our Twilight Walk in July, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. And if you prefer, you can organise and hold your own event. You can find more information on our website at www.khh.org.uk

GET GRUBBY FOR A GOOD CAUSE...

...and raise money for people facing life-limiting illness. Remember when you splashed in muddy puddles as a child? Why not take on the adult equivalent? Wild runs in mud, through water, and over obstacles are going to be huge in 2018 and they're a great way to have a blast and raise money for charity at the same time. This year, events like the Wolf Run and Monster Race will be bigger, muddier and more fun than ever, especially when you get together with family, friends and workmates to take on the challenge!

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Oh, what a lovely World War Two Day!

A brilliant half-term of learning culminated in a very special day at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School, as the children dressed up in war time costumes for a day which finished with a delightful assembly for parents in which pupils shared some of their work and gave moving performances of songs made familiar by Dame Vera Lynn.

Earlier in the term, and carrying their gas mask holders, the children from Willow, Maple and Oak classes went off on coaches to Holdenby House, where they experienced a day as wartime evacuees. This provided a great stimulus for all sorts of brilliant classwork, including diary entries, research projects, ration book maths, design technology (making model spitfires), some stunning art work, and even cooking, as the children made 'Floddies' (potato and flour cakes based on a wartime recipe). Pupils brought in some really interesting artefacts, kindly loaned by parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, linked to their own family's experiences of WW2.

The children explored drawings by official war artist Henry Moore, showing people sheltering in the London Underground during the Blitz.

They used chalk pastels to create their own versions of these, to stunning effect. Children in Willow Class produced some striking images of the Blitz through their exploration of warm colours and silhouette. To see some photographs from World War Two Day and some more examples of the children's artwork, please look at the Photo Gallery page on our school website which can be found at <http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk/>



Above ground – Ruby Garstin



Underground – Eve Townsley



Girls celebrate votes for women

In February, girls at Sibford Junior School marked the centenary of voting rights for women by posing as Suffragettes.

Edward Rossiter, Head of the Junior School, said: "During our morning meeting we spoke about equality and Quaker Values and explained that February 6 marked the 100th

anniversary of the introduction of the Representation of the People Act ... a piece of legislation that, for the first time ever, enabled some women over the age of 30 to vote and paved the way for universal suffrage 10 years later. The pupils were outraged by the unfairness of the situation and enjoyed dressing up in protest."



Pupils meet Holocaust survivor

Holocaust survivor and Kinder transport child, John Fieldsend, visited Sibford School on Friday 26 January, the eve of Holocaust Memorial Day, to speak to pupils about his remarkable life.

Opportunities to visit

Sibford School is holding two Open Events this month. On Friday 2 March, there will be a Whole School Open Morning looking at Sibford's provision for pupils aged from 3 to 18, and on Saturday 17 March, attention will be focused specifically on the Junior School. For further information on both events please contact Elspeth Dyer on 01295 781203 or visit the website.



AS SEEN FROM THE SIDECAR

Matt & Reece continue their latest adventures travelling around the world by motorbike and sidecar to raise money for charity

Week 13

It's been a crazy week in which we've made it from Sudan and into Ethiopia! We started the week in Khartoum and wanted to be on the road straight away. Unfortunately, the Ethiopian embassy was declining all visas until Thursday so that gave us the opportunity to see some more of Khartoum and even attend a Sudanese wedding which was particularly interesting. It's illegal to drink alcohol in Sudan so there was some very awkward dancing from Reece that really stood out against the huge moves that the locals (and Matt) were cutting.

Having received our visas we headed south to Ethiopia. This was not without it's struggles. We spent a few nights camping on the way down and by the time it had reached 7pm on the first night we were both in the tent with food poisoning. Food poisoning is not pleasant at the best times but when you're in the middle of nowhere, with only chocolate spread sandwiches in supply, and roughly 10 hours of driving to do the following day (in 40 degrees) it really tests you.





AS SEEN FROM THE SIDECAR

Continued.....

The next test was the 'Death Stalker' scorpion, neither of us have ever seen a scorpion before and so when Matt found one crawling half way up Reece's leg it was quite a shock. Somehow he kept his cool as Matt flicked it away. Only later did we find out that this kind of scorpion is reasonably well known in Northern Africa and considered one of the deadliest scorpions you can come across...

Despite all this we finally made it to Ethiopia. We we're 40 kilometres from Gondar (our first stop), and surrounded by hundreds and hundreds of people celebrating Timkat festival, when disaster struck and the Sidecar had a catastrophic breakdown. So now we're stuck here for the foreseeable future. We've found the source of the problem though and essentially the clutch went into complete self destruct mode... Which leaves it down to us, with not a single mechanical braincell between us whatsoever, to rebuild our clutch and somehow get [Kuishi na Kuishi](#) back on the road...

Watch this weeks weekly update to see how it all unraveled and stay tuned to see if we can get it going.

[#SidecarStory](#) [#Openmyworld](#)

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1 Sycamore Close - Thank you for the warm welcome. We moved in on the 15th February, with our two dogs and two cats. Previously we were in Oxhill so haven't moved far. Carol is a Complementary Therapist. Chris is retired and is a classic car enthusiast. We look forward to joining in with local events very soon. Carol & Chris Fieldhouse



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

This month I have to report the sad loss of two Members of the Club Eileen Hall who came from Shipston and Erica Wimbush.

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HORTI SOCIETY

Just a reminder that our first speaker of the 2018 Horticulture year, Timothy Walker, is giving a talk at the village hall in March 14th at 7.30 on the delights of Euphorbias. All welcome.

Evenley wood, Brackley, is holding its rare plant sale on March 25th. It is the most beautiful woodland garden and has a website with a gallery illustrating some of the spectacular plants it contains. Well worth a visit!

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Diana Thompson

In Your Garden - March

1. When your snowdrops have finished, divide up large clumps, and replant them. They multiply very happily.
2. Complete pruning roses, and cut back summer and autumn flowering clematis.
3. Mulching borders now will help suppress weeds and feed your plants.
4. Pot plants have had a miserable winter, so remove old, tired soil. and indulge them with some delicious compost.
5. It is time to chit your new potatoes. They will be ready to plant out in April. Prepare a place for them, with plenty of muck and compost.
6. If you have already got your sweet peas germinated, the key thing to remember is to pinch the tips out when there are 3 or 4 leaves. And sow another packet. You simply can't have too many sweet peas.
7. It is too early to sow most veggies, but if you have room in the greenhouse, and it's not full of geraniums like mine, you can start sowing leeks, lettuce, cabbage, onions and peas, and plant them out later.
8. Autumn fruiting raspberries can be pruned now. Cut them right down to the ground.
9. Hedges of privet, yew and laurel should be pruned before the birds start nesting.
10. I do hope that you have pruned your wisteria, but if not, get out your ladder and do it NOW! Back to 2 or 3 buds. Don't fall off.

Jupe Hitching

"Never ask a starfish for directions....."

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HOLY PIG!

This (very friendly) pig who is often seen running around Sibford, decided to go to church this week, but was ushered out and put in the churchyard for safe-keeping.....

LOCAL MARKETS

Banbury - Every Thursday & Saturday.
Farmers Market - 1st Friday of the month

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



GREAT TASTE

Our Head Chef this month is Rachael Herd!!!!

CLEMENTINE CAKE

4-5 clementines, skin on, to weight 375g (13oz)
 Melted butter for greasing
 6 large eggs
 225g caster sugar
 250g ground almonds
 1 heaped teaspoon baking powder
 100g Maya gold chocolate or other good quality dark chocolate.



Put clementines into saucepan, cover with water and bring to boil then simmer about 2 hours, drain, cool then process to a pulp everything except pips. Beat eggs. Add sugar, almonds and baking powder. Mix well and add pulped clementines, stir. Pour into 8" cake springform cake tin (previously lined with butter and greaseproof paper). Bake at 190/375F/Gas mark 5 for 1 hour or until skewer comes out clean...BUT cover cake with foil after 40mins to prevent top burning. Remove and grate the chocolate over the top. Leave to cool
 Eat once cooled only and really best eaten the following day..texture is moist and flavours taken hold.

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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

Services for March

4th 10am Benefice Holy Communion @ Tadmarton (John)
11th Mothering Sunday
 8am BCP HC (Ronald)
 10am Family Service with flowers for all mothers, and jolly
 refreshments. (Ronald)
18th 9.30am Holy Communion (Liz)
25th Palm Sunday
 9.45am Procession, Reading The Passion and Holy Communion @
 Epwell. (Ronald)
30th Good Friday
 10.30am -12noon Messy Church for all children with an adult. Small
 Hall
Apr 1 Easter Sunday
 9.30am Holy Communion (John)

March 5th **Lent Lunch** from 12noon will be at the home of Judy and Peter Abbot, Bramley Close, Bonds End Lane, and will be in aid of the Church Mission Society. You are ALL most warmly welcome to attend.

Mondays 6pm - 7pm **Junior Youth Group** in church; ALL children from Year Three and above are welcomed. Bella and Tom and Lucy have all sorts of fun games, and there's also the air hockey, and pool and table tennis, as well as board games and free (at the moment) tuck shop. Do come along and "chill" with your friends.

Erica Wimbush: I am sure there will be a proper appreciation of Erica's life and commitment and contribution to the life of the Sibfords, and in particular to Holy Trinity, but I would like to say at this early point how blessed we have been to have her as part of our village and church community. We surround her sons Peter, Andrew, and James, and their families, with our love and prayers at this most difficult of times.



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHATTER

Continued.....

Pudding Club; We held a splendid evening of desserts on Feb 10th, and I just wanted to say the most heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone involved- the getters out and putters away of chairs and tables, the organisers of tablecloths, flowers, candles, the bar, those who swept and washed up, ran the raffle, the donation of the bar licence, and, of course, to those who provided the PUDDINGS. I think there were 25 different puds, as well as 5 sorts of home-made soup. The greatest number consumed was by Debbie in Backside Lane who ate SIX (but they were small servings.....she said). And just on £500 was raised for church funds. Thank you ALL.



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A couple of recent Police Alerts from Thames Valley

1. Help keep your children safe online - issues of parental control, adjusting privacy settings or need advice on social network, call the free O2 and NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5002.
2. Phantom Debt Fraud Alert - Cold-calling by crooks purporting to be debt collectors, bailiffs or other types of enforcement agency. They may claim to be working under the instructions of a Court, business or other body. This can all be double checked. Give them nothing. These creatures are just common thieves after your money. Report suspicious calls to Action Fraud. If you use a land line ensure you hear the dialling tone prior to dialling, as the crook could still be on the line.

Action Fraud, the National Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting Centre, tel: 0300 123 2040.

World Dance group in Swalcliffe

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Stratford, Bridge Street	06.17	09.07	16.07
Newbold on Stour	06.31	09.22	16.22
Clifford Chambers New Inn
Shipston Tilemans Lane	....	09.37	11.25	13.25	....
Shipston on Stour, opp Pettiphers Garage	06.40	09.40	11.38	13.38	16.30
Lower Brailes, The Park	06.50	09.50	11.48	13.48	16.40
Sibford Ferris, School	07.02	10.02	12.00	14.00	16.52
Lower Tadmarton	07.12	10.12	12.10	14.10	17.02
Banbury Bus Station	07.25	10.25	12.23	14.23	17.15

Banbury Bus Station	10.40	12.40	....	14.35	17.25
Lower Tadmarton	10.53	12.53	....	14.48	17.38
Sibford Ferris School	11.03	13.03	....	14.58	17.49
Lower Brailes, The Park	11.16	13.16	....	15.11	18.05
Shipston on Stour, Pettiphers Garage	....	....	....	15.21	18.15
Shipston on Stour, opp Pettiphers Garage	11.28	13.28	....	....	....
Shipston Tilemans Lane	(11.25)	(13.25)	....	15.24	....
Clifford Chambers, New Inn	....	....	....	....	18.23
Newbold on Stour	15.33
Stratford, Bridge Street	15.51	18.38
Stratford, Wood Street	15.53	18.40

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 3rd - Annual Spring Clean & Litter Blitz - Ferris: Lanes End Corner; Gower - Village Hall - both at 10am
5th - Lent Lunch - Bramley Close, Bonds End Lane - 12 noon
15th - "Life afer Richard III - Sibfords Society - Village Hall - 8pm
19th - SFPC Meeting - Sibford School - 7.45pm
28th - Film Night: "Goodbye Christopher Robin" - Village Hall - 7.30pm
30th - Easter Egg Trail - Village Hall - 2pm
30th - "Polar Express" - Village Hall - 4pm

APRIL BIN COLLECTIONS

Green Tuesday: 6th; 20th
Blue/Brown Tuesday: 13th; 27th

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

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