

SIBFORD SCENE

June 2018

No 403



Having fun at the Horti Show.....

JAZZ NIGHT & PICNIC

2nd - Village Hall - 6pm

SFPC MEETING

11th - Sibford School Sports Hall - 7.45pm

"SCANDAL IN HIGH SOCIETY"

21st - Sibfords Society - Village Hall - 8pm

OPEN GARDEN TEAS

24th - Village Hall - 2pm

"THE POST"

27th - Film Night - Village Hall - 7.30pm

SIBFORD PHOTOGRAPHS

This month, a selection from the Children's Section of the Horti Show. Well Done to all of you!!



ED'S THOUGHTS

The Sounds of Summer

I was sitting peacefully in my garden on the Mayday Bank Holiday, thinking how quiet it is in Sibford, when a chainsaw started, followed by a Karcher and 3 lawn mowers and a strimmer. *The sun brings out the power tools.....*

This month has seen both the Ferris and Gower Annual Parish Council Meetings and there has been simply not enough room for the minutes. So, please look at them on the village website: <https://thesibfords.org.uk>.

But I have included this month, the Retiring Chairman Oswyn Murray's Report Have a read - it's a nice dip into the last 10 years.....

Thought for the month:

"Life in the fast lane - everything, all the time....."

Don Henley, Glenn Frey and Joe Walsh



LETTERS AND NOTICES

The Town Estate Charity Sibford Gower and Burdrop has a remit to use surplus funds for three purposes: (i) the general benefit of the parish, (ii) to help the primary school and (iii) to "relieve either generally or individually persons in conditions of need, hardship or distress" ('relief-in-need'). The Charity would welcome applications for grants from residents of Sibford Gower and Burdrop, particularly for the 'relief-in-need' category. Please contact the secretary, Peter Morgan (petermorgan2@hotmail.co.uk) or one of the trustees.

THANKYOU

I would very much like to say a huge thank you to whom ever kindly picked up my prescription ray ban sunglasses and placed them on the wall of Sibford Gower school after they fell off my head on Saturday night 5th May. They were still there on Sunday evening when I retraced my steps. They deserve lots of good karma. Kind regards, Oonagh, Folly Cottage, Sibford Ferris.

SIBFORDS VILLAGE BREAKFASTS

In July 2019, I am going with the Warriner School to Peru with Camps International. We are doing community building work and going on an expedition.

I'd like to arrange a number of breakfasts over the next year to raise money for the trip.

Please come along on June 9th at 8.30-10.30 for a breakfast (full English and veggie options) in the Village Hall

Please email sibfordbreakfasts@gmail.com or call Beatrice on 780469 to RSVP.

Beatrice Williams

WHEATHILLS

Would users of the public footpath from Hawkes Lane to the path down to the Wheathills Livery Yard please note that this cuts through a private field used for grazing Shetland ponies and that they should keep themselves and dogs to the path and clear up any dog mess they make. There has recently been an instance of a large amount of plastic - metal confetti type foil left in the field which could have been potentially very dangerous to the ponies. Users of the path are also asked not to feed the ponies.

You'll see in the Report from the new **Sibford Gower Parish Council** in this month's issue that there is a vacancy for a 5th Councillor. We would very much like to invite interest in joining us! We're new to the role and enjoying it a lot. The job itself is not an onerous one, and the four meetings a year will be relaxed and informal, we promise!

We did put a notice in last month's Scene, but there was an error in the contact address we gave then for David Allen. Do please get in touch with any one of the four of us: Roger Mallows, Tony Skowronski, David Allen and Hugh Pidgeon

Or Just drop us a note: Allen <david_x_allen@hotmail.co.uk>



LETTERS AND NOTICES

Continued....

The Sibford Village Hall AGM on Wednesday 6th June will be discussing plans for the future of the village hall for the next 10 years or so. Everyone that has the village at heart is invited to come; particularly younger people who will help the continued success of the village hall for the next generation.

A number of the current Management Committee are planning to retire over the next two or three years and a smooth transition of management is vital to continue the availability of this much used facility in our thriving community. The formal AGM will be followed by a discussion "Sibford Village Hall, what will be the village requirements over the next ten years"

Do come along and help us plan the future. Light refreshments will be served between the AGM and the discussion so please let Joan Broady (780410) know that you are coming for catering purposes.

Many thanks - Keith Hicks

A new Play Area for the Sibfords



As the result of an initiative from a small group of parents and monies from the Ferris Manor development, village children have enjoyed using the play equipment in Cotswold Close since it was installed some 16 years ago.

However it is now reaching the end of its life and will need to be replaced in the next couple of years. Sibford Ferris Parish Council has undertaken repairs to the rot which is starting to affect the timber where it emerges at ground level to ensure that it can still be used safely. Preliminary discussions with possible suppliers suggest there is a whole range of new and exciting equipment available to challenge our younger children.

So, there is an opportunity to join a group of enthusiastic parents who can plan and deliver a brand new play space to meet the needs of our young children and grandchildren in the future. If you would like to be part of this new and exciting project please contact the Parish Clerk for Sibford Gower, Peter Hardman on email:- hardman214@btinternet.com. or the Parish Clerk for Sibford Ferris, Graham Beacham on email:- sibfordferrisparishclerk@gmail.com



NATURE NOTES

The weather during April and early May continued to be unusual with long periods of cold, wet and windy weather interspersed with short spells of sunny weather with record breaking temperatures.

The hot sunny weather has certainly brought the wildlife out and there have been quite a few very welcome observations submitted for this set of nature notes.

Megan Gilkes commented on the arrival of swallows – always a welcome sign that summer is on its way. She also observed a carrion crow killing and eating a baby rabbit. All very gruesome as crows do not necessarily completely kill animals before starting to devour them. I have seen a similar thing when the crows manage to knock fledgling starlings out of the air as they leave the nest and are just learning to fly. Megan also mentioned seeing a grass snake swimming across a canal. Grass snakes are often found in or around water and frogs are one of their favourite prey.

Following on from my recent comments on Red Kites Barbara Foster has mentioned how impressive the display of Kites is at the Rhyader Centre in Wales especially in the late afternoon.

Sue Etherington-Smith heard a Cuckoo in the valley between the Ferris and Gower on 27th April and Jo Gilkes and others have heard Cuckoos in Whichford Woods this year. As far as I am aware it is a few years since Cuckoos have been heard in the area.

Lyn Simms has reported seeing a Barn Owl on the Hook Norton road as well as Ravens around the village.

There has also been a sighting of a Hobby in the area.

Bill Crabtree has reported that there are 9 cygnets at Lamb's Pool.

It seems to be a good year for Orange-tip butterflies. If you search really carefully you can sometimes find their eggs laid singly on the developing seed pods of Jack-by-the-hedge plants.

My first Poplar Hawk-moth of the year was caught on 12th May.

Please send any observations to ajnewbold88@gmail.com

Andy and Gill Newbold



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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

PICNIC AND JAZZ NIGHT

On June 2nd we are hosting "The New York Jazz Trio" that we so enjoyed last year.

Open from 6pm so you can set up your picnic tables, gazebos or rugs on the field. Tickets £7-50 each or £20 for a family of 2 adults and 2 children.

Available from 01295 780410 and 01295 780373.

Bring your own picnic and drinks. If wet there will be shelter in the Village Hall.

FUTURE EVENTS

The FAYRE will be held on July 7th. With lots of games , stalls , refreshments and raffle , children`s races and the Great Egg Throwing Competition.

A CEILIDH is planned for September 29th ,more details next month.

BIG SCREEN EVENTS

On July 15th we will show the **Wimbledon Men`s Final**, with cream teas available.

The Last Night Of The Proms will be on September 8th.

These events are free entry.

FILM NIGHTS

On June 27th we are showing "**The Post**" a historical thriller .Meryl Streep stars as Katherine Graham, the first female publisher of a major American newspaper.

Tom Hanks plays Ben Bradlee, the executive editor of The Washington Post. A true story of attempts by journalists to publish the `Pentagon Papers`, classified documents regarding the 30 year involvement of the US government in the Vietnam War. Director Steven Spielberg. 12A rating, 116 minutes long.

In July the film will be on 18th of the month [a little out of sync!]Title to be announced next time.

Wheathills Livery Yard: DIY stables for rent

One stable and one stable area, both with grazing, available within Sibford Gower. This is a small private yard with a quiet secure location which is operated wholly on a DIY basis.

For further information, including pricing, please contact Archie Egar on 01295 226288 or Charles Leather on 01844 267945.

COFFEE MORNING

In aid of Katherine House on Saturday 2nd June at The Leys, Backside Lane, Sibford Gower. 10am -12 noon. Bring & Buy Raffle

SGPC Annual Meeting: Chairman Oswyn Murray's Report 2018

This is my last meeting: I became a councillor in Sept 2008, and was elected chairman in May 2010. Instead of simply reviewing the past year, I thought that I would take this opportunity of recording the successes and failures of the past decade.

We began with a most ambitious **Sibfords Community Plan** for both villages, involving a questionnaire to all villagers: it took over a year to complete and was masterminded by Richard Hartree and Sue Mattinson. The result was outstanding, and its conclusions are available on the website, where it offers a blueprint for the future. Although (because of expense and incredible bureaucracy) we did not seek to turn it into a full planning document, I don't think this matters because, as far as I am aware, even legally binding Parish Plans have been systematically ignored by a government allegedly committed to localism. Nevertheless we have used this plan often, especially to assess specific planning applications, and we commend it to our successors. Another very ambitious survey was supported by the Parish Council, the review by Cherwell DC of the Conservation Area of the two Sibfords, and the listed building Review. This was carried out by Rose Todd and her conservation team at Cherwell, and has again been very useful in arguing for sustainable development in the Sibfords; this is on the Cherwell website, and is also a very good potted history of the villages.

Two other important developments will we hope continue to benefit the village for many centuries. The first is the taking in hand of **Miriam Tebb's** donation of a small pocket of land in Burdrop. With the help of a grant from TOE2 we have cleared this plot and turned it into a bird sanctuary and a community orchard: half a dozen trees, chosen as eaters to be scrumped by children, are beginning to fruit – I tasted my first apple last autumn, and it was delicious. All that remains is to keep the hedges and undergrowth trimmed, and to provide a new bench opposite the view, to replace the old one that Miriam used to sit on. Secondly thanks to the **Town Estate Charity** virtually all the land along Acre Ditch is now in the hands of the community in perpetuity. They already owned the school buildings; they acquired the remaining part of Wheathills (the livery stables: the upper field was purchased by the Trust with the help of a public subscription in 1998). And thanks to the generosity of Margaret Hobson they have acquired the Millennium Field, which was so lovingly planted with trees and laid out as a series of walks by her husband Paul over the thirteen years that he lived in the village. It is amazing to think that this major asset will delight villagers for the next millennium. The Parish Council has committed itself to managing and maintaining the Field with the cost shared equally between the Charity and the Parish Council.

Broadband arrived in the village in 2016, before it was available in the Ferris. Trustees to the Town Estate Charity was clarified: We established a formal procedure for nominating the Parish Trustees, and our first vacancy was filled by the Rev. Liz Hawkes. Extra grass cutting has gradually accrued: firstly the churchyard and burial ground is our responsibility by an Elizabethan law, and we agreed with Sibford Ferris to share the cost, secondly Miriam Tebb's Land and the Millennium Field need maintaining, and thirdly the verges within the 30 mile speed limits have been abandoned by OCC except for once a year, and we have agreed to take on three extra cuttings.

Much time has been devoted to the **Bishop Blaize**, also known by a succession of aliases. The Parish Council was reluctantly drawn into this dispute because of public pressure and the continuous series of planning applications by the owners over the last twelve years. In 2013 and 2014 there were two full public hearings by Planning Inspectors, both of which ruled against the applicants. There was huge public support on these occasions from the two villages. In 2014 the owners were convicted of continuing to use the property as a private house contrary to planning laws; they then opened it as an occasional public house. In 2016 they advertised it for sale as a pub, which enabled us finally to have it listed as an Asset of Community Value. This can be renewed every five years, and means that the property must remain a public house, rather than becoming a private dwelling. In summer 2016 the two Parish Councils organised a public meeting to ascertain whether the community was in support of this action: roughly 100 people turned up and voted overwhelmingly to support the ACV status. Currently the owners have launched another application to the Planning Inspectorate to have the refusal of Cherwell DC overturned. SGPC supported the original refusal with a detailed series of comments, and we have reinforced these for the current Appeal. The new Councillors have indicated that they will continue to pursue the matter of enforcement once the Appeal is concluded. Finally the chairman listed items still outstanding.

Sibford Gower Parish Council report of the meeting at the Village Primary School on Monday, 16th April 2018

A personal note from Hugh Pidgeon, Chairman of the new Parish Council

Thank all of you who joined us for making it such a wide-ranging, convivial and thoroughly enjoyable occasion. It is a daunting task taking on the mantle of a new council, and we were grateful on the night to have the steadying hand of Peter Hardman who continues pro-tem as Clerk and RFO, and Tim Huckvale, retiring chair of the Sibford Ferris Council.

The new Parish Council members were introduced, and the Chair and Vice-Chair were elected. During the review of matters arising from the recent Parish Council meeting, the Chairman went out of his way to say how fortunate all of us were to have the Town Estates charity in the village, whose report at that meeting had detailed the very extensive and generous support the charity continued to provide the local community.

We spent some time on the importance of the Council developing its relevance as a forum for village residents to reflect together on matters of importance to them. The four councillors agreed to make contact and get involved with the village's organisations and societies, based on an initial list taken from the Sibfords website.

The Councillors also resolved to update the SGPC entries on the Sibfords website, modelled on the excellent precedents set by the Ferris Council. By way of transition, the Clerk will be asking Tony More to continue in his current liaison role with the website until the new web page has been developed, with a view to the new Clerk maintaining the web page, assisted by Cllr Allen.

The process for seeking and appointing a new Clerk was discussed. Members of the Council were reminded of the services of the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils on whose website the vacancy will be advertised, along with the Sibfords website. The OALC offers specific advice on the appointment protocols to be observed. Chair would review OALC web content and recommend whether a meeting with an OALC advisor was needed or not.

In the course of the conversation, Peter Hardman was commended and thanked for his generosity during his long tenure as clerk, and Vanessa Mulley confirmed her interest in being considered for the post.

Councillors also addressed the co-option of a 5th councillor. A call for interest was posted on the Sibfords website and the Sibford Scene, and Councillors will continue to foster interest over the coming months. The Council are seeking to co-opt someone complimentary to the elected membership with good links to village organisations and groups, and preferably of a younger generation.

Three new planning applications were received for consideration and the Chairman undertook to visit the relevant sites involved, and report back to fellow Councillors.

Peter Hardman reported he continued to be in correspondence with the Oxfordshire County Council regarding tree root damage in the highway verge near the village pond. The Chairman and Cllr Mallows to meet to discuss further.

Under Financial Matters, a schedule of recent cheque signings was passed to councillors, and this was adopted without comment. Bank mandate needs revising with new councillors as signatories - change of bank suggested. Peter Hardman was re-elected pro tem as RFO.

The Chairman reported that he had been asked by James Dobie as Monitoring Officer for Cherwell District Council to clarify to the meeting a matter related to the formal complaint that Mrs. Jackie Noquet had made in October 2017 to Oswyn Murray, as the then Chairman of the Parish Council.

The full detail of the statement he then read to the meeting, of planning applications numbers and details, and of the Clerk's financial report are contained in the formal minutes of the meeting available from the Clerk: P HARDMAN214 <hardman214@btinternet.com>

A number of items were noted by Councillors for immediate action:

The matter of installing a defibrillator and establishing a local support-team across both parishes of the village; Getting a clear Privacy Policy statement published before the 25th of May in relation to data held on local residents; The restoration of an informal bi-annual meeting of local parish councillors in the area; The Chairman and Cllr Skowronski to attend the Cherwell Liaison Meeting on 20.6.18; Establishing new e-mail addresses for councillor and officers of the Council.

Date of next Parish Council meeting: Monday, 17th September, Sibford Gower Primary School at 7.30 pm



SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

Forthcoming Walks:

4 June; 18 June; 2 July; 16 July; 30 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. (Some routes include stiles).

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

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

Ian Sharp, ian@iansharp.net, Lamb's Croft, Back Lane, Sibford Ferris, OX15 5RE, tel. 01295 516889, is now the footpaths warden and anyone who has a problem or complaint should contact him.



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On Thursday, 19th April, Matthew Armitage, formerly an archaeologist and since 2002 the Company Director of Tooley's Boatyard in Banbury, gave us a fascinating talk on this scheduled ancient monument, the largest exhibit of Banbury Museum and a tourist attraction. Matthew's talk was impressive - whilst he delivered it very informally it was packed with facts and information, and illustrated with lovely and often rare photos.

Originally the inland waterways were constructed in order to connect coalfields in Manchester to the Thames, and later the narrowboats were used to deliver all sorts of goods around the country. In 1778 a canal reached Banbury and in 1788 the boatyard was built. In 1900 George Tooley took over the yard and his sons George and Herbert continued the business. Tom Rolt, who had his boat, Cressy, renovated at the yard, wrote the famous 'Narrowboat' which became the catalyst for saving the canals. He is remembered with a blue plaque at the boatyard.

Around the 30's the Tooleys had difficulty competing with the railways. Although the trains were fast and could deliver items to Oxford in 20 minutes, these had to be delivered to the railway stations, then wait to be loaded, taken off the station at the other end and collected. As the canals had been part of the infrastructure for hundreds of years, towns were often built around them, and they could deliver directly from one town and straight into the docks of London, so in fact sometimes they were faster.

Herbert's boatyard in the late '80s looked so much more romantic with its old caravan, sheds and grapevine than it does now, a modern, serviceable building, where however, much work goes on - repairing, renovating, welding and painting of boats, as well as blacksmithing and folk art courses and other educational projects. At certain times the dry dock is used as a theatre.

Matthew (how did he find the time?) also invented an Astromount, a telescopic mount for heavy telescopes, and the list of many visitors to the Boatyard includes Sir Patrick Moore and Brian May.

Julie Ann Godson, historian and writer, will be returning to Sibford on 21st June with a talk on 'Scandal in High Society Oxfordshire' - "tales of toffs in trouble from the Tudor period right up to the modern age." She will be bringing and signing her book on the subject. Sibford Village Hall; doors open 7.45, talk begins at 8 p.m. Visitors welcome at £3 p.p.

On July 2nd we are having an early evening tour of Broughton Castle, and are extremely lucky to be guided by Martin Fiennes. After the tour there will be a BBQ in the grounds, provided by Banbury Catering Company. We will soon need to ask for numbers of those who would like to come.

Diana Hughes



WELCOME TO SIBFORD

If you are new to the Sibfords and would like a 'Welcome to Sibford' booklet, providing details of village services and activities, please call Ivor Hopkyns on T: 788367 (Gower & Burdop) 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



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club held it's AGM on Tuesday 15th. Many Thanks to Glynis for the lovely tea.

I'm glad to say the Club is in a stable position. The Committee were asked to stand again and that was agreed.

The Trip on June 19th is to Hop Pocket leaving Banbury at 9-30 and Sibford 9.55. Anyone wishing to join us on the trip please contact the Sec. on 263460 the price is £15.00

The July trip is to Toddington for a trip on the railway

Eveline Boughton

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SIBFORD GOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Summer has arrived! The school grounds are looking beautiful and definitely ready for all the outdoor activity that exemplifies summer at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School. As part of this, the children recently had an outdoor picnic lunch sitting in the sunshine and the shade of the trees. This was organised by our talented Freshstart catering staff in celebration of the Royal Wedding and was a real success.

Our fabulous year 6 children have now finished their SATs tests and, while there is still much learning to be done before the end of the school year, there is a definite sense of relief in Oak classroom with this hurdle jumped for another year. The children's attitude throughout the test period was exemplary and, whatever the outcomes, we know they have all given of their best and we are very proud of each and every one of them. Their wonderful teacher, Miss Murdoch and teaching assistant, Mrs Downes, have been working hard with their pupils all year to ensure that they approach these tests with as much confidence as possible. Some of them even discovered that tests can be fun!

Nine of our Oak Class children have also made it through to the finals of the annual Deddington Writing Festival. They are Luca Scavuzzo-Molloy, Eve Townsley, Nettie Parish, Isabella Coventry, Tom Rowley, Cicely Glazebrook, Oliver Barrago-Wilson, Sibylla Burrows and Thomas Platt. This number of finalists is a wonderful achievement for a small school. We wish them every success. Many of our Year 5 children have donned their 'hi-viz' jackets and are out and about around the Village this May, completing a cycle road safety course. This is only possible because of the commitment and support of our trained parent volunteers who give up their time to **organise and lead this and is another wonderful example of how members of our fantastic school community work together for the benefit of the children.**



SIBFORD GOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Continued....

We have many more things planned over the coming weeks' including trips to the Cotswold Wildlife Park and The Warriner farm, Sports Day, the installation of our amazing outdoor circuit equipment, and the KS2 summer production.

If you want to find out more about our wonderful school, please look at our school website which can be found at <http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk/>



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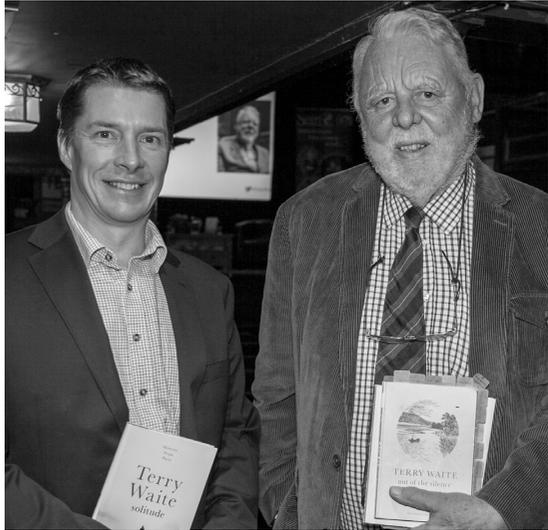
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The Rain or Shine Theatre Company will be returning

to Sibford School on Wednesday 20 June with one of Shakespeare's best loved comedies, *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Gates open for picnics at 6.30pm and the performance starts at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £14 for adults, £12 for concessions and £6 for children and are available from the school.



"I've been at Sibford since I was six and can honestly say I can't think of anywhere else I would rather be."

Sixth Form Student Julia



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Toby meets Terry

Sibford School Head Toby Spence is pictured with humanitarian, author and Quaker, Terry Waite. The pair met at ChipLitFest 2018 where Terry was speaking at the opening event and promoting his latest book 'Solitude'.

A sell-out audience listened as the former envoy to the Archbishop of Canterbury spoke about his five years as a hostage in Beirut and about his work with Hostage UK, an international organisation that supports the families of those taken captive in global hotspots.

Sibford School is a regular supporter of ChipLitFest and was pleased to sponsor the talk by Terry Waite.

Holiday Cottage in Cornwall

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

We've finally made it to Bolivia! It's been an incredibly tough couple of days in which almost everything has either been lost or broken.

Just before leaving Chile we managed to fix our fuel problem, turns out it was a dirty filter just like so many of you suggested... sorry it took us so long to clean it

From Chile to Bolivia you can go two ways. The sensible tarmac route or through the Lagunas route which is 400km of unpaved hell when driving a scooter and sidecar. The mountains climb well over 5000m high and the temperatures drop to below freezing. We ended up pushing the sidecar uphill, with altitude sickness, at over 5000m at one point. Down hill or on the flats wasn't much better as we either faced bone shattering washboard or thick, impassable gravel. It was by far the most challenging ride either of have ever done - was it worth it? Most definitely! Now we're down back amongst civilisation we can look back on the last few days and probably say we're the only people to have driven a scooter and sidecar along this tricky road and the landscapes, views and almost every part of that route is incredible!

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Chipping Norton Farmers - 3rd Saturday of the month

Deddington Farmers - 4th Saturday of the month

Great Rollright - 1st Saturday of the month



DID YOU KNOW?



Sibford Fire Brigade

The idea to form a Fire Brigade for the Sibfords was first discussed in 1938 but it did not happen at that time although some money was pledged to a Fire Fighting Fund. In January 1941, following the damage caused by the number of enemy incendiary bombs being dropped, a further public meeting was held and a committee was formed to manage the Sibford Fire Brigade.

Further money was donated to buy or loan the following equipment;

A 3-man pump

A stirrup pump

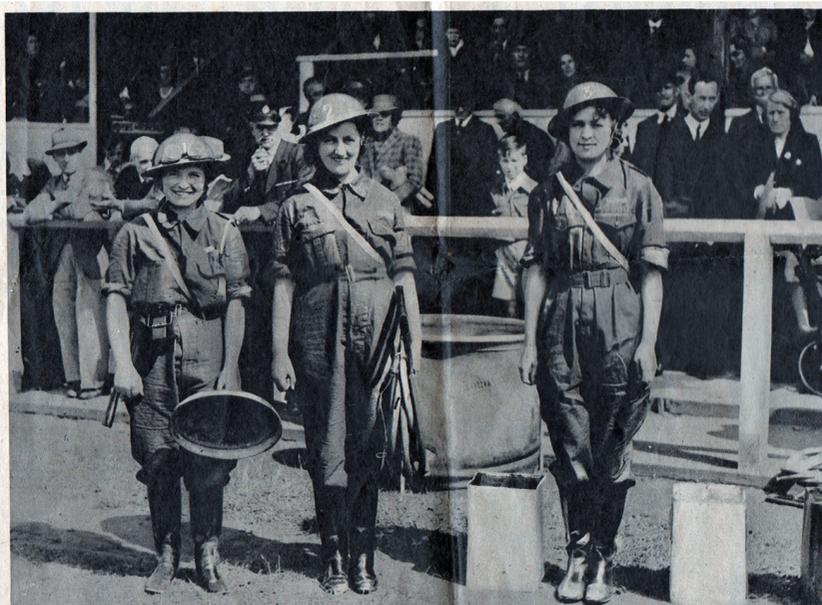
20 gallon water container

An axe

Outfits for 8 firemen consisting light oil skin coats and trousers, helmets, respirators and Wellington boots

2 Badges for cycle patrols

A light 2-wheeled hand cart for conveying hose and other equipment to be supplied by Fred Gibbs, Blacksmith at a cost of £7 10shillings



Many women will soon be doing Fire Guard duty for the first time, but there are thousands of other women who are veteran Fire Guards already; among them, this Devonshire team who were runners-up in the stirrup pump championship competition for their Region.



DID YOU KNOW?



Continued.....

The equipment was to be stored at Holly House, Sibford School with a stirrup pump being kept at the Wykham Arms in the Gower. Villagers were able to supply ladders, hose pipes, long handled rakes, long handled shovels and large hooks.

Four men volunteered to be firemen with a further eight men prepared to train as supplementary helpers.

Banbury Rural District Council confirmed that there were a number of hydrants in both the Gower and Ferris but water pressure was not expected to be high enough to extinguish a fire once it had taken hold. Special couplings and adaptors were needed because the Hydrants installed by BRDC were non standard. Sourcing these was difficult due to shortages of supply and the fact the BRDC refused to pay for them.

Fire parties were formed and training and practises undertaken at Sibford School organised by Mr Roland Herbert. A hole was drilled into the external wall of the Sibford School swimming pool building so that the pool water could be used in the event of a fire at the school or nearby properties.

Owing to shortages in the number of Fire Guards in target areas compulsory Fire Prevention Duty was introduced by the Ministry of Security, for women aged 20-45 years.

Several women volunteered for duty with the Sibford Fire Brigade including Mrs Tarver and Miss Ecroyd.

Together with the Home Guard the Sibfords were well prepared for war!

Maureen Hicks

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HORTI SOCIETY

Horti evening talk with John Salmon:

“Japanese Gardens and Cherry Blossom”

John, a recently retired, and renowned eye surgeon, treated us to a wonderful talk illustrated by his superb photographs of Japanese gardens. His enthusiasm was evident as he gave us an insight into Japanese culture as seen through their exquisite gardens.

To a Japanese gardener, a stone isn't just a stone, it is a potent symbol, placed with great attention to detail with all the other elements of the garden; everything carefully selected and positioned. I had always wondered how the Japanese manage to rake a large space so perfectly and without leaving any footprints, and was interested to note that John, with his keen eye, hadn't figured that one out either.

Particularly captivating was the magical moss garden; perfectly shaped mounds, a landscape in miniature. I did briefly think how lovely one would look in the deep shade under our walnut; I am always on the lookout for things that look beautiful yet require minimal effort on my part. The moss garden would fit the bill. Not so, such a garden requires as much work as my lawn, which incidentally grows abundant moss but sadly of the wrong kind, a world away from the soft, feathery Japanese kind. As the talk progressed it was clear that nothing was left to chance, not only do the Japanese trim the roots and branches of bonsai trees, sometimes large trees are given the same treatment being precisely trimmed with tiny shears by a myriad of gardeners. Paradoxically, all this care results in an elegant harmony and simplicity which looks natural and pleasing to the eye.

This holds true for all the different types of Japanese garden, all is beautifully controlled, nothing is out of place. John noted that perhaps the gardens reflect aspects of the Japanese character; polite, ordered, respectful, with a love of natural beauty.

At blossom time though, the Japanese let their hair down; they come out en masse, they picnic, they are exuberant and joyful beneath the cherry blossom

Along with John's beautiful photographs, this was a most entertaining and informative evening. Many thanks to Jean Kennedy for making the introduction.

Look out for our next speaker, Gina Price who will be talking about the garden at Pettifers on 10th October.

In the meantime we have two Horti outings planned over the summer see details on the next page and the highlight of the season will be our Summer Show on 25th August with plant sale and refreshments.



HORTI SOCIETY

Continued.....

Wednesday 13th June 2018

Evening visit to the Old Vicarage Bledington

Cost £5 for members and £8 for non members

Includes refreshments, wine and canapes or tea/coffee

Meet at 5.50pm at Sibford Village Hall and leave at 6pm for 6.30pm arrival and welcome. (Just under 30 minutes travelling time from Sibford) Use own cars and share lifts.

The Old Vicarage is a glorious 1½ acre garden around a late Georgian vicarage (1843). There are borders and beds filled with hardy perennials, shrubs, trees, an informal rose garden with over 300 David Austin roses, a small pond and a vegetable garden. There is a paddock with trees, shrubs and a delightful herbaceous border. The garden is planted for year round interest.

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Thursday 12th July 2018

Horti all day outing to Spring Pond followed by lunch and then a visit to the renowned Rosy Hardy's nursery

Cost for day £15 members £19 non members (not including lunch)

Leave Sibford Gower Village Hall at 10am (travel time 1 hour 40 minutes) Return 5.30pm

The garden at Spring Pond is full of colour co-ordinated borders, with an abundance of roses and clematis; while hornbeam, yew and box hedges add structure to the garden. There is a pond with a wide variety of marginal plants, an arboretum full of ornamental trees, and a conservatory with Mediterranean and tropical plants.



HORTI SOCIETY

Continued.....

Lunch will be at the Watership Down pub or if you prefer you can bring your own picnic.

Rosy Hardy has won 22 Chelsea gold medals for her exhibits of herbaceous perennials. Hers is not your regular nursery – there is everything for the amateur gardener as well as for the gardening botanist. We are promised something for everyone. Rosy will show us round her nursery and share her expertise. There will be teas and coffees before returning to Sibford.

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In Your Garden - June

1. Your beans and peas should all be planted out by now. Keep them well watered.
2. Lawns are growing very fast, and if necessary it may need mowing more often - (tell your man I said so) and don't forget to cut the edges.
3. It is nice to have pots of herbs by the kitchen door. Basil, coriander, marjoram and thyme love the sun; mint and parsley are OK in the shade.
4. Tall perennials need staking before they are too tall and start leaning into each other like drunken friends. Green metal Snake Stakes are the best and easiest to use, but hazel twigs and bamboo are good too.
5. Short of room? Salad leaves grow well in boxes, or in old guttering. Lambs lettuce and rocket grow quickly, and jazz up any salad. So do nasturtium and pansy flowers
6. Tubs and hanging baskets must be kept well watered, and add a liquid feed sometimes.
7. Be on the alert for blackfly, and greenfly; spray roses as soon as they appear, and check every day for red lily beetles, and slugs around hostas and delphiniums. They can munch them up in one night.
8. Annual seeds, poppies, nigella, cornflowers etc can quickly fill any gaps in the border. Still time to sow some.
9. Remove pond weed, and if you have fish, some netting spread over it will deter the heron and stop leaves from falling into it.
10. The most important thing to do is to get out into the garden and enjoy it. Go and visit all the lovely gardens open for the NGS - particularly the Sibford ones. You can learn so much just looking at how other people plan their gardens, and see new plants. Above all find your garden chair with a squidgy cushion, and just relax and love it.

Jupe Hitching

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I hope you will all have a splendid time viewing the various Open Gardens on June 24th, and that LOTS of you will enjoy afternoon tea in the Village Hall too.

Coffee Morning in church on Saturday June 30th 10am to 12noon. Everyone welcome.

Church Services for June

3rd 10am Benefice Eucharist in Shutford. (John)
10th 9.30am Morning PRasie (John)
17th 9.30am Holy Communion (Ronald) preacher Sally Musson
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June 2018 *Peter Hine 01295 788830*

1. **Info from the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau** (NFIB) regarding TV providers' discount fraud. Fraudsters are cold-calling victims purporting to be from a TV provider offering discounts on their monthly subscription. Victims are told a variety of stories such as subscription needs to be renewed, TV equipment has expired, they are due an upgrade, etc. Victims are then asked to supply/confirm bank account details. You know how the story goes. The fraudster's voice is feminine and reported to have an Asian accent.

2. **Dog Microchipping.** Since April 2018 all dogs are legally required (no, not the dogs, the owners) to be microchipped by 8 weeks old. Each microchip has a unique number which must be registered on a Government approved database along with information about the dog and you. It is important to keep this info up to date.

3. **Stolen vehicle - Swalcliffe.** Monday 14 May, between 1730 and 1900hrs, at the same location in Swalcliffe, one vehicle was stolen (a Seat Alhambra), and another broken into with items taken from inside. Valuables left visible in your vehicle are still tempting.

4. **Number Plates.** A couple of reports have been received of number plates being tampered with in and around Banbury. May be worth thinking about tamper proof screws.

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

Notes:

NS - Not Saturdays

SSH - Saturdays, Monday to Fridays during School Holidays

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

- 2nd - Jazz Night & Picnic - Village Hall - 6pm
- 5th - Men's Breakfast Club - The Gate - 9.15am
- 6th - Ladies Coffee Club - Wykham - 11am
- 11th - SFPC meeting - Sibford School Sports Hall - 7.45pm
- 21st - Sibfords Society: "Scandal in High Society" - Village Hall - 8pm
- 24th - Open Garden Teas - Village Hall - 2pm
- 27th - Film Night: "The Post" - Village Hall - 7.30pm

JUNE BIN COLLECTIONS

- Green Tuesday: 12th; 26th
- Blue/Brown Tuesday: 5th; 19th

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