

# SIBFORD SCENE

July/August 2018

No 404



*The Jazz Night at the Village Hall.....*

## VILLAGE FAYRE

7th July - Village Hall - 2pm

## WIMBLEDON MENS FINAL

15th July - Village Hall

## HORSE TRIALS

3rd- 5th August - Swalcliffe Grange

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## ED'S THOUGHTS

Fab "Village People" column this month - Sue Sabin (page 17) and two excellent films for July and August.

*Thought for the month: Just this once, I've come away from lyrics and want to pay tribute to a wonderful chef:*

"Travel changes you. As you move through this life and this world you change things slightly, you leave marks behind, however small. And in return, life — and travel — leaves marks on you. Most of the time, those marks — on your body or on your heart — are beautiful. Often though, they hurt"

*Anthony Bourdain*



## LETTERS AND NOTICES

### **Music from the Movies**

Many people remember the concerts performed by the 45 piece orchestra Birmingham Symphonic Winds in our villages: in 1999 at Sibford School and then in 2012 and 2013 at Leasowe House in Sibford Gower. Keith Allen, the founder and music director of BSW and his family live in Sibford Gower and would love to see some friends from the villages at the splendid Warwick Hall, Warwick on Sunday 15 July for a 3.00 pm Music from the Movies concert. Free parking and a licensed bar throughout the concert, plus the most exciting live film themes make this an afternoon for everyone.

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*Keith Allen*

### **Dog Owners - Please note.....**

Having just had to clear up 3 enormous piles of dog excrement from our footpath alongside Buttslade House, I feel the time has now come to make a plea to residents of the village not to allow their dogs to run off the lead down our footpath unless they can be sure they will see and collect any offending articles.

I know I risk sounding like Victor Meldrew, but it is such a regular occurrence that it has now begun to really irritate me. With small children constantly running up and down the path (including my own), it's revolting, and so easily avoided!

Do you think it would be possible to include something in the next edition of the Sibford Scene asking dog owners to be a little more considerate? As the footpath is on our land, we are responsible for maintaining it - I'd dearly love that to be limited to weeds and hedges and not extend to poos! It couldn't be easier for people than it is with a poo bin and bags provided by the council now - dog owners should make use of them!

Scraping poo from children's shoes with a cocktail stick is not my favourite pastime!

*James Garstin*

*(Quite right, too.... Ed)*

### **Horse Trials**

The British Riding Clubs Horse Trials Championships are again being hosted at Swalcliffe Park Equestrian on Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th August 2018, The Taylor family will be hosting afternoon tea on Sunday 5th from 2.30pm in the marquee adjoining the secretaries office for any villagers who would like to come along to view and enjoy the event.

*Barbara Taylor*



## NATURE NOTES

Caroline Long saw her first May Bug or Cockchafer on 14<sup>th</sup> May. These large insects are not as common as they used to be and are normally seen when they are attracted by house lights.

Sue Etherington-Smith came across a deer with its fawn on the track between Field Barn and the Sibford School pond. The deer ran off but the fawn laid in the grass enabling her to get a photo of it.

I think that Tree Creepers may have nested in the Sibford School round house. They were certainly flying back and forwards between the nearby Larch tree trunks and the round house. Not surprisingly round houses don't seem to be listed as nest sites by the BTO or RSPB! The birds normally nest under pieces of bark peeling off from tree trunks and attempts have been made to design nest boxes to provide similar conditions.

It is good to see the House Martins back at the end of the Sibford School swimming pool once again. This year they are not lacking in mud to repair or build their nests.

Within days of adding sunflower kernels to the foods on offer to the birds in the garden, Goldfinches and Bullfinches have become frequent visitors to the bird feeders.

We have seen several Orange-tip butterfly caterpillars feeding on the developing seed pods of Jack-by-the-hedge. One per plant as they are cannibalistic.

Going further afield we visited Hartslock nature reserve near Goring where the very rare Lady and Monkey Orchids grow and also a hybrid between the two species. It is certainly worth a visit in late May or early June to see these spectacular flowers.

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*Andy and Gill Newbold.*



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## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

### **PICNIC AND JAZZ NIGHT**

What a lovely evening we enjoyed listening to "The New York Jazz Trio" in the sunshine. Thank you to all those who attended. Perhaps we will do it again next year.

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

The **FAYRE** will be held on July 7th. (2pm) With lots of games, stalls, refreshments and Bottle Tombola. A raffle with great prizes including meals out in local hosteleries. Children`s races and the Great Egg Throwing Competition. Watch the posters and website for timings.

A **CEILIDH** with licensed bar is planned for September 29th ,more details next month.

### **BIG SCREEN EVENTS**

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

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

These events are free entry.

### **FILM NIGHTS**

The July film is on Thursday July 26th.

That evening we are showing **The Greatest Showman** (PG).

Hugh Jackman leads an all-star cast including Rebecca Ferguson (The Girl On The Train), Zachary Efron (Baywatch) and Michelle Williams (Manchester by the Sea) in this musical inspired by the legendary circus impresario P.T. Barnum. The showbiz origins story, featuring original songs by La La Land's Oscar-winning lyricists, tells of a visionary who rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation.

The August film is on Wednesday 29th.

That evening we are showing **Finding Your Feet** (12A).

Imelda Staunton, Timothy Spall, Celia Imrie and Joanna Lumley are just a handful of the all-star British cast in this heart-warming modern comedy. A colourful group of baby boomers show a middle-class snob that retirement is only the beginning and that divorce, necessitated by the philandering of her husband of 40 years, might just give her a whole new lease of life.

Films start at 7.30. Doors open at 7. Adults £2. Children £1

### **BOOKING AND INFORMATION FOR THE HALL**

Contact Ginny on 01295 780373 or via [thesibfords.org](http://thesibfords.org) website.

**Lost property**-there is a red child`s coat and a small navy top in the cloakroom and I still have a pair of pink spectacles that were left ages ago. .



# VILLAGE HALL NEWS

## **SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL**

### **CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR AGM 6TH. JUNE 2018**

During the past year we have installed an amazing audio/visual system which enables us to show television and films on a three metre screen. The Sibford BIG Screen, David Allen did the groundwork for this and oversaw the installation. Wifi has also been installed and is available to all users.

We employ cleaners who come in early every Tuesday morning to keep the hall in good condition for our hirers, and most hirers leave the hall as they find it keeping our cleaning costs down.

The management committee is extremely hard working both with the day to day running of the hall and our fund raising events that support our low hiring rates, however I would like to mention one or two who go just a little bit further.

Ginny Bennett is here all the time she notices all the things that need doing, this hall would not run so smoothly without her hard work and time commitment.

Keith Hicks also gives a great deal of time to managing our IT equipment and producing all our advertising posters, he has also taken on helping Sibford Players and the Primary School with their stage performances.

Jan and Clive Warner oversee the gardens, organise the work parties and generally make sure that the hall looks well cared for and presented well when arriving.

John and Petra Berry organise our film nights, choosing the films and doing the posters, neither are on the committee and we thank them for their support.

Looking forward this hall has one big problem, we need more people on our committee and younger input into the future development. We are aware that retired people have more time for the general day to day running issues but without more help and younger views this hall is in danger. Please give this some thought, we need more people with fresh ideas and opinions. The Hall is a success now but let's build on that to provide a great venue for the Sibfords in the years to come.

*Joan Broady*

# **NORMAN'S 90<sup>th</sup>**

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- 1 July: Middleton Cheney (6 gardens open)
- 8 July: Adderbury (2 gardens open)
- 14 July: Epwell (1 garden open)
- 22 July: Bledington (1 garden open)
- 22 July: Heyford Park (5 gardens open)

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Our foundation training programme will start in September 2018. For more information, please contact Alison Mares, Volunteer Co-ordinator, on 01295 816 477 or [volunteering@khh.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@khh.org.uk)

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## SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

### Forthcoming Walks:

2 July; 16 July; 30 July; 20 Aug; 2 Sept; 17 Sept;

Leaving the village hall on foot or by car at 10.00 am sharp to do a circuit of approximately 2 hours' duration. It is therefore recommended that you get there for 9.55am. 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](mailto:sebannister@gmail.com)

**Ian Sharp**, [ian@iansharp.net](mailto: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, 24<sup>th</sup> May, the Sibfords Society had an enjoyable trip to Leicester, to view the Richard III Exhibition, followed by an excellently guided tour of the Cathedral where the new tomb has been since 2015. A lovely day, with much opportunity to increase one's knowledge of the Richard III story, but hopefully by the next time we visit, Leicester will have sorted out its new roads , buildings and signposts, so that the coach driver knows where to park! Many thanks to Martin for his patience and expertise.

By the time this reaches you we will have had a talk by Liz Woolley on the history of food and tourism in Oxford, and a tour of Broughton Castle followed by a BBQ in the grounds.

On 19<sup>th</sup> July we are meeting at 7.30 p.m. outside the Village Hall, where we will be joined by Chris Mason, co-ordinator for Cherwell Swifts Conservation project, who is going to take us on a walk around the villages to look for visiting swifts.



*Diana Hughes*

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## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

July 3rd meeting will consist of some entertainment (I believe)  
a magician

Then on July 17th we are off to Toddington for a trip on the railway with  
afternoon tea on board

Please inform Sec on July 3rd if you want a seat: £27 for non-members  
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*Eveline Boughton*

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## SIBFORD GOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

# "GOOD"

**(OFSTED May '18)**

"Sibford Gower is a small and inclusive village school with a strong community feel."

This is how Her Majesty's Inspector, Sue Cox, described our wonderful school following our recent Ofsted inspection.

She went on to say, "Relationships are warm. Pupils are considerate and well-mannered towards adults and each other, and their behaviour is good. They speak with pride about their school and personal achievements... Pupils spoken to during the inspection feel safe and are confident that any worries are quickly dealt with by their teachers."

Things continue at their usual busy pace here. Upper school is often alive with the sound of singing (and the occasional cockney accent!) as the older children prepare for their summer performance of 'Mary Poppins' which will take place in our local Village Hall.

Sports Day is just around the corner and we are looking forward to the installation of our new circuit and play equipment on the mini-field. Children and staff are making the most of the fine weather to be out and about in the school grounds. We recently initiated the Daily Mile during our annual Healthy Week for all of our children, from Reception up to Year 6. The children really enjoyed this. It was lovely to see them encouraging each other to keep on going and they impressed themselves with the improvement they could see in their running stamina after just five days.



# SIBFORD GOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

*Continued....*

Our younger children have recently visited the Cotswold Wildlife Park and have been doing lots of learning activities linked to this as part of their Animal Magic topic. Having an opportunity to interact with 'real live wild animals' really brought this topic to life and we need to thank our brilliant PTA for making the trip possible by supporting with the costs. This was also another great opportunity to invite parent volunteers into school as part of our work, in partnership with them, to provide the rich and varied learning opportunities that our children enjoy and that make our school the exceptional place that it is.

In addition to the recognition by Ofsted of all the good work we do at school, the formidable writing ability of many of our older children was recognised at the recent Deddington Literary Festival. More than half of our applicants made it through to the finals, with the three top places being taken by Year 6 pupils: 1<sup>st</sup> place to Luca Scavuzzo-Molloy, 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Isabella Coventry, 3<sup>rd</sup> place to Cicely Glazebrook. Very well done to all of them!

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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Pupils and friends of Sibford School took on a race to the summit of Mount Everest.

For one week, at the start of PE lessons, pupils took part in a one minute step activity as part of their warm ups.

And on Saturday 16 June, at the school's annual Open Day, they successfully completed the 58,070 steps required to cover 8,848 metres ... the height of Mount Everest.

The sponsored Everest Challenge is one of a number of events that have been undertaken by the school to help fund a new climbing wall.



Sibford Head Toby Spence said: "We are very excited about the climbing wall which will be coming to Sibford in September 2018. We are very fortunate that our parent association is jointly funding

this exciting venture alongside school funds.

"However, the Everest Challenge was a chance for the whole school community to get involved with the fund raising. Successfully completing 58,070 steps in just a week was no mean feat. We entered Saturday with 1,936 steps still to complete but, thanks to support from parents, friends and even old scholars, we were able to reach the summit of Everest during our Open Day celebrations."

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## VILLAGE PEOPLE

### SUE SABIN

Twenty eight years ago, I arrived in the Sibford area, teaching at Swalcliffe Park School, playing around with microlights and living as a lodger with Tony Sabin at Leys Farm. Within five blissfully happy years, Tony and I had married and produced four wonderful children.

I first started teaching at Sibford School, I'm guessing, around 2001, and now teach in the Support For Learning department. I have lived at The Brambles bungalow in Woodway Road for almost eight years and throughout that time have been both inspired and supported and by Bill Crabtree. Some big changes have taken place during that time, the most noticeable, the children have left and the animals have arrived!

### **Bird Ringing**

For the past 6 years I have been involved with the Banbury Ornithological Society and have trained and qualified as a bird ringer. My

bird knowledge has gone from zero to 'not bad, still a lot to learn', but I find the study of birds and in particular, handling them, completely fascinating. I ring as often as I can, on the BOS reserves, all within about 5 miles of Sibford. In early August, I will join a team of bird ringers giving a demonstration at the Countryfile Live event at Blenheim Palace and for the third year, I'm off to Lundy Island in September to ring, mainly migrants, to add to the scientific data already amassed there.



### **Smallholding**

Finally, after being inspired by John Seymour, many many years ago, I am lucky enough to venture into the world of self-sufficiency. A realist or a dreamer...? Not sure which I am...perhaps a bit of both as I'm living the dream, but balance my time with a super job at Sibford School.

### **Pigs**

The pigs arrived last October; Esme O'Brien and Peaches Malone (the boss), as ten week old weaners. They are Oxford Sandy and Blacks, a rare local breed, hardy and well natured. The job of these pigs is to eat up vegetable surplus, clear and fertilize the ground, and produce piglets that will be managed for pork. I am currently discovering the tricky process of AI, but when it's successful, a first litter of 8-10, around late autumn will be very welcome. Esme and Peaches have a life of pig luxury; wallowing in mud may not be your cup of tea but these pigs love it and seem generally happy and content.





## VILLAGE PEOPLE

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### Chickens

The flock started with two Black Rock point of lay pullets and four rescue hens. Pete Simpson then gave me a handsome cockerel and the family grows steadily using a small incubator. Currently I have 9 laying hens, 3 pullets and 4 just hatched chicks. The ex-battery hens are still laying well 16 months after they were saved from slaughter. Cockerel chicks find their way to the plate at around 6 months old (realist) and the girls spend their days in a large open run, eating, scratching about, preening, bathing and laying eggs. To avoid the fox, they are all kept close to the house behind an electric fence and always shut up at night. I would like a 'chickenopolous', River Cottage style housing system so that they can roost and rise as they choose but that's for the future (dreamer).



### Goats

I have eggs, meat, vegetables...now I need milk. Goat's milk tastes lovely, makes beautiful cheese, has less sugar, more Vitamin A and B6, potassium and anything else I can think up to argue the case for getting

goats. Rosie and Sofie are 15 month old sisters born to a pure-bred herd of rare breed Toggenburgs; although originating in Switzerland, are a recognised British goat breed. Tony and Tom, have built them a wonderful home with an impregnable fence (dreamer) and a massive felled tree for their love of climbing. They are very inquisitive, love attention and they too will produce young. Their kids will hopefully arrive next spring and then the work to make milk and cheese will begin. The kids will very likely be reared and sold on (realist), leaving the goatlings (first kidders) to produce milk for up to two years before being rested and mated again. Bill and I will be taking Rosie and Sofie and the best of his prize winning Hebridean Sheep to Moreton-in-Marsh show in September.



The smallholding is not a money-making venture; it is a way of life. There will be produce to sell for sure but as I discovered when rearing turkeys for Christmas with Tony in the past; it is hard work to break even, let alone make any profit.





## VILLAGE PEOPLE

*Continued.....*

So one acre is keeping me very busy and giving me an enormous amount of pleasure. The remaining 6 acres of the field have been planted with fodder beet by Tom, which I look forward to feeding to both pigs and goats, and maybe even mashed up for chickens.

I have been encouraged and helped by my friends in the village. Joanna Gilkes, Karen Heron, Pete Simpson and my family who step in to farm-sit when I am away, and for that I am very grateful.

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## **LOCAL MARKETS**

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

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## AS SEEN FROM THE SIDECAR

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

We've spent the last few days exploring Ecuador. It's been a nice change from our usual days on the road. Firstly, we left the sidecar in Quito and took a car with Reece's parents (we forgot how incredible cars are!) and secondly, it's been great to have the time to properly explore a country a bit, something we quite often don't get the chance to do.

We'll be heading back to Quito tomorrow where we'll be saying goodbye to Reece's parents and we'll be reunited with the sidecar before starting to make our way to Colombia. From there we have a decision to make, fly or sail from Colombia to Panama or go straight over Panama and further north into Central America past Nicaragua. You may have seen in the news that there is currently a lot of political tension in Nicaragua and as a result there are road blocks on every major road through the country. The foreign office is currently advising against all travel there but we are hopeful this will calm down in time for our arrival.

Another huge thanks to [Lee Parker](#), Paul Timpson and Mark DeGiorgio for donating. Your postcards, T-shirts and combo's will be on there way very soon! Don't forget all public donations to the expedition now go 100% to the charities we are supporting. You can check them out through our website and donate via the link below!

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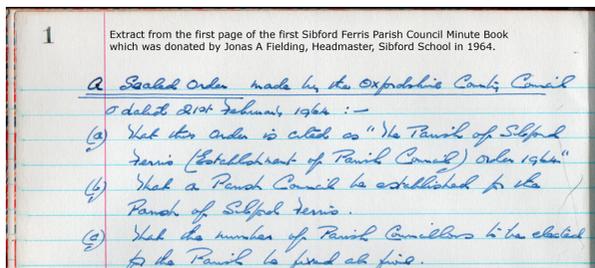
### The formation of Parish Councils

Civil parish councils were formed in England under the reforming Local Government Act 1894 to take over local oversight of civic duties in rural towns and villages. The act created two new types of local authority, parish councils and rural district councils to rationalise the large number of bodies which existed for a variety of activities such as public health, secular burials, water supply and drainage. It also finally removed secular duties from the local Vestry committees and gave them to the new parish councils.

Prior to 1894 both Sibford Gower and Sibford Ferris had separate Vestry meetings which were held at least once every year. Following the Local Government Act of 1894 Sibford Gower and Burdrop accepted a sealed order from the County Council to form a Parish Council comprising five elected Parish Councillors. The Parish Council for Sibford Gower and Burdrop celebrated its centenary in 1994 by holding a party in the Village Hall when the original Minute Book was displayed having been borrowed for the occasion from the Oxford Records Office.

Sibford Ferris however did not form a Parish Council at this time but continued as a Parish Meeting holding meetings as necessary but at least once a year to consider village matters. It was not until 1964 that a sealed order from Oxfordshire County Council cited the establishment of Sibford Ferris Council comprising five elected parish councillors to comply with the provisions of the Local Government Elections Act 1956. The first Chairman was Mr E C Flinn with Miss A Viney and Messrs JW Canning, A B Horn and J A Fielding serving as the remaining new parish councillors.

Councillors from both Parish Councils continue to serve their communities in a voluntary capacity and Minutes of their meetings are recorded on the village website: [thesibfords.org.uk](http://thesibfords.org.uk)



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# HORTI SOCIETY

## Horti outing

On Thursday 12th July we are visiting Rosy Hardings nursery and garden. The coach leaves from the village hall car park at 10.00am promptly. The cost is £15.00 for members, £19.00 for non members and this must be paid for by July 1st to Veronique, whose contact details are 01295 788088, [veronique@humangivens.com](mailto:veronique@humangivens.com). This money will be non-refundable other than in the direst circumstances but you will appreciate that we need to book an appropriate sized coach and give final numbers to the various places we will be visiting on the day.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC LUNCH as the pub is now unable to cater for us.

The **Summer Show** will be on Saturday 25th August from 2.00 - 4.00pm with entry night on Wednesday 22nd August between 7.00 - 8.00pm. Please refer to the schedule enclosed with this copy of the scene to see what you'd like to enter. There is no Royal Wedding or FA Cup final this time around so please, let's see as many entries as possible. Have a go!

We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes for the tea stall and prizes for the garden hamper. All proceeds go to pay for our excellent Horti speakers and to defray the cost of putting on the shows.

*Diana Thompson*

## In Your Garden - July

1. July is the last month to sow veggies, but if you are quick you can sow beetroot, carrots, lettuce and spinach to eat during the winter. Don't forget to eat your courgettes whilst they are small, otherwise you'll get monstrous marrows - too boring to eat.
2. If you have a greenhouse, keep turning plants around to prevent one-sided growth. Take cuttings now of fuschias and pelargoniums. If you have nothing else to do you can also sow seeds of primulas for flowering next spring!
3. Daffs and hyacinths can be lifted, and dried under cover. Throw out any rotten ones, and store the best ones in an airy shed. I hang mine up in those nets that oranges come in. It keeps them dry and away from mice.
4. Pinch out the growing tips of dahlias to encourage side growth, and tie the plants in to a supporting stake.
5. Keep deadheading the roses, except for some of the once-flowering shrub roses, which have stunning hips for autumn decoration.
6. I have been sowing seeds of biennials for next year - hollyhocks and white foxgloves. I need some height at the back of the borders in my new garden. They will be planted out into the veg patch to grow on - that is if the cats next door don't keep scratching them up and ..... ing there. I've bought a Kalashnikof water pistol!

## In Your Garden - July

*continued.....*

7. After delphiniums have flowered, cut them right back to about 4 inches - it may feel very severe, but feed and water and they will come again.
  8. You can take cuttings from pinks now. Choose a non-flowering shoot, pull it gently away from the parent plant, with a bit of bark attached. Trim off some lower leaves and plant in sandy/gritty compost. They take quite easily.
  9. Arrange some care for watering your garden when you are away. Sibford is such a friendly village with nice neighbours, that I know you will all help each other.
- 10...You can leave pot plants in a tray of water in the shade, and to avoid dehydration all around, a jug of Pimms helps everyone to flower better. Have a good holiday!

## In Your Garden - August

1. Plants may be very dry by now, so keep watering and continue to deadhead.
  2. If the lawn has grown too long whilst you were away, give it a light cut, with the blades raised. Hebes and lavender need a light pruning when the flowers are over.
  3. Hedges can be pruned now the bird nesting season is over. You can prune berberis, photinia, escallonia, privet and box now. If you need to plant a new hedge, it is better to wait until September through to March, and buy bare rooted plants. And they are cheaper.
  4. Rambling and climbing roses that are not repeat flowering can be lightly pruned and tidied up now.
  5. Go round the garden and collect seeds. I especially like to collect my old varieties of sweet peas, and cerinthe. Nigella and aquilegias will have scattered themselves all over the garden by now. Just enjoy them.
  6. Pick the last of the strawberries, and pot up some runners if you need some new plants for next year. Or give some away.
  7. Irises that have got too crowded can be split up and divided now. Cut the new rhizomes away from the tired old centre, plant shallowly, and trim the leaves back, cutting them on an angle from the side to the centre.
  8. Bulbs can be planted now - colchicums, daffs, Madonna lilies, and prepared hyacinths and narcissus should be planted now if you want them out for December, and plunged outdoors, or at least covered up with black plastic till they peep through. Must admit, I never get mine flowering in time for Christmas!
  9. Hardy geraniums that have worked hard all summer can be cut back, watered, and that will encourage some new growth.
10. Oh No! Its time to get the ladder out again, and prune all the long wispy straggly bits off the wisteria. Leave the big chop for February. He will need encouraging. Have a nice time making jam and chutney.

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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

### 2 Coffee Mornings for your diary:

Sat 18th Aug at Petra and John Berry's in Barley Close  
Sept 1st at Marianne and David Allen's house right next door to the Rectory.

Thank you to those who have made comments about the proposed/considered changes to the interior of the church ; there is still time to make your point of view heard.

**Summer Soccer School:** The Benefice offers a Soccer School for any child from our six villages, this year August 1,2,3, and morning of 4th at Bishop Carpenter School in North Newington. For full details and how to book phone Margaret Taylor on 730315. Any teenagers who wanted some Brownie pints for your DoE could be helpers? Again, phone Margaret.

**Kiev Classic Accordion duoth:** These wonderful musicians will be performing in Broughton Church on Mon August 4th or Tues 5th (look out for the posters). They are truly amazing and well worth hearing. They raise money for a Chernobyl Charity working with older teens and young adults. Do make space in your diary and come for a wonderful evening of music.

### Services

#### July

1st 10am Benefice Holy Communion here in Sibford. (Ronald)  
8th 8am BCP HC (Ronald)  
11am Methodist Service  
15th 9.30am Holy Communion (Canon Glyn Evans)  
22nd 9.30am BCP HC (John)  
29th 9.30 HC (Liz)

#### August

5th 10am Benefice Holy Communion in Epwell (Liz)  
12th 8am BCP HC (Ronald)  
9.30am Morning Praise (Liz)  
19th 9.30am HC (Ronald)  
26th 9.30am HC (John)

#### September

2nd 10am Benefice Holy Communion in Swalcliffe (John)

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<b>SOA Wood Street</b>	<b>6.15</b>	<b>9.00</b>			<b>16.05</b>
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
<b>Sibford Ferris School</b>	<b>7.02</b>	<b>10.02</b>	<b>12.12</b>	<b>14.02</b>	<b>16.57</b>
Lower Tadmarton	7.12	10.12	12.22	14.12	17.07
<b>Banbury Bus Station</b>	<b>7.25</b>	<b>10.25</b>	<b>12.35</b>	<b>14.25</b>	<b>17.20</b>
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<b>Banbury Bus Station</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>12.40</b>	<b>14.30</b>	<b>17.30</b>	
Lower Tadmarton	10.43	12.53	14.43	17.43	
<b>Sibford Ferris School</b>	<b>10.53</b>	<b>13.03</b>	<b>14.53</b>	<b>17.53</b>	
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	
<b>SOA, Wood Street</b>			<b>16.03</b>	<b>18.48</b>	

## Notes:

NS - Not Saturdays

SSH - Saturdays, Monday to Fridays during School Holidays

B - Bus also serves Lower Quinton, Meon Vale, Clifford Chambers and on school days operates via Shipston High School

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



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JULY

- 2nd - Sibfords Society: Evening Tour of Broughton Castle - 6.30pm
- 7th - Village Fayre & Sports - Village Hall - 2pm
- 12th - Horti trip to Laverstoke - Village Hall - 10am
- 15th - Wimbledon Men's Final - Village Hall - 2pm
- 17th - Friendship Club - visit to Toddington
- 19th - Sibfords Society - Looking for Swifts - Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 26th - Film: "The Greatest Showman" - Village Hall - 7.30pm

## AUGUST

- 25th - Summer Show & Plant Sale - Village Hall
- 29th - Film: "Finding Your Feet" = Village Hall - 7.30pm

## JULY/AUGUST BIN COLLECTIONS

- Green Tuesday: 10th; 24th; 7th; 21st
- Blue/Brown Tuesday: 3rd; 17th; 31st; 14th; 28th

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