

# SIBFORD SCENE

October 2018

NO 406



Lamb's Pool - Picture by Gareth Price

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

30th September - Holy Trinity Church - 11am

## SIBFORD DOG FEST

6th - Village Hall - 1-4pm

## FUN TIME FOR ALL

13th - Village Hall - 4pm

## FILM NIGHT

"The Guernsey Library & Potato Peel Pie Society"

30th - Village Hall - 7.30pm

## SPECIAL FILM NIGHT - 9TH NOVEMBER

Ian Sharpe will introduce and show his film "Tracker" -

Village Hall - 7.30pm

# SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

There's a new team on Sibford Gower Parish Council. Here they are:



*Cllr Hugh Pidgeon - Chair*



*Cllr David Allen*



*Cllr Trina Crilley*



*Cllr Roger Mallows*



*Cllr Tony Skowronski*



*Vanessa Mulley - Clerk*

## SGPC Profiles

**Hugh Pidgeon (Chair)**- We love living here. When we first came to live in Sibford in 1988, our two children settled happily in the primary school, one on each side of the road; and I was the Chairman of the Governors there for 4 years. After a long spell living in China together, and a couple of hops after the children were born, 30 years on it seems Fiona and I have settled here too! My job all that time? I've never known what to call it, but it comes down to facilitating difficult conversations and helping people make complex decisions when the stakes are getting high. Should come in useful!

**David Allen** - After graduating in London, and qualifying as a Chartered Engineer, I pursued a career in investment management, and retired as UK Director of a global management consultancy in 2011. Following 3 years of "grey gap" travelling around Europe, living in a campervan, Marianne and I discovered the wonderful Sibfords, and moved "up the valley" from Marlow to Sibford Gower in 2014. In between frequent travel, keeping in touch with our extended family, offshore sailing, charity work, and numerous musical projects, we have been warmly welcomed into the Community ... particularly through my involvement with the Village Hall, the Breakfast Club, and the Sibford Players.

**Trina Crilley** - As an Aussie expat, anaesthetist, keen traveller and foodie, myself, partner and two year old have loved living in the Gower these past three years

**Roger Mallows** - Having taught in Bedford and Rugby, I spent over 20 years as a headteacher in Leamington Spa before retiring to Somerset. Retirement has included educational consultancy; part-time NHS Hospital Manager in mental health; voluntary work with the Samaritans; renovating a 16th century farmhouse. The delightful arrival of grandchildren prompted a relocation of the family to the warm and welcoming Sibford Gower in 2015, leading to the recent renovation of Yew Tree House

**Tony Skowronski** - I have lived in the Sibfords since 1994, with my wife Annie and my two daughters Lara and Zosia who both attended the village school. I'm usually seen riding my beloved horse Brown Mouse most mornings around the village, so please feel free to stop and and have a chat.....

### **Vanessa Mulley, Clerk to the Council**

Sibford has been a part of my life since 1993 when I first met my husband, who was born and raised in the village. Finally in 2003 we made Sibford Gower our home for 6 years before moving away to return again in 2014. Together we run our family furniture and joinery business from the village and I also freelance administrative services. I played the Spirit in the Sibford Millennium Pageant, which I thought would be a great way to get to know the village better; and in 2017 I joined the Sibford Players which I'm loving being a part of. With 2 children at the local primary school, I am also active with the school PTA and help out as a parent volunteer within school.



## ED'S THOUGHTS

Norman Nash's 90th - It was a real pleasure to be at the Village Hall to celebrate Norman's birthday. Most of the village came along for tea, cakes and fizz - Thankyou to you and Mary for a most enjoyable and happy event....

*Thought for the month:*

"It takes every kind of people to make the world go round"

*Rober Palmer*



## LETTERS AND NOTICES

### **Flu Clinics**

Available to book at Sibford Surgery from **1<sup>st</sup> October** – please call 01295 780213 to book your appointment.

*Mrs Janice Source, Practice Manager  
Sibford Surgery – K84065 - Burdrop, Sibford Gower, Banbury, Oxon OX15 5RQ*

### **Church Mission Society**

Thank you to all those who contributed to the Church Mission Society either in donations or CMS boxes. The grand total of **£708.53** was raised and this is prior to claiming gift aid.

If anyone would like a collection box for the coming year, please let me know. Judy Abbott tel 780731

### **First Aid Training**

If any residents are interested in attending a First Aid training course please let me know. Sibford Ferris Parish Council are keen to support First Aid training and the course could be provided at little or no cost to the attendees - Gower or Ferris residents are welcome to attend.

Adrian Lamb. [adrian.lamb1@btconnect.com](mailto:adrian.lamb1@btconnect.com)

# THE GREAT NORTH RUN....

**SUNDAY, THE 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

My daughter Suzie Taylor and I would like to thank our friends and neighbours in the villages who kindly supported our participation in the Great North Run. A significant sum was raised for the charity SCOPE.

Another wonderful day, large crowds on the 13 mile course, bands at every mile point, weather fine, a little warm, the shower facilities were most welcome over the last 3 miles and a magnificent display by the Red Arrows over the Tyne Bridge and at the finish at South Shields.

Suzie and I completed the course in 2H 9M and 32S, we crossed the line together but were separated by 9 places such was the volume of traffic, Suzie in 13,056 place and Dad 13,065. Just under 44,000 runners safely reaching the finish line. Although our time was a little slower than in 2017, the elderly gentleman was pleased to learn that he had finished 19<sup>th</sup> in his age group and both Suzie and I had achieved a Bronze rating for our performance.

Within seconds of the start, we crossed the official line over 21 minutes behind Sir Mo, we were picked up on BBC TV and Suzie's mobile was showing an image of her setting her watch as friends and relatives responded to the sighting. Each runner has a "chip" to record our start and finish time with further details available at 5K, 10K and 15K. A superbly organised event and delighted to have completed 33.

What next ?, We will continue our regular 5K Saturday Park Run in Spiceball Park and look forward to the Christmas Canter in and around Hook Norton in December. In the longer term Suzie and i are looking forward to 2020 when my son Jon and Suzie's son, Henry, who will make his debut, will compete as "The Three Generation's Team".



*Before*



*After*

## NATURE NOTES

Having spotted either a ferret or a polecat recently I tried to find out a bit more about them. It seems that they are almost impossible to tell apart when spotted in the wild. Ferrets are basically domesticated polecats and the two are able to reproduce and produce fertile offspring. Escaped ferrets have bred with wild polecats throughout Britain. Recent genetic studies have indicated that Oxfordshire may have one of the most pure remaining populations of wild polecats.

I have noticed that this year many of the oak trees around the Sibfords have almost all of their acorns parasitised by the tiny wasp that cause the acorns to develop into Knopper galls. These highly distorted acorns were not seen in Britain until the 1960s and since then have spread throughout the country. What I find surprising is that in order to complete their life-cycle the wasps also require trees of the Turkey Oak. I do not know where the nearest Turkey Oaks are to here but they are certainly not common in the area.

During July and August I was aware that Large White butterflies were laying thousands of eggs on my brassica plants. As I am reluctant to use insecticides I usually spend a considerable time squashing the caterpillars by hand once they have hatched. However, this year when I went to carry out this unpleasant task I found that the plants were covered in wasps and there was not a single caterpillar in sight. I am fairly sure that the wasps were responsible for removing the caterpillars. This is perhaps a good reason to be more tolerant of wasps. I am aware that there are situations in which wasp nests have to be destroyed but maybe sometimes they can be left alone.

Please send any contributions to Nature Notes to [ajnewbold88@gmail.com](mailto:ajnewbold88@gmail.com)

*Andy and Gill Newbold.*

### **Wheathills Livery Yard: DIY stables for rent**

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## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Summer has been quiet at the Village Hall ,but now all the groups and societies are in full swing.

### FILM NIGHTS

Juliet Ashton (Lily James) is a free spirited journalist who hopes to tell the story of **'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society'**, an eccentric bookclub whose love of fiction kept them going through the Nazi occupation of the Channel Islands. Upon visiting Guernsey, Juliet finds herself charmed by the locals, especially Dawsey Adams (Michiel Huisman), as she gains a deeper understanding of how the islanders survived the Nazi rule.

And don't forget: Ian Sharp introduces his film **'Tracker'** on the 9th November - 730pm

### ANNUAL QUIZ

Hopefully in January 2019.More details when available.

### RUGBY 2019

Following our popular showing of The Calcutta Cup in February of this year, we are planning to screen that again and maybe more of the England matches. Watch this space!

### REFURBISHMENT PLANS

We are going to decorate the small hall and corridor, between November 24 -27th. Any offers of help to do this would be greatly appreciated. Please let Ginny know if you can [Tel no below] Once the hall is painted we ask that NO blue tack or sellotape are used on the walls .The notice boards will be replaced so these can be used.

The play area fence needs protecting from damage by climbing ,so we plan to install a gate on the goalpost side of the field, with a bolt/lock to secure it.Please do not climb over the fences and especially

DO NOT climb on the roof of the play house. The roof covering has been damaged and the Mums/Tots & Babes volunteers are doing their best to repair it, and keep their play equipment in safe working order.. Also the swings are being damaged. The equipment should only be used by children 5 years and under.

The car park holes are to be repaired. If you are using the Village Hall at night please ensure that the outside lights are put on.

### DOGS ON THE FIELD

In order to safeguard the area where children play, we ask that the field is not used to exercise your dog

### INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS

If you require any information about the Hall or to make a booking, do contact Ginny on Tel ;01295 780373 or via [thesibfords.org](http://thesibfords.org) website.

# SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

**The Gower Council report of the meeting at the Village Primary School on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.** *A personal note from Hugh Pidgeon, Chairman of the new Parish Council*

Well not so much a report as a sketch! The full minutes will be appearing on the Sibfords website over the next couple of weeks.....

Thank you to *all* of you who joined us on September 17<sup>th</sup> for making it such an entirely delightful and convivial evening. As much as anything else, I enjoyed looking round the room filled with close on 40 people still in clusters and small groups talking long after the meeting itself had closed! This is so very much what all of us on the Council had always hoped to see: members of the community meeting each other, talking about matters of importance to them and through all that informing us as councillors in the decisions we needed to take over the coming months.

The reflections and conversations through the meeting covered a wide range of topics from the provision of a defibrillator for the village, to the ongoing maintenance of the Millennium Field, to contentious footpaths and controversial developments – in this case, at the crossroads in the very heart of the village – and whether we might transform the Annual Parish Meeting next summer into a celebration of the community itself, involving both Parishes and showcasing some of the many activities, organisations, clubs and societies that have brought such life to our village. We honoured Peter Hardman stepping down as our clerk, welcomed Vanessa Mulley as our new clerk and confirmed Trina Crilley as our new 5<sup>th</sup> Councillor!

Most heartening of all for us was the way in which so many of the exchanges concluded with clear indications of support and offers of help. Richard Irons got the support he needed to create a working group to look into the options the Council might have to properly address the speeding issues that disturb two areas of the village in particular. John Wass, who joined us a guest from the Ferris council is to join forces with Trina Crilley similarly to investigate the options involved in acquiring a defibrillator. Tony Skowronski has his working party set up to make light work of tidying the Millennium Field. I read out part of a letter I had received from Andrew Finding who spoke of how warmly welcomed he and his wife Josephine had felt by the community and saying they would be delighted to show the site to anyone concerned about the positioning of the footpath route alteration in the field next to their new home at Haynes Barn. Ian Sharp, our Footpaths Warden, was on hand to pick up any related concerns. To connect to any of these, contact me at: [hugh.pidgeon@collectiveintelligence.couk](mailto:hugh.pidgeon@collectiveintelligence.couk)

The controversial development in question is the sale of Mawles Barn and the plots of land that adjoin Pound Lane and run behind the housing along the Main Street. All the details from Phillip Hoare of Savills <phoare@savills.com> The Council invited the Town Estates to take a direct interest in the sale; and if there is anyone reading this who would have an interest in forming a consortium of any kind to investigate the options further, let me know!

## Winning start to the term for Sibford riders

Sibford School equestrian teams got off to an impressive start at the beginning of the school year when they competed in the NSEA and Unaffiliated ODE at Swalcliffe Park Equestrian.

Riders competed in three categories ... dressage, show jumping (over 80cm, 90cm or 100cm jumps) and cross country.

Sibford's 80cm team



and the 90cm team both came first overall in

the team competitions, qualifying for the National Championships in October.

The school also achieved the top two places in the 80cm competition with Emma finishing first and Maizey taking second placing.

More than 400 riders took part in the event which took place on Sunday 9 September and was sponsored by Sibford School.

*Pictured left: The 80cm winning team. Below: The 90cm winning team with Sibford Head Toby Spence.*



## October Open Events

Sibford School will be holding two Open Events in October. On Friday 5th October, there will be a Whole School Open Morning looking at Sibford's provision for 3 – 18-year-olds. The following week, on Tuesday 16th October, the focus will be on post-16 education when the school holds its annual Sixth Form Open Evening. For further details on either events call Elspeth on 01295 781203.



## SIBFORD GOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

We have had an excellent start to the school year here at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School. Those of you who live locally will know that we have a smart new roof on Old School which is fully insulated to help keep us cosy in the winter and hopefully save on heating bills. We have also had a complete kitchen refurbishment which has been welcomed by our Freshstart staff. Even though their cooking was already excellent, the new equipment has made everything much easier and much quicker.

With a very positive Ofsted report and a very pleasing set of results for our pupils marking the end of last academic year, we are all looking forward to the current year with energy and enthusiasm. It has been wonderful to welcome our new Reception children to Acorn Class. They have settled in well and it is already hard to imagine our school without them.

In November, we will be holding an Open Morning for parents of children who may want to join our welcoming school community next academic year. This will include an opportunity to look around and to ask any questions about both our educational and child care provision. With the introduction of our Early Birds Breakfast Club, we are currently able to offer 'wraparound care' from 8 a.m until 5.30 p.m; provision which is welcomed particularly by many of our working parents.

<b>Is your child due to start school in September 2019?</b>
Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School would like to invite you to an
<b>OPEN MORNING</b>
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2018, 9.30 to 11 a.m

Come and have a look around, meet the staff and find out about all the things our friendly and welcoming village school has to offer.



## SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

### **Forthcoming Walks:**

1 Oct; 15 Oct; 29 Oct; 12 Nov; 26 Nov; 10 Dec

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 780790, is now the footpaths warden and anyone who has a problem or complaint should contact him.



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Autumn leaves of red and gold  
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 Bathed by pearl-encrusted dew,  
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 On meadows green,  
 And in between  
 The shingled roof tops high...

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 They crackle, whisper, sigh;  
 Crisp until they slowly rot  
 Neath feet of passers by,  
 That crunch hard down  
 On russet brown  
 Until the colours die...

Crying to the winter wind,  
 They moistly fade from view;  
 Dust decayed by Nature's hand  
 From branches where they grew.  
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On October 25<sup>th</sup> Victoria Huxley will be coming to the Sibfords Society to talk about 'Jane Austen and Adlestrop – Her other Family.' Victoria, who lives in Adlestrop, has written a book with the same title as her talk, telling the story of Jane Austen's links with this idyllic village and Stoneleigh Abbey. Jane Austen visited her cousins in Adlestrop several times, and kept in touch with events there by letter.

The talk will be held at Sibford Village Hall. Doors open 7.45pm the talk begins 8 pm. Visitors welcome at £3 pp. Refreshments free of charge.

As a result of the questionnaire distributed to members on their views on the annual social evening, the most popular choice was 'The Roaring Twenties', so you have plenty of time to think about your costumes!

*Diana Hughes*

## **Bonfire Night** **Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

*Gates open @ 5.00pm*

**Sibford Gower Endowed Primary  
School**

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Ticket**

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**Refreshments available**

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school**



## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Oct. meeting will be held on Oct 2nd in the small hall.  
The outing for Oct will be to the Cotswold Distillery in Stourton, near Whichford. Unfortunately it is for Club Members only as the distillery can only cope with 20 people in a group.

The trip in Nov is on the 20th and we will be going to Webbs of Wychbold for the start of Christmas shopping....Yes it is that time of the year AGAIN.

*Eveline Boughton*

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## 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 & Burdrop) or Nic Durrant T: 788865 (Ferris). And don't forget that we are lucky enough to have a really great village website too at: [thesibfords.org.uk](http://thesibfords.org.uk)*

This month we welcome from Didcot, Daniel, Mary and Isabella to Sibford Gower. While Daniel works in IT near Oxford, Mary has a great interest in Horses. Age nearly 5, Isabella has just started at the Primary School.

The Governing Body of Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School would welcome interest from any potential new governors committed to raising educational outcomes of all children at our busy village school.

Potential new governors should have a willingness to;

- Work positively with others as part of a team to provide strategic leadership and challenge to the head teacher.
- Develop their knowledge and understanding of their role and of the key issues and priorities facing primary schools by; attending training, reading papers, attending evening meetings (6 per year) visiting the school during teaching hours.

To help us improve the effectiveness of the governing body we are looking for individuals who have experience of some of the following;

- Professional leadership or experience of Chairing Governing Bodies or committees.
- Financial planning/management
- Procurement/premises management

If you would like to find out more about our Governing Body please contact Catherine Musgrove, the Clerk to the Governors, [c.musgrove@warriner.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:c.musgrove@warriner.oxon.sch.uk)



## LOCAL NEWS

### SIBFORD DOGFEST

Sibford DogFest is on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October** in the Village Hall.

Doors open at 1pm and the dog show starts at 2pm

Pet Pawtraits for £10 including a digital image by photographer Hannah Sorrell – ideal for Christmas presents

There will be a Canine Café for dogs and their owners, tombola stall, raffle etc. The local DogLost team will be there, sharing information about the great work they do in helping to reunite lost dogs with their owners and will also be judging the dog show.

Fun dog show with rosettes to 6<sup>th</sup> place:

- Best Young Handler (Under 14 years)
- Cutest Puppy (under 1 year)
- Most Handsome Dog
- Prettiest Bitch
- Best Veteran
- Best Rescue
- Waggiest Tail
- Best of the Fest!

Depending on numbers and weather, the Dog Show will be inside in the big hall. People without pooches are also very welcome. If your dog is quite nervous, then it may be better to leave them at home - if you want a photograph, then please feel free to contact Tracey (01295 780758) to arrange a time on the day

Money raised will be going to Camps International projects in Peru, DanMorbey is going for a month next year and will be helping conservation, wildlife and educational community projects in poorer rural communities. All of Dan's own costs have been covered personally so all money raised will be going directly to the causes and to fund the projects he will be working on.

## 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

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## AS SEEN FROM THE SIDECAR

*Matt & Reece continue their latest adventures travelling the world by motorbike and sidecar to raise awareness of modern slavery - <https://asseenfromthesidecar.org>*

We're in Vancouver, Canada! And so is the Sidecar! But our muffler is somewhere on the I5 in North Seattle...

It has certainly been eventful over the the last few days After leaving Portland we made our way to Seattle where [Alan](#) another sidecar mastermind had offered us a place to crash. It was a good job too as he noticed a few new problems with the sidecar that we were yet to notice. Most notably another one of the sidecar joints had snapped, this time the back one. It was an easy fix though and so after patching it up we hit the road and set off for Canada! 10 miles down the road the racket our exhaust has been making over the past 10 days intensified. The muffler had fallen off!!

We knew some of the bolts keeping it in place were on their final thread but we had no idea it was that close. Petrified we might cause an accident we pulled in to the next garage where there was a highway patrol officer, we explained to him the situation and he went back to find it. Shortly after he returned with no muffler and said it was probably taken off the road by someone else. Crisis averted to a degree.

We still needed to find another muffler before continuing north but after going from motorcycle dealership to motorcycle dealership in Seattle, we soon realised that you can't just stick any one on. So we decided to just drive to Vancouver anyway - it was nice to sound like a Harley for the day...

Now that we're in Vancouver we're doing a little bit of exploring and visiting some friends, but before we even think about continuing onto Alaska we need to solve around 101 sidecar problems...





## DID YOU KNOW?



### Banbury Michaelmas Fair



King Henry II (1133-1189) granted a Charter to Banbury to hold a Fair over the Whitsun weekend. In 1329 Bishop Henry of Lincoln petitioned King Edward II for an extension to the Charter to hold two eight-day fairs annually in Banbury. The first started on Ascension Day and the second started on the Thursday after Whitsun.

By the 19<sup>th</sup> century the Michaelmas Fair was instituted which combined all fairs into one held annually in October. By this time the fair had three main functions:

- Sale of livestock – the Business Fair
- Hiring of Servants – the Statute Fair
- Enjoyment of sideshows – the Pleasure Fair

By tradition Banbury Fair had always been a hiring Mop and Joshua Lamb writing in 1937 and reflecting on 70 years of Country Life records a time in the mid 1800's when his grandfather recalled:

“The mention of Parson’s Street calls to mind how at the time of Michaelmas Fair that thoroughfare used to be crowded with young men and maidens seeking situations, and with Masters and Mistresses in quest of Carters, Shepherds and Dairy Maids. The Register Office and Labour Exchange were as yet unknown and this hiring business was transacted almost exclusively there: intending shepherds wore a bit of wool in their hats while the carters were recognised by a twist of whipcord.



# DID YOU KNOW?



*continued..*

Families were usually much larger than is the case now, and the young men as well as their sisters were glad to get away from home for a change and take situations in other villages, and they were often hired at these fairs to attend to matters about the house, and would lodge and board with their masters and lasting friendships **WERE** sometimes made...

An amusing incident occurred between one of our ancestors and a hired employee who, on completing his first year of service wished to make a change, and to his master's enquiry as to why he wanted to leave replied that "the bacon was too fat". Sometime afterwards the same person applied to be reinstated, but our grandfather told him that the bacon was as fat as ever. His reply to this being, "I have learned to bread it well, Master." He had evidently in the meantime been where scarcity was the main difficulty."

By the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century these practices were described as having 'the character of an Alexandrian slave market' and the advent of Labour Exchanges and the increased use of newspaper advertising for the hiring of staff were welcomed.

The Charter remains in place and Banbury still hold a Michaelmas Fair in October each year.

*Maureen Hicks*

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# HORTI SOCIETY

The Summer Show, held on August 25th was enjoyed by everyone who attended. The standard was good, despite the extraordinarily dry summer, and the biggest marrow was unaccountably vast and the flower arrangements beautiful and inspiring.

It was particularly pleasing that new people were having a go - and winning prizes. So please don't hold back. The shows only survive if enough people enter to make it a worthwhile spectacle and we need new stock among the old favourites!

The Horti calendar of speakers resumes on October 10th with the AGM and a talk by Gina Price on The Garden at Pettiphers. Put it in your diary now!

*Diana Thompson*

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## In Your Garden - October

1. This is a good time to plant trees and hedges, and you can move shrubs and perennials too, but remember to water them frequently.
2. Wallflowers and primulas are on sale now, so brighten up your front doors, and porches, with pots to add colour as the days get darker.
3. Colchicums are flowering now in my garden, and nerines are about to burst into colour. My schizostylis should be looking gorgeous too, but I don't think they liked being moved to a new garden, and are sulking. Ah well! There is always next year. But autumn flowering bulbs are great to boost up the colours, just when everything else is fading. So try ordering some.
4. Just a reminder...have you ordered your spring bulbs yet? Don't plant the tulips until November.
5. Tender plants will need to be moved to a sheltered porch or a greenhouse before the frosts arrive, and potatoes should be lifted before the slugs ruin them.
6. Lawns are going to need some TLC after this scorching summer; scarify and treat them to a weed and feed fertiliser.
7. Dahlias will be blackened by the first frost, so then cut them down and lift very carefully, trying not to damage the tubers, and store in a frost free place. Or you can leave them in the ground, and pile more compost and straw or bracken, to help protect them from freezing.
8. Fleshy leaved alpiners – auriculas, echeverias, aeoniums etc that have been outside in pots, need to be kept absolutely dry and frost free in the winter. Under the staging will do nicely, but do keep them dry.
9. Now is the time to top dress the borders with compost, manure, leafmould – whatever you've got – the soil will be tired, and like us gardeners will need reviving with a tonic. Is it drinkies time yet?
10. I hate to mention it, but you really can't put off cleaning out the greenhouse, and if you need to help keep it from freezing, line it with bubble-wrap. It does work, but, my goodness, its a fiddly job, and can lead to marital disharmony rather easily. Men find bubblewrap and cling film rather difficult to handle.

Good luck!

*Jupe Hitching*

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11.30 am  
Baptist                      Hook Norton, Sunday, 10.30 am



## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHATTER

30th September - Harvest Festival at 11am  
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Saturday October 13th we are going to hold another SKITTLES EVENING. You remember last year? Skittles, Bagatelle, Table Tennis, Air Hockey, and this year Giant Jenga, and Giant Pick Up Sticks. There will be a bigger and better BAR, a Candy Floss machine, Ice Cream, the BBQ, a Raffle (Adult and Child centred) and anything else we can think of to give Families, and Anyone Young at Heart a happy and fun-filled couple of hours from 4pm to 6pm. Look out for the POSTERS giving fuller details. We hope to see lots of you there.

Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School will be holding their Harvest Service in church at 10am on Thursday October 18th.

### SERVICES for OCTOBER

7th      10am Benefice Holy Communion in Tadmarton (Liz)  
14th      8am BCP Holy Communion (Ronald)  
            11am Methodist Service  
21st      9.30am Holy Communion (Glyn Evans)  
28th      St Simon & St Jude  
            9.30am BCP Holy Communion (John)

*Ronald Hawkes*

### **The Rev John Loggins Charity.**

The Trustees of the Charity will be meeting in the next couple of months to decide how to apportion the funds available this year.

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### 3 ITEMS OF NOTE THIS MONTH

A 20 year old man, Alex Clifton, of Windmill Road, Headington, Oxon, was convicted of four counts of burglary at Oxford Crown Court on 9th Sept. One of these charges related to a burglary in Burdrop on 5th August. A number of other similar offences (11) were TIC (taken into consideration). Clifton pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two years and eight months in prison. (Banbury Guardian, 13th Sept.).

Fake Netflix emails. Increased number of reports re fake emails claiming there are issues with the account or that the account has been suspended. You are then invited to 'update' your account . The link then passes you to a genuine looking Netflix phishing website all designed to steal your username, password and payment details. (From Action Fraud. tel 0300 123 2040 ).

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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

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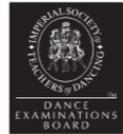


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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## OCTOBER

- 6th - Sibford DogFest - Village Hall - 1-4pm  
13th - 'Fun Time for All' - Village Hall - 4pm  
14th - Methodist Service -Holy Trinity Church - 11am  
28th - Sibfords Society: Jane Austen & Adlestrop - Village Hall - 8pm  
30th - "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" - Village Hall 730pm

## NOVEMBER (part)

- 3rd - Bonfire Night - Sibford Primary School - Gates open - 5pm  
9th - Ian Sharp introduces his film 'Tracker' - Village Hall - 730pm

## OCTOBER BIN COLLECTIONS

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Blue/Brown          Tuesday: 9th; 23rd

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