

SIBFORD SCENE

November 2018

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Tiggy White, Carolyn White's lab pup at the DogFest

SPECIAL FILM NIGHT - 9TH NOVEMBER
Ian Sharp will introduce and show his film "Tracker" -
Village Hall - 7.30pm

'SIBFORD VILLAGE LIFE 1914-1918' - 11TH NOVEMBER
Exhibition - Village Hall - 2-5pm

FILM NIGHT - 28TH NOVEMBER
"RAMS" - Village Hall - 7.30pm

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - 30TH NOVEMBER
Sibford School - 2.30-5.30pm

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Sat 3rd Nov



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ED'S THOUGHTS

Phew! 36 pages.... Such a lot is going on on the Sibfords this month. So much choice - from 2 great films being shown at the Village Hall, to the Sibford Village Life exhibition and then there's the Sibford School Christmas Fayre and the two Sibford Society talks and the Horti speaker, Howard Drury. Not forgetting the Bonfire Night at the Primary School on the 3rd - BOOM!

THE MILLENIUM FIELD TIDY UP

A HUGE THANKYOU to all you lovely people who came along and helped on the 22nd. The field looks great again and it was a lot of fun, too!

Thought for the month:

Walking on sunshine wo-ow

And don't it feel good!

Kimberley Rew



LETTERS AND NOTICES

Norman's 90th

We much regret that our email to the editor for publishing in the October Sibford Scene went astray [entirely due to our error](#). This contained our thanks and appreciation for all those who came to Norman's 90th but which are no less warm for this delay, even to those naughty ones who sent cards and the naughtier ones presents. You were enormously generous in donating a total of £621.70 which has been divided between Katharine House Hospice and Holy Trinity Church, Sibford.

We would also like to add our appreciation of the very professional help given by Victoria Taylor of Miss T Catering and her helpers who coped so efficiently and cheerfully throughout a long day, especially at tea time when they were swamped by unexpected numbers. We are so lucky to have Victoria's organisation to call upon in the village.

Thank you again so very much" Yours sincerely, Mary & Norman



LETTERS AND NOTICES

Peter Mansfield

Villagers who knew Peter Mansfield when he was Headteacher at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School will be sad to hear that Peter died recently following an illness which he bore with fortitude and patience. He worked in our village community for ten years during the 1970's and then moved, with his wife, Val, and their young family to Cheltenham where he joined the staff of Cheltenham and Gloucester College of Higher Education as Head of the School of Education.

He was always delighted to hear news of the children he had known and taught and retained an active interest in Sibford where he had been able to indulge his love of teaching and working with children. He was a gifted artist and a true gentle man with a wonderful sense of humour and he will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Maureen Hicks

Refurbishment of Cotswold Close Play Area

We are looking for volunteers to join us in raising funds and organising new equipment for the Cotswold Close play area, which is in need of an upgrade. If you are a parent or grandparent of young children who enjoy using the area and would like to get involved, please email charlotte_l_carey@yahoo.co.uk.

Charlotte Davies

The film for November 28th is "Rams"(15)

Despite living side-by-side on their isolated Icelandic farm, brothers Gummi and Kiddi haven't spoken to each other for four decades. But when a lethal ovine plague strikes their valley, they must come together to save what is dearest to them both : their sheep. Rams won the prestigious Un Certain Regard Award at Cannes and was Iceland's official entry for the 2016 Oscars. With subtitles.

Doors open at 7. Film starts at 7.30.

Entry £2.

Petra Berry



NATURE NOTES

I was pleased to catch my 500th species of moth in the garden recently. When I started trapping regularly four years ago even 400 seemed an unrealistic target. My 500th moth species was a nationally scarce micro moth called a Dark Smudge or *Ypsolopha horridella* from the Latin *horridus* meaning shaggy. For anyone who thinks moths are small, dull and brown this one certainly is! However, there are many spectacular moths. Perhaps one of the most striking at this time of year is the Merveille du Jour. Have a look on Google images.

A Sparrow Hawk has discovered that sitting in the tree above our bird feeder is a good idea. Judging by the feathers on the lawn it is having some success. I have heard that the local Buzzards are making the most of a deer that has been killed on the road.

One of the best ways to attract a greater range of wildlife to gardens is to put in a pond. Now is a good time of year to do this. For wildlife probably the most important thing is to have a shallow area and places where animals like frogs and toads can get in and out easily. Sometimes it is suggested that a deeper area of around 60cm is beneficial but shallower ponds still seem to attract plenty of wildlife.

Any observations for the next Nature Notes would be most welcome.

Please send to ajnewbold88@gmail.com

Andy and Gill Newbold.



Picture by Michael Spring

DOGFESt

I would like to thank everyone who supported Sibford DogFest on October 6th at the Village Hall. Despite the horrendous weather we had a really good turnout of dogs and puppies who all seemed to enjoy the occasion, especially as it was indoors!

We had a full calendar of classes that were all really well supported and which culminated in the 'Best of the Fest' class which was won by Poppy, a 14 year old Bedlington Lurcher, shown by Bella Mountford who qualified by winning the Best Young Handler class.

Huge thanks to the troop of family and friends who helped on the day, plus many local businesses and organisations who made the event possible through their generous support for tombola and raffle prizes; special mentions for the Wykham Arms, Hook Norton Vet Group, Creature Comforts pet store, Crofts pet store and Pets@Home. Hannah Sorrell Photography created some amazing memories from the day at the Puppy Pawtraits pop-up photo studio and the DogLost team not only shared information about the incredible work they do to reunite lost dogs with their families, but also helped by judging the dog show – a very difficult task with all the wonderful dogs that were there.

Due to the very generous support of the many dog owners and villagers who attended, we raised an impressive £442.00 towards Dan's fund for projects supporting poorer rural communities in Peru and the environment they live in. Thank you for making the event such a successful one.

Many thanks,

Tracey & Daniel Morbey



Bella Mountford winning the Best Young Handler class with Poppy before going on to win the Best of the Fest.



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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.

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 (Phone number 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/s.

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 website.



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

continued.....

Ian Sharp introduces his film 'Tracker' on the 9th November - 730pm **Tracker – Synopsis**

On the surface TRACKER is a good old Western. Set in 1903, our hero is a Boer farmer turned guerrilla fighter, whose family, land and stock have been destroyed, and out of life's debris he makes his lonely progress across new frontiers, burying his humanity as he turns to Bounty Hunting. His first job is to pursue a Native of the "Old World", now on the run after being accused of the murder of a "White Man". Having succeeded in tracking him down, he becomes convinced of the innocence of his quarry, and sets about restoring justice.

It was for this reason that on the very first reading two ideas shot to the surface. Firstly, I decided that I would shoot this as a Western, with the backdrop of vast landscapes shot in Cinemascope (2.40: 1) and letting the powerful story simply unfold within the frame. Secondly, with the powerhouse Maori actor Temuera Morrison already on board, there was only one actor for the part of the Boer Farmer – Ray Winstone.

From my perspective as the film's storyteller, TRACKER works on a multitude of levels; emotional, spiritual, intellectual, and physical, and explores the great themes of alienation, isolation and survival in a world in which man is doomed to suffer. It is a profound comment on the human condition, which traces a coming-together in the lives of two great souls, whose deep roots have been ripped from the earth by the merciless slaughter of their loved ones, in the wake of the ruthless ambition of an expanding Empire. Thrown back into a world totally disinterested in their plight, the two deracinated characters confront their existence in a courageous struggle to find meaning in their lives. Initially antagonistic and coming from cultures literally worlds apart, their journey in the film explores their developing recognition of a common humanity and how we speak to our Gods. This is all played out on a stunning canvas that is the wilderness of the South Island of New Zealand.

Ray and Tem are supremely creative actors, who in spite of their on-screen tough guy images, are sensitive and highly intelligent artists, and who put an immense amount of thought into their performances. Portraying deeply felt and convincing emotions in front of a camera without actually experiencing those emotions is the extraordinary achievement of great screen acting, and I am deeply indebted to both of them for their creative contribution to this story.

Ian Sharp

SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

Would you like a part time job?

Sibford Ferris Parish Council are looking for a new Clerk to the Parish Council.

This is a paid role based on 5 hours per week and would need the applicant to attend (usually) 6 meetings per year, take minutes and see through the actions arising from these meetings, keep financial records and run the administration needs of the council. If you are interested or need more details please contact adrian.lamb@thesibfords.org.uk

SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

Tribute to our very conscientious Parish Clerk

In the days when Peter was a young clerk there appeared on our village pond a posse of 6 beautiful runner ducks. Now these ducks did not seem to take to life in tranquil Sibford: they ate all the new planted foliage; they pecked at anyone daring to view them; and even chased away children throwing them bread. As if these antics were not enough they started to explore the vicinity in a gang hunting out fish ponds and vegetable plots in neighbouring gardens and doing all manner of unpleasantries. Gates starting being shut tight, wires were strung under them, cursing was heard but still they roamed. Then one day they went up Pound Lane and chased a beloved cat. Well, that was it. The matter was immediately reported to the Parish Council.

The poor conscientious clerk (dear Peter) was tasked to deal with it. He rang the council. Cherwell did not know what to do so suggested he contact Highways. He did: they had no procedure either for errant ducks but told him to try the General Complaints department. He did: they put him on to the Anti Social Behaviour Order department to get the ducks impounded. He called them: the ASBO department though wanted the RSPCA to deal with the issue which is where our wearied clerk had this conversation:

"So, Mr Hardman, what breed of duck are they?" RSPCA agent

"They are Indian Rubber Ducks" came the positive reply

"Oh, well, we can't help you we only deal with indigenous ducks!"

As it happened a delivery van, a dog, a fox and a possible murderer eventually saw to it that those ducks would no longer terrorise the state of Sibford.

As for the clerk, he is now able to put his 'phone down and turn his attention to his own affairs of state. How hard you have worked for us Peter and how grateful we are!

Jean Scouse



SIBFORD GOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

The Autumn term has been full of fun at school with children from across the school venturing out and about in our extensive grounds during our weekly Forest School afternoons. We love taking a cross-curricular approach to our learning here. The children in Acorn Class have been exploring their sense of their own identity through the broad theme of British Values, talking about things that make them special and things that are special to them. Beech Class have produced some lovely work, linked to the book, 'The Robot and the Bluebird'.

The children in KS2 are immersed in the theme of the Tudors and have found out all sorts of amazing facts which they are then using to develop a wide range of projects, including constructing model Tudor houses, designing board games and collating powerpoint presentations to present to an audience.

In literacy, they are exploring Shakespeare's Macbeth. The children have been designing spells and potions, as well as exploring characterisations within the play by thinking, talking and writing about why different characters may have behaved in the ways they did. They have produced some fantastic writing, both non-fiction and imaginative and have used practical drama as the basis for much of their work.

The oldest children have been spending Monday afternoons in Art & Design workshops with Ms O'Sullivan and Mrs Coventry in which they have explored the work of artist Alexander Calder, with a particular focus on mobiles. Everyone in Oak Class has made their own mobile and can now explain that we have to 'build from the bottom' and show what a 'balance point' is. The results of their work are stunning. (See page 35) Any parents of prospective Reception children next year who come along to our Open Morning on 23rd November will be able to see their artwork displayed within school.

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Toddlers warmly invited to come and play

Sibford School Early Years is introducing free Stay & Play sessions for toddlers and their parents or grandparents.

Sessions will take place from 10.30am – 11.45am on Friday 9 November and Friday 23 November.

Sibford School Early Years has an outstanding reputation with caring and professional staff, a warm and welcoming environment and fabulous facilities.

Helen Hoy, head of Sibford School Early Years said: “The aim of these sessions is to help young children and their families to get a taste of what Early Years at Sibford is really like. Starting school can be a very big step but through Stay & Play we offer the chance for parents/carers to see their child interact with other children and learn through play in a relaxed environment.”

Children can join

Sibford Nursery from the September after they turn three, while reception Class offers places for four-year-olds. Under the Early Education Funding Scheme, three to four-year-olds are eligible for up to 15 hours free funding per week.

“Sibford Early Years provides a perfect entry into school life,” said Helen. “Our wonderful rural setting means that children have numerous opportunities to explore outdoors and learn through hands on experience.

“We offer flexible sessions which means that each child can enjoy as much or as little time with us as we and their parents deem appropriate.”

The free Stay & Play sessions are designed for children aged between 3 and 4. Spaces are limited, so pre-booking is essential. To book call Elspeth Dyer on 01295 781203 or email: edyer@sibfordschool.co.uk.

November Open Morning

On Friday 16 November, Sibford School will be holding a Whole School Open Morning looking at the school’s provision for 3 – 18-year-olds. For further details call Elspeth on 01295 781203.

Sibford School Christmas Fayre



Celebrate the start of the Christmas season by visiting Sibford School’s festive fayre. Organised by school’s parent committee, the fayre will feature a host of art, craft, and food stalls. For the younger visitors there will be toys, games and, of course, the chance to visit Santa. The Sibford School Christmas Fayre takes place from 2.30pm - 5pm on Friday 30 November.



SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

Forthcoming Walks:

12 Nov; 26 Nov; 10 Dec

10th Decemeber - A light lunch at Carter's Yard afetrwards for those who walk that day

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

Ian Sharp, 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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An Exhibition of Village Life in Sibford, 1914 -1918

***November 11th in Sibford Village Hall
12 noon – 5pm***

100 Years Ago. . .

- Diamond cutters and polishers were in Sibford
- Conscription affected Sibfords' Cricket Club
- Two Belgian scholars were welcomed to Sibford Gower Primary School
- Carriers Cart was the only transport from Sibford to Banbury
- Free Bovril and soup were available at the Co-op in Sibford for residents of the Gower and Burdrop
- Prizes for Scripture, Sewing and Agriculture were awarded by the Town Estate Charity to Sibford Gower Primary School children
- 91 left Sibford but only 81 returned



If you would like to find out more about these interesting facts and many more, come along to an exhibition about all aspects of village life in the Sibfords from 1914 to 1918. The exhibition will be open in the Small Village Hall from 12 noon to 5pm on Sunday 11th November.

If anyone has any commemorative china or glass from this wartime period and who would be willing to display it in the exhibition I would be delighted to hear from them.

'Trench' Soup (a hearty root vegetable soup) and homemade bread will be served in the main hall from 12.00 noon. **Soup Ration tickets are now available at a cost of £1 per person and will need to be bought in advance to ensure we have enough soup for all who would like some.** Tickets are available from Maureen Hicks (Tel 780259) or Clive Warner (780475).

Thanks are due to The Town Estate Charity, the Parish Councils and the Sibfords Society for their support in staging this exhibition.

Maureen Hicks

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On Thursday, 20th September Richard Martin, owner of the Witney Blanket Hall, gave us an entertaining and fact-filled talk on its colourful history. The Witney Blanket Hall was built in 1721 by the Company of Blanket Makers, and for over 120 years every blanket woven came to the Hall to be weighed and measured.

Over the years the Hall has become variously a brewery, a lemonade factory, an engineers' shop, an office of births, marriages and deaths, and eventually a gentleman's house, when it was divided into three rooms. Richard, who is a mine of information on his subject, gave us an insight into the politics involved in blanket making, as well as many quirky anecdotes.

You can visit the Blanket Hall to buy blankets, scarves and throws, which have been woven in the village of Filkins, home to the Cotswold Woollen Weavers, situated between Burford and Lechlade.

On 15th November, Liz Woolley will be introducing and showing her film '66 Men of Grandpoint 1914 -18' an innovative community history project commemorating the men named on the First World War memorial in St Matthew's Church in Grandpoint, south Oxford.

As always, we meet in Sibford Village Hall, doors open 7.45p.m. and talks begin at 8 p.m..Visitors welcome at £3 p.p..Refreshments available free of charge.

Maureen Hicks

5th November: **Friends in Flanders:** A talk by Linda Palfreeman (author of the book 'FRIENDS IN FLANDERS' and lecturer in journalism at the University of Cardenal Herrera in Elche, Spain) about the humanitarian aid administered by the Friends' Ambulance Unit during the first World War. All welcome. - Sibford School - 6.30pm

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FRIENDSHIP CLUB

At the Meeting on Nov. 6th the Club will have a speaker who was once a Redcoat and he will regale us with some stories amid, I would think, a fair amount of laughter.

The outing for November (20th) is to Webbs of Wychbold to start the Christmas shopping, anyone wishing to join us on that day Please call the Secretary. on 264560

Dec 4th will be the Christmas Tea and Dec 18th Christmas lunch

Eveline Boughton



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

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LIGHTS OF LOVE 2018

You are warmly invited to our services in Banbury and Brackley to come together with other members of our community to remember loved ones who are no longer with us. You are most welcome to dedicate a light on the Christmas tree and leave a handwritten message in one of our books of remembrance – please visit www.khh.org.uk/lights to do so.

Led by the hospice chaplain, a special part of the service is the blessing of the books of remembrance which this year will contain your personal handwritten messages. Our Lights of Love events are open to everyone, but if you are unable to attend in person you can still dedicate a light and your message will be displayed in the books of remembrance at your chosen service.

Lights of Love Brackley – St Peter's Church, Tuesday 4 December, 7.30pm

Lights of Love Banbury – St Mary's Church, Thursday 6 December, 7pm

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LOCAL NEWS

Adderbury Xmas Market at St Mary's Church on 1st December 11-4pm

Come to a traditional Xmas market with lots of stalls for buying your Xmas presents. There will be cards & crafts for sale, perfumes and unusual gifts & jewellery. We have homemade soup or hot dogs for lunch, tea & cakes in the afternoon in Church House, or mulled wine & mince pies in the Church. Santa will be in his grotto for the children from 11-1pm and 2-4pm. For more details of the programme, look on www.adderbury.org.



Shutford Xmas Fayre

Sunday 9 December
1:00 - 4:00 pm

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LOCAL MARKETS

Banbury - Every
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Friday of the month

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month

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We're still in the UK waiting for our Russian visas and for the bike to arrive in Vladivostok. We've been told though that the bike has left Vancouver which means that it might, just might, arrive in Vladivostok on time.

While we're in the UK we're sorting out all of our pictures from the last year on the road and thought we'd share this corker from the salt flats in Bolivia. We didn't quite manage to get the sidecar onto the salt flats - sometimes we have to admit it's not quite as cut out for the places we take it as an adventure bike would be. But we did still managed to go. One morning we got up at 4 am to catch the stars and watch the sunrise. It was awesome. Check out our instagram where we are regularly posting up flash backs from the trip to date just so you don't forget about us! Link below.

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HORTI SOCIETY

Our first speaker of the autumn season was **Gina Price** who came to talk to us about Pettifers, which she bought 30 years ago and where she set about making a garden despite having limited knowledge of garden design or plants in general. She employed a succession of gardeners who did not stay long, until her present gardener Polly who is not only her gardener but her assistant. Gina Showed us beautiful slides, all taken by Clive Nichols, which depicted many of the different parts of Pettifers at various Seasons of the year and illustrated the changes she had made to the garden.

Our last speaker of 2018 is **Howard Drury** who will be talking to us on 14th November at 7.30 on colour in the garden from autumn to spring. This will be accompanied by wine/non alcoholic refreshments and nibbles. Please try and come along. It will be very jolly!

Now then attention Sibfords! What follows is a list of entries for the handicraft and photographic categories for the **Horticultural Spring Show on May 18th 2019**. These will reappear in the scene over the next few months, but the time to start doing something about them is NOW! We were delighted at the number of new entrants who were prepared to have a go at the summer show. We'd like to see more of this in subsequent shows so please, put something in just for fun.

Handicraft

1. Piece of pottery
2. A cushion
3. A hand knitted article
4. An item of cross stitch
5. A piece of metal or woodwork - please state size on entry.
6. A greetings card - made from any medium excluding computer generated
7. An item of tie dye
8. A handicraft exhibit - please state size on entry
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Photography

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1. Photograph - landscape/country scene
2. Photograph - trees/woods/Forests
3. Photograph - texture/line/pattern
4. Photograph - sunset
5. Photograph - water
6. Photograph - wildlife in the garden
7. Photograph - the beauty of plants
8. Photograph - a night photo
9. Photograph -sea life
10. Photographs of 4 related views - mounted on one sheet and named
11. A black and white photograph - any size (one only)
12. An enlargement - any subject (max size A4, black and white or colour)
13. A painting or drawing
14. A painting or drawing aged 16 or under.

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In Your Garden - November

The nights are drawing in, and we have had some frosts already. Many jobs this month are to help protect and put to bed all our precious plants for the winter.

1. New roses can be heeled into a narrow trench when they arrive, if you are not ready to plant them, or if it is too frosty.
2. Tidy up borders, rake out leaves, and cut down tall plants that have finished, pull out any weeds, and put away plant supports in the shed.
3. Tender plants should be brought in; geraniums survive under the staging in the greenhouse, or put them in the porch or on a sunny windowsill; keep them on the dry side, and cut them back if they are too large.
4. He probably doesn't want to go on mowing the lawn, but whilst it is still growing it is a good idea to give it a cut with the blade high, and rake all the leaves off it. A vigorous raking will help get rid of some of the moss.

Encourage him!

5. Fallen leaves can be added to compost, or can be heaped over plants and tubers that need a bit of protection. Put netting on a frame over the pond, to keep the leaves out.

6.. Now is a good time to plant new rhubarb crowns, and what about some deliciously scented lily-of-the-valley in a shady corner.

7. Complete your sowing of tulips and hyacinths as soon as possible.

8. Salvias are not always hardy, but it is easy to take cuttings now of your favourite ones, just in case, and keep them inside.

9. Raise pots onto feet, or bricks, to prevent them becoming waterlogged and then freezing, in wet weather.

10. Time to order your seed catalogues, and look forward to a garden bursting with colour next year - try growing something new.

Reminder. Please check bonfires for hibernating hedgehogs and toads, before you strike a match on fireworks night

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Society of Friends Sibford Gower, Sunday, 10.30 am
Roman Catholic Mass Wroxton, Sunday, 9.00 am
Baptist Hook Norton, Sunday, 10.30 am

Mass at Brailes

On reading the Sibford Scene in the Burdrop Surgery, I thought I should inform you that as from 1st October 2018 there will no longer be a Sunday 11.30am Mass at Brailes.

There will be a Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.0pm

Kind regards,

Janie Stewart Malir *Telephone 01295 78021*



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHATTER

Church Services for November

4th 10am Benefice Eucharist at Shutford (BCP service) (Ronald)

11th Remembrance Sunday 10.45 Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial followed by the church service (Liz)

18th 9.30am Holy Communion (Liz)

25th 9.20am Holy Communion (BCP) (John)

Coffee Morning

Saturday December 1st the final Coffee Morning of 2018 at Silver Birches in Backside Lane courtesy of Eleanor and Brian Joynes. 10am - 12noon.

Loggins Charity

Loggins charity; if any permanent residents of Sibford would like to apply for a Christmas benefaction then please write to the Trustees care of The Rectory. Young people with needs for college - either travel or books or materials - are welcome to apply too. The Trustees will be meeting later this month.

Ronald Hawkes

BATTLE'S OVER



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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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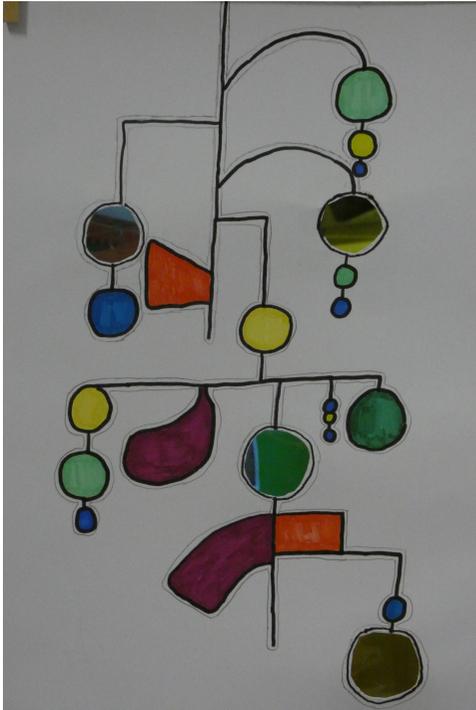


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NOVEMBER

- 3rd - Bonfire Night - Primary School - 5pm
5th - Sibfords Society - 'Friends in Flanders' - Sibford School - 6.30pm
9th - Ian Sharp introduces his film 'Tracker' - Village Hall - 7.30pm
10th - 'Boldwood' - Swadcliffe Church - 7.30pm
11th - Exhibition of Sibford Life 1914-1918 - Village Hall - 12-5pm
11th - "Battle's Over" - Upper Lea Farm - start at 6.55pm
14th - Horti Society Talk: Howard Drury - Village Hall - 7.30pm
15th - Sibfords Society: "66 Men at Grandpoint" Village Hall - 8pm
20th - Friendship Club trip to Webbs at Wychbold
23rd - Sibford Primary School Open Morning - 9.30-11am
28th - Film Night - "Rams" - Village Hall 7.30pm

DECEMBER (PART)

- 1st-9th - Christmas Pop Up Gifts and Gallery - Wykham Park Farm
2nd - Santa Fun Run - Wyham Park Academy - 10am

NOVEMBER BIN COLLECTIONS

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

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