

SIBFORD SCENE

June 2019

NO 413



"Spring Greens" - painting by Nic Durrant

POP-UP CAFE

1st - Kaffe und Kuchen - High Meadow - 10am

HORTI SOCIETY TRIP

12th to Admington Hall

SIBFORDS SOCIETY DAY OUT

20th - Toddington Railway

SIBFORDS OPEN GARDENS

23rd - 2-6pm

FILM NIGHT

26th - "Green Book" - Village Hall - 7:30pm



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ED'S THOUGHTS

TWO PARISHES, ONE COMMUNITY



What a wonderful occasion!

The gathering on the 9th May was very well attended and it was super to hear the conversations that everyone was having. A true meeting for the community

Well done to all who organised this!

I'll share a couple of quotes that sum up the evening.....

'It was a wonderfully convivial meeting, showcasing the best of what the Sibfords is all about...' and exactly summarised what I had most wanted to achieve: 'the best part was seeing the 'old guard' mixing with the new...'

'Convivial' had been the word I used to describe what I was looking for in persuading the Sibford School to come up with some young musicians to play for us. The acoustic was terribly unfair on them, but they were great. It was so 'right' to have all the children there; it made 'community' complete.

Thought for the month:

"All together now....."

Lennon/McCartney



LETTERS AND NOTICES

You may have seen our advertisement for a **Ladies' Lunch** to raise funds for Alzheimer's Research. We are thrilled to be able to announce that this has taken place with huge success making £2720 which represents 136 hours of research into this most dreadful disease. We actually had 83 women come along to this; they feasted on Chicken Marengo (the name of Napoleon's horse); laughed at the stories from (horse vet) Alan Walker; made a wonderful din with their chatter and gave very generously to the cause. We are extremely grateful for all the support we received.

Jean Scouse, Sue Lovatt (and family and friends)



LETTERS AND NOTICES

Sibford Drivers Successful response

There has been an excellent response to our advertisement in last month's Scene with 30 volunteers so far. It is taking them a little time to check their motor insurance policies and only 11 have so far cleared this so we will have to wait a bit more before we can get started. We hope the July Scene will be able to contain the first pair of weekly names who will receive requests for lifts and find suitable drivers for them. In the meantime we would appreciate just a few more volunteers to get our numbers over 30. Thank you all for your support so far.

Mary & Norman Nash tel: 01295 780980 email: nnash@waitrose.com

The Pond Action Group

Plans developed by the Pond Action Group for rejuvenating the village pond are in process. If we are successful, we will be able to improve the water quality and encourage wildlife back to the pond including native fish, pond skaters, water beetles and dragonflies. The planting plans and illustrations were very well received at The Annual Community Meeting of the Parishes on 9th May. Please do take a look and let us know your thoughts. Many Thanks
The Pond Action Group amandaransom22@gmail.com

Embroidered Panels

Around 2000 the villagers of Sibford were asked to embroider a picture of their home. These were assembled into 6 panels. They were sometimes put on display. It was suggested that they should be put on permanent show somewhere.

SO villagers of Sibford go and have a look in the CHURCH and see if you can find YOUR house on a panel.

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Evey Broughton



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Swalcliffe Park Equestrian Calendar of Events

Calendar of Events - 2019

Fri 2nd - Sun 4th August BRC National Horse Trials Championships

Sat 14th & Sun 15th Sept. Horse-Events One-Day Event (TBC)

Sun 27th October CROWN Riding Club Hunter Trial (TBC)



NATURE NOTES

June 2019

The first half of May was certainly cooler and with less sunshine than would be expected for the time of year which may have had an effect on the local wildlife.

Despite this several people have commented on the large number of Orange-tip butterflies that have been seen this year. Ann Bishop also reported seeing a Holly Blue butterfly on 3rd May. These are the most likely of the blue butterflies to be observed in gardens. The spring generation lay their eggs on holly (female holly trees only) and other flowering shrubs where the caterpillars will eat the developing flowers and berries. The second generation of adults that appear in late summer lay their eggs on ivy.

Iain Brown drew my attention to the sighting of a Red-rumped Swallow at Grimsbury reservoir in Banbury. This was the first sighting of this species ever in this area. Nationally it is a rarity with only 500 sightings in the last 70 years.

A pair of Bullfinches are now frequent visitors to our garden bird feeders. Like the Goldfinches they seem to be particularly keen on sunflower kernels. In addition to the usual birds we have also seen a blackcap in the garden on a couple of occasions.

The highlight of the past month for me was catching a Silver Cloud moth in my garden moth trap. This was the first time this species has been recorded in Oxfordshire. They are very scarce nationally and are mostly confined to the Severn valley although a few have been recorded from Warwickshire.

Any observations for inclusion next month to ajnewbold88@gmail.com

Andy and Gill Newbold.

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

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FILM NIGHT - 26TH JUNE

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Petra Berry

CONTACT and BOOKING INFORMATION

If you would like to book the hall please contact Ginny [Booking Secretary] on 01295 780373 or via thesibfords website.

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Ginny Bennett



POP UP CAFE



On Saturday morning 1st June 10am-12noon, Diana Hughes will be transforming her home at 'Meadow View' in Sibford Ferris, into the next 'Pop Up Cafe', which will have a distinctly German theme!

Don't worry though - you don't have to speak German to come along (and Lederhosen are optional!)

So after you've picked up your morning paper at the local shop - why not pop over to your nearby 'Pop Up Cafe', where (weather permitting) you, your friends and family can all sit and admire Diana's garden, whilst enjoying a freshly made cuppa, along with some 'Mozart Kuchen', Black Forest Gateaux - or some of the other scrummy delights available - all for £2.00! Gluten free options will also be available

Contact Marianne Allen for further details on [01295 780151](tel:01295780151).

Some of the local charities supported are:

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NEWS FROM SIBFORD GOWER ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL

Although preparation for the national SATs has been a focus for a number of our children this half term, we have still found the time to have fun in our learning.

Our younger children are exploring the theme of 'mini-beasts' (small invertebrates such as snails, slugs, beetles, centipedes, worms, earwigs, caterpillars). The learning in school has inspired some of the children to be creative on the same theme at home, including Sholto making a 'Grand Bugapest Hotel' for the minibeasts that live in his garden!

Our beautiful grounds and natural areas provide wonderful habitats for all sorts of wildlife. The love and respect for nature that our focus on outdoor learning inspires in our children, combined with our lessons and assemblies exploring global matters, means that many of our children have a keen interest in current affairs linked to ecology and care for the environment. Some of our KS2 children have independently set up a group focusing on the key environmental issue of plastic pollution. 'Octopus Power' is intent on reducing the plastic pollution in our local environment by promoting plastic free packaging for snacks in school but also by collecting any plastic wrappings that do come into school to recycle into a plastic bench. Our own Mrs Williams is supporting with this project which fits in with the bigger picture intention Octopus Power has of trying to reduce the plastic in our seas. Their current strapline is, "Remember, a little bit of plastic can go a long way"

There were a number of stalls at the recent Sibfords Parish Meeting that linked to environmental matters. A group of our children attended this event on a more light-hearted note though. Valerie Vet, our wonderful peripatetic singing teacher, was joined by a choir of our pupils who performed to the audience in a packed Village Hall.

As always, our children were exemplary in their behaviour and attitude and they sang beautifully – what wonderful ambassadors for our school!



To find out more about our wonderful village school, including our wraparound care offer, please visit our website at <http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk/>

Stepping out for Cystic Fibrosis



Open Events

Join us on Friday 3 May for our **Whole School Open Morning**, or attend our **Annual Open Day on Saturday 15 June**.

Parents with children aged three - five are invited to join us for a **free stay and play session** to learn more about the Early Years offering at Sibford School.

Forest School. Friday 10 May. 10.30am - 11.45am

An opportunity for your child to have the freedom to explore and take risks.

Woodwork. Friday 24 May. 10.30am - 11.45am

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Two Sixth Form students from Sibford School successfully walked 102 miles along the Cotswold Way, from Bath to Chipping Campden in a bid to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

Henry and Dominic completed their walk at 10pm on Sunday 7 April after setting off from Bath Abbey in the early hours of Saturday morning.

Dominic said 'The walk was great but very tough. We did end up having to sleep, but only for 2 hours from 5am until 7am. In total we walked for 37 hours.'

Toby Spence, Head Teacher said 'This is a brilliant achievement. I never doubted them, what a remarkable feat of endurance!'

So far the pair have raised a huge £5,800. You can still support them here: <https://www.justgiving.com/dom-mills>.

As You Like It – Al Fresco Summer Theatre

The cast of theatre company Rain or Shine, hailed by 'The Stage' as 'one of the best companies touring open air theatre', are set to delight audiences once again in the House Garden at Sibford School, on Wednesday 19 June with a performance of 'As You Like It'. The garden will open for picnics at 6.30pm and the performance will start at 7.30pm. **For tickets visit the 'What's on' page on the Sibford School website.**



SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

Forthcoming Walks:

June 10, 24. July 8, 22. August 5, 19

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.

A BIG thank you from me and my helpers for all the support for the plant sale in aid of the Horti which took place on the 11th. We had a great result and if people want plants at any time they should contact me, 01295 780365 or sebannister@gmail.com so that we can arrange a mutually convenient time for them to come round. I shall have a plant stall at Carter's Yard on the NGS open Sunday, 23 June, 2-6, in aid of the NGS' charities also.

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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The Friendship Club held it's AGM on May 7th. The Committee of the old year will stand again. The Members, by show of hands, greed that with the price of things these days that the Subscription to the Club would be £12. Which is only £1 a month. Not bad we thought.

June 4th we will been entertained by the Travelling Musicians.....and the trip on June 18th is to Hampton Castle Gardens

The evening in the Village Hall on May 9th was, I think, a great success.....Thanks to all for arranging the night.

Evey Broughton

WELCOME

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

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MIDNIGHT WALK SATURDAY 22 JUNE

Help make a difference for your hospice by showing a little love for Katharine House this summer. Embrace your inner free spirit, grab your flares, wear flowers in your hair, and get ready for a groovy time. On Saturday 22 June join hundreds of people on our Midnight Walk in Banbury, and raise funds to support people and their families living with a life-limiting illness.

Starting at Banbury Rugby Club, registration opens at 7.30pm with the walk setting off at 9.00 pm. Choose either a 10 or 6 mile circular route, finishing the walk in the dark! It's a great community event and also perfect to share with family and friends. This year's walk starts at an earlier time so more people will see you and support your amazing efforts. As a well-loved Banbury event, we also want to make sure younger family members can join too. There'll be plenty of activities and entertainment pre and post event. The Rugby Club bar will also be open for post-walk refreshments, so family and friends can join you to cheer you on and help celebrate your achievement. Please sign up today at www.khh.org.uk/midnight

CARE FOR A CUPPA?

This spring, we're inviting you to hold a Care for a Cuppa event to help funds for Katharine House Hospice. Why not get your friends, family or colleagues together at home or in the community and invite them to enjoy an afternoon of tea and cake? Brush up on your baking skills and help offer comfort and support to over 800 patients and their families this year. You'll be helping to raise the vital funds we need to provide our services, and you're guaranteed a great afternoon too! For more information, visit www.khh.org.uk/cuppa

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6 SIMPLE STEPS TO TRANSFORMING OUR VILLAGE POND INTO A HAVEN FOR WILDLIFE

1. Relocating the fish to a nearby lake is the first step to creating a natural, more balanced environment in our pond. Currently, the fish are adding to high levels of nitrate and phosphate in the pond (through their waste) and this is one of the main causes of the unsightly, suffocating algal blooms. They also stir up the sediment (further affecting water quality) and uproot plants, while the large size and number of fish in the pond means very little native invertebrate life survives.
2. Once the fish have been removed, native plants such as hornwort, marsh marigold, soft rush and pendulous sedge can be established. These will not only start to get the pond's nitrogen cycle functioning better (reducing and then hopefully eliminating the dreaded algal blooms), but they will also create wildlife-friendly habitats and add year-round interest and splashes of colour. Because the pond is so shallow and heats up quickly in summer (another factor accelerating algal growth) the new pond planting will shade the water and keep it cool .
3. The pond used to teem with frogs and newts. Removing predatory fish will help, but we can also add amphibian-friendly features to the pond. For example, by creating one or two small rock piles against the pond wall, frogs will be able to gain easier access when they return to spawn in the spring. Establishing plants around the pond's margins will also provide much needed shelter.
4. The pond shouldn't be viewed in isolation. The surrounding area is equally important to wildlife. The grass bank on the far side of the pond could be managed as a 'mini nature reserve', full of pollinator-friendly wildflowers like cowslip and ox-eye daisy. A woodpile would be used by hibernating amphibians, while native shrubs (like *Viburnum opulus*) would attract birds and insects. It's crucial that this area runs right up to the pond's edge and is left undisturbed.
5. Of course, the pond should also be 'people friendly'. Although the wildflower meadow should be managed for wildlife, other areas should provide access for pond dipping or for simply enjoying the view of the pond. The planting plan for the pond has been designed with this in mind. For example, standing by the roadside, pendulous sedges frame your view across clear water (with reflections of the sky), to the meadow beyond, while the new *Viburnum* shrubs integrate the pond more naturally into its surroundings.

continued.....

6. We should quickly notice an improvement in water quality once the fish have been removed. However, the success of a wildlife pond essentially relies on it being left alone to naturally evolve through various stages of succession. Emptying and cleaning the pond at regular intervals is a recipe for disaster, destroying the invertebrate-rich, silty habitat on the pond bottom and upsetting the pond's delicate balance. Patience and subtle maintenance (such as occasional pruning of submerged oxygenating plants to maintain areas of open water) could reward us with a healthy, varied and beautiful pond that's teeming with frogs, dragonfly larvae, water beetles and pond skaters.

William Gray



SIBFORDS SOCIETY

Our programme for 2019

20th June: 'A day out on the Toddington Railway'

30th July: A visit to Highclere Castle .

July : A Swift walk round the Sibfords with Chris Mason, date TBA.

19th September: Martin Sirot-Smith – 'Sulgrave Manor and the Washington Family.'

17th October: Colin Hill: 'The Barn Well Hill Railway'.

21st November: 'The Broughton Hoard'.

Diana Hughes

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HORTI SOCIETY

Robert Longstaff Of The Oxford Project came back to talk to us on May 8th Here are some of his observations and tips...

Use companion planting. Alliums tend to mask the scent of carrots from carrot fly. Camomile is in flower in late May and is good for pollinators. It is an ideal companion plant. Weak camomile tea helps damping off as it is a mild antiseptic.

Robert uses a no dig method of gardening (yes!) The top 2" of soil holds 80% of microbes, bacteria etc. and very few veg. plants have roots that go down further than 12". So double digging is the last thing you should be doing. Feed the soil naturally with compost. Compaction harms the fungal hyphae vital for root health, so walk on the beds as little as possible.

Include Citrus, rhubarb leaves and onions in a compost heap, but not whole potatoes. Chop them up first. Add perennial weeds as long as you burn them or drown them for a few weeks first until they are slimy. The best ally in your garden is the worm, but don't put earthworms in your compost. They will die of heat and are different from composting worms. Keep your compost fairly wet and add urine to the heap. (Nice touch Robert).

And lastly, because let's not end on a sour note, if you see a weed, hoe it off and never let weeds seed.

Looking ahead

Our evening visit in June is on 12th and we will be visiting **Admington Hall**, Warwickshire. For more details please contact Veronique Tyrrell. @ veronique@humangivens.com. Our July evening visit is on 10th when we will have a guided tour of the gardens at Broughton Castle. Each trip will be subsidised and will be £5.00 per head for members and £8.00 for non members.

An enormous vote of thanks to everyone who was involved in the May plant sale at Carters yard, both helpers and punters but most especially Sue Bannister. We raised around **£1,000** towards funding speakers and subsidising future trips. A fantastic effort!

Diana Thompson

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In Your Garden - June

At last! It is June, and the garden is bursting with colour, with the extra light and warmth of the sun!

But it means the weeds will sprout up with renewed vigour, so keep hoeing regularly.

- 1 You can now safely plant your beans and cut-and-come-again salads. I am sowing lambs lettuce in an old piece of guttering - we'll see how it goes.
- 2 If you have gaps in the border, now is the time to fill them in with annuals. Try cosmos, and nicotiana. The tall white nicsylvestris is great at the back of the border. I am planting mine with some tall apricot foxgloves.
3. Roses are coming in to bloom, so watch out for greenfly, and pick off any leaves with first signs of black spot. You can use a spray to get rid of both of these. Companion plants for roses that always look good are nepeta (cat mint), and lavender. They compliment each other.
4. Delphiniums are leaping ahead, so make sure they are firmly staked, and do other tall perennials as well. Pea sticks work well for this.
5. When the spring flowering shrubs have finished flowering, they should be pruned straight away, e.g. Deutzia, Philadelphus and Weigelia, so that the new flowering growth has time to mature.
6. Keep tying in climbing and rambling roses, and help the clematis and sweet peas to fasten on to their fences and walls.
7. If you planted new trees and shrubs in the spring, make sure they are well watered until they have established good roots.
8. Now is a good time to take cuttings of fuschias, hydrangeas, philadelphus and spirea. And you could try layering philadelphus, wisteria and lonicera.
9. If you have hanging baskets, try and fix up a hosepipe that can water them for you - it is so exhausting trying to reach up with a watering can. Better to lift them down and stand them in a tray of water.
10. Try and visit some other gardens - loads of them are open in June for the NGS, and you will gain inspiration from them. And there are often really good plants to buy, and the teas! Oh the teas! Scones with cream and jam, homemade cakes - bliss.

Jupe Hitching



VILLAGE PEOPLE

IT'S KAT DAVIDSON!!!!!!!!!!!!

How long have you lived in Sibford?

We bought a house in the wonderful Barley Close three years ago. We moved to the area from Walthamstow, East London to send our eldest son to Sibford Friends' school. I cried all the way up from London. Luckily the family couldn't see me as the car was so full of junk, I was hidden behind a Dalek piñata. I thought it would be so lonely living in the country.



What do you like about living here and is there anything you'd want to change?

I loved living in Walthamstow but feel so lucky to have arrived in this amazing village. I couldn't believe it when I phoned to get an appointment to see the GP and got one for the next day!! In London it could be a three week wait.

Every time I go to the surgery, I am blown away by the time they spend listening and sorting out your health. I feel really, really lucky.

There is so much in this village that I love. The Wykham Arms, Green's shop which my boys walk to most days, Sibford Gower Primary and the Sibford Friends' school which my son has loved, the view from my garden - but mainly the people.

Umm, one thing I would change would be.....something about destroying the internet but I haven't really thought it through.

What do you do in your spare time?

I was desperate to make friends when I moved here so joined any group that would have me. Two PTA's, the book club, yoga, the Sibford Songbirds, the Quakers, I even joined a banjo group in Hookie. Luckily, whilst out in the Millennium field walking the dogs (See how desperate I was, I don't even have a dog) I met the fantastic Juliette and we resurrected the Sibford Players. This takes up quite a lot of my spare time from September to February but makes me belly laugh and is a great way to get to know people and feel a part of the village. I volunteer at Mind once a week a mental health charity close to my heart which I enjoy very much. I am a governor at the Friends' school and have joined the village hall committee.

Something about yourself that not many people would know I played Alice from Alice in Wonderland at Blantyre prison in Kent. A great prison which believed in rehabilitation and education was compulsory for the last 6 months of the men's sentence. Since been closed. The inmates made all the costumes, props and a beautiful set. The second performance got a bit rowdy with some of the inmates heckling the White Rabbit but Big Jim the Red Queens executioner (In for armed robbery) walked on stage and showed them his axe. Oh, and I have been a fire eater, clown trainer and rubbish trapeze artist.

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Theodore Lamb (1880 - 1950)

For many years between the wars and until he died in 1950, Theodore Lamb lived the life of a recluse in a shack on Sibford Heath. A skilled watch and clock repairer, Theodore plied his trade around the local villages. He travelled around, sometimes on a bicycle without tyres, sometimes on foot, and usually with some form of truck loaded with junk and in the winter, his fire in a bucket as well.

He played various musical instruments and posed for photographs for which he charged a fee of half a crown (12.5p).

He always paid for his small needs, although when his clothing, which was often made from sacks, became less than decent he was banned from Banbury and had to wait at the door of the village shop to be served. He was always totally honest and completely harmless despite his appearance.

He was an immensely strong man and once pulled a chicken hut for many miles back to Sibford taking several days over the journey. It is thought a childhood trauma may well have explained his later lonely existence.

When he was a boy, he saw his father fall from the chestnut tree by the village pond when he was knocking conkers down for the boys. He broke his neck and died.

When he went up to Oxford to do his medical during the First World War, he would not say a word. They got so fed up they sent him back again, so he never went into the army.

He eventually contracted pneumonia and died, aged 70, in Banbury hospital, the nurses respecting his request not to cut his long matted hair - he said it would spoil his appearance! Money which he had entrusted to the vicar was sufficient to pay for his funeral, attended by many paying their last respects to a long-to-be-remembered Sibford character.



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As many of you will know the NGS donates to many charities, last year £3 million countrywide, amongst which are Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Carers Trust, Parkinson's UK, and The Queen's Nursing Institute.

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Carolyn White



Buttslade House



Carter's Yard

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends	Sibford Gower, Sunday, 10.30 am
Roman Catholic	Brailes, Saurday, 5pm; Shipston, Sunday 9am Kineton, Sunday 11am
Baptist	Hook Norton, Sunday, 10.30 am



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHATTER

Don't forget Kaffe und Kutchen- 1st June at Meadow View!

During the Sibford Open Gardens event on Sunday June 23rd there will be fabulous teas and cakes served in the Village Hall raising funds for the church so please DO support both the gardens and the Teas.

Sunday June 16th is Sibford church's Patronal Festival - it's Trinity Sunday when we rejoice that God reveals his love in the persons of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and remains a complete mystery which no faith or denomination can pin down or explain.

A week later we celebrate Pentecost, which used to be called Whit Sunday, and thank God for his continuing presence in the world in the power of the Holy Spirit.

A date for your diaries - Tuesday July 16th 7.30pm the Kiev Classic Accordion Duo will be performing in church. Igor and Oleksiy are first rate professional musicians from Ukraine, and they play a variety of styles of music - classics for accordion, classical arrangements (including in the past Widor's Toccata, Elgar's Nimrod etc) and Russian and Ukrainian Folk pieces. Refreshments available. No charge but Retiring Collection which goes to a Ukrainian charity caring for the now adult victims of Chernobyl.

Services for June

2nd	10am Benefice HC in Sibford (Liz)
9th	Pentecost (Whitsun) 8am BCP HC (Ronald) 9.30am Morning Praise (Lay led)
16th	Trinity Sunday 9.30 Holy Communion (John)
23rd	9.30am BCP Holy Communion (Ronald)
30th	9.30am Holy Communion (Liz)

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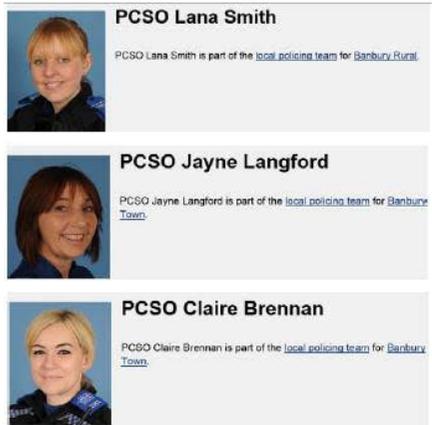
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The last couple of months have been quite busy, we have been introducing a new WhatsApp group to local farmers to increase communication between farmers and share information. This group will also be monitored by us for intelligence purposes but is not a way to report crime more a tool to share.

We have been in liaison with other officers across the force in relation to speed equipment and should hopefully have a new active SID within the next couple of months for use in the villages.

PC Newman, our schools officer will be rolling out a package to YR6/7 teachers at Cherwell District Council to enable teachers to present a 60min package to pupils on criminal justice, knife crime, drugs and CSE/CDE.

We have enjoyed visiting Lake House care home in Adderbury for a blue light breakfast and got to spend some time chatting to residents. We were also invited to the Glebefields family fun day in Drayton and were able to offer crime prevention advice and eat cake!

We can be contacted at BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or on 101

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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		
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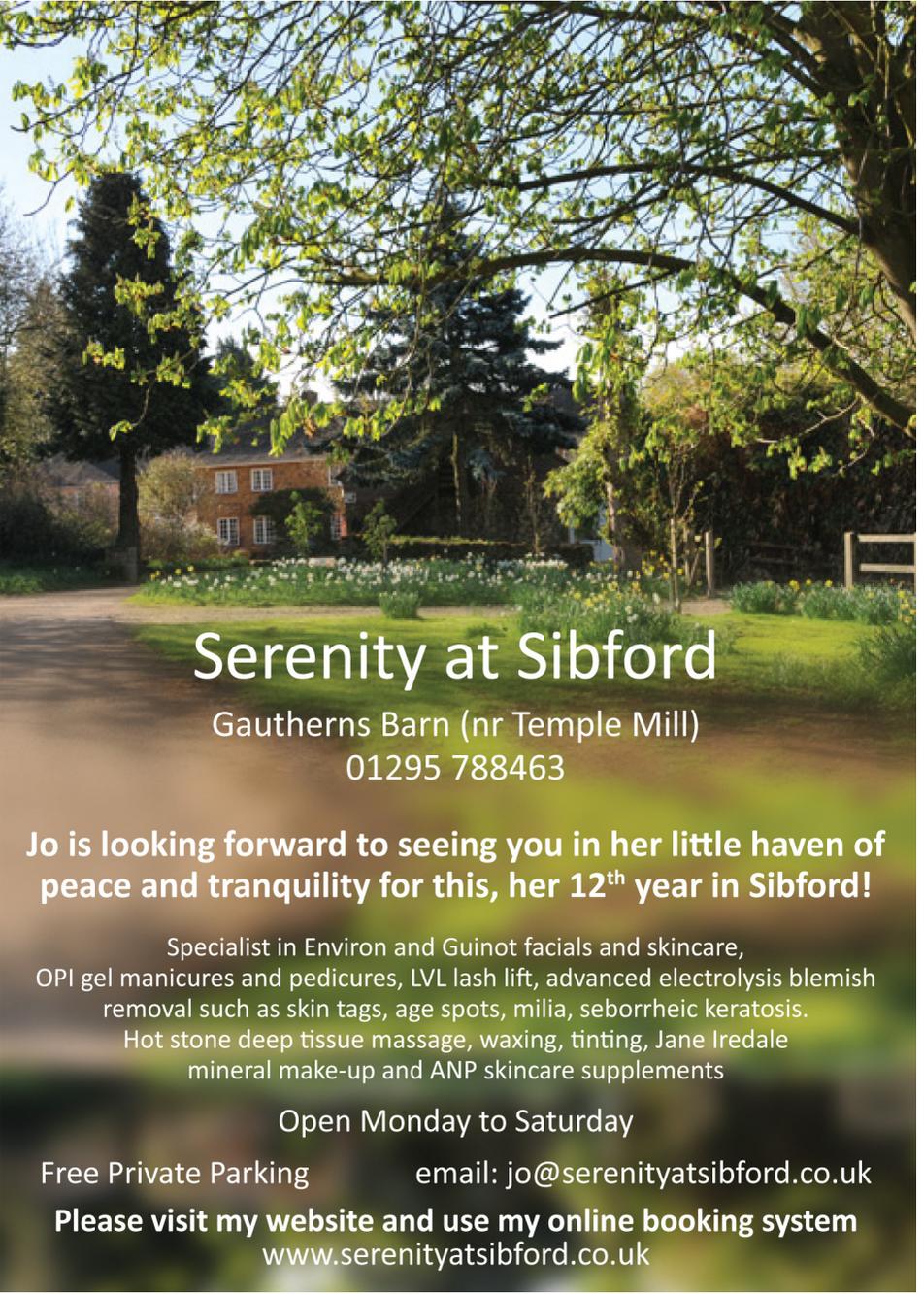
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- 20th - Sibfords Society day out on the GWSR-12 noon
- 23rd - Sibfords Open Gardens - 2-6pm
- 26th - Film Night: "Green Book" - Village Hall - 730pm

JUNE BIN COLLECTIONS

Green Tuesday: 11th; 25th
Blue/Brown Tuesday: 4th; 18th;

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