

SIBFORD SCENE



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BONFIRE NIGHT

5th November - Sibford Gower Primary School - Gates  
open 5pm

QUIZ NIGHT

7th November - Village Hall: 730pm

SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

14th November - Sibford School Sports Hall : 745pm

SIBFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

24th November - Village Hall - 3pm

FILM NIGHT

24th November - Village Hall: 7pm

HOLY TRINITY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

26th November - Village Hall: 3pm



## ED'S THOUGHTS

Bumper Issue - 32 pages - TOO MANY THINGS GOING ON! (*love it!*)

I notice that a sticker on a green box in Burdrop says "Fibre Broadband has arrived". Oh really?! - last time I looked, our speed was 6mb....

This month's thought:

"Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got

'till it's gone"

*Joni Mitchell*

## LETTERS AND NOTICES

**The Town Estate Trustees** have a personnel change to report!

Peter Morgan has now taken over the job of Secretary to the Trustees from me although I will remain as a trustee for the time being.

Peter's contact details are: [petermorgan2@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:petermorgan2@hotmail.co.uk) or tel 01295 788207

We have now purchased the **Millenium Field**. It is hoped that villagers will be able to enjoy the peace and tranquility of this place, created by the late Paul Hobson over the years that he lived here. We would ask that it is treated respectfully and in particular, we would appreciate dog owners picking up!

*Jean White*

### **John Loggins Charity**

The Annual distribution of the John Loggins Charity. Those wishing to apply to the Charity and who live in The Sibfords and Burdrop - please do so in writing to the Rectory by the 30th Nov. The Charity will be distributed by Christmas

### **Walk For Parkinsons**

Sue Colquhoun from Handywater Farm in Sibford Gower joined around 400 other walkers in Oxford to take part in a fund-raising Walk For Parkinsons on Sunday October 16th.

Walkers chose routes of 1.2, 4 or 8 miles and expect to raise around £30,000 towards Parkinsons Research.

"I would like to thank everyone for their generous support which helped me raise more than £200 towards the total," says Sue, who was accompanied by husband William

# FIVE MINUTES WITH.....

*This month, it's the turn of Julian Ransom.....*

## **Why Sibford?**

I moved here in the summer of 2003, I was looking for a house to renovate and it was then I found Fairview for sale . Apart from the house I was attracted to the village because at that time it had two pubs! I was single at the time and it was only my mother who noticed the village school next to the house which she said could prove useful one day. I now have three daughters who are all at the school, how wise my mother was!

## **Earliest memory of Sibford**

One of my earliest memories of the village was returning home from the pub one evening with friends and discovering the millennium field for the first time . I can still picture myself sitting out there enjoying a quiet beer whilst admiring the starlit sky. As the years have passed I have increasingly enjoyed the millennium field with my family and can only pass on our extreme gratitude to the late Paul Hobson for creating such a wonderful place to spend time, a gift to the village for which he will always be remembered.



## **Landscape business**

Having grown up on a farm in Oxfordshire I suppose I was always destined to work out side. Although I spent 10 years working in property development in London I feel most at home in the countryside. I started the landscaping part of our business as a result of doing planting schemes for some houses we were building in Banbury. We now provide commercial garden and grounds maintenance services across the Midlands to hospitals, housing associations and property managers. We are passionate about improving outdoor spaces for the enjoyment of our residents and the general public. In 2017 we are launching a new brand, Garden Express, to provide gardening services for domestic gardens.

## **Surprising things about yourself**

I am a school governor and chair of the finance premises and personnel committee, whilst that may not be terribly surprisingly it does give me an opportunity to mention what a fantastically rewarding job it is! Our primary school needs dedicated governors and we are currently on the lookout for people in the community that can dedicate some time to this very fulling role.

!

## FIVE MINUTES WITH.....

More surprisingly perhaps is that I was once chairman of the British In-Line Skating Association and in a protest against pollution I led 500 skaters through Central London from Hyde Park to Waterloo during rush-hour. Despite the fact I am a terrible skater and the best attempts of several taxi drivers and one notable red bus we all survived to tell the tale!

### **Best about Sibford and what would you like to change?**

I would like to see a small business/innovation centre somewhere in the village that would allow people the opportunity to live and work here. I would also like to see reduced speed limits in all three villages, and a village carpark where people without parking can keep their cars, perhaps linked to the business centre. I love the sense of community the beauty of the countryside, the horse shoe shape of the three villages around the valley and the dark skies at night.

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# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## **PUBLIC PAYPHONES**

BT has placed notices in the two telephone boxes in the Sibfords advising that, due to underuse, the boxes have been selected to be removed. There will, however, be a consultation period during which those affected can forward comments to the planning department at the district council.

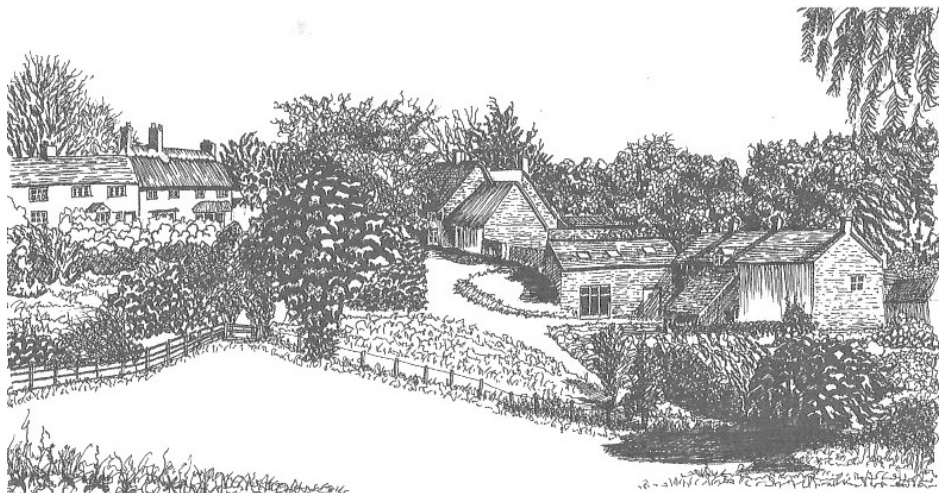
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Cherwell District Council  
Bodicote House  
Bodicote  
Banbury  
OX15 4AA

The consultation deadline is 14 November. Please could you let your parish council know if you take part in the consultation, to give councillors an indication of local opinion on this matter. Thank you.

Sibford Ferris Parish Council  
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788557

Sibford Gower Parish Council  
Clerk, Peter Hardman  
[hardman214@btinternet.com](mailto:hardman214@btinternet.com)  
780391



*"The Bishop Blaize", by Michael Spring*

# SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES OF SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 22 SEPTEMBER 2016

(This report could not be included in the October Scene)

Present at the meeting were Councillors Tim Huckvale (*Chair*), Maureen Hicks (*Vice-Chair*), Ginny Bennett, Adrian Lamb and Peter Robinson, County and District Councillor George Reynolds, the Clerk and one member of the public.

Topics covered in the meeting under **Matters Arising** were: superfast broadband; progress made on the affordable housing project; Cotswold Close play area maintenance; payment of outstanding tax to HMRC; Assets of Community Value; ways to address speeding problems particularly on the Hook Norton Road; damaged road surfaces and overgrowing vegetation; the Horton Hospital campaign; ways to improve transparency and communication when conducting parish council business, including the creation of a planning committee. It was noted that **Correspondence** had been received on: cuts to the buses; the availability of the Oxfordshire comet bookable transport service; a Low Carbon initiative; a review of Open Space, Sport and Recreation; the Department of Transport's Community Transport Minibus Fund. Under **Finance**, the revised Financial Regulations were agreed and adopted, the audited Annual Return to 31 March 2016 was approved and accepted and it was confirmed that the required exercise of public rights had been carried out. Under **Planning**, the terms of reference of the new planning committee were to be reviewed and agreed at the next meeting; ten planning applications had been considered since the last meeting; the Local Enforcement Plan and Adopted Statement of Community Involvement had been received from Cherwell District Council. In **Any Other Business**, a complaint was made about the number of cars parking on verges and kerbside, obstructing other road users; George Reynolds advised he had received a pre-application enquiry for a 21m phone mast on the B4036 near the Epwell turn.

The full draft minutes of the meeting are available on the village website ([thesibfords.org.uk/sfpc](http://thesibfords.org.uk/sfpc)) or from the Clerk (788557).

**The date of the next meeting is Monday, 14 November, 7.45pm in the Sports Hall Classroom Sibford School.**

## VILLAGE PARKING

The number of cars being parked kerbside and on verges in Sibford Ferris seems to have increased recently, to the extent that it is sometimes difficult for other road users to manoeuvre safely, either because of a physical obstruction or because their view is blocked. Could we ask those who have alternative parking facilities to consider using them, as this is the simplest solution to a growing problem. Thank you for your co-operation.

# SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

## **SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

The Meeting took place in Sibford Gower Primary School with ten local residents in attendance. The Chairman said that in future the Parish Council will have its own email address so that any records concerning parish business are easily available. He reported on the Public Meeting for the two parishes (Ferris and Gower) on 20<sup>th</sup> June, attended by almost 100 people, where there had been strong support for the former public house (Bishop Blaize) being declared an Asset of Community Value and it had been agreed to set up a steering committee of volunteers to discuss the way forward. Full details of this meeting are on the Sibfords website. He set out the present situation regarding the Bishop Blaize. A letter had been sent to Oxfordshire Highways seeking a meeting with a senior person to discuss the poor state of the highways and this meeting is to take place in the not too distant future. Burdrop Broadband has been connected and will shortly be activated. The purchase of the Millennium Field by the Town Estate Charity has been finalised: the Parish Council is to take part in its maintenance and financial arrangements are in place. The Report of the External Auditor is awaited in respect of the Annual Financial Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016. Since the previous Meeting, six planning applications had been considered and five Decisions received. Two new planning applications were discussed, in respect of The Pheasant Pluckers Inn and Muddle Barn Farm (whose owner was present at the Meeting and spoke in support of his application). The Council nevertheless agreed to oppose both applications on Planning grounds. Following a recent incident involving children, the Parish Council had discussed with Oxfordshire Highways raising the kerb at the junction of Acre Ditch and Pound Lane. The cost would be in the region of £3,000 and it was agreed to discuss with Oxfordshire Highways, the Town Estate Charity and the Parents Association of the Primary School how to raise the money. Cllr Susan Bannister presented a detailed Report with information about clearing footpaths, a complaint with regard to the 'Piggies' path, sheep escaping from the Glebe field into the Churchyard and Parish Council Burial Ground resulting in damage to flowers placed in front of gravestones.

Following the Meeting under **Public Participation** a local resident spoke of his great concern that sheep had eaten flowers placed on his late wife's grave and he hoped that the matter of keeping sheep out could be resolved.

# NATURE NOTES

**Oct 1st** The ivy that covers the west end of a barn is now in full bloom and was buzzing with insects this afternoon. Some blowflies and wasps but mostly honey bees. There were also quite a lot of red admiral butterflies. There must have been a good late hatch of red admirals as they mostly looked to be perfect specimens which suggests that they have recently hatched. I still cannot understand why it was such a poor year for butterflies that overwinter here like the peacock and tortoiseshell. We have not had any extreme weather conditions and a reasonably good summer.

**Oct 12th** My daughter went into a wire netting enclosure, that used to be a chicken run, to pick a tree of eating apples and surprised two muntjac that may also have had an eye on the apples. As they panicked she left them to find their own way out.

**Oct 13th** After a week or two without seeing any ravens two separate birds croaked their way over today both flying west.

I don't think the recent T.V. programme about the migration of painted lady butterflies mentioned the fantastic migration on June 8th 1996 when they came over Sibford in thousands all heading north west. Two of my friends, one in Devon and one near Blackpool said that there were just as many in those areas.

*Adrian Lamb*



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# GREAT TASTE

## **Pheasant, Coconut and Tamarind curry**

Come pheasant season, many people find it tricky to come up with imaginative ways to cook this bird, which is in glut for much of the winter. Cookery carefully, it is tender and flavourful and a great alternative to chicken. Pheasant lends itself really well to mild spice and is especially good paired with the tangy freshness of tamarind in this recipe. This is a great way to enliven a much underused meat. Serve with wild rice and green beans.

Serves 4

1 onion, peeled and finely sliced	1 tsp turmeric
1 green pepper, sliced	500g/18oz pheasant breasts
1 green chilli, finely chopped	2 tbsp tamarind paste
1 clove garlic, peeled and finely chopped	400ml/14fl oz coconut milk
1 thumb sized piece ginger, peeled and grated	1 tbsp soy sauce
1 tsp tomato purée	
Handful feesh coriander and a squeeze of lime	
2 tsp yellow mustard seeds	

Heat a couple of tablespoons of oil in a large wok or frying pan over a moderately high heat and add the sliced onion and pepper. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally, until the vegetables are soft and have taken on a little colour at the edges. Add the chilli, ginger and garlic and cook for 2 more minutes.

Keeping the pan over the heat, stir in the mustard seeds, tomato purée and turmeric, adding a little more oil if the vegetables are dry and catching on the bottom of the pan.

Chop the pheasant breasts into bite-sized pieces and then add to the pan. Stir well over the heat for 3-4 minutes to seal the meat.

Next, add the tamarind paste and coconut milk. Bring to a simmer and cook gently for 5-10 minutes until the pheasant pieces are cooked through. Stir in the soy sauce, lime juice and lastly a handful of fresh coriander leaves. Taste and adjust the seasoning if needed.

Serve with rice, naan bread and plenty of sweet and spicy chutney. Lime pickle is wonderful with this.

**Tip** - Pheasant meat is delicate and doesn't contain much fat, so dries out easily, especially if overcooked. Be careful to simmer the curry gently rather than boil and to test a piece after 5 minutes to see if its cooked through, it may not need the full cooking time.

**Tip** - If pheasant isn't readily available then chicken breasts replace it in this recipe and will still give you a zesty, piquant final dish

*From "Healthy Speedy Suppers" by Katriona MacGregor*



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# ARTS & CRAFTS CHRISTMAS SALE

**Talented local artists are hard at work preparing for a charity pre-Christmas exhibition and sale** which for the first time is being held in a barn Wykham Farm Shop near Bloxham.

Sibford artist Nic Durrant and bespoke board-maker Jonquil Sabin are joining 12 others including ceramicists, artists and jewelers at the farm on Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th December from 9.30am to 4pm each day. Last year the group raised over £2,750 for The Brain Tumour Charity and this year aims to raise a similar amount for The Katherine House Hospice.

"We would really appreciate everyone's support to raise as much as we can for such a worthy cause," says Nic.

Mulled wine and mince tarts will be served at the exhibition and the nearby Baker Girls cafe will also be open serving its usual range of drinks, cakes and bread.

## 2016 Exhibitors

Jane Stillwell	Photography
Jonquil Sabin	Wood
Jill Endicott	Jewellery
Sue Merry	Textiles
Elly Dunford-Wood	Silver Jewellery
Andy Gill	Terracota Pots
Bronwen Corral	Ceramics
Jane Spencer	Artisan Chocolates
Nicola Durrant	Mixed Media
Wyckwood Cuckoo	Gifts
Rosemary Cock	Textiles
Katie Beswick	Handmade Soaps
Louise Hamilton-Smith	Bespoke Wreaths
Jenny Pickford	Blacksmith Artist
Diana Sainsbury	Pottery

# VILLAGE HALL NEWS

## QUIZ NIGHT

To be held on November 12th starting at 7pm. Doors open 6.30pm. Teams of up to 8 people are welcome. if you only have a small team why not try to join another small one [more chance of winning!]. Team names ASAP please to Ginny Tel:01295 780373. HOT SUPPER included in the entry fee of £8 per person, [pay on the night]. Licensed bar available.

## FILM NIGHTS

In November we will show "Spotlight" which was cancelled in August due to the building works. The film follows a team of journalists and their determination to investigate the scandal of the Catholic Church denial of child abuse.

## VILLAGE FAYRE

We would like to thank all those who attended or helped at the Village Fayre. We raised about £1,000 on the day. The Art Exhibition attracted a lot of visitors during the Fayre, and on the Sunday too.

## REFURBISHMENT WORK

Thank you all for being patient whilst the building and decorating work was carried out. Several members of the committee and friends have worked very hard to make the large hall look good. The hall will be warmer now and the new lighting is fantastic.

## HIRING THE VILLAGE HALL

If you would like to hire the hall or need information then please contact Ginny on Tel:01295 780373 or via [thesibfords.org](http://thesibfords.org) website

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# VILLAGE HALL NEWS

***"It's like having a new hall..."***

*... said someone at the Sibford Farmer's Supper and we hadn't even put the final finishing coat of paint on the walls then!*

Phase Two of the Village Hall refurbishment is just about complete. Tappers Interiors had completed all the building work in just three weeks during August. Because the hall is used so frequently it was October before we could find six consecutive days to do the decorating and then these had to be split into two periods. The paint, brushes and other decorating equipment was kindly donated by Brewers Decorating Centre, Banbury.

Thanks are due to the tremendous efforts of a small band of villagers who worked over a period of six days to decorate the inside of the large hall. A generous donation by the Town Estate Charity has enabled us to provide new window blinds and door curtains completing the finishing touches.

In 1957 when the current hall was built the village thought they had a hall of which they could be truly proud. The same can be said today. Sibford Village Hall is the best in the area thanks to the ongoing enthusiasm of the Management Committee who have raised over £40,000 to bring stages one and two of the hall refurbishment to fruition.

Watch this space for phase three!



## **KEITH SABIN - A few words from Jane Fletcher.....**

I said goodbye to an old friend this autumn and a piece of the Siburd was lost.

We all have memories and stories of Keith

Perhaps this could be an alternative 'Nature Notes' section: Sabin's Snippets!

Always remembering –

'Never let the truth get in the way of a good story!'

Perhaps that would be a little 'controversial?'

But amusing

### **THINKING AHEAD...**

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# VILLAGE PEOPLE

*William Colquhoun writes his contribution this month.....*

I bought Handywater Farm in 1974 after returning from four years in California where I set up a distribution network for Norton Motorcycles throughout the USA. It had the merit of being as far as possible away from the Midlands yet within commuting distance



Handywater farm had belonged to Ambrose Sabin who abandoned the farmhouse in 1948 and built a house on Pound Lane, using the farmhouse as a stock yard. By 1976, we had renovated the farmhouse, pretty much a ruin, and with two further builds it became a marvellous family home. In 2005 we sold the main house and built a modern eco house in place of the 1948 house.

I have always liked active sports like skiing and hunting and also playing chess. Now, in my eighth decade, I enjoy cycling (electric!), gardening and playing chess. I also attend lectures in Oxford given by the Continuing Education Dept. of the University.

I like the farming families in Sibford that go back in time and give a sense of continuity and permanence. I also like trees and planted 1000 when we came and a further 500 in 2007.

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## **Sibford Moths**



Having been running a moth trap in my garden throughout 2016 I thought it might be worth sharing some of the results. To date (10<sup>th</sup> October) I have put the trap out on 100 occasions and have caught a total of 7687 individual moths of 333 different species (221 macro moths and 112 of the generally smaller micro moths). Records are submitted to both the County Moth Recorder and the National Garden Moth Scheme.

As well as catching 5 species of the large and spectacular hawkmoths (Poplar, Privet, Eyed, Elephant and Small Elephant) there have been a number of other notable catches.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> July I caught an interesting looking micro moth which turned out to be *Grapholita lobarzewskii*. Like many micros it does not have an official English name but is sometimes referred to as the Kent Fruit Piercer. There are not a lot of records of this moth in the UK and this was the first record for Oxfordshire.

Another first for Oxfordshire was a Gypsy Moth caught on 5<sup>th</sup> August. This species used to occur commonly in East Anglia but became extinct in the UK in the early 1900s. Recently populations have become established in the London area and around Aylesbury. Because it is considered a pest species in parts of the continent, Defra attempted (unsuccessfully) to exterminate the London populations. The females of the species are heavy and reluctant to fly so the moth spreads to new areas by means of small larvae attached to silken threads being blown on the wind.

A third species of interest is the Marbled Green. Unlike the others this is certainly not a pest species. The larvae feed on lichens on rocks and walls and the adults are camouflaged to blend in with the lichen covered surfaces that they sit on by day. When I caught a single specimen in August 2015 it was considered a good record. During July and August 2016 I have caught another 36 including 12 in a single night suggesting that there is a well-established population in the Sibford area. This used to be considered a species confined mostly to the coasts of South and South-West Britain but unlike many species of butterfly and moth appears to be increasing its range.

Once they have been identified and a photographic record kept, the moths are released unharmed.

Andy Newbold



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HOSPICE**

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On our website you can now securely donate, register for the Santa Fun Run, or buy a Christmas card with the click of a button on your computer, tablet or phone. It's much easier for you and it saves us time and money when we process everything at our end. We've also changed the structure of the site so that it's easier for you to find what you need and clear for you to understand. That's how we'd talk things through with you if you visit us in person, so we think it should be the same on our website. You can see all the changes at [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk)

### **SANTA FUN RUN – SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER, SPICEBALL PARK**

We hope you'll join us for our 7<sup>th</sup> annual Santa Fun Run to raise funds for your local hospice. You can run (or walk!) the route for fun, fitness, or in memory of family or friends. Bring your family, or sign up to run with co-workers or your sports team. For further information, visit <https://www.khh.org.uk/Event/santa-fun-run> or pick up a leaflet from one of our shops.

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LIGHTS OF LOVE SERVICE – BANBURY: THURSDAY 1 DECEMBER, 7PM AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

LIGHTS OF LOVE SERVICE – BRACKLEY: THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER, 7.30PM AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

Our next meeting is on 17th November at the Village Hall. Julie Ann Godson will be talking about her book 'The Water Gypsy', which traces the consequences of the 18th Century marriage between an Anglo-Irish aristocrat, the 2nd Viscount Ashbrook and an Oxfordshire fisherman's daughter. There will be the chance to buy the book from Julie and have it signed personally.

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*Diana Hughes*

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**SPORTY START TO NEW TERM**

It's been a sporty half-term for pupils at Sibford School in Sibford Ferris. In September, International hockey player, Chris Cargo, a member of Team Ireland Men's Hockey Squad for the Rio Olympics, visited the school to share some coaching tips.



PE Teacher, Allison Warrillow, said: "It was a fabulous day and the girls picked up some really expert advice. To have a visit from an Olympic athlete so soon after the Rio games was a great coup and we were really grateful to Chris for spending the day with us."

Two weeks later, former world BMX champion, Mike Mullen, visited Sibford to run a series of BMX workshops for pupils in Years 7 and 8.

Meanwhile, on the equestrian front, Sibford pupils Anoushka and Piers George, India Edwards and Billy Burton competed in the Beachborough Eventer Challenge+, beating off strong competition to bring back the trophy in the Novice Class.

- There will be an opportunity to find out more about Sibford School this month when the school hosts a Whole School Open Morning on Monday 14 November. The event starts at 9.45am with refreshments and will include presentations and tours of the schools. For further information, call Elspeth Dyer on 01295 781203.

## Sew Enjoyable at Sibford School

Here at Sibford School we are running adult Textiles Evening Classes on a Thursday evening from 7pm to 9pm. If you enjoy textiles I am sure that you will enjoy using our well resourced Textile Studio. If like me you hoard textiles then it will give you an opportunity to use those precious scraps by turning them into beautiful items for the home as well as gifts to share with others, after all Christmas is on its way! This is our second year of offering the



classes to the community and the feedback from those who have been coming along has been very positive. The atmosphere is friendly and relaxed you don't need previous experience. The studio is inspiring and you also get to see what the students at Sibford do, as there is always work on show. Everything you need for the class will be provided, so you don't need to worry about bringing along anything and you will get tea and cake! Why not give it a go? The new term will start on 10<sup>th</sup> November. It will be a six week term, finishing on 15<sup>th</sup> December well in time to wrap those presents!

*Frances Eason.*

## Quiz and Curry Night

Hello my name is Lydia Kitchen, I am 18 years old and just finished my A Levels. Having lived in The Sibford's all my life I am about to embark on an adventure to live and work in the Krishna Sai School in the suburb of Ongole, India for 8 months. I will be teaching English, written and spoken to children age 4 to 14 years old. The project is in a disadvantaged area of Ongole with approximately 1,500 students in the school who travel from the surrounding countryside. It is an amazing opportunity for me to immerse myself in the culture of a country which has captivated my interest for a long time. As I play the violin and piano, I hope to use these skills to set up musical projects, and teach sports after school. To be able to carry out the project I need to fundraise! To do this I am holding a:



'Quiz and Curry Night' on the 26th November 2016 at 7:30pm, Sibford Village Hall.

**'Quiz and Curry Night' on the 26th November 2016 at 7:30pm, Sibford Village Hall.**

Tickets are £8 per head, teams of 6 or come along and just join in! Tickets are available from [lydiakitchen@btinternet.com](mailto:lydiakitchen@btinternet.com) or 01295 780633. The project is supported by the Educational Charity Project Trust. Thank you for your support

*Lydia Kitchen*

What a very busy and successful half-term we have had at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School. The children in KS2 have been immersed in their topic on Ancient Egypt which included a fascinating day out at The Ashmolean Museum in Oxford and all sorts of exciting things in school including quizzes that needed to be solved in the search for Gods and Goddesses and making (and eating) food from Egyptian recipes.

The youngest children have had lots of fun too –finding out about all things British, including British Values, through their topic called “We are Britain” as well as going out and about to explore the Gruffalo wood.

We have continued the sporting success of last year. Our Year 5&6 Tag Rugby squad came 1<sup>st</sup> in the Warriner Partnership Rugby tournament and our Year 3&4 football team came 1<sup>st</sup> in their partnership tournament. The Y1 & 2 girls steamed into 1<sup>st</sup> place in the partnership Cross Country running event, while the Year 1 & 2 boys followed closely in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. All very impressive for a small village school.

We finished off the half term with our Harvest Service at the church in Sibford Gower. In preparation for this, some of the children in Beech Class worked together to make a really splendid traditional Harvest Loaf, under the expert guidance of Mrs Downes.

For more information about our wonderful village school, you can look at our school website at [www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk)





# SIBFORD HORTI SOCIETY

At our last meeting, Kathy Swift came to talk about making the garden at Morville Hall in Shropshire. She began the garden in 1988 after taking out a 20 year lease on a 1.5 acre field along with the Dower house, where she lives. It was a fascinating talk showing how she planned the garden to tell the history of Morville Hall and the people who lived there, from the Benedictine monks in 1138 to the present day.

It was lovely to see some many people come to enjoy the evening. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 16th November, in the large hall, when Tim Walker will be with us. His talk is titled " Two for the price of one". This will be our last talk of the year so early seasonal nibbles and drinks will be provided afterwards. Tim is an excellent, entertaining speaker so don't miss him! All very welcome.

## IN YOUR GARDEN - NOVEMBER

1. Check for hedgehogs before lighting your bonfire, and don,t cut down all the seedheads and teazels. Remember to feed the birds.
2. Plant tulips at least 5 inches deep.
- 3 Now is a good time to plant new trees and hedges.
4. Rake up and remove leaves from under rose bushes, if they have had blackspot. And don't put them in the compost.
5. Remove dead leaves from alpines in pots, and surround them with fresh grit.
6. Time to sow broad beans and garlic, and sweet peas can be planted in loo roll centres, and kept in a cold frame.
7. Cut back tender plants you have in pots, geraniums etc., and store them in a frost free place for the winter if you don't have a greenhouse.
8. Pot up some cheerful plants to put by the front door - winter pansies, bulbs, polyanthus etc.
9. It's not too late to pot up some hyacinths to flower in the house in January.
- 10 Prune back currants and gooseberry bushes now.





## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

On Oct 4th we held a party for our 106 year old Honorary Member Beatrice Tanner and were VERY pleased that she was able to attend the festivities. A great afternoon was had by all.

As I write this we had had a lovely day at the National Memorial Arboretum. It is a wonderful place to visit and makes you think about how many men and women have died in conflict.

The trip in November is on the 15th and we are going to Webbs of Wichbold leaving Sibford at 10-00am. Anyone wishing to join us and start the Christmas shopping call the Sec. on 263460

### LOCAL MARKETS

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# LOCAL NEWS

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*Shouldn't there be a Women's Breakfast Club? (Ed)*

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

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHATTER

We celebrated Harvest in style last month with both Afternoon Tea and Sunday Lunch. The tins and dry goods brought to church have all gone to Polly who feeds the homeless in Banbury - so thank you on her behalf to all those who gave food.

### **Sunday October 30th All Saints Sunday**

**4pm in Tadmerton Thanksgiving Service** during which we shall remember with love and affection all those dear to us who have died – whether recently or maybe many years ago. Their names will be read out, and candles lit. The service will not be gloomy, but hopeful. There will be afternoon tea at the conclusion.

### **Sunday October 30th All Saints Sunday**

**6pm in Epwell, Taize Service** A simple service, candlelit, with Taize chants and songs, words of scripture and simple prayers. Taize is a marvellous Community in Burgundy in France, visited by tens of thousands of people every year, where large scale service of this type are held every day. We already use some Taize songs in our worship. Do come and find a time of peace, stillness, and reflection in the midst of our busy lives. Meditation and Mindfulness are known to be beneficial mentally and spiritually. #

### **Services for November**

6th    10am Benefice Holy communion @ Swalcliffe. Ronald

13th   Remembrance Sunday. 10.50 Act of Remembrance by the War Memorial followed by Morning Service. Ronald

20th   9.30am Holy Communion. John

27th   Advent Sunday. 9.30am BCP Holy Communion. Liz.

### **Church Bazaar, Saturday November 26th 3pm to 4.30pm**

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**November 2016**

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Remember the telephone and increasingly the computer is used to target victims. Take care do not become a victim, never give out any personal or bank details. The Police and Banks will never ask for such information. Please help the Police look after us by reporting anything suspicious to them on 101, if it is an emergency 999. By doing this we may also deter someone from becoming a criminal.

We would like to thank Caroline Seeley for including Neighbourhood Watch information and warnings in the "Scene". We wish her well in the future. We would like to thank Tony Skowronski for taking over as Editor and wish him all the best. I really value the "Scene" *Mollie Mulley*

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Banbury Calthorpe Street	1037	1242	1442	1717
Broughton	1043	1248	1448	1723
Lower Tadmarton	1047	1252	1452	1727
Upper Tadmarton	1050	1255	1455	1730
Swalcliffe Church	1053	1258	1458	1733
Sibford Ferris School	1057	1302	1502	1737
Sibford Gower Primary School	1103	1308	1508	1743
Lower Brailes The Park	1107	1312	1512	1747
Upper Brailes The Gate	1110	1315	1515	1750
Shipston, Pettiphers Garage	1119	1324	1524	1759
Tredington White Lion	1126	1331	1531	1806
Halford Inn	1130	1335	....	....
Newbold on Stour Church	....	SF	1534	1809
Alderminster Church	....	....	1537	1812
STRATFORD BRIDGE STREET	....	....	1550	1825

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	NS		S	
STRATFORD BRIDGE STREET	0615	0910	....	.... 1555
Stratford Wood Street	0617	0912	....	.... 1557
Alderminster Church	0627	0922	....	.... 1607
Newbold on Stour Church	0630	0925	....	SF 1610
Halford Inn ....	0930	1135	1335	....
Tredington White Lion	0634	0934	1139	1339 1614
Shipston, Pettiphers Garage	0643	1148	1348	1623
Upper Brailes, The Gate	0652	0952	1157	1357 1632
Lower Brailes, The Park	0655	0955	1200	1400 1635
Sibford Gower Primary School	0702	1002	1207	1407 1642
Sibford Ferris School	0705	1005	1210	1410 1645
Swalcliffe Church	0709	1009	1214	1414 1649
Upper Tadmarton	0712	1012	1217	1417 1652
Lower Tadmarton	0715	1015	1220	1420 1655
Broughton	0719	1019	1224	1424 1659
Banbury Cross	0723	1023	1228	1428 1703
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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## NOVEMBER

- 5th Bonfire Night - Primary School: 5pm
- 7th Sibford Walkers - Village Hall: 10am
- 12th Quiz Night - Village Hall
- 14th Sibford Ferris PC -
- 17th Sibfords Society - "The Water Gypsy": - Village Hall: 7.45pm
- 21st Sibford Walkers - Village Hall: 10am
- 24th Sibford Endowed Primary Christmas Fayre - Village Hall: 3pm
- 24th Film Night - "Spotlight" - Village Hall: 7pm
- 26th Holy Trinity Christmas Bazaar - Village Hall: 3pm
- 26th Quiz and Curry Night - Village Hall: 7.30pm

## NOVEMBER BIN COLLECTIONS

- Green Wednesday: 2nd; 16th.30th
- Blue/Brown Wednesday: 9th; 23rd

Unwanted clothing and shoes may be recycled anytime at the Textiles/ Recycling Bank at Sibford School Swimming Pool. Bottle banks at Sibford Ferris: Elm crossroads and Sibford Gower: Wykham Arms car park.

## DECEMBER (PART)

- 2nd Sibford School Christmas Fayre. 2pm ~ 5.30pm. Entrance £2 including a free hot drink and a mince pie

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