

# SIBFORD SCENE

July/August 2017

No 394



Village Cricket Team - photo by David Spackman

ORCHARD SUMMER FESTIVAL

2nd July - Primary School - 2pm

HORTI TRIP TO MORVILLE HALL

6th July - Village Hall Car Park - 1030am

FILM NIGHT - 'HUNT FOR THE VILLAGE PEOPLE'

26th July - Village Hall - 730pm

PICNIC & JAZZ

12th August - Village Hall - 6pm

DOG WALKERS BREAKFAST

20th August - Village Hall - 9pm

HORTI CLUB SUMMER SHOW

26th August - Village Hall - 2pm



## ED'S THOUGHTS

Too much politics, but here's Summer! Lots of things going on in the Sibfords - The Orchard Summer Festival; Horti trip to Morville Hall; Sibfords Society trip to the Oxford Soldiers Museum; Picnic & Jazz at the Village Hall and the Horti Summer Show, to name a few. And don't forget to watch the cricket!

I've noticed quite a few new residents in the village - please introduce yourselves to either Nic Durrant or Ivor Hopkyns (see page 23 for details)

Thought for the month:

"Summertime....and the living is easy"

George Gershwin

## LETTERS AND NOTICES

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## LETTERS AND NOTICES

**Congratulations to Sibford Gower Postie Steve Hollingworth for taking part in popular BBC quiz show 'Pointless' and winning the trophy.**

Steve, who took part with his partner Andrew, says he was really pleased just to get on the show and never expected to come home with the trophy:

"I really enjoyed the experience, we spent two days at Elstree Studios, staying overnight in a nice hotel, it was really memorable. I've had to keep it to myself for over a year as it was filmed in May last year.

"I found it more nerve-wracking watching myself on TV than I did actually filming. Everyone was really friendly on the set and we got the trophy so it was a great end to the day."



Steve who lives in Banbury is a fan of the programme which was first broadcast eight years ago in which contestants aim to find as many 'pointless' answers to general knowledge questions as possible to increase the jackpot cash prize.

### **Ladies Lunch**

An afternoon to remember .....

Amazing! £2000 for Alzheimer's Research from the Ladies' Lunch. That's 100 extra hours of research into this horrible illness.

Thank you so much for all support received in so many ways.

*Jean Scouse, Sue Lovatt and team*

A bouquet of flowers, a string of pearls and a Ladies Lunch of generous women.

June 16th had the village hall packed with 70 ladies lunching, for a great cause!

It has been a while since I have in the hall but wow the renovations are fabulous. A wonderful venue for any event. Well done VH Committee!

*Lucie White (once resident of Sibford Gower)*

# LETTERS AND NOTICES

I would like to thank the following people who gave up their time to give the entrance and toilets of the Village Hall a 'makeover'.

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*Nigel's Painting Class*



*Ladies Lunch*

Keith organised the working party with his usual expertise and enthusiasm and we all benefit from their efforts.

A very big 'THANK YOU'

*Joan Broady, Chair Sibford Village Hall*

# MICK CANNING

**A few things you might not know about Mick Canning, and some you might.**

**A little family background** - Going back to Mick's grandfather, he was a blacksmith for Lord Camperdown at Weston Park, near Shipston-on-Stour and his grandmother worked for Lord Camperdown's sister, who also lived at Weston Park. At the same time Joe, Mick's father worked as Pantry boy, after leaving school, and hated it. He really didn't like being told what to do. So he left and joined the army and went overseas! When Lord Camperdown died the whole family moved to the Old Malt house in Sibford Ferris. Joe enjoyed singing and when he returned home from leave joined the Sibford Choral Society. This is where Joe met my father's sister Minnie and they eventually got married.

Jose was born in 1930 and Mick in 1933 (I think). The family had a few cows and they did the milk round. The cows in those days were characteristically difficult, so Joe's army language got an airing on many an occasion. It was thought that this is where Mick learnt his own rich vocabulary.

Aunt Min took in lodgers from the Friends School and parents at half-term. When the war broke out many refugees came to Sibford, many from Austria. Also evacuees from London. Aunt Min had one Austrian boy 'Danny' who was about the same age as Jose and he was treated like one of the family. When he finally left, he worked on a farm locally and met a land army girl at the hostel in Swalcliffe. She had originally come from Manchester, so they moved back there and got married. Danny joined the fire brigade. He was very good at languages at school and when a job at the fire college in Moreton-in-the-Marsh came up, Danny came down to help teach the foreign students. Danny and his new family were frequent visitors to Mick and Jose.

*continued....*

Jose was also good at school and A.J. the headmaster at the Friends school at the time, wanted her to go onto a higher Quaker school when she had finished at Sibford. Joe, her father said 'NO – you must stay at home and help your mother.' (Perhaps he was just trying to protect her?)

**Football** - Mick on the other hand was MAD on football and cricket. He was quite a good footballer and played for the Sibford village team. They got to the final of the Tysoe village cup one year and finished runners up to Hornton 2-1. When Mick finished playing football he wanted to be a football management. So he set up a Sunday morning team of young lads. He soon discovered the Saturday night beer was more important and they struggled to sober up for the Sunday matches. In Mike's more restrained turn of phrase; 'They couldn't kick the skin off a rice pudding!' It was then he set up 'Sibford Athletic'. At that time many of the local village teams were struggling and the really good, keen players could see Mick was serious and they could have an opportunity to play on a well maintained pitch – Mick had some very good helpers. The players came from villages all around Banbury. Each year they made progress and finally won the 'Sam Waters Cup'. This was their and Mick's highlight that they never forgot.

**Cricket - Mike's passion.** - He played well at school and joined the Banbury Twenty club. They were known for having a good wicket and keen players. Sibford had a great village team in those days! And won the local Banbury cup on many occasions. They were lucky to have some really talented players. Unfortunately Mike didn't like the pitches – for good reason; if the ball hit a bit of sheep muck, it went under the bat like a bullet, if it hit an ant bank, it flew over your head. He made 1,000 runs many years. I think the records have long gone up in flames but maybe someone has a copy somewhere? Mike had a trial for Oxfordshire and played very well. Unfortunately he was discouraged by Joe, his father to go again.

Mike got the 'Sam Waters Cup' and thousands of runs at the Twenty Club.

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## NATURE NOTES

A few people have mentioned seeing Cockchafer (Maybugs) during May and we have certainly had plenty in the moth trap. The larvae of this impressive beetle live underground and feed on plant roots for three years before pupating and later emerging as adults which live for up to six weeks. They were at one time a very serious agricultural pest but were almost exterminated in some areas by the widespread use of pesticides. Generally populations have recovered since the 1980s when pesticide use became more carefully regulated. In 1320 cockchafers were taken to court in Avignon where they were ordered to leave town and relocate to a specially designated area. All cockchafers who failed to comply were collected and killed. Both adults and grubs have been considered a delicacy and are still eaten in some countries. A 19th century recipe from France for cockchafer soup reads: "roast one pound of cockchafers without wings and legs in sizzling butter, then cook them in a chicken soup, add some veal liver and serve with chives on toast". The cockchafer is sometimes known as the doodlebug. Because of the buzz of its flight, this nickname was used for Germany's V-1 flying bomb in World War II.

The following headline appeared in the Daily Star in June 2016.

"Brits living in fear as giant 'cockchafer' beetles set to terrorise homes THIS SUMMER"

I think we all survived. The beetles are harmless.

Caroline Long reported seeing a Hummingbird Hawk-moth in her garden. This species migrates to Britain from Southern Europe and North Africa, as does the Painted Lady butterfly. Numbers of both species fluctuate massively from year to year and the charity Butterfly Conservation welcomes records. I saw my first Painted Lady of the year in Sibford on 31<sup>st</sup> May.

Another interesting moth sighting was a Scarlet Tiger found by Bill Crabtree on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. This is a colourful moth that may be increasing as a result of climate change.

I saw a Spotted Flycatcher (another Summer visitor) in Holly Tree Field on 9<sup>th</sup> June.

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Andy and Gill Newbold.



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## DID YOU KNOW?

### Belgian Refugees in Sibford during the First World War

Following the invasion of Belgium by German troops in October 1914 news of the devastation that was being imposed on the people of Antwerp must have reached the people of Sibford because on 28 October 1914 a Public Meeting was held in the Village School Room. At that meeting it was 'unanimously agreed to take a cottage with a view to entertaining a Belgian Family of Refugees for as long as seems necessary.'

The Meeting appointed a committee, to be known as the Sibford Belgian Refugee Committee (SBRC). They set up regular collections and Sibford villagers responded positively with donations of between one and three pence every week. Some work was undertaken to prepare a cottage for a Belgian family and £2 was spent on furniture. On Wednesday 16 December 1914, eight refugees arrived in Sibford.

The names of the refugees who resided at Burdrop in the cottage by the Bishop Blaze (now demolished) were Monsieur and Madame de Vries and their two sons and Monsieur and Madame Poppe and their two young sons. M. De Vries and M. Poppe were cousins and both were diamond cutters and polishers and M. de Vries also had a large cafe in Antwerp.



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# VILLAGE PEOPLE

*This month, It's our very own Diana Hughes.....*

## **What do you do?**

I am a retired teacher ; I worked for quite a while helping to teach colloquial German to the British forces and their wives in Germany and English to Germans; altogether I lived over 20 years in Germany.

## **How long have you lived here?**

David and I came to Sibford 25 years ago, and it wasn't until I retired from Tudor Hall in 2011 that I became quite involved with various committees in the village, which keep me very busy. Since we lost David to cancer in 2015 it has been a struggle to come to terms with life without him, but I am happy to stay in Sibford because I have always felt the special kindness and warmth of people here.



## **Hobbies?**

I have always been mad about tennis but had to give it up due to health reasons so now I like to walk a lot, especially in the Cotswolds. I am a closet pianist, and I enjoy singing with the Banbury Choral Society and the Benefice Choir. I have a huge 'to do' list at all times. Looking for speakers and arranging events for the Sibfords Historical Society has been interesting, and I am keen to see this develop into a group which attracts new members, whilst being aware that the essence of the Society must not change i.e. members are clear that they want it to mainly concentrate on local history, with a few escapades into the wider world! My latest occupation is being a steward and guide for Germans at Broughton Castle; I have huge admiration for the amount of knowledge the stewards there have, and it is quite a daunting prospect, learning it all. I love being in those calm, beautiful surroundings.

## **What really gets you going?**

I am very much involved with the Tibet Society. I have held , with the help of David and dear friends and family, various events in this area to raise awareness of the plight of the Tibetans, both those who have to get on with living under the Chinese in Tibet and those who are living in exile. It is always richly rewarding being together with the Tibetan Community.



## VILLAGE PEOPLE (cont'd)

I have visited Tibet, Bhutan and Sikkim and parts of India, indeed almost everywhere my father visited or stayed, as Civil Surgeon in these places in the early 1940s when the Dalai Lama was discovered and 'installed'. Now, with so many other momentous events occurring, the Tibetans must not be forgotten.

The other thing which is moving me to take action is Brexit, in my (and that of 48% and rising!) opinion a disastrous, totally self-harming decision and I have joined the Lib Dems and have been helping the campaign prior to the Election. This is a whole new world, stuffing, and addressing envelopes, and even canvassing, in Oxford.

Sometimes the poor garden gets a look in, but not often enough!

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4-6 chicken joints (thigh, breast, leg – whatever your preference)

8 Weetabix biscuits or similar shop own brand

1 teaspoon fresh or dried thyme

50g butter or vegetable spread

Tablespoon plain flour

Pinch of salt & pepper



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Heat oven to 180 C, Gas Mark 4

Sprinkle the chicken joints with plain flour so they are lightly coated (this helps the crumbs to stick)

In a freezer or plastic bag, bash up the Weetabix biscuits until they are crumbs

Add the thyme to the crumbs and a little salt & pepper

Melt the butter/vegetable spread

Dip each chicken joint into the melted butter, then drop each piece into the freezer bag\* and shake well to coat

Repeat this with each chicken joint

Place all the chicken in a single layer in a roasting tin and pour any remaining crumbs over the chicken

Roast for 25-30 minutes, or until the chicken pieces are cooked through. (The sticky crumbs in the roasting tin are best bit) ...

Delicious with savoury rice and salad.

\*you don't have to use a freezer bag, you can just dip the chicken into the crumbs in a bowl; this is just less messy!

Great with Pomegranate seeds! (Ed)

Caroline Seely



## SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

### Forthcoming Walks:

3 July; 24 July (please note, 3-week gap); 7 August; 4 September; 18 September

Leaving the village hall on foot or by car at 10.00 am sharp to do a circuit of approximately 2 hours' duration. Dogs welcome provided they are put on leads when requested. Walking boots and poles recommended but not compulsory. (Some routes include stiles). All welcome. Enquiries to Sue Bannister T: 780365 or E: [sebannister@gmail.com](mailto:sebannister@gmail.com)

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One of 40 museums in the county, the Oxfordshire Museum is situated in a beautiful 18<sup>th</sup> Century house in Woodstock. On May 18<sup>th</sup> Stephen Barker came to talk to us about the 'Exhibition of 50 Objects', which was held last year to celebrate the half century since the opening of the museum. The objects, which were donated to the Standlake Museum Resource Centre. were provided by different Oxfordshire groups, and Stephen presented 15 of them to us on screen. There was a telephone switchboard, provided by the Witney Stroke Group, and from the Woodstock Primary School a Clock Gun to scare birds away, dating 1900 – 1930. The Spencer Court Care Home lent a dress uniform of the Oxfordshire yeomanry (1911- 1916), and there were many other items of interest. The objects were so diverse; they took our minds all over the place, and triggered a lot of interaction from the audience, with people adding their personal memories to the talk.

Surely the most powerful object was the teddy bear from Uwe Kitzinger, who as a child refugee from Germany left his treasured bear for the son of the family who helped him to escape in 1939. After an illustrious career as an economist, including serving in Brussels as Political Advisor to the first British Vice President of the European Commission, Kitzinger, now 88, is an Emeritus Fellow of Nuffield College. He never lost touch with the family, and the bear which has been kept safe in Heidelberg all these years, was loaned to the Museum for the exhibition. What a touching symbol for us to reflect on, particularly at this time of extreme controversy over refugees, especially the children.

On July 20<sup>th</sup> we are visiting the SOFO Museum, which is in the grounds of the Oxfordshire Museum, so there will be time to visit the latter to see if we can find some of the objects. The teddy is sadly, for us anyway, back in Heidelberg. Please inform us if you have not already done so, if you would like to come. Tel Diana: 780506. Non-members very welcome. There is a menu for you to select your meal from for the pub supper afterwards.

Our Meeting in the Hall on Aug 1<sup>st</sup> is a magic show ( Mr David Gardiner and associate) The Trip for this month will be discussed at the hall meeting.

*Diana Hughes*



## **BALL AND AUCTION RAISE FUNDS FOR HOMELESS CHARITY**

A glittering ball and auction, organised by parents at Sibford School, has raised more than £8,800 for local charity BYHP ... Banbury Young Homelessness Project.

More than 200 people, including BYHP CEO Tim Tarby-Donald and Administrator and Volunteer Co-ordinator Ginette Wheeldon, attended the 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' themed ball, which was held in a marquee in the school grounds.

Auctioneer for the night was Sibford Head, Toby Spence, and items that came under the hammer included a week in a ski chalet; a chance to watch a Wasps Home game in the Director's Box at the Ricoh Arena and a five-night stay in the Tambopata National Reserve in Peru.

Speaking after the event Tim Tarby-Donald said: "We all thoroughly enjoyed such a brilliant evening. Everyone was so generous – we are very lucky to have the support of Sibford School. This donation will make a real difference to the young people we support."



*Tim Tarby-Donald and Ginette Wheeldon with Sibford Head Toby Spence and his wife Jill.*

## **FUN IN THE COUNTRY**

Sibford's Fun in the Country holiday club will be taking place from 24 July ~ 18 August (week days only). The club is open to all children and activities will include swimming, team games, arts and crafts, sport, outdoor play, and much, much more. Cost is £28 per day. To book a place call Elspeth Dyer on 01295 781203.

The Summer Term at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School has been as busy as any other at our wonderful school. Learning has a distinctly summery feel, with an even greater proportion of time spent outdoors as pupils pull on their wellies to take part in Forest School activities in all areas of our beautiful grounds.

In mid-June, pupils from all classes took part in Den Day, constructing dens out of all sorts of materials, indoors and out, whilst raising money for Save the Children. This was great fun and an excellent opportunity for the children to develop their skills of collaboration and negotiation.

As I write, rehearsals for the KS2 end of year production are well underway, for what promises to be a very entertaining show. Once again, Sibford Village Hall Committee have allowed us to use the hall for the performance and the marvellous Keith Hicks is assisting with lighting and stage production. It is always a pleasure to recognise the links between our school community and the wider local community.

Sports Day is still to come and the children have been taking part in a number of inter-school sporting events, including Kwik Cricket





# SIBFORD GOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Once again, we have managed to squeeze in some mixed-age group learning projects. New School children got together for an Art & Maths project exploring symmetry which resulted in some very beautiful butterfly 'suncatchers', while the older children developing their problem-solving skills as they took part in the 'Squashed Tomato Challenge'. You can find out more about both of these projects (and other school news) by looking at the newsletters on the News and Information page of our school website at [sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk](http://sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk) .

Although we always say good-bye to our Year 6 leavers with some sadness, we are all looking forward to the Autumn Term when we welcome our new Little Acorns and some new staff members too.

We hope you all have a wonderful summer!



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# VILLAGE HALL NEWS

## **JAZZ AND PICNIC ON THE FIELD**

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## **DOG WALKERS BREAKFAST**

We are putting on our popular doggie friendly event again on August 20th, Sunday. A suggested route for Dogs and their pets will finish at the Village Hall for a well earned breakfast. Timings and costs to be arranged yet so watch the Village Hall website and notice boards for information.

## **VILLAGE FAYRE and CHILDREN`S SPORTS**

To be held on September 9th starting at 2pm. A variety of stalls and games with refreshments available.

## **BRIDGE DRIVE**

This is planned for October 7th starting at 2pm. Doors open at 1.30pm. Teas included. The profits from this event will be shared between The Village Hall and Alzheimers Research.

## **QUIZ NIGHT**

Our usual format of devious questions and hot supper and bar will be held on November 11th. That evening is going to be celebratory as it will be almost 60years to the day that the Village Hall was opened!

## **CEILIDH**

Planned for December 9th. watch the website and Sibford Scene for more info.

## **FILM NIGHTS**

July "Hunt for the Wilder People" a story of a missing boy and his adoptive dad. Adventure and heart warming action.

August "La La Land" Award winning film.

Doors open at 7pm .Film starts at 7.30pm. Entry £2 per adult, £1 for students. Feel free to bring your own wine. Hot/cold drinks available.

## **BOOKING THE HALL**

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## **GOAL POSTS**

Well done to Juliette and her team for purchasing and erecting the super new goal posts. They are being well used already! Please make your children aware of safety if they playing on the field.



## NEWS FROM KATHERINE HOUSE

### **FESTIVAL OF OPEN GARDENS – MAY - SEPTEMBER 2017**

Our Festival of Open Gardens is back this summer with over 30 gardens open. This year we also have some fantastic garden talks from renowned local gardeners, as well as a flower festival, not to mention teas and home-made cakes at many of the gardens. More information at [www.khh.org.uk/gardens](http://www.khh.org.uk/gardens), or call us on 01295 816 484.

Remember you can keep up to date with all our events and everything that's happening at the Hospice, as well as buy tickets to our events and donate to Katharine House by visiting our website: [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk)

Festival of Open Gardens Dates:

2 July - Bledington

6 August - Heyford Park

5, 7 & 9 September - Broughton Grange

17 September – Bloxham

### **CAN YOU VOLUNTEER FOR KATHARINE HOUSE?**

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For more information please contact Joanna Morris, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 01295 811866 email [volunteering@khh.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@khh.org.uk), or visit [www.khh.org.uk/volunteering](http://www.khh.org.uk/volunteering)

## FIVE MINUTES WITH.....

Here's Sue Lovatt from the Gower.....

### **Why Sibford?**

We moved to Sibford almost 17 years ago after instantly falling in love with our cottage, the garden, the views and land. Moving to Sibford was like coming back home as we spent a great deal of our youth at the local Young Farmers Club. We were fortunate to already know many locals living in Sibford and surrounding villages, indeed there are connections in the village whom I went to school with aged 5!

### **Earliest memory**

Only a few weeks after we moved into the cottage there was some unusually large seismic activity across the UK at night – we were woken to feel the entire cottage shifting around us and our bed moved away from the wall not to mention the loud noise (we thought an aircraft was landing in the field)! Not knowing that this had happened across a radius of hundreds of miles, my husband and I looked at each other in panic thinking we had bought a cottage that was



about to fall down about our ears! Our relief upon reading the papers the following morning was immense – an earthquake !

### **Tell us something surprising about yourself**

Flower arranging! I love it – the smells, the textures, the finished products. I have done several wedding, funerals and christenings (including my youngest daughter's wedding with the help of two friends, both also called Sue!) and I also take a monthly flower class with about ten keen flower arrangers. I'm always willing to be called upon for advice or to create something special for somebody. There is so much fun and satisfaction to be had from arranging, not to mention the therapeutic benefits of actually doing it. Aside from flower arranging I'm a slow cooker addict – I make everything in one of my many slow cookers including chutney, bread and cakes!

## FIVE MINUTES WITH.....

*continued.....*

### **What do you like about Sibford and what would you change?**

Sibford is a beautiful unspoilt conurbation, the countryside is exceptionally stunning and largely unchanged in recent years. It's popularity with horse riders and walkers suited our needs immediately and we used to joke there were more horses than people in Sibford! We can almost go out of the door straight onto bridleways and footpaths which criss cross enabling long meandering rides and walks in amazing countryside.

We love living in Sibford, the community is close knit and supportive, the air is fresh and clean and there is an exceptional bus service between Stratford upon Avon and Banbury picking up at Sibford, not many villages can lay claim to such a facility and I for one take great pleasure in using this asset to travel, thus saving emissions into the atmosphere and fuel costs.

The only thing we would change is the speed traffic travels along the Colony, it is positively dangerous and needs monitoring and resolving before a life is lost.

## WELCOME TO SIBFORD

*If you are new to the Sibfords and would like a 'Welcome to Sibford' booklet, providing details of village services and activities, please call Ivor Hopkyns on T: 788367 (Gower & Burdrop) or Nic Durrant T: 788865 (Ferris). And don't forget that we are lucky enough to have a really great village website too at: [thesibfords.org.uk](http://thesibfords.org.uk)*



## SIBFORD HORTI SOCIETY

Our June meeting saw a small select group visit two gardens on a lovely sunny evening. The first was a newly designed garden with an amazing vegetable/fruit area, formal terrace, walled herbaceous area and a secluded walled garden, complete with swimming pool that we looked down into. That was a real hot spot.

The second was an established large garden that was full of wonderful shrubs, trees, herbaceous, with lovely views across the surrounding farmland. It was the perfect place to wander and admire the years of hard work and vision.

It was a perfect evening finishing with refreshments in the conservatory.

Our August event is the show on the 26th, 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm at the Village Hall. Booking in is on Wednesday 23rd August, 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm. ( Small Hall ) There should be a schedule with your Sibford Scene. If not ring Gil Soden (780543 ) or Helen Lamb ( 780380) for one.

Hopefully the Hall will be bursting with flowers, arrangements, preserves, fruit and vegetables.

Do find something you can enter or come along to admire and partake in tea and cake!

### In Your Garden - July

This is a particularly busy month in the garden - no slacking. You may have to water greenhouse and borders almost every evening, if it hots up, and with luck, you will have plenty of delicious fruit and veg to pick as well - beans, lettuces, baby courgettes, new potatoes, gooseberries, tomatoes, peppers etc. Be a glutton, and enjoy them all.

1. Cut back growth in hanging baskets, then feed well.
2. Cut back hardy geraniums and delphiniums when they have finished flowering, to encourage new growth.
3. Prune whippy sideshoots off wisteria.
4. Keep dead-heading the roses (unless you are keeping some for hips)



## In Your Garden - July (cont'd)

5. Cuttings can still be taken from shrubs and herbaceous perennials.
6. Nip off the growing tips of courgettes to encourage branching, and pinch out side shoots on tomatoes each week, and then feed with tomato fertiliser.
7. Watch out for slugs damaging your lettuces and vegetables
8. If hollyhocks get rust, cut off the affected leaves.
9. Prune plum, apricot, peach and cherry trees to reduce the risk of these trees getting silver leaf.
10. Keep picking sweet peas, and water well, and they will keep going.
11. Watch out for white fly in the greenhouse, and spray under the leaves where they hide. I hang yellow sticky tapes from the roof, to catch flying pests, but hang them as high as possible, or like me - you may get your hair caught in it. Ow.
12. Keep mowing the lawns, and the garden always look neater if you cut the edges too.
13. Grass trimmings can be piled around raspberry plants to help them retain moisture. Water the plants well first.
14. Make sure taller plants, like dahlias, have a firm bamboo support. Winds can snap them off.

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## LOCAL NEWS

### Tap your toes with 1920s jazz at Upton House

Andy Kirkland and the Swinging Bass Band will be joining us again this summer for our annual Jazz party on the lawn. Celebrate the tunes and delights of the 1920s with us on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July; it's a great evening for all the family.



Tap your toes along with some 1920s jazz in the open air on the lawn of Upton House. Be entertained by our experienced musicians, and maybe even join a short jazz taster class with our 1920s dance teachers. Bring a picnic, treat yourself to a drink from the bar and relax on the grass on a lovely summer evening.

The gardens will be open from 6pm for picnics and garden strolls so arrive in good time and settle in for a lovely evening. The event runs from 7-9.30pm.

Tickets are £15 for adults or £7.50 for children if booked in advance. If bought on the door adult tickets are £17.50. Booking is advisable. There is also a special offer on groups: buy 10 tickets for the price of 9.

Haidee Williams, Visitor Services Manager, said "The summer jazz event is always an event to remember, this year sees the return of The Swinging Bass Band; ever popular with our visitors and we can't wait to strike up the tunes and get dancing!"

## LOCAL MARKETS

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

**Chipping Norton** - Every Wednesday

**Chipping Norton Farmers** - 3rd Saturday of the month

**Deddington Farmers** - 4th Saturday of the month

**Great Rollright** - 1st Saturday of the month



# FRIENDSHIP CLUB

In May the Club recorded the passing of our Member Eveline Phillips.....She had been a member for quite a few years

A great help when it came to our tea parties and always ready to help with the washing up. Members attended her funeral . The Club extend our condolences to the family.

On Aug 1 we welcome David Gardiner who will amaze us with some magic.  
The trip on Aug 22 had yet to be finalised Eveline Boughton

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## CHURCH SERVICES

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

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHATTER

**We are having trouble with wind again!** Last time it took out the clock, this time it has brought down one of the leaded lights in the gallery – we have fresh air a-plenty! And speaking of the clock.....it has gone on strike, or rather off strike, so we await a visit from Smith of Derby to rectify things.

It was a treat to show the Beavers round the church during June. How many Beavers can you get into the pulpit at once? Thirteen! Please be patient and tolerant in the grave-yard; the grass cutters do a grand job but they do not have the time to clear cuttings off every grave stone - maybe you can tend your loved ones' graves yourself? And sometimes we still find a wayward lamb munching on flowers or plants; we all do our best to keep them the other side of the fence.....so please be understanding.

Services during July

2nd      10am Benefice Communion at Shutford.    Ronald

9th      8am BCP Holy Communion.    Ronald

11am Methodist Service

16th    9.30am Holy Communion.    Liz

23rd    9.30am Holy Communion.    Ronald

30th    9.30am Holy Communion.    John





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**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

# NEIGHBOURHOOD

## WATCH

**Police Phone No. 101. Emergencies 999 Crimestoppers No. 0800 555111. Trading Standards No. 0845 0510845.**

### **July/August 2017**

The 'Nottingham Knockers' are back. ( No boys, nothing to do with page 3). They may appear at your door with expensive cleaning materials and a v. plausible story.

PCSO Claire Brennan's advice is unambiguous;

Do not engage with them

Do not open your door to them

Dial 101 at any time with as full a description as poss.

#### By popular demand and as a final curtain call:

Standing in the witness box I was satisfied the evidence bags full of magazines were able to meet the criteria, "likely to deprave or corrupt". The Bench were examining a few selected items and all was well until the new young magistrate went off script. "Officer, do you have anything else?" As I replied I knew it was the wrong thing to say, but too late. "Plenty, sir. Do you have a preference?" The atmosphere changed in a moment. I had embarrassed one magistrate, his colleague could hardly contain his mirth, and throughout the full court, sniggers could be heard. The Chair had a face like thunder and she icily restored order with the words, "Officer, we have seen quite enough".

*Peter Hine 01295 788830*

### **ADULT ARTS HUB - SIBFORD SCHOOL**

If you fancy taking up a new hobby, or revisiting an old one, registration is now open for the Autumn term of Sibford School's Adult Arts Hub. Painting & Drawing classes, which including some life drawing, take place on Mondays between 7pm and 9pm. Pottery classes run between 6.30pm and 8.30pm on Tuesdays and include hand-building techniques, slab building, throwing on the wheel and decorating with coloured slips. Textiles classes run between 7pm and 9pm on Thursdays and will include exploring appliqué and patchwork. Basic fabric and haberdashery will be provided to get you started.

All classes cost £10 per session and will start the week commencing Monday 11 September 2017. New members are welcome. For further details or to register contact the school's community development officer, Ali Bromhall, on 01295 781216 or email [abromhall@sibfordschool.co.uk](mailto:abromhall@sibfordschool.co.uk).

# SIBFORD BUS SERVICE

## Johnsons Bus Timetable - 3A

Mondays to Saturdays (No services on Sundays or public holidays)

Johnsons Coach & Bus Travel now operate a reduced bus service between Banbury and Stratford upon Avon via the Sibfords, from Mondays to Saturdays. Bus journey times are shown below. **If in doubt, call Johnsons on T: 01564 797070** or check the website: [www.johnsonskoaches.co.uk/bus-services.html](http://www.johnsonskoaches.co.uk/bus-services.html)

### Bus 3 Banbury & Shipston to Stratford

	NS	H	SO
BANBURY BUS STATION	1040	1240	1435 1725
Lower Tadmarton	1053	1253	1448 1738
Sibford Ferris School	1103	1303	1458 1749
Lower Brailes, The Park	1116	1316	1511 1805
Shipston, Pettiphers Garage	...	...	1521 1815
Shipston, opp Pettiphers Garage	1128	1328	... ..
Shipston Tilemans Lane	(1125)	(1325)	1524 ...
Clifford Chambers, New Inn	...	...	... 1823
Newbold on Stour	...	...	1533 ...
Stratford, Bridge Street	...	...	1551 1838
Stratford, Wood Street	...	...	1553 1840

### Bus 3 Stratford to Banbury & Shipston

	SO			
Stratford, Wood Street	0615	0905	... ..	1605
Stratford, Bridge Street	0617	0907	... ..	1607
Newbold on Stour	0631	0922	... ..	1622
Clifford Chambers, New Inn	...	...	... ..	...
Shipston Tilemans Lane	...	0937	1125 1325	...
Shipston, opp Pettiphers Garage	0640	0940	1138 1338	1630
Lower Brailes, The Park	0650	0950	1148 1348	1640
Sibford Ferris School	0702	1002	1200 1400	1652
Lower Tadmarton	0712	1012	1210 1410	1702
Banbury Bus Station	0725	1025	1223 1423	1715

**NS** - NOT SATURDAY; **SO** - SATURDAY ONLY; **H** - via HALFORD

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JULY

- 1st Summer Workshops - Old Mission Hall - 1-4pm
- 2nd Orchard Summer Festival - Primary School - 2pm
- 2nd Bert Gilbert Memorial cricket match - Sibford School - 2pm
- 3rd Sibford Ferris PC Meeting - Sibford School - 745pm
- 6th Horti trip to Morville Hall - Village Hall car park - 1030am
- 20th Woodstock afternoon visit with the Sibfords Society
- 26th Film night: "Hunt for the Village People" - Village Hall - 730pm

### AUGUST

- 4th - 6th BRC Horse Trials Championships - Swalcliffe Grange
- 12th Picnic & Jazz - Village Hall - 6pm
- 20th Dog Walkers Breakfast - Village Hall - 9pm
- 26th Horti Club Summer Show - Village Hall - 2pm
- 11th Sept** - SGPC Meeting - Primary School

### JULY/AUGUST BIN COLLECTIONS

Green Wednesday: 12th; 26th; 9th; 23rd  
Blue/Brown Wednesday: 5th; 19th; 2nd; 16th; 30th

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.

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