

# SIBFORD SCENE

September 2017

No 395



*Poppy Grown at Vine Cottage, Photographed by Brigette Boyd*

## RIDE AND STRIDE

9th September - Holy Trinity Church - All Day

## VILLAGE FAYRE

9th September - Village Hall - 2pm

## FILM NIGHT

"Manchester by the Sea"

27th September - Village Hall - 7:30pm

## SIBFORD ART EXHIBITION

30th September - Village Hall - 9am



**Victoria Prentis MP** ✓  
@VictoriaPrentis

Follow

I was thrilled to attend the opening of the refurbished Sibford Village Hall this morning. Well done everyone - it looked great!



8:19 am - 30 Jun 2017

*See article on page 8*



## ED'S THOUGHTS

Couple of things to look out for this month: Plan for 30 homes to be built on the HN road opposite the school (page 6) and an appeal for a proposed phone mast (page 26)

Thought for the month:

*"Life doesn't come with a warranty"*

*Jimmy Webb*

## LETTERS AND NOTICES

### **Personal trainer required.**

For ageing circumferentially challenged Professor to help him get over the ingrained view about exercise (also held by Oscar Wilde) that 'one should lie down until the feeling wears off'.

*Applications by email to the editor*

**Thank you** to whoever made and hung the new gate on the footpath from Backside Lane to the Old Post Office. I, for one, appreciate it very much.

*Kathleen Winter*

### **SIBFORD PLAYERS PRESENTS...**

The Sibford Players are putting on another production in February. Let's hope nothing goes wrong this time....!

If you fancy having a go at treading the boards the first meeting will be on Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

There are lots of other ways to get involved other than acting so do come along and see what's on offer!

Any queries to Juliette at [juliette53@btinternet.com](mailto:juliette53@btinternet.com) or 01295 788 650

**Sibford gardens open for NGS:** On Sunday 25 June five gardens in the Sibfords opened to raise money for the NGS charities and raised **£1696.00**.

I would like to thank all our visitors for coming and for being so encouraging and enthusiastic, our garden owners for their year-long efforts to get their gardens looking as beautiful as possible on the day and all our helpers for their sterling efforts on ticket selling, plant stalls, putting up signs and suchlike.

Gil Soden and her team provided wonderful teas at the village hall and raised a goodly sum for the church.

*Sue Bannister*

### **CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY**

We are delighted to announce we raised £758.39 from CMS Boxes and generous donations which will aid Beom-Jin and Marie-Laure Shin in their missionary work in Burma.

Many thanks to all who supported this worthy cause.

*Judy Abbott*

# LETTERS AND NOTICES

**Holy Trinity Church, Sibford**  
**Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust**  
**Sponsored Ride + Stride**  
**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Since the Trust was founded in 1964 as The Friends of Oxfordshire Churches several million pounds has been given in grants to churches of many denominations within the County. About half of this money has been raised by the annual Ride + Stride event.

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The Ride + Stride is also an effective way of raising funds for our church as 50% of the sponsorship money (excluding gift aid) comes straight back to the church if it is designated by the Riders and Striders.[]

The Parochial Church Council is very grateful to those who have taken part in the past and hopes that there will be a desire to take part this year. Information and sponsorship forms are available from Peter Hardman (Hon Secretary to Holy Trinity Church PCC) – Tel: 01295 780391 or Email: [hardman214@btinternet.com](mailto:hardman214@btinternet.com)

## **SIBFORD HAS A NEW LUNCH CLUB**

In the latest round of cuts, OCC has withdrawn funding from the Fielding Day Centre Ltd. This gives us a great opportunity to open the Lunch Club to many more Sibford residents. Under the new name of SIBFORD LUNCH CLUB and without the restrictions imposed by official funding we are able to offer excellent lunches to a much wider clientele.

If you are 65 or over and live in Sibford Gower, Sibford Ferris or Burdrop, and would like to meet other like-minded villagers for a friendly catch up on local news and gossip along with an excellent two-course hot meal with coffee or tea you will be made very welcome. We meet every Wednesday in the Village Hall, from 12.30pm. The charge is £4.00 payable at the lunch.

Please contact Keith Hicks 01295 780259 if you think you would like to join us.



## LETTERS AND NOTICES

### Calling all dog owners in the Sibfords

There has been a case of Canine Parvovirus in the Sibfords, which has sadly resulted in the death of a dog. The virus can be transmitted simply by a dog sniffing an infected poo or even the place where the poo was if it was picked up. Similarly, if you or your dog tread on an affected area, you then tread the virus into your home. It can then be left on the floor, dog bed, blankets etc. If your dog is suddenly lethargic, vomiting, has diarrhoea, passes blood in the faeces or will not eat his food then these are the first signs. Take to the vet immediately. It should be noted that it appears to be more prevalent in dogs younger than 2yrs old. This is a highly contagious disease and I would urge every dog owner to check if their dog has been vaccinated.

*Karen McAthur-White*

### The Sibford Flume and the village website

"The road into Sibford Gower has more to offer adrenaline junkies than a tight squeeze." Don't miss one American visitor's hilarious account of his near death experience crossing the Sib; visit <http://thesibfords.org.uk/flume> . While I have your attention, may I ask a favour? The village website is seven years old and showing its age. I'm planning a re-design and I'd really like some feedback on how you think it might be improved to serve our community better. What's missing? Would it help to have more interaction, perhaps a village Facebook page? What works well and must be kept in the re-design? Contact me via the website ( <http://thesibfords.org.uk/contact> ), email [contactus@thesibfords.org.uk](mailto:contactus@thesibfords.org.uk) , or phone 780 491.

*Tim Huckvale*



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## LAND & PARTNERS PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Plans for new housing, open space, allotments, community orchard and new convenient public footpath connection on **land west of Hook Norton Road, Sibford Ferris**

We will be holding a public exhibition and workshop session on **Wednesday 20th September 2017** between **16:00 and 19:00** at the Sibford Ferris Village Hall. All are invited and welcome.



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In addition, we propose an orchard, shared amenity space, allotments and improved footpath connections across the site to and from the village.



## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Many of you enjoyed the Jazz and Picnic evening recently ,although the usual British Summer weather [as always unpredictable ] meant that we had to adapt the venue slightly.Thank you for your support.

### **VILLAGE FAYRE**

Will be held on September 9th starting at 2pm. There will be games and competitions, refreshments ,raffle and cake stall. Entry 50p for all. The children`s entry ticket enables them to take part in the Sports Races, so bring your little ones and cheer them on. The Famous Egg Throwing contest will be the finale to the afternoon.

### **BRIDGE DRIVE**

This will be on October 7th .Doors open at 1-30pm for a prompt 2pm start.Tickets £8 will include Afternoon Tea. Contact Sally Hopkyns 01295 788367 /Joan Broady 01295 780410 /Frank Scouse 01295 780529 In aid of Sibford Village Hall Refurbishment Fund and Alzheimers Research.

### **FILM NIGHTS**

On September 27th we will show "Manchester by the Sea". A moving and beautiful film about coping with grief and loss. Lee Chandler [Casey Affleck] has to leave his job and return to his childhood home after the death of his brother Joe. He is shocked to learn that Joe has left his son Patrick in Lee`s care. They have to adjust to life without the man who bonded them together. Running time 137 mins. Doors open 7pm. Film starts 7-30pm. Entry £2 for adults ,£1 for students. Drinks available or feel free to bring your own wine.

### **HALL BOOKINGS.**

For information or to make a booking please contact Ginny via [thesibfords.org](http://thesibfords.org) website

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

#### **QUIZ NIGHT**

will be on November 11th. More details next month.

#### **CEILIDH**

on December 9th, again details to follow

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## **LOCAL MP RE-OPENS SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Sibford Village Hall was reopened by local MP Victoria Prentis on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June following a major £30,000 upgrade project.

Over the last 2 years, the Sibford Village Hall in North Oxfordshire has been transformed into a modern, low-carbon, community space through the installation of energy efficient windows and doors; new wall and roof insulation; and state-of-the-art, low energy LED lighting. The Hall acoustics have also been significantly improved, and will be further enhanced later this year with a new audio-visual system to support our hearing impaired users.

Joan Broady, Chair of the Sibford Village Hall Trust said, "Our community and private users are already benefiting from the improved comfort and appearance of our Hall, and visitors have been highly impressed by our facilities which now rival those of commercial venues. We are delighted that Victoria Prentis MP will be joining us to celebrate, and to help us thank the organisations and individuals who have made this transformation possible".

David Allen, Development Funding Manager for the Hall said, "Much of the funding for our £30,000 project has come from charitable grants and we are hugely grateful to the Big Lottery Fund, the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment, Grundon Ltd, the Midcounties Co-operative, the Doris Field Charitable Trust, the Town Estates Charity and our village Parish Councils for all their invaluable support".

Keith Hicks, Project Manager for the Hall development added, "Special thanks also go to our Sibford villagers, for attending and spending at our fundraising events, and for rolling their sleeves up to wield paint brushes and rollers when the time came for that all important decorating and finishing work. We are very proud of what our Community has achieved together, and we look forward to welcoming Victoria Prentis and special guests to share in our celebrations on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June".

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## NATURE NOTES

**17<sup>th</sup> June** Arnold and Ina Lamb caught a House Centipede in their bungalow. These originated in the Mediterranean region but have now spread throughout the World. They hunt at night and feed on other household invertebrates.

**23<sup>rd</sup> June** We held a very successful moth night for pupils, parents and staff at Sibford School. Peter and Lyn Newbold brought along a bat detector to add interest. This is a device that converts the bat's echolocation ultrasound signals to audible frequencies. Four different species of bat (Common Pipistrelle, Soprano Pipistrelle, Noctule and a Myotis species) were detected. They were catching insects over the Sibford School pond.

**12<sup>th</sup> July** We saw the first Hornets of the year. These impressive insects have an unwarranted reputation. They mainly eat insects although they will eat damaged or overripe fruit. They are very unlikely to sting humans.

A Kestrel has been seen frequently in Holly Tree field. When the field was cut it spent most of the day hovering over the field and diving down to catch prey disturbed by the mowing. Green Woodpeckers have also been very vocal around the field.

**25<sup>th</sup> July** After a long break Tawny Owls were heard calling again.

**27<sup>th</sup> July** A Lesser Stag Beetle was found in our garden.



By the second half of July there seemed to be a few more butterflies around than in recent years. Red Admirals seem to be the most abundant.

Kingfishers have been seen at Lamb's Pool and I have heard that a couple of the cygnets are doing well.

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*Andy and Gill Newbold.*



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# SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

## **Clerk to the Ferris**

Sibford Ferris Parish Council is looking for a new Parish Clerk, a part-time position averaging about 5 hours per week. The initial rate of pay is £9.75 per hour. The role is very suitable for someone who lives nearby with experience as a personal assistant, secretary, book-keeper or office manager. For more details see the job description on the parish council web page <http://thesibfords.org.uk/sfpc> or contact the current Clerk Anita Spencer on 01295 788 557, email [sfpc@thesibfords.org.uk](mailto:sfpc@thesibfords.org.uk). Closing date for applications is 14 September.

## **Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting**

There will be a meeting of the parish council on Thursday, 14 September at 7.45pm in the Sports Hall Classroom, Sibford School. The agenda will be put on the notice board and on the parish council page of the village website three working days before the meeting. All welcome.

**Transport within our Community** At a recent Parish Liaison meeting with Cherwell District Council, and in the light of reductions in transport services to rural communities in the last couple of years, it was suggested that Parish Councils try to identify any transport gaps within their community. Within Cherwell there are 3 community transport schemes in place, relevant for our community, that not all villagers may know about:

- Banbury District Dial-a-Ride (Tel. 01295 257715). To join this scheme there is an annual membership fee of £5. Members can then book individual journeys in advance by telephone.
- Volunteer Connect Car Scheme. (Tel. 0300 3030125) This service is run by Citizens Advice and is supported by Cherwell District Council. If you would like to use this service or can offer yourself as a volunteer driver please telephone them and they will be able to help you.
- Cherwell Volunteer Car Scheme. (Tel. 01295 266090). Currently this scheme has 24 volunteer drivers who will arrange to drive clients to appointments (hospitals, opticians etc) on an individual basis. Details of this service can be obtained using the telephone number given.

All the above schemes will attract a payment for each journey advised on application or booking. Friends and neighbours can often help, especially in emergencies, but Sibford Ferris Parish Council would like to know of any specific difficulties experienced by villagers. Please contact the Clerk in the first instance. Tel 788557 or email [sibfordferrisparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:sibfordferrisparishclerk@gmail.com)

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Harvest time:

The following is an extract from a piece written by Joshua Lamb in 1937 when he reflected on country life in the previous 70 years:

'Up to the year 1872 no introduction of machinery had taken place on our father's farm, (Grounds Farm, Sibford Ferris) and we remember how during hay time we loved to go and watch the string of mowers following each other across the field of grass or clover, laying low the beautiful flowers and exposing the nest of the partridge, landrail, quail and lark and disturbing the little grass mouse in its cosy home; or in the harvest time assisting with a sickle in reaping the corps of golden wheat. When the corn was all cut by hand, every available man, woman and child, including many of the local tradesmen, were in the habit of assisting and very considerable sums of money were earned especially when the work was done by the "piece" and days of sixteen hours were frequently made. The introduction of the reaping machine in 1872, followed by other horse-drawn implements, gradually took the place of the farm labourers, until at the present time (1937) not more than about one-third the former number are employed.'

*Diana Hughes*

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## Hello from Thailand

We arrived safely back in Thailand it was a long journey as we left Sibford Tuesday morning and arrived home Wednesday evening, our friends brought us our car back Thursday evening, so we could go shopping Friday and go and see one of our Schools to say we could start the following Friday and on the Monday we went round the other three Schools to say we could start that week if they wanted us to. Went back Ban Fa PA Nang on the Tuesday and sort of got busy as they were having an English Camp (it is a day all in English) and we had two days for them and the following week we did a half day of English at another school and we have a weekend of English on the 15 & 16<sup>th</sup> July. The weather has been very wet and we have had thunder storms every night for the first 3 weeks but we are in the wet season after all. I would again like to thank everyone who came to the coffee morning in Church we raised nearly £400.00 with the money the Friendship club gave to us we have not forgotten to get the oven but we are waiting for the right one so hopefully we can get it before the next time I write to you.

We have an English friend who teaches in the School down the road and we went out with her to a place called Mor Hin Khoa (Thailand's Stonehenge ) it is not a bit like Stonehenge as the stones were rocks already there and they are single rocks with no connecting tops, but the views from there are fantastic it is like flying in a plane and looking out of the window we had a lovely day out even though we had a thunder storm while we were there . *Ann & Robin*



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## GREAT TASTE

***Katriona McGregor has left Sibford and so has bowed out from this Great Taste column - so, I'm going to throw it out to readers. Please feel free to send your recipes to me at [sibfordscene@gmail.com](mailto:sibfordscene@gmail.com)***

### **This month's Head Chef is Caroline Seely!!!**

With the end of summer's glut of courgettes, try this fresh-tasting salad, which takes only minutes to prep.

#### **Courgette, mint & chilli salad**

Serves 4

4/5 courgettes - should be firm and bright skinned, not old/soft - this isn't a salad for using up your old veg. If you can get yellow and green courgettes it looks fab. (The vicar sometimes has yellow courgettes in a box at the end of his drive! No pressure, Ronald).

1 large red fresh chilli, finely chopped  
Handful of fresh mint leaves, torn

Rinse the courgettes, removing any grit or mud

Cut off both ends of the courgettes and peel lengthways with a potato peeler so you get long, thin strips

Toss them on a plate with the fresh chilli and mint leaves

Drizzle with olive oil and lemon, salt & pepper (or a nice lemony dressing)

Yes, that's right. Raw courgettes.

(This is also delicious with mozzarella torn over the top of it as a main course).

#### **YOGA**

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On Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> July a group of 19 members and visitors gathered at Woodstock's Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum for a very informative guided tour. The £3.2 million museum, financed by private subscriptions, and opened by the Princess Royal in 2014, stands in the grounds of the Oxfordshire Museum and was created to honour soldiers from Oxfordshire regiments and present their history.

There was a wealth of information to absorb during the forty-minute tour and we were able to spend another hour taking in all the permanent displays, which include archives tracing the history of the Ox and Bucks Regiment, an exhibition on Winston Churchill and the Queen's Own Hussars, Oxfordshire's Prisoners of War at home and abroad, the Liberation of Bergen -Belsen, Oxfordshire Airpower, the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Soldier, gadgets used in the Cold War and more.

The museum is such a fascinating place that several people were already planning to return and spend longer there.

After this we met for a meal at the Star Inn where we were looked after excellently.

Our next meeting will be in the Village Hall (doors open at 7.45 p.m.) on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September, when Oxford Historian, Liz Woolley, will be talking about 'Oxfordshire and the Spanish Civil War, 1936-39'.

I think we will be surprised at how many people in Oxfordshire responded in different ways to this war, and how it affected so many lives so far from Spain.

*Diana Hughes*

## **Sibfords Society – Programme for 2017/2018**

September 21: Liz Woolley 'Oxfordshire and the Spanish Civil War.'

October 19: Dr Gillian White : 'The Great Fire of Warwick'.

November 16: Richard Buckley 'Life after Richard III – Archaeology at Leicester 2012 – 2017'.

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February 15 : Social

March 15: AGM followed by Penelope Keith's 'Hidden Villages- the Cotswolds' and other DVDs.

## SIBFORD RESULTS BEST IN YEARS

Sibford School Sixth Form students are celebrating some outstanding exam results.

At A Level, a third of students gained A\*s or As and the pass rate at A\* - B was 51.5% ... the highest for at least eight years.

BTEC results were also outstanding with all students gaining a Distinction\*.

Sibford Head Toby Spence said: "These are some fabulous results. In total, we had 46 students sitting exams in a range of 23 different subjects with top marks achieved in 18 of these. This says a great deal about the breadth of options on offer at Sibford Sixth Form, the hard work of our students and the strong support that is given to enable students to follow their desired pathways."

The results mean that Sibford students will be heading to some top university courses. Michael Burton, who gained A\*s in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics, is off to Hull York Medical School; Andrew Maclennan, who gained A\*s in Economics and History and an A in Geography will be going to Nottingham to study Computer Sciences; and Harry Berks and Ben Taylor, who both gained As in Biology, Mathematics and Physics, will be heading to Bristol University, where Harry will be studying Palaeontology and Ben Biology.

Michael Burton said: "It really couldn't have gone better for me and I am really delighted that I will be able to study medicine." Added Harry Berks: "I'm absolutely thrilled with my results."

Head of Sibford Sixth Form, Cate Mallalieu-Needle said: "I would like to give my congratulations to all our students. We have seen some exceptional performances and I am especially delighted to see outstanding results for some students who, over the last two years, have risen to the challenge and achieved great success. Well done to all."





## QUAKER WEEK 2017

Saturday 30 September marks the start of Quaker Week 2017, which will be running under the theme of 'In turbulent times: be a Quaker'.

Several public events will be taking place at both the Sibford Meeting House and Sibford School to mark the week.

On Sunday 1 October at 10.30am, there will be a special Meeting for Worship at the Meeting House to celebrate World Quaker Day. Quakers and members of the local ecumenical community are invited to unite with Friends around the world to form one big virtual worshipping community.

On Thursday 5 October, between 9.15am and 10.15am, MP Victoria Prentis will be speaking at Sibford School and, later that day at 2pm, the Journeyman Theatre Company will be performing their production of The Bundle ... a play that follows the life of a Chechen Asylum Seeker and refugee.

On Friday 6 October Tim Gee, from Quaker Peace and Social Witness will be visiting Sibford School to speak about Sanctuary Meetings which aim to build a culture of welcome, challenging racism in all its forms and work together to change the laws on destitution, detention and deportation.

All three events at Sibford School will be open to the public and will be free of charge. However, because places are limited, seats will need to be booked in advance by contacting the school's community development officer, Ali Bromhall, on 01295 781216 or by email: [abromhall@sibfordschool.co.uk](mailto:abromhall@sibfordschool.co.uk).

Elsewhere in the neighbouring communities, Ettington Meeting House will be holding an Open Doors Quiet Time on Saturday 30 September between 8am and 1pm; Charlbury Meeting House will be holding an Evening Meeting for Worship followed by a discussion on economic justice on Wednesday 4 October starting at 7.30pm; Tim Gee will be speaking at Stratford Meeting House at 7.30pm on Thursday 5 October; and there will be another chance to see the Journeyman Theatre Company when they visit the Old Police Station in Chipping Camden on Thursday 5 October. Tickets for this event cost £8 in advance and £10 on the door. The week will culminate with a Cream Tea at Ettington Meeting House on Saturday 7 October.



## SIBFORD GOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

The summer term finished on a high note at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School with our Year 6 Leavers showcasing their varied talents in a very funny assembly, written and choreographed by our very own Mrs Perkins. PTA presented them with the now traditional colourful leavers 'hoodies', as we bid an emotional farewell. We will miss them and wish them very well as they start at their new schools, moving on to The Warriner, Sibford School and King Edward Grammar School in Stratford.

Autumn term brings new teaching staff to our lovely village school as we welcome Miss Murdoch and Mrs Humphrey to Oak and Maple Classes. New staff members always bring a fresh feel and it is a pleasure to welcome these two creative and experienced teachers to our talented and hard-working team.

In keeping with recent comments made by the Chief Inspector of Schools, we continue to ensure that our children have planned opportunities for 'risk-taking' in our wonderful outdoor learning environment as we ensure that they have chances to 'take advantage of the freedom of childhood and to explore the world around them.'

In addition to our cross-curricular approach to learning and our Forest School expertise, we are organising a number of initiatives within school this term to further develop and enrich provision across the wider curriculum. We welcome a Sports Mentor who is working with school staff and pupils one day a week to further enhance our sporting provision. We are also pursuing an Arts Mark Award through links with the local Arts group, members of which are coming into school to lead a series of workshops with Maple Class children on the theme of 'Moving Lines'. Miss Grantham, Willow Class teacher, is training as a Global Learning Partner, and will be coordinating work with teachers across the school to develop pupil awareness of the wider world and their role as global citizens within this.



## SIBFORD GOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

*Continued.....*

We are seeking a **playworker** for our After School Care facility which runs from 3pm to 6pm, Monday to Friday. This is a great opportunity for someone who enjoys the working with children and who would like to be part of our school community, without a full time working commitment. Our children are lovely and the club is a pleasantly relaxed environment to get to know them and to have some fun. If you think you might be interested, please contact the school office on 01295 780270 to ask for details or to arrange to come in for a chat.

To find out more about the school in general, please take a look at our school website at [www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk) .

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## 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:  
5, 7 & 9 September - Broughton Grange  
17 September – Bloxham

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

Our volunteers are a vital part of the work we do for people and families facing life-limiting illnesses in our community. They help us with everything from catering to complementary therapies, and they save us around £400,000 every year. We're always looking for volunteers to help us, and we'd love to hear from you if you have some time to spare.

Volunteer roles include:

Catering Assistants - Kitchen Assistants – Receptionists - Complementary Therapists - Patient Drivers - Shop Volunteers - General Day Hospice - Ward Clerks - Gardeners

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)

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## NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL TRUST

### **Interested in volunteering with the National Trust?**

Upton House is holding Discover Volunteering Drop-In Days where you can find out how you can get involved and how rewarding it is to help out! Chat to current volunteers to find out more about what volunteering is really like, and visit different areas of the property to discover more about the wide range of roles you could be involved with. Volunteers and staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have and chat through all the different forms volunteering can take at Upton. You'll then be able to set the wheels in motion by applying for any roles that take your interest.

It's a very exciting time to join the Upton team following the launch of our new project 'A Made to Measure Home' in March! Upton has over 300 volunteers and we asked what advice they would give to people considering volunteering: For Anne-Marie who volunteers as a Catering Host and a House Host, it comes highly recommended: "For anyone thinking of volunteering at Upton I would say – give it a go, you won't regret it, you'll meet new people, make new friends and feel appreciated".

All sorts of roles are available, from helping out in the garden to being a room guide or running our new tearoom. However, if you were after something more specific, come and have a chat with us anyway and we'll do our best to try and accommodate you.

The drop-in days will take place on Wednesday 23rd and Friday 25th April from 12-3.30pm. All are welcome and no experience is necessary.

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This month we welcome Allison Davis and her son Anthony who moved to Sibford Gower from Manningtree Essex to be close to family. Allison works in sales for a medical supplies company and Anthony is looking forward to joining the Warriner school in September.

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# SIBFORD HORTI SOCIETY

## Sibford gardens open for NGS:

On Sunday 25 June five gardens in the Sibfords opened to raise money for the NGS charities and raised £1696.00. I would like to thank all our visitors for coming and for being so encouraging and enthusiastic, our garden owners for their year-long efforts to get their gardens looking as beautiful as possible on the day and all our helpers for their sterling efforts on ticket selling, plant stalls, putting up signs and suchlike. Gill Soden and her team provided wonderful teas at the village hall and raised a goodly sum for the church.

*Sue Bannister*

**The next meeting of the Horti Society** will be on Wednesday 11th October, 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. Val Bourne will be talking about The Natural Gardener. All welcome. Come prepared with money as the annual sub will be due.

## In Your Garden - September

1. Now is the time to take cuttings. Shrubs, pelargoniums, penstemons etc. Use a gritty compost, don't let it get too wet, put 5 around the edge of a pot, and cover with a plastic bag. Keep on a windowsill, or in the greenhouse, but not in full sun.
2. Start collecting seeds, before the wind blows them away. I always collect sweet pea Matucana, and Cerinthe seeds. Very expensive to buy from Sarah Raven.
3. Dig up the last of the potatoes before the dratted slugs get them.
4. Divide herbaceous perennials, such as phlox, astrantias, argyranthemums, to increase your stock, or give away.
5. Nasty job, but try and clean out your greenhouse and cold frames before you need to tuck away tender plants in the autumn.
6. Keep netting on your veggie crops and fruit until all picked. The birds ate all my cherries before they were even ripe.
7. Now is the time to order your spring flowering bulbs, and to get them planted by the end of September. Tulips should be planted later, in November. Don't forget to put some lovely hyacinths into pots to have them flowering for Christmas.
8. Keep watering and deadheading hanging baskets, and deadhead dahlias, delphiniums, roses etc to prolong the flowering season.
9. Keep camellias and rhododendrons well watered – now is the time when then start to form next years buds.
10. Lift squashes off the ground to avoid rotting, and plant autumn onion sets

*Although Jupe is moving to Hook Norton, I have asked her to continue her splendid gardening tips..... Ed*



## LOCAL NEWS

### Proposed Phone Mast on the Shipston Road

Details of the appeal that is going forward for the proposed telephone mast up on the Shipston road (B4035)

Should you wish to make any comments please WRITE TO Planning Inspectorate, 3P KITE WING, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN quoting the appeal reference number. It would be helpful if you would enclose three copies of any letters of representation when writing to the Planning Inspectorate.

OR login in and comment on the Planning Inspectorate website <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> using these last seven digits of the appeal reference number 3174363

### 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

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## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

During our Aug meeting we celebrated 2 BIG Birthdays. All members wish both Eileen and Beryl, A Very Happy 90th Birthday.

At the Sept meeting we will have Mr Steve Bruce who will talk to us about some of the inside stories of the Auction World.

The Trip on Sept 19th is to HOP POCKET Shopping Village. which is between Hereford and Worcester. Anyone wishing to join us please contact Sec. on 263460

*Eveline Broughton*

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## CHURCH SERVICES

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



# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

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

## **September 2017**

Another day another scam. As reported in the Torygraph 9.8.17. Royal Mail and Action Fraud are warning households about fake 'while you were out cards' purporting to be from Royal Mail. These red 'missed delivery' cards are posted through letter boxes instructing recipients to telephone a number to retrieve their parcel. The cards urge you to call an 0208 number and an automated message asks for personal details etc. There is of course, no parcel. Victims later discover they have been charged £45 for the call. The card is similar to the Royal Mail's 'Something for you' card, but in this case their crest/logo is missing. Please contact Action Fraud or TV police direct on 101.

Action Fraud are the UK's national reporting centre for fraud (and cyber crime). They are run by the City of London Police alongside the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau.

Tel: ( Mon to Fri 0800hrs - 2000hrs.) 0300 123 20

Email : [actionfraud.police.uk](mailto:actionfraud.police.uk)

*Peter Hine 01295 788830*

As part of the Neighbourhood Watch for Bonds End Lane, I feel it is partly my responsibility for your and your family's safety. I am pleased to say that the majority of neighbours in the lane have slowed down to a sensible speed. Just the odd few now who are intent on driving like loonies! It is a very narrow lane with hidden entrances, where people, children and animals can appear in your pathway at any moment!

You leave me no option, but to start naming the cars that are still insistent on driving like the clappers up and down the lane! I say it once again, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE engage your brain and SLOW DOWN! If you have younger family members who are learning to drive please kindly inform them. Have been having a chat with some of the neighbours and neighbourhood watch co coordinators and they feel that an acceptable speed for the Lane would be between 10 and 15 mph.

*Neighbourhood Watch Bonds End Lane. Brigette Boyd*

# SIBFORD BUS SERVICE

## JOHNSONS SERVICE 3A

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NO SERVICE ON SUNDAYS

New times start Monday 5th June 2017

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Stratford, Wood Street	06.15	09.05	....	....	16.05
Stratford, Bridge Street	06.17	09.07	....	....	16.07
Newbold on Stour	06.31	09.22	....	....	16.22
Clifford Chambers New Inn	....	....	....	....	....
Shipston Tilemans Lane	....	09.37	11.25	13.25	....
Shipston on Stour, opp Pettiphers Garage	06.40	09.40	11.38	13.38	16.30
Lower Brailes, The Park	06.50	09.50	11.48	13.48	16.40
Sibford Ferris, School	07.02	10.02	12.00	14.00	16.52
Lower Tadmarton	07.12	10.12	12.10	14.10	17.02
Banbury Bus Station	07.25	10.25	12.23	14.23	17.15

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Banbury Bus Station	10.40	12.40	....	14.35	17.25
Lower Tadmarton	10.53	12.53	....	14.48	17.38
Sibford Ferris School	11.03	13.03	....	14.58	17.49
Lower Brailes, The Park	11.16	13.16	....	15.11	18.05
Shipston on Stour, Pettiphers Garage	....	....	....	15.21	18.15
Shipston on Stour, opp Pettiphers Garage	11.28	13.28	....	....	....
Shipston Tilemans Lane	(11.25)	(13.25)	....	15.24	....
Clifford Chambers, New Inn	....	....	....	....	18.23
Newbold on Stour	....	....	....	15.33	....
Stratford, Bridge Street	....	....	....	15.51	18.38
Stratford, Wood Street	....	....	....	15.53	18.40

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# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHATTER

## **Gospel Bell**

Sunday September 3rd. 4pm

Do come and enjoy this presentation, and participation in, a musical event. The Gospel Bell Collective are a group of musicians who blend folk with jazz with blues with Gospel and will entertain and encourage us to sing and play along (so bring your voice and your spoons or violin!) with some great Gospel songs. There will be humour, thought, and AFTERNOON TEA. All free.

Donations if you like.

## **Ride and Stride**

Saturday September 9th ALL DAY people will be cycling, walking horse-riding, pogo-sticking etc etc to all the churches in the country raising funds for their local preservation of churches charity - ours is the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Fund which gives grants to churches trying to maintain their costly buildings. You can take part. Peter Hardman has all the details, Get some sponsors for every church you visit or every mile to pogo-stick or whatever. Your local parish church gets half the funds you raise and OHCT gets the rest for their grant-making work.

Saturday 23rd a Coffee Morning in church, with the usual stalls, a raffle, goodies to eat, good coffee and tea, and the chance to "put the world to rights". Everyone is warmly welcome any time between 10am and 12 noon.

**HARVEST** is almost upon us, and we shall be celebrating the Harvest with a Saturday Afternoon Family Festival service at 4.30pm on Saturday October 7th. There will be a Bring and Share Tea to follow, so please bring a plate of goodies to share. Harvest GIFTS of tins and packets will be sent either to Polly who feeds the homeless in Banbury or to the local Food Bank. EVERYONE is welcome to this special event. The following day the Methodists hold their morning service at 11am followed by a Harvest Lunch for us ALL in the Village Hall at 12.30pm. Gil Soden is co-ordinating food, and would love to know how many to cater for.

**OCTOBER 14th FAMILY FUN** from 4pm to 6pm. Professional Skittle Alley, Air Hockey, Table Tennis, Ice Cream Candy Floss, BBQ, hard and soft bar. EVERYONE who is young at heart is warmly welcomed to this couple of hours of fun. Can you find a TEAM of people to come with? There will be PRIZES. £2.50 per person + BBQ and drinks. At the Village Hall. Make sure the grandchildren are coming that weekend!

## **September services in church**

- 3rd. 10am. Benefice Service at Sibford (John)  
4pm Gospel Bell
- 10th 8am BCP Holy Communion (John)  
9.30 Morning Praise with Sally Musson preaching
- 17th 9.30 Holy Communion (Ronald)
- 24th 9.30 BCP Holy Communion (Liz)



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

- 9th - Holy Trinity Church - Ride & Stride - all day
- 9th - Sibford Village Fayre - Village Hall 2pm
- 11th - SGPC meeting - Primary School staff room - 8pm
- 14th - SFPC meeting - Sibford School sports hall upper classroom - 7.45pm
- 21st - Sibfords Society Oxfordshire & Spanish Civil War - Village Hall - 8pm
- 27th - Film Night "Manchester by the Sea" - Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 30th - Sibford Art Exhibition - Village Hall - 9am

## OCTOBER (PART)

- 2nd - Sibford Gower PC Meeting, staff room, Primary School - 8pm
- 14th - Holy Trinity Church's "Fun Time" - Village Hall - 4-6pm

## SEPTEMBER BIN COLLECTIONS

- Green Tuesday: 5th; 19th
- Blue/Brown Tuesday: 12th; 26th

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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