

SIBFORD SCENE

October 2017

No 396



"Misty Morning on Ditchedge" by Nic Durrant

SIBFORD ART EXHIBITION

30th September - Village Hall - 9am

BRIDGE DRIVE

7th October - Village Hall - 2pm

"175 - DAY OF CELEBRATION"

13th October - Sibford School from 130pm

FILM NIGHT

26th October - "Hidden Figures" - Village Hall - 730pm

"MUSIC FROM THE WORLD OF DISNEY"

29th October - Village Hall - 4pm



Horti Summer Show
26th August 2017





ED'S THOUGHTS

Good Idea! The Hook Norton, Sibford Gower, Stourton & Brailes Heating Oil Club. Local oil deliveries. Check out their website.....

Thought for the month:

"Raindrops keep falling on my head....."

Bacharach/David

LETTERS AND NOTICES

Dog Walkers Breakfast

The morning was warm and sunny and an excellent breakfast was provided and enjoyed by the dog walkers and friends who joined the group. The dogs were all very well behaved, sat at owners feet, in the hope that some more morsels may fall their way. Thanks to all of you who organised and cooked it. Looking forward to the next one!

Pam Ascott

Cider making: Help needed. Anyone interested in making traditional cider at the Shipston press in October please contact Oswyn Murray on 780723. 40 years experience; reward free cider for the year.

Harp Concert

Sibford Village Hall

24th October 8pm

Refreshments

GREAT NORTH RUN

I am pleased to confirm that I successfully completed the Great North Run, my 32nd, on Sunday, the 10th September in the company of my daughter Suzie. Another marvellous day, a time of 2H 2M 11S, 6 seconds faster than in 2016. Position 13,768 in a field of over 43,000 finishers, 17th in my age group, a pleasure to take part in the biggest and greatest Half Marathon in the world. Many thanks to all those in the Sibfords who have encouraged my efforts in the past weeks as I built up my training and to those who kindly sponsored me, a good sum has been raised for Marie Curie and is still coming in.

No. 33 on Sunday, the 8th September beckons in 2018 !.

David Bennett

LETTERS AND NOTICES

continued.....

Coach trip to London West End musical from Sibford Gower on

Wednesday 6th December for the evening performance of

An American in Paris

At the Dominion Theatre London. Coach leaving the village hall at 4.30pm prompt.

Price : return coach travel and ticket in the stalls £45 inclusive

(payment to accompany reservation of tickets please)

Contact : **Sue Lovatt** 01295 788848 or email seagulllodge@gmail.com

Booking a place is on a first come first served basis-limited availability.

Registration for Oxfordshire Artweeks

May Festival 2018 is now open

- CLOSING DATE for entries is the
31st December 2017.



See www.artweeks.org or contact Jo Golding - Artweeks Administrator artweeks@artweeks.org 01865 865596 for more details.

Don't miss your chance to take part: Artweeks is non-selective and open to all amateur and professional artists and craft makers living or working in Oxfordshire. Artweeks is also open to artists that live outside the county but are members of an established Oxfordshire based art group, society or guild. Artweeks festival is organised by a not for profit members company.

If you are new to Artweeks you may like to attend one of our free taking part events

Come and meet the festival director and hear more at our free sessions:

Cornerstone Arts, **Didcot**; Wed 4th Oct 2017 6.00-7.00pm
The Jam Factory, **Oxford**; Monday 9th Oct 2017 7pm-8.30pm
The Mill, **Banbury**; Tuesday 10th October 2017 7pm-8.30pm
West Ox Arts Gallery, **Bampton**; Thursday 19th October 7.30pm-9pm

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

SIBFORD VILLAGE FAYRE

Thank you to all of you who attended the Fayre on September 9th. Sadly the weather was unkind, but almost £1,000 was raised to put towards further improvements to the Village Hall. Many thanks to those who helped on the day, donated items or worked behind the scenes.

ART EXHIBITION in Sibford Village Hall

On September 30th and October 1st there will be a chance to see some of the Art Work that the Sibford Art Group have done during classes with local artist Nigel Fletcher. Some of the artists will be on hand to speak to , and some of the works will be for sale. Doors open from 10am until 5pm each day . Free entry. Refreshments available.

BRIDGE DRIVE

Our next event is to be held on October 7th, Saturday. Doors open at 1-30pm for a prompt 2pm start. Cream tea provided. Tickets £8 per person available from Sally Hopkyns 01295 788367/ Joan Broady 01295 780410/ Frank Scouse 01295 780529. In aid of Sibford Village Hall Refurbishment Fund and Alzheimers Research.

QUIZ NIGHT

Will be held in November (date TBA). Teams of up to 6 invited to enter at £8 per person. Hot supper included . Licensed Bar. Please call Ginny on 01295 780373 to enter your team ,in good time please.

CEILIDH BAND

We welcome the renowned Adderbury "Old Bell Ceilidh Band "on December 9th. More detalis next month.

FILM NIGHTS

Future dates for films are October 25th and November 29th.

DOG WALKING

As the Village Hall field is used almost daily by children making use of the football goals ,we ask that peoplepick up after their dog/s and take the waste away with them. We must consider Health and Safety for our community.

CAR PARKING

Just a reminder that the Village Hall car park is not a public facility ,but is provided for the use of hirers

CONTACT

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NATURE NOTES

The Horse Chestnut Leaf Miner now seems to be well established in this area and I am sure that many will have noticed the severe effect it is having on the local Horse Chestnut trees.

The adult moth is attractive being ginger in colour with black and white stripes although it is tiny and will often go unnoticed. It is the larvae that feed internally in the chestnut leaves and cause the discolouration. The moth was first observed in Macedonia in 1985 and was described as a new species in 1986. Since then it has spread throughout central and eastern Europe. It was first found in Great Britain in 2002 in Wimbledon and has now spread through most of England.

Laurie Freeman saw a Hummingbird Hawk-moth in the garden of Ferris Cottage on 27th August. These spectacular moths migrate from southern Europe and North Africa and can be seen hovering like a hummingbird around the flowers they feed from. According to folklore they are considered messengers of good tidings and apparently a small swarm was observed flying over the Channel from France to England on D-Day 1944. Another migrant moth, the Scarce Bordered Straw, was observed on 21 st August. It is worth looking out for Convolvulus Hawk-moths especially if you have flowering tobacco plants in the garden. These very large moths can apparently detect tobacco plants from a considerable distance and may be seen into late November.

By late August Ivy was coming into flower in the local hedgerows. This provides an important source of nectar for many insects at this time of the year when there are few other flowers around. If cutting back Ivy it is good to leave some to flower for this reason.

On the 1 st September a fairly large flock of Geese was seen flying over Sibford. I would guess that there were at least 60-70 birds. An impressive sight and sound!

Please send any observations to ajnewbold88@gmail.com

Andy and Gill Newbold



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DID YOU KNOW?

A survey of headstones in the churchyard at Holy Trinity Church

The Quaker Meeting House has a full and accurate record of every burial in the Meeting House Graveyard but this was not the case at the Anglican Church of Holy Trinity.

The church and graveyard receives many visitors during the course of a year, some of whom are seeking to find the final resting place of family members who are thought to have been buried in the village. In 2004 members of the Sibfords' Society carried out a survey to record all the headstones in the graveyard and to produce an index of those buried in the churchyard whose headstones remained. The original 1840 graveyard was extended in 1903, 1939 and again in 2009.

Over a period of several months members examined every headstone recording its shape, overall size, any inscription plus any other unusual features. The area south of the church, included the majority of the oldest graves and those surveying in this area often found themselves on their hands and knees or even fully extended on the ground to decipher parts of headstones which had sunk lower in the ground.

Once recording was complete an alphabetical index was completed and a copy of the final survey was printed and left in the church to be used by visitors. It is updated periodically.

SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council Meeting arranged for Monday, 11th September had to be cancelled at short notice and sincere apologies are extended to those local residents who called at the Primary School to take part. The date of the next Meeting is Monday, 9th October to take place in the Staff Room of the Primary School starting at 8pm.

The new date is shown in the Calendar of Events section of the October edition of the Sibford Scene.

SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES OF SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 14 SEPTEMBER 2017

Present at the meeting were Councillors Tim Huckvale (*Chair*), Maureen Hicks (*Vice-Chair*), Ginny Bennett, Adrian Lamb, the Clerk, District and County Councillor George Reynolds, Oswyn Murray and Gil Soden of Sibford Gower Parish Council, James Clarke of South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) and 17 members of the public.

James Clarke of SCAS attended to promote the Community First Responder (CFR) scheme which he explained is run by the Service to reduce response waiting times, of particular importance in rural areas and for heart attack victims. He said that previous difficulties in obtaining CFR training for potential volunteers had been due to the huge scale of SCAS's activity, and felt this problem had been addressed by the creation of ten more manageable areas within Oxfordshire. As there were no longer any CFR volunteers in the Sibfords, it was agreed to collaborate with SCAS in providing CPR/first aid training for residents.

Matters Arising were: superfast broadband; overhanging trees at the Cotswold Close play area; minor repair works on the Fitness Equipment; re-painting by Highways of white lines; the ordering of a dog waste bin for Woodway Road; parking issues on Hook Norton Road and Main Street.

Planning, there was an airing of views and queries on the proposals to develop land on the Hook Norton Road for housing in advance of a public meeting on 20 September (all listed on thesibfords.org.uk); re planning application 17/01737/F (dog day care facility on Hawkes Lane), following representations by the applicant and objectors, in the absence of full details and the formal consultation papers, the decision on whether to make objections was postponed. There were no objections to plans to cap a former quarry/refuse tip at Belle Isle Farm. Two notices of decision and the appeal against the refusal of a phone mast adjacent to the B4035 were noted. The regulations regarding tree work in a Conservation Area were discussed.

SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

Continued....

Correspondence: The parish council had written to NHS England South Central Pharmacy Team in support of the in-surgery pharmacy in Burdrop; a resident had complained about increased traffic from the road closure at the Gate Hangs High.

Finance: The closure of the deposit account, the insurance renewal and the completed Annual Return were noted and agreed. TH reported that a new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) would come into force in May 2018. Two resignations, the Clerk and Councillor Peter Robinson, were noted and recruitment efforts had been put in place.

Any Other Business: A request was made for information on the public access times for the Fitness Equipment to be published at the MUGA site. The meeting closed at 10.09 pm.

The next meeting will be on **Monday, 13 November** at 7.45pm in the Sports Hall Classroom, Sibford School.

The full draft minutes of the parish council meeting of 14 September are available on the village website (thesibfords.org.uk/sfpc) or from the Clerk (788557). Please note, more information on what the parish council does has been added to the SFPC page of the village website in the interests of clarity and openness.

PARKING IN MAIN STREET, SIBFORD FERRIS

Please could residents parking on street near Malvern House avoid parking opposite another car or in such a way that there is insufficient gap for larger vehicles such as buses and tractors who then find it either impossible or very difficult to proceed.

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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

Head chef this month is Nic Durrant!

Crispy Red Cabbage Salad

Finely dice half of a red cabbage and tip into a large bowl.
Do the same with a red pepper, and two red chillies (more if you like a bit of heat).
Chop up a large handful of coriander and parsley and add to the bowl.
Throw in a good pinch of sea salt and white pepper.

Toast a large handful each of sunflower seeds, pumpkin seeds and sesame seeds until they are golden.
Let them cool a little and then add them to the bowl.

Add a dollop of good quality mayo to the bowl and stir until everything is coated.

Depending on the time of year I often add finely diced spring onions, chives, chopped tomatoes, chopped roasted beetroot, finely diced courgettes, etc.

The mayo can be substituted with an oil/vinegar, lime juice, or spiced yogurt dressing.

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2 October; 16 October; 30 October; 13 November; 27 November; 11 December

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Please notify Sue, village footpaths warden, if you discover things that need repairing or cutting back on the footpaths within the Sibfords' parishes

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SIBFORDS SOCIETY

On October 19th Dr Gill White will be giving us a talk, in her inimitable style, on 'The Great Fire of Warwick'.

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Find out more at the Village Hall, Sibford. Doors open 7.45 p.m. The talk begins at 8 p.m. Visitors welcome at £2.50. Refreshments free of charge.

On November 16th Dr Richard Buckley, Co-Director of University of Leicester Archaeological Services, is returning to Sibford to continue the story of Richard III, the subsequent excavation of the rest of Grey Friars Church, other nearby sites and the Reinterment.

The talk 'Life after Richard III – Archaeology at Leicester 2012 – 2017' will be free to members, £8 for visitors, who are requested to purchase tickets in advance from Diana Hughes: 780506.

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Sibford celebrates new school year with Gold award

Sibford School in Oxfordshire has been awarded the prestigious **Gold** School Games Mark.

News of the award, which recognises the school's sporting activities in 2016/17, arrived as pupils returned to school for the first day of the new academic year.

Sibford Head, Toby Spence, said: "This is a fabulous start to the new school year and reflects the variety and breadth of sporting opportunities that the school offers.

"In particular, it marks the fact that we continue to engage over 70 per cent of our pupil population ... from Years 3 through to Year 13 ... in extra-curricular activities or fixtures, either before school, in the lunch time or after school.

"It also reflects the fantastic efforts of our PE department and the support of the wider staff who enable pupils to be out of lessons to attend various events and then help them to catch up on any learning they might have missed. Sport continues to flourish at Sibford School and I am delighted that the hard work and commitment of our team has been recognised by this accolade".

The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to recognise schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.

Sibford School Open Events

Whole School Open Morning: Friday 6 October starting at 9.45am.

Sixth Form Open Evening: Tuesday 17 October from 6.30pm

13th October – 175 a day of celebration

175 years have passed since Sibford School welcomed its very first pupil, Lucy Endall, back in 1842. As it currently stands some 4,921 pupils have since passed through the doors of Sibford to benefit from an outstanding Quaker education ... what tremendous outreach.

To recognise this anniversary, the afternoon and evening of Friday October 13th will be an opportunity for the Sibford community, current and past, to share in celebration.

The day will include tours of the school as well as access to rarely seen archive material and school photographs. A special Music Meeting of reflection, open to all, will be held in the main school hall, followed by the chance to reminisce and meet with current pupils. The day will conclude with a concert of music covering the last 50 years.

Toby Spence, Head of Sibford School, would like to extend a warm welcome to members of the local community to join us for these celebrations. Tours of the school will take place from 1.30pm onwards. The Music Meeting will take place from 3.15pm ~ 4.15pm and at 5.30pm you are invited to join us for supper followed by the concert at 6.30pm. If you wish to attend please contact the school's community development officer, Ali Bromhall, on 01295 781216 or email: abromhall@sibfordschool.co.uk



SIBFORD GOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

The Autumn Term has got off to a very positive start here at Sibford Gower Primary School. Our new teachers have quickly found their feet and the quiet buzz of purposeful learning is apparent across the school.

Our new Reception children have made a smooth transition into Acorn Class, with personalised care and support from our own Miss Blake and Mrs Higley. The buzz in their classroom is a little louder at times, but still very purposeful and they are having a lovely time!

The weather seemed to become Autumnal almost overnight this year, which has meant a wonderful contrast in sights, sounds and smells in Forest School between our current sessions and those of the summer term. Children have been out and about experiencing the joys of outdoor learning with our trained Forest School Leaders since the first week back, and they tell me they are having "the best fun"!

Oak Class ventured down to the Orchard to pick the fruit from the trees – a lovely selection of apples, pears and plums – and have been 'selling' this at the end of the school day to collect contributions for our friends at the Rojo Rojo Aids orphanage in Kenya. This has become an annual event, but with an additional mathematical focus this year as the children carefully weighed the produce, applying their understanding of grams & kilograms, pennies and pounds in a very practical context – an excellent way of making learning fun!

All sorts of exciting things are planned for the term ahead, as well as some great after school clubs; Science Club, Brain Games, Spanish Drama, Musical Theatre, Football & Netball. This is an impressive range for a small, village school.

To find out more about the school in general, please take a look at our school website at www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk .

We are still 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 working with children and who would like to be part of our school community, without a full time working commitment. 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.

Jane O'Sullivan (headteacher)

Bonfire Night

Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School

Sat 4th November

Gates open @ 5.00pm

Advance ticket prices: Family £12; Adult £5; Child £3

Prices on the night: Family £20; Adult £6; Child £4

(Family Ticket - 2 adults and 3 children)

Advance tickets available until 2nd November from Vanessa Mulley : veemulley@hotmail.co.uk

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Get your free Santa suits and take part in a jolly jog or winter walk after a Rockin' Robin warm up! People's Park will be in full festive spirit with a brass band, music from Radio Horton, and hot drinks for all taking part. This year there's also the Christmas Trail - a children's treasure hunt for our younger supporters. Tickets are £15 for adults, £8 for children, and £40 for a family (2 adults & 2 children).

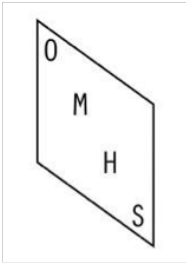
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MAKE A WILL WEEK – 16-20 OCTOBER 2017

There's nothing more important in life than family and friends, and writing a Will is the best thing you can do to protect their future wellbeing.

Katharine House Hospice is holding its sixth annual Make a Will Week from 16th – 20th October 2017. Local solicitors and Will Writers will write a basic or standard Will or update an existing Will in return for a donation to the hospice. They are generously donating their time and expertise to help raise vital funds, so we are asking people to please be guided by the usual Will writing fee when making their donation. The equivalent cost of an average basic will could pay for a day of home visits from one of our community nurses, supporting people with life-limiting illness.

For a list of participating solicitors and for further information please visit www.khh.org.uk/willweek



NEWS FROM THE OLD MISSION HALL

**Do you enjoy drawing?
Do you love animation?
Do you love to join in community events?**

THE BIG DRAW 2017 is the event for you.

28th & 29th October we are running a Big Draw event at the Village Hall. The Big Draw is a national event that has been running across the country for many years. The aim is get as many people as possible involved in arts activities. This year's theme is:

Living Lines: An Animated Big Draw Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th October 2017

The weekend will consist of four workshops:
11.00 – 1.00 & 1.00 – 3.00 on Saturday and Sunday.

You are welcome to attend one, two, three or all four. We will be introducing you to early animation ideas and making examples of flip books and thalmotropes. There will opportunities to explore animation techniques using video, 2D & 3D drawings, sculptures and installations.

We are delighted that we will be joined by professional artists Amanda (Ije) Carr (Painter and Video artist), Natalia Gasson (Painter and Illustrator), Thomas Vassaux (Animator) and your local artists – Sue (Susie) Wightman (Installation Artist) and Melissa Sheffield (Photographer).

Sue has organised The Big Draw in Middleton Cheney, which won National Awards for Family Community Events (2012 & 2014) and now hopes to repeat the success of this in Sibford.

During September and October Sue and Melissa will be working with pupils at Sibford Primary Academy, where they will produce art work related to The Big Draw theme and aspects of their History curriculum. As part of this process the children will be working towards a National Arts Award. The art work produced will on display at the village hall during The Big Draw weekend.

In addition, there will be a concert by the **Middleton Cheney Singers** as the closing finale to the weekend:

Old Mission Hall (contd)

Music from the World of Disney
Sunday 29th October 4.30
Sibford Village Hall

Bring the whole family and sing along to all your favourite Disney songs. The MC Singers are a community choir from Middleton Cheney, who have been entertaining local audiences for over five years. This will also give everyone the opportunity to visit the exhibition of work from Sibford Academy and The Big Draw Weekend.

Please come along and bring the whole family, relatives, neighbours, friends.....

Further details: www.theoldmissionhallstudios.com
theoldmissionhallstudios@gmail.com

Sue (Susie) Wightman 07891167485

Melissa Sheffield 07818630356

WELCOME TO SIBFORD

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In Your Garden - October

Many of you know that we have just left our lovely garden at Gowers Close, and have started clearing a jungle of weeds and hideous bamboo from around our new little house. The Ed has asked me to go on reminding you what jobs need doing - so here they are, and I hope you've cleaned out your greenhouse by now - I told you to do it LAST month. Nag, nag, nag.

1. Now is a good time to scarify the lawn and apply an autumn feed.
2. Tidy up borders and mulch with garden compost or well rotted mature.
3. Prune back hybrid tea roses by a third, to stop wind rock, and prune ramblers now.
4. Plant out wallflowers and pinch out the tips.
5. Keep on deadheading dahlias, geraniums and argyranthemums and they will flower until the first frost.
6. You can now sow winter spinach, chard and broad beans.
7. Prune plum trees when you have picked them all. Yummy jam.
8. Cut back pea and bean haulms and dig over the soil.
9. Its a good time to order any new fruit trees and bushes, and get them planted.
10. Plants are now in the nurseries to fill up your pots with delightful flowers for the spring; violas, wallflowers and cyclamen, with trailing ivy are my favourites.

Judith Hitching

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LOCAL NEWS

PIVA CONCERT

An evening of traditional and live acoustic music. 21st October at Swalcliffe Church. 7.30pm. Bar with beers and wines

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

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FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club wishes to extend our sympathies to our Chairman on the passing of her husband David who with Marion, have been Members of the Club a number of years.

The meeting on Oct 3rd in the Hall will be the game of Boccia, This a new one to most of the Club but I'm sure if nothing else, will end with a lot of laughter.

The trip in October is to be arranged

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October 2017 *Peter Hine 01295 788830*

Nothing for Neighbourhood Watch - no crime in Sibford! So, here is a cheery tale:

A Helping Hand

The initial conversation was as unremarkable as it was timeless.

'Hello'

'Good morning'

'Lovely day'

'How are you?'

At this point things moved on.

'Actually I'm a bit lost.'

'You are? Me too.'

The older of the two men, a smartly dressed, fit-looking man, explained that he should have got off the Underground at Holborn, but miscounted and ended up at Chancery Lane.

The younger man, in a very new looking police uniform and carrying a Nicholson's Guide to London, replied that it was his first day on the beat.

By now both men were laughing.

'Why don't you call the station on your radio?'

'I could do, but I would never live it down.'

I do know we're not far from Holborn Tube.'

'Once we're there I should be able to get my bearings.'

The older man took the policeman's arm and they walked rapidly west along High Holborn.

Back on familiar territory, the man carrying the white stick and wearing dark glasses was still chuckling to himself as he moved briskly to the escalator and away.

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SIBFORD BUS SERVICE

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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

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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CHURCH SERVICES

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

Don't forget the

Family Fun Evening on October 14th

4pm to 6pm

Village Hall

Skittles (Professional alley) Air Hockey, BBQ, Candy Floss, etc
£2.50 per person. Families, adults, young people, EVERYONE warmly
welcomed for some harmless simple fun.

Bring a TEAM if you can - or we'll allocate you to one. Come in a group or
come on your own.

Services for October

1st Benefice Harvest Holy Communion 10am at Swalcliffe (Ronald)
7th 4.30pm Family Harvest Festival Service with bring and share Tea.
(Ronald)

Come and sing your favourite harvest hymns

Bring gifts of tins and packets for POLLY who feed the hungry and
homeless in Banbury every night

8th 8am BCP HC (Ronald)

11am Methodist Service with Harvest theme

12.30 Harvest Lunch in the Small Hall (Gil Soden 780543 would
like numbers and food offers)

15th 9.30am HC (Ronald)

22nd 9.30am HC (Glyn Evans)

29th 9.30 HC (Ronald)

We're going to start the YOUTH GROUP again after HALF TERM break.

Any and every young person who attends Secondary School is warmly
welcome to attend.

Sunday evening from 4pm to 5.30pm - so plenty of time for tea, last minute
homework and bath etc afterwards!

Air hockey, pool, table tennis, music (If you bring it) tuck shop - unhealthy as
well as healthy snacks, and sometimes a discussion or talk about something
serious or worthwhile. Are there any young people who'd like to attend? Are
there any mums and dads who'd help supervise for just one evening a term?
Let me know?

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 3rd - Friendship Club - Boccia - Village Hall
7th - Bridge Drive - Village Hall - 2pm
9th - SG and Burdrop PC Meeting - Primary School - 8pm
13th - "175 A Day of Celebration" - Sibford School from 130pm
14th - Holy Trinity Church's "Family Fun Evening" - Village Hall - 4-6pm
19th - Sibfords Society: "The Great Fire of Warwick" - Village Hall - 8pm
26th - Film Night: 'Hidden Figures' - Village Hall 730pm
28th/29th - OHMS "Big Draw" - Village Hall
29th - "Music from the World of Disney" - Village Hall - 430pm

OCTOBER BIN COLLECTIONS

Green Tuesday: 3rd; 17th; 31st
Blue/Brown Tuesday: 10th; 24th

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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