

SIBFORD SCENE

May 2018

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SIBFORD FERRIS ANNUAL PC MEETING

10th - Sibford School - 7.45pm

PLANT SALE

12th - Carter's Yard - 10am

SIBFORD GOWER ANNUAL PC MEETING

17th - Primaty School - 8pm

HORTI SOCIETY SPRING SHOW

19th - Village Hall - 8.30am

FILM NIGHT

30th - "The Levelling" - Village Hall. 7.30pm (door opens at 7pm)

SIBFORD PHOTOGRAPHS



Easter Surprise from Temple Mill

Delightful to open the egg box and find this
- Thankyou, Jonquil!!

Brrr....

John Berry's photo of Ditch Edge



ED'S THOUGHTS

What is that yellow orb in the sky? Haven't seen it for ages (or so it seems).

No Great Taste this month, but have a look at the Oxford ArtWeeks in Great Tew with local artists exhibiting and the Sidecar guys are now in Cape Town.

Plea from a resident: PLEASE SLOW DOWN NEAR AND IN THE VILLAGE. Sadly a young Roe deer was run over just before the "slow" sign in the Ferris. Let's look after the wildlife around us

Thought for the month:

"You can't always get what you want"

Jagger/Richards



LETTERS AND NOTICES

SIBFORDS VILLAGE BREAKFASTS

In July, I am going with the Warriner School to Peru with Camps International. We are doing community building work and going on an expedition.

I'd like to arrange a number of breakfasts over the next year to raise money for the trip.

Please come along on June 9th at 8.30-10.30 for a breakfast (full English and veggie options)

Please email sibfordbreakfasts@gmail.com or call Beatrice on 780469 to RSVP.

Beatrice Williams

The Sibfords website: thesibfords.org.uk

SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL

With the recent refurbishment and increasing use of Sibford Village Hall, the Management Committee is looking to strengthen its membership so that the recent successes can continue into the future.

The responsibility of Sibford Village Hall rests with a charitable trust with the Management Committee running the day to day operation of the hall and its facilities. In the last two years the Management Committee has raised more than £50,000 to finance improvements to the hall and it is generally accepted that these have been largely responsible for the hall's increased usage. In the same period, the finances of the hall have been improved to ensure that rental incomes cover the day-to-day running of the hall and that profits from major events can be used for further hall improvements.

The future success of the Village Hall will be in the next generation of villagers; people who will bring modern management techniques and ideas to the running of the hall to ensure that it continues to provide a modern and viable facility much needed in our thriving community.

Contact Joan Broady, Village Hall Chairman, (01295 780410) or email: joan.broady@btinternet.com to discuss how you can help to ensure the continuing success of our magnificent village hall for the next generations.

COFFEE MORNING

In aid of Katherine House on Saturday 2nd June at The Leys, Backside Lane, Sibford Gower. 10am -12 noon. Bring & Buy Raffle

NATURE NOTES

It has been a late Spring this year with sunny days few and far between – certainly up until the middle of April. My asparagus crop is at least three weeks later than last year.

Back on the 11th March I saw my first butterfly of the year, a male Brimstone. The males are the brightly coloured yellow butterflies often seen on sunny spring days. The females are a pale greenish-white colour. These spring butterflies will have hibernated as adults over the winter months. They can be encouraged by planting Buckthorn, the foodplant of the caterpillars, and retaining patches of dense ivy and bramble where the adults hibernate.

On the same day our bird table was visited by a bullfinch. Bullfinches used to be considered a serious pest in fruit orchards where they ate the flower buds. They are a species in decline and I am happy for them to share the buds on my fruit trees if it means seeing more of this colourful bird.

Green Woodpeckers have been very vocal during the early part of April with their loud laughing call. This call gave rise to their old name of Yaffle. Another name was the Rain Bird as they were supposed to call more when it was about to rain. Perhaps there is some truth in this. These birds feed mostly on ants and are attracted to lawns.

The recent Blue Planet 2 programmes have raised awareness of the impacts of plastic pollution on wildlife and humans. Both individuals and organisations are now at least thinking of ways to reduce the use of single-use plastics in particular. I was quite surprised that on the Ferris litter pick a large sack of plastic waste (along with about 30 cans and a dozen glass bottles) was collected from the roadside verges just on the stretch between the crossroads in the village and the Elm. As well as being unsightly this litter can have an effect on our local wildlife.

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

FILM NIGHTS

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FUTURE EVENTS:

JAZZ NIGHT and Picnic on the field on June 2nd. We supply the music - you bring your own drinks and picnic and hopefully we can all be outside this year.

ANNUAL FAYRE is on July 7th, with Childrens Sports too.

FREE BIG SCREEN EVENTS

JULY 15th Wimbledon Mens Final . Cream teas available.

SEPTEMBER 8TH The Last Night of The Proms.

We have decided NOT to show The Eurovision Song Contest in May.

VILLAGE HALL MEETINGS

Our Annual General Meeting is on June 5th and you are all welcome to attend. A great opportunity if you have any ideas of events to put on ,something you would to happen at the Village Hall, or want to offer your help with an event.

HALL BOOKINGS AND INFORMATION

Please contact Ginny via bookvillagehall@thesibfords.org.uk website or Tel 01295 780373.

May we remind all hirers to be vigilant in switching off lights and securely locking up the hall after use. Thank you.

Ginny Bennett

A vacancy remaining on the Sibford Gower Parish Council

Following the formal adoption of four candidates to the incoming Sibford Gower Parish Council, the Council elect would very much like to speak with anyone who might be interested in putting themselves forward to be co-opted to fill a vacancy that remains on the incoming Council in May.

If you are interested, in this first instance could you let David Allen know, and one of the four will be back in touch with you.

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SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

There were present all Parish Councillors, seven local residents and the Clerk (Peter Hardman). The Chairman pointed out that the apparent decrease of 13.6% in the parish precept was due to greater demands by other service providers rather than any reduction in the actual precept.

He reported that this would be the last full meeting under his chairmanship, with the new Parish Councillors taking office after the Parish Council election date of 3rd May 2018. However, he will be chairing the start of next Parish Council Meeting on 17th May and the Annual Parish Meeting on 30th April 2018. He thanked the Parish Councillors who had been in office during his ten years as Chairman for their support and involvement with Parish Council matters, and the indefatigable Clerk.

Financial Matters: Grass cutting and Mowing: the County Council's decision to mow only once a year means that the Parish Council is having to take on more cuttings. It was agreed to arrange for new contracts for the churchyard, the Millennium Field and the verges on the same terms respectively with Thomas Fox Landscaping, WC & EF Lovesey & Son, and N R Prickett. Planning Matters: Bishop Blaize: the Appeal documents against Refusal re the change of use from A4 to C3 (ACV Listed) were considered in detail, and it was agreed to draft a short reply in response, which would be circulated and cleared with the members of the incoming Parish Council. Highways: Road surfaces are generally in a poor condition because of the County Council's lack of available financial resources. Pothole problems and the like should be reported to FixmyStreet. Village Pond Area: Following recent rainfalls the underground water level has risen and the pond is now full. With regard to the pond wall which was damaged by contractor's vehicles employed by Ryehill Farm, heavy workload has prevented the farmer from carrying out repair work but this will be done as soon as practicably possible. With regard to the land in front of The Old Rectory where Licence to plant is given by the County Council, Teresa Blacker – Highways Inspector (OCC) visited on 19th October 2017 and had informed the Parish Council that all is in order. It was agreed to add her emails to the dossier prepared by the Chairman on this issue, which appears as an Appendix to the minutes. Telephone box: The Clerk reported that the telephone box in Main Street has still to be removed and he was informed by Cherwell District Council that the removal programme throughout the Country is progressing but there was no specific date for this particular box.

Public Participation: parking of cars has led to the grass verge being worn away by the pond and the roots of the large Chestnut tree (planted for Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee) being exposed. The Clerk was asked to consult the County Council's tree officer. The historic decision of the PC to request alteration of the road sign markings at the entry to Bonds End Lane had never been acted on, but this cannot be pursued until the road surfaces are repaired, which will not happen until the County Council has more funds.

SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Election (not)

Since there were only three nominations for the Parish Council, there will be no need for an election this year. Councillors Ginny Bennett, Adrian Lamb and Simon Rayner will assume office at their first meeting on 14th May. They will need to co-opt two additional members to the council, and have started looking for volunteers keen to play a part in serving the community. Your commitment need be **little** more than being willing to attend an evening meeting six times a year. Contact the Parish Clerk or Chair if you are interested or would like more information.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the classroom above the Sports Hall at Sibford School at 7.30pm on Thursday 10th May. The full agenda is available on the website; as well as reports from the Parish Council Chair and other village organisations, it will give residents an opportunity to raise and discuss any matters of **interest**, such as refurbishment of the Cotswold Close play area and the provision of grit bins.

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Walkers should either park on the road or on the grass field at the village hall and not on the tarmac area which is reserved for the painting class.

All welcome. Enquiries to Sue Bannister
T: 780365 or E: sebannister@gmail.com

Ian Sharp, ian@iansharp.net, Lamb's Croft, Back Lane, Sibford Ferris, OX15 5RE, tel. 01295 516889, is now the footpaths warden and anyone who has a problem or complaint should contact him.

12 May 2018: 10 am-1pm Rare and unusual plant sale at Carter's Yard, Sibford Gower. Buy a wide range of plants which you can view in a garden setting with advice on how best to grow them, all proceeds to Sibford Horticultural Society, tea and coffee available. If you can't come on the day, contact Sue Bannister, sebannister@gmail.com, 01295 780365 to arrange a visit.



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The coach will depart from the Village Hall at 10 a.m. and leave Leicester at 4 p.m. If you would like a trip to Leicester without Richard III, just come along for the day out. The coach costs £15 p.p. and the Exhibition and Cathedral entrance ticket £10. Please get in touch if you are interested.

Diana Hughes: 780506.



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(Note change of time)

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FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Club will be having lunch at Tadmarton on the 1st Tuesday and on the 3rd Tuesday we will be holding the AGM as usual - all Members are welcome!

The meeting in June will start with a visit from Troy and anything might happen when we play skittles. June 19th we're off to Toddington for tea on a train.
Eveline Boughton



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SIBFORD GOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

We finished the Spring Term with a flurry of physical activity, as the whole school took part in an event linked to Sport Relief. The challenge could just have been to run around the Big Field as many times as possible within a given time. However, in order to inspire and engage all the children, we gave them the choice as to how they travelled. Some ran, some walked, some hopped and jumped, some danced, some even crawled, but they all took part with energy, enthusiasm and lots of smiling and laughing – and all got plenty of physical exercise. And, we raised £100 for an excellent cause.

As we move into the summer term, the weather is finally warming up and things are set to be as creative and eventful as always, here at our lovely village primary school. Although we have the period of statutory SATs testing for our Year 2 and Year 6 children, all sorts of exciting learning is going on across the wider curriculum too.

The children in KS2 are involved in topic work exploring the fascinating world of the Ancient Greeks, looking at their myths & legends, their art and culture, and then moving onto the Olympics and their origins. Our younger children are immersed in the theme of Animal Magic and are working as scientists, sorting and classifying all sorts of creatures and investigating and comparing different habitats, as well as exploring the lives of historical figures such as Charles Darwin and producing mixed media art.

With the support of our fantastic PE coordinator, Miss Grantham, the children have been involved in developing ideas and making decisions about the development of our outdoor play equipment so that it supports both independent play and our P.E curriculum. The quotes are in and, with a little help from our wonderful P.T.A, we hope to have our new training circuit installed as early in the term as possible.

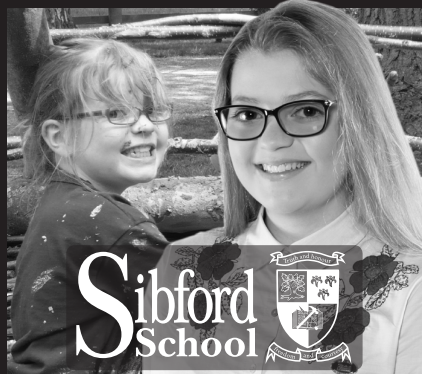
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Award-winning author visits Sibford

"I've been at Sibford since I was six and can honestly say I can't think of anywhere else I would rather be."

Sixth Form Student Julia



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Sibford School pupils recently enjoyed a visit from award-winning author, Ross Montgomery. Ross has written several novels aimed at youngsters aged between eight and 13. He has also produced picture books for children aged 3 – 8 ... the latest of which, 'Space Tortoise', is published later this month (May).

Ross gave two talks ... the first to pupils from Early Years though to Year 2 and the second for pupils in Years 3 to 8. He also conducted two workshops. Sibford School Librarian, Frances King, said: "I had seen Ross speak before and knew how engaging he was. All the children, even the very youngest, were absolutely riveted by what he had to say."

Rain or Shine present 'Much Ado About Nothing' in Sibford School's Holly House Garden



November 1918. The Great War has come to end and, the men of the British military forces are returning to their homes. Don Pedro and his comrades are coming at last to Messina (a little known village on the edge of the Cotswolds!) where they are met by friends, old and new.

The Rain or Shine Theatre Company return to Sibford on **Wednesday 20 June** with one of Shakespeare's best loved comedies. From the dastardly Don John, to the daft Sergeant Dogberry, 'Much Ado About Nothing' will bring you revellers, rascals and romance.

Dig out your hampers and load up your picnic bags and join us we celebrate Rain or Shine's 20th Anniversary and their ninth annual summer visit to Sibford. Tickets cost £14 for adults, £12 for concessions and £6 for children and are available from the school on 01295 781216 or from Ticketweb.

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It's just the first leg of our full global circumnavigation attempt but feels like a huge step in our quest to be the first people to circumnavigate the globe on a scooter with a sidecar raising awareness of modern slavery.

We'll be in Cape Town for a week or so while we set up our shipping to South America. Stay tuned for the next leg as we try to cross the Americas...

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LOCAL NEWS

THE FOOD ASSEMBLY

We have very exciting news – and a request. In the coming months, we will be launching a Food Assembly.

The Food Assembly brings together people in our community to buy local food, drink, and other supplies directly from local producers. The local produce is sold online where members of the community can pre-order and pay for what they would like to pick up from a weekly collection point.

At the heart of The Food Assembly is an amazing network of local people who are passionate about bringing local supplies to their community.

Hook Norton Brewery has kindly agreed to be our host for the weekly collection and our proposed time slot is currently 16:00 - 18:00 (possibly 16:30-18:30 dependent on feedback) on Thursdays from the Visitors Centre.

We have just started to contact local producers and we would like you to register as a member of the Food Assembly so you can support local by being a customer.

To register: go to the Food Assembly Website:

<https://thefoodassembly.com/en> and follow the instructions

Once we have signed up enough suppliers (at least 30 and preferably more), and customers, (we need around 100), we will launch the Hooky Food Assembly.

We would also like to hear from you if you would like to register as a producer or if you know someone we should contact about being involved in this initiative.

You can contact us on hookyfoodassembly@gmail.com or follow our news on Instagram or the Incredible Edible Hooky Facebook group.

LOCAL MARKETS

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

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The formation of Parish Councils

Civil parish councils were formed in England under the reforming Local Government Act 1894 to take over local oversight of civic duties in rural towns and villages. The act created two new types of local authority, parish councils and rural district councils to rationalise the large number of bodies which existed for a variety of activities such as public health, secular burials, water supply and drainage. It also finally removed secular duties from the local Vestry committees and gave them to the new parish councils.

Prior to 1894 both Sibford Gower and Sibford Ferris had separate Vestry meetings which were held at least once every year. Following the Local Government Act of 1894 Sibford Gower and Burdrop accepted a sealed order from the County Council to form a Parish Council comprising five elected Parish Councilors. The Parish Council for Sibford Gower and Burdrop celebrated its centenary in 1994 by holding a party in the Village Hall when the original Minute Book was displayed having been borrowed for the occasion from the Oxford Records Office.

Sibford Ferris however did not form a Parish Council at this time but continued as a Parish Meeting holding meetings as necessary but at least once a year to consider village matters. It was not until 1964 that a sealed order from Oxfordshire County Council cited the establishment of Sibford Ferris Council comprising five elected parish councilors to comply with the provisions of the Local Government Elections Act 1956. The first Chairman was Mr E C Flinn with Miss A Viney and Messrs JW Canning, A B Horn and J A Fielding serving as the remaining new parish councilors.

Councilors from both Parish Councils continue to serve their communities in a voluntary capacity and Minutes of their meetings are recorded on the village website: thesibfords.org.uk

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HORTI SOCIETY

On Wednesday 11th April Robert Longstaff of The Oxford Garden Project came to talk to the Horticulture Society. He was an inspirational speaker with a wealth of information about growing vegetables using the organic 'low input' no dig method. He advocated companion planting to confuse the insects, he advised giving the beds an annual mulch with home made compost, and comfrey, nettle and camomile liquid feeds and told us 'If you want to eat the plant, treat it well. If you want to eat the fruit, treat the plant mean' He plants potatoes close to the surface and covers them lightly with grass clippings which he continues to build up as the potato leaves emerge.

And lastly, here's the way he starts a raised bed from scratch: Hoe the area to take the heads off any weeds or grass, put down the wooden bed perimeter, lay cardboard at the base and cover with compost. Start planting and hoe any emerging weeds. Simple!

Our next speaker is John Salmon who will be talking to us at 7.30 on 9th May on Japanese gardens and Cherry Blossom.

Please also member Sue Bannister's rare plant sale at Carters Yard on Saturday May 12th from 10.00 to 12.00. Free entry, refreshments available and a chance to see Sue's remarkable garden.

Not forgetting the spring Show on May 19th at the village hall - and entry night on Wednesday 16th. So much to remember! *Diana Thompson*



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In Your Garden - May

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2. Plant your dahlias out when all danger of frost has passed. And stake them when you do.
3. On sunny days open the doors and windows of greenhouse, and watch out for first signs of greenfly, and also blackspot on your roses. And bright red lily beetles may make their first appearance. Squidge them in your fingers.
4. Dead head tulips and daffodils, but leave the leaves to die down naturally. They feed the bulbs.
5. Courgettes, cucumbers and squashes can be planted inside now. Plant out at the end of May.
6. Prune spring flowering shrubs when they have finished, ie japonica (chaenomeles) choisya, ribes, spiraea and Kerria.
7. Tie in new growth on rambling and climbing roses, keeping the branches as horizontal as possible. That way you will get more flowers and less whippy growth.
8. Do the "Chelsea Chop" at the end of the month on later flowering perennials. This will prolong flowering time.
9. Start sowing veggies such as cauliflower, carrots, peas, radish and lettuce, as the soil warms up.
10. Try to stake the tall plants in your border as soon as possible. Delphiniums, dahlias, lupins, foxgloves etc., and of course keep tying in your sweet peas, clematis and honeysuckle as they ramp away.

And enjoy every minute of this marvellous time of year in your garden. You will always feel happier out there! Leave the housework. *Jupe Hitching*

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NEWS FROM KATHERINE HOUSE



THE BIGGEST NIGHT OF THE SUMMER!

MIDNIGHT WALK SATURDAY 7 JULY

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Our Festival of Gardens returns this summer with over 30 beautiful gardens open in your area. This year gardens are open in Adderbury, Balscote, Farthinghoe, Middleton Cheney, Epwell and Heyford Park. For more information on the gardens, please visit www.khh.org.uk/gardens

CARE FOR A ROYAL CUPPA?

Get together with friends, family, and colleagues for a coffee morning or afternoon tea party and raise money for Katharine House. This May we're giving our Care for a Cuppa campaign a special royal twist. What better way to celebrate the Royal Wedding than with a Great British tea and cake party? Help raise much needed funds by holding a royal-themed cake sale in your work place or invite your friends over to watch the Royal Wedding together with a slice of cake (or two!). Hold a coffee morning, a traditional afternoon tea, or even a Care for a Curry evening and help raise money for people and their families facing life-limiting illnesses in the community. For more information, visit www.khh.org.uk/cuppa

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

Once again Holy Trinity Church was awash with flowers for Easter. Thanks go to all who helped decorate the Church. Thank you, too, to the Primary School children for both their excellent Easter Service, and also for the loan of their beautiful Easter Art-work. Easter Day Service was well attended As we go to print Sibford A.P.C.M. will have taken place and more about in the next News.

Is there anyone among the Sibford congregation who is willing to join the "assistants" list at Holy Communion Service if so PLEASE contact R.H. (the Rector) It's not a hard job But you don't get paid!

Saturday May 19th - Coffee Morning 10am in church.

Services for May

May 6th 10am Benefice Eucharist at Broughton
May 10th Thursday, Ascension Day 7pm Holy Communion
May 13th 8am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Service for Christian Aid Week
May 20th 9.30am Holy Communion
May 27th Trinity Sunday - so our
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9.30am Holy Communion

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May 2018 *Peter Hine 01295 788830*

General Thames Valley police alerts recently received:

1. Increase in shed break-ins, particularly in the Banbury area.
2. A burglary in Sibford Road, Shutford, resulted in the theft of 2 vehicles. (Not strictly ours, but close enough)
3. If you happen to see a Romanian registered Mercedes van, index BZ 01 CLI, with blue writing on the side and a Birmingham telephone number, please ring 101 and quote ref. 214269. The suspects are purporting to be scrap metal collectors and were last seen in Warwick Road, Banbury.
4. For all you Bitcoin investors;
Fraudulent Cryptocurrency Investments and Fake Endorsements.
Websites offering cryptocurrency investments are dishonestly using images of Martin Lewis, the founder and editor of moneysavingexpert.com. This is a scam. Do not engage. (via the National Fraud Alert Team).

The long standing FIELDING DAY CENTRE has ceased to exist following the withdrawal of funding from Oxfordshire County Council. This has given us the opportunity to open up our lunch facilities to all villagers over the age of 65.

ALL NEW SIBFORD LUNCH CLUB

Weekly at Sibford Village Hall

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SIBFORD BUS SERVICE

New Timetable as from April 2018

BUS NUMBER: 3A	NS				SSH
SOA Wood Street	6.15	9.00			16.05
SOA Bridge Street	6.17	9.02			16.07
Ilmington, Red Lion		9.20	11.40		16.25
Shipston, Tilemans Lane	6.37	9.37	11.47	13.26	16.32
Shipston, Pettiphers Garage	6.40	9.40	11.50	13.29	16.35
Lower Brailes, The Park	6.50	9.50	12.00	13.50	16.45
Sibford Ferris School	7.02	10.02	12.12	14.02	16.57
Lower Tadmarton	7.12	10.12	12.22	14.12	17.07
Banbury Bus Station	7.25	10.25	12.35	14.25	17.20

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Banbury Bus Station	10.30	12.40	14.30	17.30	
Lower Tadmarton	10.43	12.53	14.43	17.43	
Sibford Ferris School	10.53	13.03	14.53	17.53	
Lower Brailes, The Park	11.06	13.16	15.06	18.06	
Shipston, Pettiphers Garage	11.16	13.29	15.16	18.16	
Shipston, Tilemans Lane	11.19		15.19	18.19	
Ilmington, Red Lion	11.36		15.31		
SOA, Bridge Street			16.00	18.41	
SOA, Wood Street			16.03	18.48	

Notes:

NS - Not Saturdays

SSH - Saturdays, Monday to Fridays during School Holidays

B - Bus also serves Lower Quinton, Meon Vale, Clifford Chambers and on school days operates via Shipston High School

Note - ALL buses loop through Sibford Ferris, Burdrop & Sibford Gower



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 1st - Men's Breakfast Club - Gate Hangs High - 9.30am
- 2nd - Ladies Coffee Club - Wykham Arms - 11am
- 10th - Sibford Ferris Annual PC Meeting - Sibford School - 7.45pm
- 12th - Plant Sale - Carter's Yard - 10am
- 14th - Sibford Ferris PC Meeting - Sibford School - 7.45pm
- 15th - Friendship Club AGM - Village Hall - 2pm
- 17th - Sibford Gower Annual PC Meeting - Primary School - 8pm
- 19th - Horti Spring Show - Village Hall - 8.30am
- 24th - Sibfords Society trip to Leicester to see Richard III's bones
- 30th - Film Night: "The Levelling" - Village Hall - 7.30pm

MAY BIN COLLECTIONS

Green Tuesday: 1st; 15th; 29th
Blue/Brown Tuesday: 8th; 22nd

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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