

SIBFORD SCENE

May 2019

No 412



"Sunset Moorings" - painting by Ginny Bennett

Two parishes, one community

9th - Village Hall - xxpm

Plant Sale

11th - Carters Yard - 10-1pm

Horti Spring Show

18th - Village Hall - 2.30-4pm

The Chapel Choir of Worcester College, Oxford

"A Summer Serenade"

18th - Holy Trinity Church - 7.30pm

Film Night - 'Shoplifters'

29th - Village Hall - 7.30pm

THE SIBFORDS COME TOGETHER!

Two Parishes, One Community



The Annual Community Meeting of the Parishes of Sibford Ferris & Sibford Gower

For the first time in their separate histories, the councils of the two Sibford parishes, Ferris and Gower have come together this springtime to host an annual community meeting: 6.00 to 8.00 pm on Thursday 9th May that brings together representation from all the villages' many clubs, societies, organisations and institutions to celebrate the community that has grown up around them.

This is an opportunity to meet people who have lived here for year but you've never got to meet, and to welcome relative newcomers to the village who you may not yet have spoken to: an opportunity to find out more about what goes on in all those clubs and societies that you see advertised on the village website but wonder whether they're for you?

This is the moment!

Nearly all of the many groups who meet in the Village Hall week after week will be on hand. Definitely a date for your diary! This is the place to be! There'll be live music, a surprise or two and an opportunity to get to find out all in one place what everyone else gets up to that you never even knew went on!

The Wyham will be well represented there, as will be Holy Trinity Church, the Friends (Quaker) Meeting House, and the Town Estates Charity. We'll be hosting children and teachers from both Sibford schools, Ramesh from the Village Shop, and constantly busy as they are at least one from the busy team who keep our Village Surgery consistently among the highest-rated in the county.

Get to meet the editor of the Scene, Tony Skowronski, the Mastermind of the Sibfords website, Tim Huckvale, and the ever-supportive George Reynolds prepared to answer any question concerning the work of the Cherwell District Council. The Community Officer from Oxfordshire County Council will be there too. As will our very own footpaths warden, Ian Sharp.

You might be one of those who run a small business in the villages and wonder sometimes how many others there are doing the same thing. Or how to get one of your local councillors on the case if you ended up in some kind of dispute with the District Council.

It's also the place to find out how the group are progressing who have resolved to do something about speeding in the village - and to hear from another group who have been campaigning hard to resist the proposed housing development on the Hook Norton Road.

Two parishes, one community - and dozens of conversations!

Further Updates will be on the Sibfords Website: <https://thesibfords.org.uk>



ED'S THOUGHTS

SLOW JOURNALISM

I was in the Straw Kitchen the other day and noticed a magazine called: "Delayed Gratification" It is the magazine of the Slow Journalism Movement and is a cracking read. Check it out by searching for it on the Net.....

Hooray! - The Bus Service is back on page 26.....

Thought for the month:

"There will be an answer, let it be...."

Lennon/McCartney



LETTERS AND NOTICES

THE TOWN ESTATE CHARITY

The Town Estate Charity Sibford Gower and Burdrop has a remit to use surplus funds for three purposes: (i) the general benefit of the Sibford Gower parish, (ii) to help the Primary School and (iii) to "relieve either generally or individually persons in conditions of need, hardship or distress" ('relief-in-need').

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SIBFORD DRIVERS

Those of us in the Sibfords who have a car and are still able to drive far outnumber those who do not. Most of the latter can no longer bicycle and many even find walking difficult or impossible.

It occurs to us that the former could help the latter in a more organised way for though many lifts are given and gratefully accepted, many people have little or no help in this way.

It also occurs to us that a large group of drivers might be on hand to give the occasional but organised lift in a ten mile radius which would be as far as Banbury, Hook Norton, Chipping Norton, Shipston on Stour but no further. Many people living in the Gower would appreciate a lift to the shop and escape that dreadful hill, many in the Ferris would appreciate a lift to the Surgery, Village Hall, Church or Meeting House. Villagers from both could appreciate maybe just a short outing for tea or coffee.

A small mileage allowance for the drivers to charge voluntarily is anticipated.

We would like to build a list of those who could be approached for a lift and those who would, perhaps for a week at a time, consent to receive telephone calls to arrange a driver.

Would you please in the first instance let us know your names, telephone numbers and if available, email addresses and if there are enough volunteers we will get the ball in motion. Further details will be sent to those who express an interest in the scheme

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LITTER IN THE SIBFORDS

Over the past couple of years Mike and I have taken a bag with us when walking to pick up the odd bit of litter! This has turned into a regular litter pick. Mike now takes the bag when he runs most morning (when he is here) round the elm, Or round the Colony. Every day there are bottles cans and the dreaded Mcdonalds /fast food packaging. The very next day after the big litter pick there was more rubbish!!

Would it be possible to ask people to take their rubbish and put it in a bin ? Maybe we need signs reminding people that visit /pass through our village that we do not want their litter.?

Sue Etherington-Smith



NATURE NOTES

Like February March ended with a spell of sunny weather. This brought out the next flush of Spring flowers including Red Campion, Ground Ivy and Bluebells.

It is certainly worth a visit to Whichford Woods to see the Bluebells once they are in full bloom (late April/early May).

Even closer to home there is a nice patch of Shining Crane's-bill on the verge of the road between the Gower and Ferris. It is very pretty and is sometimes grown as a garden plant although it is classed as a noxious weed in some states of America.

Joanne Gilkes spotted a male Orange-tip butterfly on 31st March.

In sunny weather mining bees seem to have been particularly active this year including a very small species called the Common Mini-miner (there has got to be a joke there somewhere!).

The Starlings around the Sibford school playing fields have learnt to imitate both the building alarms and a referee's whistle.

I was pleased to add a Dotted Chestnut moth to my garden list. Although still classed as nationally scarce it is a species that is spreading. The caterpillars feed on apple leaves including dead leaves on the ground – a good reason not to be too tidy in the garden.



Bill Crabtree has requested on behalf of local beekeepers that people should keep watch for Asian or Yellow-legged Hornets. They are highly aggressive predators of honey bees and native insects. The abdomen is brown with a single yellow segment unlike the native Hornet which has a yellow abdomen with brown markings. If spotted a photo should be sent to alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk.

Any contributions for the next Nature notes should be sent to ajnewbold88@gmail.com.

Andy and Gill Newbold

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

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Advance Tickets : Adult £13, Child £6, Family £32, from Keith Hicks 01295 780259.

CONTACT and BOOKING INFORMATION

If you would like to book the hall please contact Ginny [Booking Secretary] on 01295 780373 or via thesibfords website.

You can check availability of the hall on the Village Hall webpage.

Why not check out what is going on in the Village? Join a group?

Start a new one?

We have great facilities ,with a large ,well equipped kitchen ,state of the art Audio Visual system and huge screen, which can be used by any hirers.

Just ask!

Ginny Bennett

The film for Wednesday May 29th is 'Shoplifters' (15)

Winner of the Palma d'Or at Cannes 2018.

Shoplifters is an exceptional and delightful drama about the forces holding a struggling family together.

In Tokyo, the Shibatas routinely turn to petty thieving to make ends meet; but despite their poverty, when they happen upon a little girl after one of their shoplifting sessions, they decide to take her in. Shoplifters is a rich and satisfying film that will challenge stereotypes and win hearts in equal measure.

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Swalcliffe Park Equestrian Calendar of Events

Calendar of Events - 2019

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| Mon 6th May | BRC Horse Trials Area 18 Qualifier (TBC) |
| Fri 2nd - Sun 4th August | BRC National Horse Trials Championships |
| Sat 14th & Sun 15th Sept. | Horse-Events One-Day Event (TBC) |
| Sun 27th October | CROWN Riding Club Hunter Trial (TBC) |

POP UP CAFE



On Saturday morning 1st June 10am-12noon, Diana Hughes will be transforming her home at 'Meadow View' in Sibford Ferris, into the next 'Pop Up Cafe', which will have a distinctly German theme!

Don't worry though - you don't have to speak German to come along (and Lederhosen are optional!)

So after you've picked up your morning paper at the local shop - why not pop over to your nearby 'Pop Up Cafe', where (weather permitting) you, your friends and family can all sit and admire Diana's garden, whilst enjoying a freshly made cuppa, along with some 'Mozart Kuchen', Black Forest Gateaux - or some of the other scrummy delights available - all for £2.00! Gluten free options will also be available

Contact Marianne Allen for further details on [01295 780151](tel:01295780151).

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Shipston Home Nursing: who offer care at home.

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Stepping out for Cystic Fibrosis



Open Events

Join us on Friday 3 May for our **Whole School Open Morning**, or attend our **Annual Open Day on Saturday 15 June**.

Parents with children aged three - five are invited to join us for a **free stay and play session** to learn more about the Early Years offering at Sibford School.

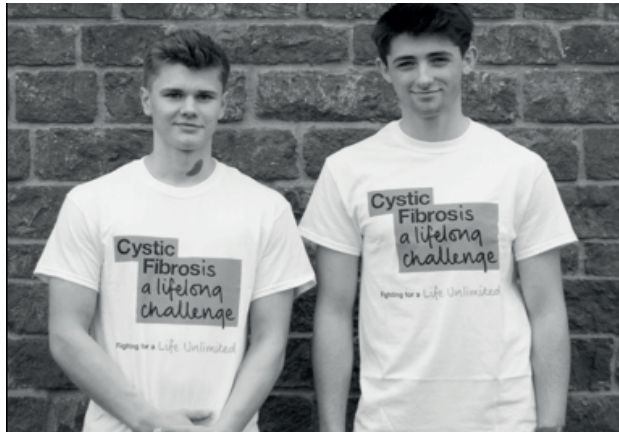
Forest School. Friday 10 May. 10.30am - 11.45am

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Woodwork. Friday 24 June. 10.30am - 11.45am

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To book a place, call Elspeth on 01295 781 203



Two Sixth Form students from Sibford School successfully walked 102 miles along the Cotswold Way, from Bath to Chipping Campden in a bid to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust.

Henry and Dominic completed their walk at 10pm on Sunday 7 April after setting off from Bath Abbey in the early hours of Saturday morning.

Dominic said 'The walk was great but very tough. We did end up having to sleep, but only for 2 hours from 5am until 7am. In total we walked for 37 hours.'

Toby Spence, Head Teacher said 'This is a brilliant achievement. I never doubted them, what a remarkable feat of endurance!'

So far the pair have raised a huge £5,800. You can still support them here: <https://www.justgiving.com/dom-mills>.

As You Like It – Al Fresco Summer Theatre

The cast of theatre company Rain or Shine, hailed by 'The Stage' as 'one of the best companies touring open air theatre', are set to delight audiences once again in the House Garden at Sibford School, on Wednesday 19 June with a performance of 'As You Like It'. The garden will open for picnics at 6.30pm and the performance will start at 7.30pm. **For tickets visit the 'What's on' page on the Sibford School website.**

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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 780790, is now the footpaths warden and anyone who has a problem or complaint should contact him.



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After our brief AGM on 21st March, Keith Hicks began his lively and informative talk on the 'History of Sibford Village Hall 'with a poem by Frank Lascelles, pageant master, who lived in the Manor House and provided a large wooden hut that was used as a village hall between 1919 -47. Prior to this, events had been held in the Village School and also in the dining room of the Friends School. After Lascelle's death it was discovered that his estate, including the hut, was heavily mortgaged, and could not be saved. There were many meetings and fund raising events and eventually the present hall was built and opened in 1957. In 1999 the new extension was added and finished in 2001. In 2016 the hall was treated to a makeover and opened by Banbury MP Victoria Prentis in 2017. It continues to be the hub for our communal activities.

On Thursday 16th May Dr Gillian White will be talking about 'Queen Victoria – a Life in Portraits', perfect timing as Victoria would have been 200 on 24th May .We see" a winsome toddler develop into the soul of a nation".

Sibford Village Hall; doors open 7.45, talk begins 8p.m. Visitors welcome at £3 p.p.

Our programme for 2019

16th May: Gillian White – 'Queen Victoria- a Life in Portraits.

20th June: 'A day out on the Toddington Railway'

30th July: A visit to Highclere Castle .

July : A Swift walk round the Sibfords with Chris Mason, date TBA.

19th September: Martin Sirot-Smith – 'Sulgrave Manor and the Washington Family.'

17th October: Colin Hill: 'The Barn Well Hill Railway'.

21st November: 'The Broughton Hoard'.

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There is a lot to discuss this time...also the annual dues to be paid.....the Afternoon trip on May 21st is VERY local.....Afternoon tea at The Gate Hangs High. at 3-pm

The June trip is to Hampton Gardens NOT HAMPTON COURT GARDENS but one near Worcester

See you all at the AGM!

Eveline Boughton

WELCOME TO SIBFORD

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

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Chipping Norton Country Market - 1st, 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 9-11, lower town hall, Chipping Norton.

Deddington Farmers - 4th Saturday of the month

Great Rollright - 1st Saturday of the month

North Cotswold Farmers - 1st Thursday of the month @



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HORTI SOCIETY

Andrew Tindsley was our April speaker, and very interesting he was too. His talk was entitled 'almost horticulture' and was a biopic through his professional career as a landscape architect both in the U.K. and such far flung places as the Himalayas, Singapore and New Zealand. His company was very much involved in the regeneration of the urban recreational spaces in Christchurch NZ after the earthquake of 2011.

Andrew and Chris have retired to Sibford Gower where they are busy creating a wondrous garden round their newly built house.

May is a busy month in the Sibford Horticultural Calendar.

On Wednesday 8th May Robert Longstaff is returning by public demand to talk some more about The Oxford Project. What he doesn't know about vegetable and fruit propagation isn't worth knowing. Please come and be inspired and learn new stuff!

And lastly, on 18th May we will be holding the Spring Show at The village hall from 2.30 - 4.00. Entry night is on Wednesday 15th May at the village hall between 7.00 and 8.00pm. In a spirit of sheer euphoria and Britishness, we have made last minute changes to the handicraft (section C) and photographic (section D) categories.

The lists below are definitive and should be referred to when submitting Handicraft and Photography entries. Entries in bold indicate categories which don't appear in the spring schedule.

Section C

1. Piece of pottery
2. A cushion
3. A hand knitted article
4. An item of cross stitch
5. A piece of metal or woodwork - please state size on entry
6. A greetings card - made from any medium excluding computer generated
7. A bookmark - any medium
8. A handicraft exhibit - please state size on entry
9. A handicraft exhibit - age 16 and under
10. **An item of tie dye**



HORTI SOCIETY

continued.....

Section D photography

1. Photograph - landscape/country scene
2. Photograph - trees/woods/forests
3. Photograph - Happiness
4. Photograph - Macro
5. Photograph - Coasts and water
6. Photograph - wildlife in the garden
7. Photograph - the beauty of plants
8. Photograph - a night photo
9. Photograph - my best selfie
10. Photographs of 4 related views - mounted on one sheet and named
11. A black and white photograph - any size (one only)
12. An enlargement - any subject (Max size A4 black and white or colour)
13. A photograph - Texture, line, pattern
14. A photograph - sunset
15. A photograph - sea life
16. A painting or drawing
17. A painting or drawing - aged 16 or under

Good luck and we look forward to a bumper crop of entries!

Diana Thompson

PLANT SALE

The plant sale in aid of the Horti will take place on Saturday, 11 May, 10-1, at Carter's Yard, Sibford Gower, OX15 5RW, just above the Wykham Arms. As usual there will be a wide range of plants for sale at very reasonable prices and visitors get the chance to walk round the garden and see many of the plants growing in situ and talk to experienced gardeners about the best way to grow or to position the plants in their own garden. There is no charge for entry. Tea, coffee, cold drinks and biscuits will be available. All takings will go to the Sibford Horticultural Society to go towards paying for speakers and summer outings. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to be a member of the Horti. Should you be unable to come on the day, please ring or email Sue Bannister to arrange a mutually convenient time to come before or after the sale. Sue's email: sebannister@gmail.com and phone: 01295 780365. She would welcome contributions of any plants you may have spare.

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In Your Garden - May

1. If you planted your veggies inside, start hardening them off. Put them to stand outside during the day, but remember to bring them in at night, until all danger of frosts is over. If you have a greenhouse, you can now start planting seeds of courgettes, sweetcorn, and beans. Your new potatoes might be ready to earth up, and you can still plant another row - it's not too late.
2. If you hurry up you can still divide perennial plants, such as aster, sedums, agapanthus and crocosmia, to make more plants.
3. Now is a good time to plant strawberry runners. They like a warm spot (who doesn't) and are easy to grow in a raised bed, and that makes it easier to put netting over them. Surround the plants with hay or straw, which lifts the fruit off the ground, and away from the slugs.
4. Time to give the roses some TLC. Scatter some granular rose fertiliser around them, and spray at once if you see greenfly or leaf spot.
5. Try and find room for a picking border. You can sow hardy annuals, poppies, nigella, cerinthe, marigolds, larkspur, nasturtiums, and have a blaze of colour to pick when you want.
6. As the daffodils are fading, cut off their heads, but leave the leaves to die back and feed the bulbs. Do not tie them into neat little bundles. You can lift and divide large clumps of bulbs now.
7. Garden centres are stuffed with tempting plants. One of my favourites is bellis perennis - jolly little fat daisies -, and they look great lining a path. They will flower from May to October if you remember to dead head them regularly.
8. The lawn needs mowing every week now, and keeping the edges trimmed makes a huge difference. We are just waiting for the frosts to finish, and then we can put down moss killer - half our lawn is shady, and it gets full of moss. Nice and bouncy to walk on with bare feet though!
9. Rambling roses are on the ramble again. Tie them in, and shorten if necessary. They're a bit like naughty dogs, or errant husbands. Be firm.
10. And it's time to sow herbs in pots, and put them in a sunny place near the back door, or on the kitchen window sill. Basil and coriander are always needed. Mint can go in the shade, and is best in a large pot, as it likes to ramble as well. Rosemary is so beautiful I have mine in the flower bed.

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| SOA Bridge Street | 6.17 | 9.02 | | | 16.07 |
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| 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 | |

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- 11th - Plant Sale - Carters Yard - 10-1pm\
- 12th-27th - Nigel Fletcher Exhibition - Swalcliffe Village Hall
- 16th - Sibfords Society "Queen Victoria: A life in Portraits" Village Hall, 7.45pm
- 18th-27th - ArtWeeks - Temple Mill - 10-6pm
- 18th - Horti Society Spring Show - Village Hall 2.30-4pm

JUNE (part)

- 1st - Pop Up Cafe - 'Meadow View' - 10-12 noon

MAY BIN COLLECTIONS

- Green Tuesday: 14th; 28th
Blue/Brown Tuesday: 7th; 21st

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