

SIBFORD SCENE

July/August 2019

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POP-UP CAFE

6th July - The Long House - 10.30am

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

16th July - Kiev Classic Accordion Duo - 7.30pm

SIBFORDS SOCIETY

30th July - Trip to Highclere Castle - Village Hall - 10am

GARDEN PARTY

11th August - The Rectory - 3pm

HORTI SHOW

24th August - Village Hall - 2.30pm

FILM NIGHTS

31st July - "All is True" - Village Hall - 7.30pm

28th August - "Mary Poppins Returns" - Village Hall - 6pm



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ED'S THOUGHTS

Bit of change this month - on the back cover is a sketch from William Gray of the Village Pond proposal (Thought I'd do it justice in colour!). Don't worry, normal service will be resumed in the next issue.....

We also have a new article on The Sibford Drivers, which is an excellent idea from Norman Nash (pages 9 & 10)

Thought for the month:

'Meet the new boss, same as the old boss

We won't get fooled again'

Pete Townshend



LETTERS AND NOTICES

Trustee vacancy at the Town Estate Charity Sibford Gower and Burdrop

The Town Estate Charity is a long-established charity that receives rental income from various sources including a farm, livery and residential property. It has a remit to use surplus funds for (i) the general benefit of the Sibford Gower parish, (ii) to help the primary school and (iii) relief-in-need.

Applications are now invited to fill a forthcoming vacancy for a co-opted trustee. Candidates are asked to send details of their suitability, listing the skills and qualifications they believe they possess that would benefit the Charity, to the secretary, Peter Morgan (petermorgan2@hotmail.co.uk).

The secretary or any of the trustees can also be contacted for further details of the Charity's operations.

To Let - The School House, Sibford Gower

The School House, owned by the Town Estate Charity Sibford Gower and Burdrop, is currently being refurbished and will be available for rental shortly. The house has 3 - 4 bedrooms and the Charity trustees would ideally like to help meet local housing needs by letting to a local family. Further details can be obtained from the secretary, Peter Morgan (petermorgan2@hotmail.co.uk or tel. 01295 788207).



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New Beginners class Thursdays 9 – 10am

Traditional Yoga Fridays 9 – 10am

Chair Yoga Fridays 10.15 – 11am

Any enquiries to juliette53@btinternet.com

Swalcliffe Park Equestrian Calendar of Events

Calendar of Events - 2019

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)



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION"

Join us on **July 13th** in the lovely grounds of Leasowe House for an outdoor concert , featuring Birmingham Symphonic Winds.

Also taking part are Sibford Songbirds and Sibford Gower Primary School Musical Theatre Group.

Music will include some of the best movie themes of all time.

In aid of the Village Hall Car Park Fund and BSW. Starting at 6pm

.Gates open 5pm.

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Tickets from Keith Hicks 01295 780259 or keith@hicks-sibford.co.uk.

Adult £13/£18 ,Child £6/ £10 , Family £32/ £45 Cheaper prices are for advance tickets only.

HORTI SHOW

Join us all for this wonderful show on August 24th. Details can be found on the village website nearer the date

INFORMATION AND VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

Contact Ginny on 01295 780373 or via thesibfords website.



Sketch by Michael Spring



VILLAGE HALL NEWS



The film for July 31st is ALL IS TRUE (12A)

Written by Ben Elton and directed by and starring Kenneth Branagh, Judi Dench and Ian McKellan, this is a moving and critically lauded biopic of the bard. William Shakespeare, returns home after a fire destroys the Globe Theatre. Haunted by the death of his son, he strives to repair the broken relationship with his wife and daughters. His search for the truth uncovers secrets that lie within a family at war.

Film starts at 7.30. Door open at 7. Refreshments available. Tickets £2

The film for AUGUST 28th is MARY POPPINS RETURNS (PG)

After their first adventure with their magical nanny, Jane and Michael Banks have grown up -and have children of their own. And now, 'Mary Poppins Returns' to help them again.

Following a personal loss, the wonder has gone out of their lives, but with the help of the practically perfect Poppins (Emily Blunt, *The Devil Wears Prada*), as well as a local lamplighter named Jack (Lin-Manuel Miranda, *Hamilton*), they'll be able to rediscover the Magic they once shared.

Please note this film starts at 6 o'clock as it is a PG and suitable for children. My grandchildren loved it..

Doors open at 5.30. Refreshments available. Tickets £2. Children under 12 £1.

SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

The Council are hoping to recruit a Clerk.

This is a paid position, and involves attending approximately six meetings a year and taking the minutes, maintaining records of all Council business, circulating correspondence and dealing with financial matters.

Anyone interested or for more information, can contact Council Chairman Adrian Lamb on adrian.lamb@thesibfords.org.uk

SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL



A shared celebration: the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting of the Ferris & the Gower

A personal note from Hugh Pidgeon, Chair, SGPC

On May 9th 2019, for the first time in their separate histories, the councils of the two Sibford parishes, Ferris and Gower came together to host the Annual Parish Meeting as a shared celebration of our combined Sibfords community. It was a memorable occasion and accounts of the meeting appear at several points on 'The Sibfords' website. This is an edited extract from my Chairman's Report for the year that appears in one of these.

Through this note I particularly wanted to thank our colleagues on the Ferris Council for their willingness to work with us on this. It was something of an experiment, and the more we looked into the history of the 1972 Local Government Act which underpins the declared purposes of this day, the more contradictions and anomalies there seemed to be.

Provision for this once-a-year meeting appears within the same Act that defines the responsibilities of Parish and Town Councils. These are all part of the country's representative democracy, but as "a meeting of the electors of a parish" the Annual Parish meeting itself is defined more as a form of direct democracy - for which the only other example in the national legislation of the United Kingdom is the referendum.

The closest the legislation comes to defining the purpose of the meeting is for the community "to come together to discuss parish affairs". It all rather comes down to what is meant by 'parish affairs'; and as we discovered, over the years that has left the gate wide open for any number of interpretations up and down the country!

If the purpose was to come together to discuss parish affairs, then this we did. It was a revelation seeing so many of the community's institutions, organisations, clubs and societies all represented in one place, and a highly enjoyable and engaging time it was. But we recognize that there remains a delicate balance to be drawn between the primary purposes of such a community gathering under the auspices of the Annual Parish Meeting, and the interests of the two elected Councils as they seek to respond to the wishes and concerns of their electorate.

Happily we did not get mired in some of the more dramatic collisions of view that have come to characterize the current debate nationally between the direct democracy of the 2016 referendum and the responsibility for the outcome claimed by the representative democracy of local members of Parliament!

The two councils of the Gower and the Ferris have agreed to set up a cross-parish group to continue to investigate for any future event how best to honour the spirit of the original legislation that the meeting should continue to be actively supported by the two councils but not be led by them.

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SIBFORD DRIVERS

We are pleased that our article in the May copy of the *Scene* has produced 32 volunteers and we will be commencing our service to our fellow residents in July.

We are delighted and most grateful to Margaret Gardiner for agreeing to act as "Hub" in the first instance and you will see that Margaret is the first named each week on the rota for taking requests for a lift...

The first rota is shown below and anyone seeking a lift within or up to a ten mile radius of the village should telephone Margaret in the first instance. If Margaret is unavailable to answer please then try the second named, first on their house phone and as a last resort on their mobile, the number of which (if available) is also given. The two names on the rota have not been asked to sit by their telephones all the week but we hope the arrangements described will find you a driver. You will be asked how long you wish to stay at your destination i.e. a visit to the surgery or village hall for a film or to church or for a lengthy visit to an old friend may well necessitate a different driver to take you home.

The driver will be making a small charge to cover petrol and maintenance costs at the rate of 30p per mile. (Note the distance to Banbury, Shipston-on-Stour and Chipping Norton are all about 7 miles and a journey there and back would be about £4.50 depending on where exactly you wish to be taken. If the driver is unable to wait to take you home, you will be requested to pay a similar sum to the second driver.

We do hope that the inhabitants of Sibford will use this service as the volunteers are very keen that you should and will be disappointed if they have no requests; nobody likes to feel unwanted!

Residents will be aware of similar services organised mainly in Banbury for hospital and other appointments further afield. These are:

Volunteer Driver Service North Oxfordshire telephone

0300 3030 125

Banbury Volunteer Bureau Transport

01295 266090

Oxford Travel and Advice Line for the over 65's

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Further details are available of all these for those with access to websites.

Any questions or comments please to Mary & Norman Nash, 780980 or nnash@waitrose.com



SIBFORD DRIVERS

Sibford Drivers					
Rota for telephone duty					
2019					
Sunday	30th June	Gardiner	Margaret	780979	mobile
to	to				
Saturday	6th July	Nash	Norman	780980	07802565290
Sunday	7th July	Gardiner	Margaret	780979	
to	to				
Saturday	13th July	Garnham	Martin	788160	07944349120
Sunday	14th July	Gardiner	Margaret	780979	
to	to				
Saturday	20th July	Gill	David	788171	07730431118
Sunday	21st July	Gardiner	Margaret	780979	
to	to				
Saturday	27th July	Hine	Peter	788830	07790973457
Sunday	28th July	Gardiner	Margaret	780979	
to	to				
Saturday	3rd August	Dougall	Jeremy	780908	07831647072
Sunday	4th August	Gardiner	Margaret	780979	
to	to				
Saturday	10th August	Hine	Judy	788830	07790973457
Sunday	11th August	Gardiner	Margaret	780979	
to	to				
Saturday	17th August	Richard	Thomas	788048	07976221658
Sunday	18th August	Gardiner	Margaret	780979	
to	to				
Saturday	24th August	Abbott	Peter	780731	07811918926
Sunday	25th August	Gardiner	Margaret	780979	
to	to				
Saturday	31st August	Nash	Mary	780980	07581200585

(Peter Abbott cannot do the 18th August)



SIBFORD GOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

SATs are now over and the sense of relief in school is palpable. This does not mean that learning has stopped however. Days here are as busy as ever with all sorts of exciting learning going on across the school.

We have welcomed the Life Education Bus into the school grounds and the older children have taken part in workshops exploring a variety of themes, including healthy eating, legal and illegal drugs and their effects, the body and how it works, friendships and their influence, and how choices and behaviours can affect dreams and aspirations. The feedback from our children about these is always positive and this annual visit from Pamela and Harold the giraffe is something the children look forward to.

During the last half term of the academic year, we have some theme weeks planned, including Science Week and Healthy Week. The theme for Science Week is Space and we are surprising the children by transforming the school hall into a huge observatory thanks to the 'Wonder Dome' and our wonderful PTA who have agreed to fund this experience that the children will all remember. This is planned as the start of a week of exciting Science based learning, including a trip to The Warriner School with children from other WMAT schools for a morning of exciting workshops.

After Science Week, comes Healthy Week which includes Healthy Breakfast and an opportunity for all our children to take part in the Daily Mile, and finishes with Sports Day on the Big Field.

As well as the trip to The Warriner, we have other special visits arranged, including a day for our younger children at Oxford Arboretum and a special trip to the grounds of Blenheim Palace for our Year 6 children to see a performance of Romeo and Juliet in a 'pop-up' Shakespearean Theatre.

We have theatre performance closer to home too, as our KS2 children perform a musical version of 'Wind in the Willows' in our school hall. This will be one of the last big events at Sibford Gower for our wonderful Year 6 children, to whom we sadly bid farewell at the end of this academic year.

We have already met many of our new Reception intake for next year. They have been welcomed into school on a number of occasions during the summer term to meet their new classmates, get to know their classroom and to take part in some special Forest School sessions out in the grounds.

To find out more about our wonderful village school, including our wraparound care offer, please visit our website at <http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk/>

Fun in the Country Holiday Club

Sibford School will be running Fun in the Country, a holiday club for children aged 5 – 11 throughout the summer holidays.

This popular club see's children take part in a variety of activities from arts & crafts, music & drama, sports, team games to cookery and swimming.

The club will be running on weekdays from Monday 29th July until Friday 23rd August. Timings are from 9.15am – 4.30pm, however early drop off can be arranged from 8.30am and pick up as late as 5.30pm.

The cost per day is £30 and early booking is recommended as this popular holiday club has limited numbers per day.

To book a place call Elspeth on 0195 781 203.

Upcoming open events

Junior School Open Morning

Saturday 21 September 2019. 10.30am – 12.00pm.

Come and learn more about Sibford Junior School and take a tour around the facilities on offer. This is a great opportunity to meet with staff and find out more about what is on offer from nursery to Year 6 and learn more about the admissions process.

Whole School Open Morning

Friday 4 October 2019. 09.45am – 12.00pm.

Come and discover more about what Sibford School can offer children aged from 3 to 18. Our Open Days offer an ideal opportunity to see Sibford School in action; meet staff and students and take a look at our wide range of facilities.

If you would like to attend an event and are able to let us know in advance, please contact Elspeth Dyer, admissions officer via email: admissions@sibfordschool.co.uk or via phone: 01295 781 203.



SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

Forthcoming Walks:

July 8, 22. August 5, 19. September 2,16,30

Leaving the village hall on foot or by car at 10.00 am sharp to do a circuit of approximately 2 hours' duration. It is therefore recommended that you get there for 9.55am. Dogs welcome provided they are put on leads when requested. Walking boots and poles recommended but not compulsory. (Some routes include stiles).

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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FRIENDSHIP CLUB

We had a really lovely time at Hampton Court Castle gardens on the 18th. On June the 4th we had the pleasure of Celebrating the Gold Wedding of Ann, our TreasurerCongratulation Sandra and David.

July 2nd Alan Walker will be at the Club to regale us with tales from the Vets. The trip on July 16th is to visit Infant Museum in Sibford by kind permission of Jan and Clive Warner

Aug 6th brings us Troy for another afternoon of competitive games.....an afternoon of lots of laughter!!!!
Evey Boughton

WELCOME

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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SIBFORDS SOCIETY

On Thursday 18th April, military historian Stephen Barker gave us enjoyable and interesting talk, this time on the Battle of Edgehill. Not only did he set the scene for the causes of the outbreak of the English Civil War and describe the Battle from the point of view of both sides' strategies – he also enriched the talk with many anecdotes on the fate of individuals, both soldiers and leaders. The Battle was inconclusive, leaving 1000 dead and 2000 wounded. Residue from the battlefield is still being unearthed.

On 16th May Dr Gillian White entertained us for a third time with another of her witty and clever talks, delivered in her inimitable way. This time she took us through Queen Victoria's life as shown in all her portraits - wonderful!

SEATS STILL AVAILABLE!

On July 30th we are off to Highclere Castle, setting for Downton Abbey, for a day; escapism into the world of the Carnarvons and perhaps the Crawleys. There are still seats available on the bus, which takes us directly from Sibford Village Hall, leaving 10 a.m.. The tour of the house plus the coach fare: £28.50 p.p. and a little more if we are unable to fill the bus. Please phone Diana (780506) about Highclere.

Diana Hughes

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HORTI SOCIETY

Entries were up for the spring show and it was certainly encouraging to have new people entering. The hall looked handsome when all the entries were staged and the numerous spring flowers looked beautiful.

The evening visit to Admington gardens was enchanting, even in the rain. Antonia, the owner, has a real gift for planning and planting on a grand scale. If you happened to miss the visit, do note that Admington will be open under the NGS on July 20.

Our next evening visit will be to Broughton Castle on 10th July where we will be guided round the gardens. For more information, please contact Veronique Tyrell.

Please remember to put the 24 August in your diaries as the date of the Summer Horticultural Show. Entry night on Wednesday 21st between 7.00 and 8.00pm in the village hall and the show itself runs from 2.30 - 4.00pm also in the Hall. Let us see the results of all your horticultural and culinary endeavours!

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In Your Garden - July/August

1. The most important thing to do is to keep dead-heading. Roses and sweetpeas in particular, will keep on flowering for so much longer. Dahlias, penstemons and bedding plants will all last longer if you keep cutting off the spent flowers.
2. Check netting over fruit cages; it must be pulled taut to prevent wildlife getting caught up in it.
3. Ponds get choked up with blanket weed.. Wrap it around a stick, twisting it, to pull it out, then leave it by the side of the pond so that newts and watersnails can find their way back into the water.
4. If you are having a holiday - and I hope you are - leave pot plants in the shade, standing in a shallow tray of water. As Sibford is such a friendly village, I am sure that all neighbours help each other out with watering, as well as cat feeding!
5. Climbing and rambling roses can be pruned back when they have finished flowering, but if they go on to have glorious hips, it is worth leaving them on for flower arrangements in the autumn.
6. Once it gets really hot many plants will look exhausted - hardy geraniums, violas, Alchemilla mollis etc, and they can be hacked right back. Give them a dose of liquid fertiliser, and they soon spring back to life. I find seaweed based Maxicrop works very quickly. Cut back dead heads of lupins and delphiniums right to the bottom of the stem, and more flowers will follow later.
7. There's a lot of bugs around. Keep spraying the greenfly and whitefly, watch out for earwigs in the dahlias, vine weevils may be ramping around in the heucheras - fun to squeeze - and red lily beetles can spoil everything very fast. Never a moment to sit down, is there!
8. August is time to get back up the ladder and prune the wispy long bits of wisteria back, before they climb into the gutters. The big harsh pruning comes in February.
9. Time for picking all your lovely fruit and veggies, and enjoying the fruit of your hard labours. Always pick courgettes when they are small to medium sized. They have the ability to turn into monstrous marrows overnight, and that has to be the most boring veg of all.
10. The glorious bulb catalogues all come out in August. Definitely the right time to flop in a comfy garden chair and plan what next to plant. Enjoy the summer.
Jupe Hitching



VILLAGE PEOPLE

*This month, **Ginny Bennett** is our Village Person!*

I have lived in Sibford for 34 years ,having moved south from County Durham. I was born in London [although not a Cockney] and grew up in Ipswich in Suffolk.

I trained as a nurse at St Bartholomews Hospital in the city of London , and then married soon after I had qualified. When David and I arrived in Sibford we had a labrador and a rabbit. Soon we had a pony, then horses and more dogs.

I joined in with village life , starting with the PTA and spent some time as a dinner lady! I have worked at Chipping Norton Hospital and The Horton General. Now I help run the Village Hall and have been a Parish Councillor for 3 years.

When I retired I took up Oil Painting as a hobby and enjoy that very much. I have just finished an Artweeks Exhibition in Swalcliffe Church - my first solo venture.

You may have seen myself and the family, running around the villages. Although I don't run any more, one of my proudest memories was finishing the London Marathon in 2001.

The elation you get from crossing that finish line will be familiar to fellow runners. Over the years we have raised thousands of pounds for many charities. In April, David and I and three grandchildren went to Paris to cheer on our daughter Suzie, as she took part in the Paris Marathon in a personal best time. We managed to climb all the way up the Eiffel Tower the day before!

Suzie lives in Adderbury so I get to help out with her family. Our son lives in Holmfirth ,Yorkshire with his children.

I enjoy gardening and baking -[check out my Ginger Cake!] and have been on the stage with The Sibford Players.

I love living in this friendly village and the beautiful countryside. It is such a pleasure to return here after a trip away and think - "Great, I'm home!"

Badminton



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GIBRALTAR QUARRY

... Driving from Temple Mill towards Hook Norton on your right hand side there used to be a working quarry –known as Gibraltar Quarry. Having made several enquires with folk who remember the working quarry it has not become clear why it was called ‘Gibraltar’. Speculation might suggest that the Cotswold limestone quarried there resembled the limestone rock which comprises the true Rock of Gibraltar in the Mediterranean Sea – who knows?

Limestone rock is often rich in fossils and during its excavation a fossil six to seven feet long, identified as *Dynasol Ichthyosaurus* (a crocodile-type dinosaur from the Jurassic period) was found there.

The Stewart family rented the quarry from the company which owned it with the rights to quarry the stone until it was worked out. Harold Stewart was born in 1900, and initially worked on a farm in Middle Barton, but he started his own business with a single lorry – a steam Foden and a pile of coal from a local railway yard. By the early 1930’s he had rented Gibraltar Quarry in Sibford, together with some adjoining fields.



Driver, Jesse Stewart

In addition to the stone quarry some animals were reared and sheltered in sheds there near to the road bend. The fields above were cultivated for corn.

The entrance to the quarry was by a track, still visible today, just beyond Temple Mill. As the business grew machinery was stored in three tin sheds. A fourth shed further up the quarry was

used to store the gelnite that was used to blast areas of stone before it was removed by hand, barrowed and loaded into lorries for distribution. This store was destroyed in a huge explosion – the dynamite was thought to have ignited during a thunder storm. No Health and Safety in those days governing the storage of flammable and explosive materials! There was no electricity or running water on the site. Petrol was hand pumped from a storage tank for fuelling the lorries and water was carried in buckets from the mill stream running on the opposite side of the road at Temple Mill. On another occasion, following a heavy rainstorm, the stream running along the left-hand side of the road flooded a barn on that side destroying the bottom wall and serious damage was done to all the farm machinery stored there.

The Sibfords

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It's July - time for those long lazy days of summer to begin!



What better way to spend your first lazy Saturday morning than coming along to the 'Long House', in Sibford Ferris. This month's 'Pop Up Cafe' is going to be hosted by Diana and Jan Thompson, on Saturday 6th July 10:30am - 12:30pm. Wheel chair access and a lift to first floor.

The 'Long House', is opposite the village shop, nestled in the trees by the perimeter of Sibford School grounds. Yes - it's that wonderful glass fronted house! You may have watched it being built ... and always wondered what it would be like ... and how the garden is doing?

Well here's your opportunity to find out (a chance to be nosy , but shhhh don't tell Diana I said that!)

Come along and have a great cuppa, sample some lovely cakes (gluten free options available), maybe win a raffle prize or two.

Perhaps have a chat with some new people - bring your friends along, bring your family, your children, your neighbours ... there will be plenty of cakes to go around.

Summer adventures at Upton House and Gardens

Summer is the perfect time to get outside with the family. Local National Trust property Upton House and Gardens is hosting some exciting outdoor activities this summer including the annual jazz night (Saturday 6 July) and first ever outdoor theatre production (Friday 16 August). There's also all the usual summer holiday fun.

Outdoor jazz concert

Saturday 6 July | 6.30-9.30pm | Adults £15, Children £7.50 (tickets will cost more on the day and may sell out in advance so we advise booking early to avoid disappointment)

The fabulous Great Central Big Band will be back at Upton House and Gardens to thrill and entertain you with some classic jazz era numbers. The sounds of jazz will get your toes tapping as you enjoy a picnic on the lawn at Upton House and Gardens this summer. Take rugs and chairs and relax under the summer evening sunshine while you listen to music from the Great Central Big Band.

Wind in the Willows

Friday 16 August | 6.30-9pm | Adults £15, Children £7.50 (tickets will cost more on the day and may sell out in advance so we advise booking early to avoid disappointment)

This summer, for the first time ever, Upton is offering an outdoor theatre experience fit for all the family. Join Mole, Ratty and Badger on their adventures, picnicking on the river bank, messing about on boats, and rescuing the reckless Mr Toad from his brushes with the law in this heart-warming, whimsical tale of friendship, mishap and madcap adventures in Quantum Theatre's brand new adaptation of this timeless Kenneth Grahame classic, *The Wind in the Willows*.

Summer holiday fun

Come and enjoy exciting family-friendly events at Upton throughout the summer holidays. From regular activities such as Monday Meditation, Story Time and Wildlife Wednesdays, to Junior Garden Designer, and Made to Measure Home activity sheets, there's something for everyone. Visit the [What's On](#) pages for dates, times and prices.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/upton-house-and-gardens

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FESTIVAL OF GARDENS (MAY TO SEPTEMBER)

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ABBA EXTRAVAGANZA – 7 SEPTEMBER AT GENERAL FOOD SOCIAL CLUB

Mamma Mia, do we have a great evening for you? Why not Take a Chance On this great event and help your local hospice? It's the ABBA Extravaganza at Banbury's General Foods Social Club, and the Name of the Game is raising some Money, Money, Money for Katharine House.

Headlined by the UK's leading ABBA tribute band Planet ABBA, with support from great local band Under The Covers this is sure to be a great night. Please be a Super Trouper, send out an SOS to your friends and family to make sure they don't miss being a Dancing Queen. In fact, while we're talking about bringing family, Does Your Mother Know about it?

100% of ticket sales and proceeds raised on the night will go towards the Katharine House Hospice bed appeal and will be in memory of Quentin Bowser. Book your tickets today at www.khh.org.uk/abba-extravaganza



CHIPPING NORTON COUNTRY MARKET

By Jessica Friend Bartlett (www.weekendtourist.co.uk)

Chipping Norton has its very own Country Market, which runs every Saturday between 9am – 11am, and is part of the wider 'Country Markets' movement. Each week, except the third Saturday of every month when the Farmers' Market pitches up, several local producers and craftspeople set up in the Lower Town Hall selling wares from freshly baked cakes, homegrown vegetables and fruits, plants, meats, plus arts and crafts. For over 100 years a network of 250 Country Markets across England and Wales has been selling homemade and local goods. It's a Co-operative Social Enterprise and each local group is organised in co-operative societies registered under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. It's all very official.

Membership is open to anyone over 16 and the cost of joining is 5p. Yep, 5p. The cost of an old school shilling. Everything is sold cooperatively, producers receive payment at the end of every month for their sales, minus a small commission to cover running costs and insurance. In Chippy, that's 13 per cent.

So when you rock up, you'll be presented with a piece of paper and as you fill your basket, each stall holder will mark up what you've had and you pay on your way out. You can even use a debit card.

Chippy's market features home baked cakes and savouries and caters for gluten free and vegan diets. (If you want something made specially, just let the market know what you want, place an order and it will be done!) It also sells bacon and sausages butchered at Long Compton abattoir; handmade cards, soaps and gift bags; a plant stall; local honey; fruit and veg; hand-printed tea-towels, totes, aprons and storage boxes (I can vouch for the aprons, super they are!) and a chap that even makes walking sticks. You can even have a slice of cake and cuppa for a mere donation!

It's clear that there are several visitors to the market who come to do a spot of shopping every week. For these regulars, it's an important part of their social life, but the market to thrive needs both more producers and visitors.

But a word to the wise, the regulars know that to get the best stuff, you need to be prompt when doors open at 9am.

Checkout [chippingnortoncountrymarket](https://www.instagram.com/chippingnortoncountrymarket) on Instagram.

Email chippingnortoncountrymarket@gmail.com for more info.



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	Kineton, Sunday 11am
Baptist	Hook Norton, Sunday, 10.30 am



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHATTER

The Kiev Classic Accordion Duo will be performing in church on Tuesday July 16th at 7.30pm.

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Pop-up Cafe Saturday July 6th at The Long House - the new house opposite the shop[, courtesy of Jan and Diana Thompson. 10am to 12noon. Do come and enjoy a coffee and some chat, support worthy LOCAL charities AND have a look at that fabulous house!

Rectory Garden Party Sunday August 11th 3pm - 5pm. Do come and enjoy Afternoon Tea in our garden. Have a walk round The Slinket. Admire the view of Hooky. everyone is welcome. If it's cold, wet and horrid...Tea is OFF!

Church Services

July

2nd	10am Benefice Communion at Epwell (Ronald)
14th	8am BCP HC (Ronald)
	11am Methodist Service
21st	9.30am HC (Ronald)
28th	9.30am BCP HC (John)

August

4th	10am Benefice Communion at Broughton (John)
11th	8am BCP HC (Ronald)
18th	9.30am HC (Liz)
25th	9.30am BCP HC (John)

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They state that as a result of the victim's non payment of tax or other duty, the victim is liable to prosecution or other legal proceedings. They then suggest that the victim can avoid these problems by making immediate payment via bank transfer or purchasing iTune gift cards. If the victim is hesitant or refuses to comply then threats follow, including; immediate arrest, bailiffs on the doorstep, or deportation.

In genuine cases, HMRC will initially make contact by post or letter, with possibly a follow up phone call later. If HMRC contact you by phone, they will quote the reference number on the initial letter. They will not discuss anything you are not aware of (like a tax investigation), and will NOT demand immediate payment.

As usual, do not engage with these crooks. Do not be pressurised. Do not give any personal details. Report any contact as a phishing attempt to Action Fraud at the National Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting Centre on 0300 123 2040.

Peter Hine. Co-ordinator
Sibford Gower and Burdorp Neighbourhood Watch.

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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
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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	
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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

JULY

- 2nd - Friendship Club: Alan Walker talk
6th - Pop Up Cafe - The Long House - 10.30am
10th - Horti Society trip to Broughton Castle
14th - Methodist Service - Holy Trinity Church - 11am (conducted by Malcolm Cook from Kidlington)
16th - Friendship Club - Visit to The Infant Museum in Sibford
16th - KIev Classic Accordion Duo - HT Chuech 0 7.30pm
30th - Sibfords Society - Trip to Highclere Castle - 10am - Village Hall
31st - Film Night: "All is True" - Village Hall - 7.30pm

AUGUST

- 6th - Friendship Club - Troy - an afternoon of competitive games!
11th - Garden Party - Rectory - 3.00pm
24th - Horti Show - Village Hall - 2.30pm
28th - Film Night: "Mary Poppins Returns" - Village Hall - 6.00pm

JULY/AUGUST BIN COLLECTIONS

- Green Tuesday: 9/7; 23/7. 6/8; 20/8
Blue/Brown Tuesday: 2/7; 16/7;30/7. 13/8; 27/8

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