

SIBFORD SCENE

September 2019

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Photo by Charlie - Yr 10 pupil at Sibford School

SIBFORD PLAYERS

5th - 'Taster' Session - Village Hall 7.30pm

'RIDE AND STRIDE'

14th - Holy Trinity Church

SIBFORDS SOCIETY TALK

19th - 'Sulgrave Manor' - Village Hall 7.30pm

FILM NIGHT

25th - "Lady Bird" - Village Hall - 7.30pm

HARVEST FESTIVAL

29th - Holy Trinity Church



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ED'S THOUGHTS

Well - first of all, many apologies to Nigel Fletcher who has now got back his 'f's in his ad and for Andy & Gill Newbold's Nature Notes that were deleted in the last issue.... (must be the heat!)

Thought for the month:

"Tell me lies, tell me sweet little lies"

Christine McVie



LETTERS AND NOTICES

SIBFORD OPEN GARDENS

Thanks to all those who attended the Sibford Open Gardens in June. We were blessed with a beautiful day and all four gardens looked splendid thanks to the very hard work of the garden owners and I am sure the additional help of friends and family as it's no mean feat to get everything looking good for an opening!

The group raised **£2,045** on behalf of the NGS which will go their charities, some of which are Macmillan Cancer Support, Hospice UK, Queen's Nursing Institute, Marie Curie, Perennial, Parkinsons UK, and Mind.

Gill and her team put on a fabulous spread for the teas in aid of Holy Trinity Church and raised just over £400. It was so lovely to see such a great turn out from our fellow villagers and to have time to chat, as well as welcoming many new visitors from further afield. A very big THANK YOU to all those involved.

Carolyn White on behalf of the Sibford NGS group

Evening of Jazz

Thanks to all who came to the jazz and picnic evening on 10th August, not the hoped-for balmy summer's evening outside, but all the same the wonderful Pavilionaires gave us a great show, which had most of us on the floor dancing, in the end! Thank you for your generous donations to Shipston Home Nursing, everybody. I was able to hand over £403 to this most special charity, so kind of you.

Diana Hughes



LETTERS AND NOTICES

continued

**V. Rosemary Harrison
15.9.1924 – 22.6.2019**

Those of you in the village, who knew this lady, will be sorry to learn that she died on Saturday, 22nd June 2019, very peacefully at Prior House, in Leamington Spa, where she had lived for the last years of her life.

She was a lovely person, very talented. She had been an architect with Warwickshire County Council and in her free time she painted and did etchings – taking after her mother. Some of her work was exhibited in London.

I first met her fifty years ago when she used to come to 'The Cottage' - Appletree Cottage in Sibford Gower, Backside Lane most weekends to visit her parents and then her father. She fell in love with the garden, not having one at her flat and that is what kept her in Sibford. She followed a strict routine each week coming Saturday noon to Wednesday after lunch, going to Leamington and returning Saturday noon. Nothing altered this.

She was a wonderful friend to me and we enjoyed holidays and garden visiting. She helped me through many of life's ups and downs and always with such sensible advice.

Her interests were wide and varied. She always had a story to tell or an event to recount.

Rosemary always came to us for Christmas Day. I shall not forget the last one we celebrated. (I was in plaster and on crutches). We carved up the bird straight on to our plates on the kitchen table (no cloth) and the vegetables straight from the saucepans (hardly The Ritz) and we were laughing so much that we forgot the bread sauce which was, by then, inedible.

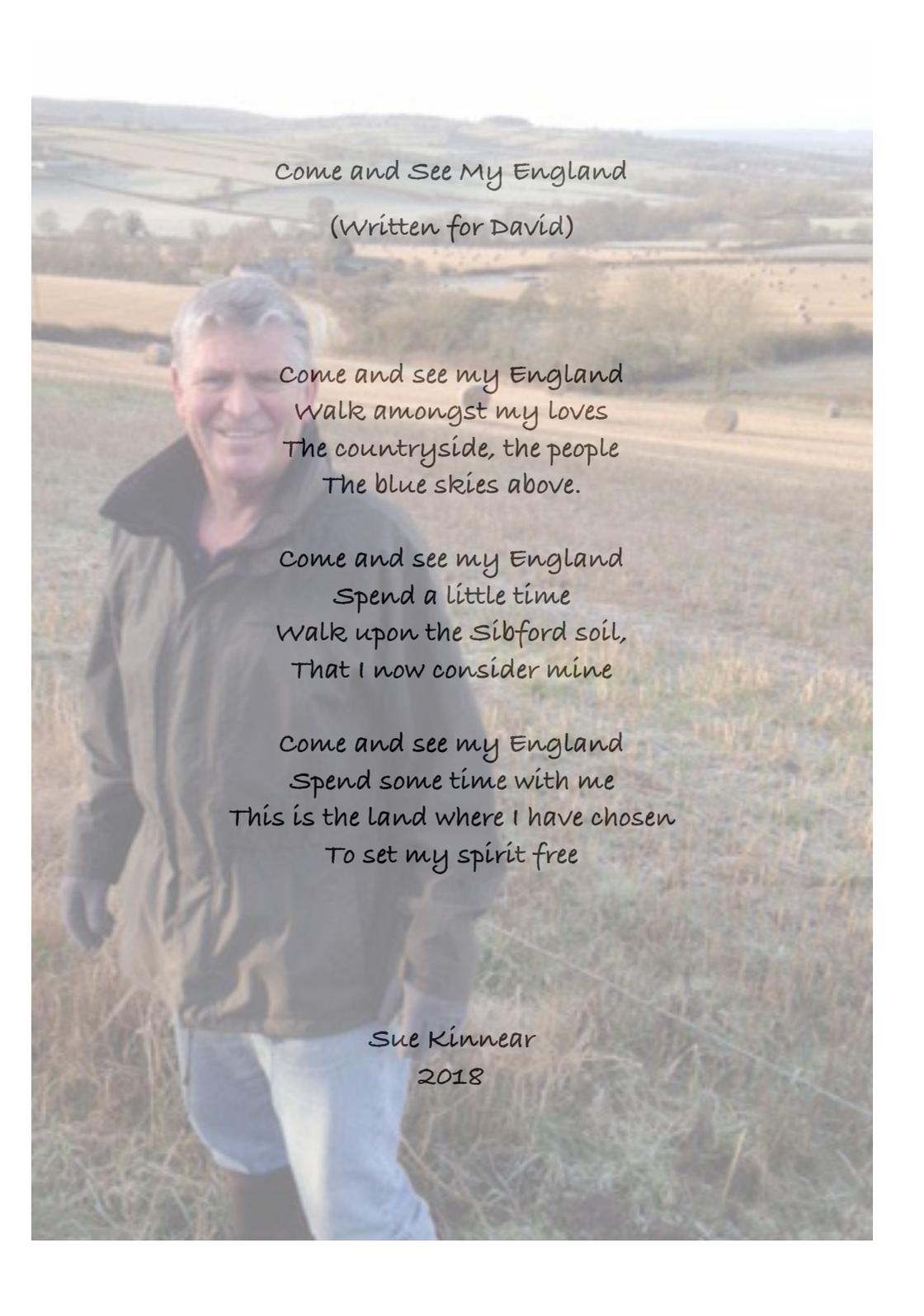
Thank you for so many happy memories.

Kathleen Winter

David Tarring

I would like to thank everyone for all the help and support that I've been given. David's family knew how much he loved Sibford and get lots of comfort knowing that he has been laid to rest in this very special place.

Nic Durrant



Come and See My England

(Written for David)

Come and see my England
Walk amongst my loves
The countryside, the people
The blue skies above.

Come and see my England
Spend a little time
Walk upon the Sibford soil,
That I now consider mine

Come and see my England
Spend some time with me
This is the land where I have chosen
To set my spirit free

Sue Kinnear
2018



LETTERS AND NOTICES

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Sibford Road Safety

Our community is typical of small villages across the country having a mix of narrow twisting roads with limited footpaths (to keep pedestrians safe). Traffic volumes and speeds moving around and through the Sibfords vary dependent on time of day, and drivers range from the courteous and safe to potentially dangerous. We also have two schools and safety of our children is so important. A group has been formed to look at what can be done to improve overall road safety and raise awareness of motorists who drive in our community.

Do you believe this is an issue that needs to be investigated? Would you like to be involved? Richard Irons (richard.iron6@btinternet.com) and Simon Rayner (simon.rayner@thesibfords.org.uk) welcome your thoughts on this, let them know what you think

Simon Rayner

Gibraltar Farm and Quarry (Super Photograph)

from last month's article in the Scene.

A few memories:-

The farm used to have a large stone barn, stables, cattle sheds and yard with a small cottage.

The quarry was small until 1940 when stone was used to build the runways at Shennington "EdgeHill" aerodrome.

Wimpey were the main contractors. They moved into the quarry workshops with several lorries. These lorries were loaded under a metal chute along the lane to the west of the quarry. This was a very noisy operation. The stone was brought to the top of the chute in trucks on metal tracks and just tipped down. I know the full time mechanic Norman Dyer was kept very busy.

In the field at the end of the lane was a searchlight. Some of the soldiers who manned the light lived with us at Hill House in the Ferris. It was a nerve wracking job, and some of them had to be replaced.

In 1940 Gibraltar was a hectic place of work and Mrs Sabin of Temple Mill was glad when the airfield was finished.

David Dyer

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING,

Friday October 4th at 2, Barley Close. More info in October Sibford Scene.

Petra Berry.



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New Beginners class Thursdays 9 – 10am

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Chair Yoga Fridays 10.15 – 11am

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Swalcliffe Park Equestrian Calendar of Events

Calendar of Events - 2019

Sat 14th & Sun 15th Sept.

Horse-Events One-Day Event (TBC)

Sun 27th October

CROWN Riding Club Hunter Trial (TBC)



NATURE NOTES

I think the weather has been fairly good for wildlife this Summer with enough rainfall to keep the vegetation green. This in turn has led to more insects which should benefit those species that rely on them for food. For example, I have noticed that there seem to be more Green Woodpeckers than ever around the Sibford School grounds and the House Martins which nest regularly at the end of the swimming pool also seem to be having a good year. I have also seen more bats around than I have for a few years.

Butterflies seemed quite scarce through much of June but when the weather warmed up at the end of the month numbers picked up considerably. There have been a few Painted Ladies around but as yet nothing like the numbers forecast in the national press. It was good to see a few Marbled Whites around the village especially in areas where the grass has been left to grow. I was very surprised when a Purple Hairstreak turned up in the garden.

I have had several reports of Scarlet Tiger moths being observed in the Sibfords. There have been some good nights for moth trapping this summer and on one particular night in late June I recorded over 1000 moths of 120 different species. Two of these had never been recorded in Oxfordshire before. These were a Satin Lutestring and even more surprisingly a Crescent Dart a species usually confined to clifftops and rocky shores in the south-west.

Please send any contributions for the next nature notes to ajnewbold88@gmail.com especially if you are getting fed up reading about moths!

Andy and Gill Newbold.

CMS Collection

Thank you to all those who generously contributed towards the CMS Collection. The grand total of **£872.87** was raised which will help to fund a missionary working in Burma.

Judy Abbott (volunteer co-ordinator)



THEODORE LAMB



I enjoyed your article on Theodore Lamb. He was my Great Grandfather Ernest Lamb's younger brother. Ernest served his time as a clothier and woollen draper with the Blunsom family [also members of The Society of Friends] at Kettering before making his way north to Whitehaven, Cumberland [now Cumbria], where he established our family Outfitting business in 1905, which we continued for four generation until we reluctantly closed in 1999.

My late father Arthur Lamb [1925-1985] , use to recall visiting Theodore in his hut on Sibford Heath when he use to stay with his Great Aunts Mary Hannah, Mildred and Lucretia Lamb at Vine Cottage in Bonds End Lane between the wars.

If I could correct one small error, Theodore's Father [my Great Great Grandfather Joseph John Lamb] did not fall to his death from the chestnut tree beside the pond at Sibford Gower. He met his end by falling from the tree in the garden of his home, West Town House, Sibford Ferris. Joshua Lamb explains this in on page 36 of his 1938 book "Genealogies of the Harris and Lamb families".

He writes" Joseph John Lamb was killed instantly by falling out of a chestnut tree in front of his house while knocking down the ripe fruit on October 22nd,1887, and the tree now growing by the pond at Sibford Gower was raised by me from a nut picked up by me from the side of his dead body; his widow died on April 17 1922,aged 72 years. He was 55. Both were buried at Sibford."

About 30 years ago I brought home to Cumbria a nut from the tree beside the pond, and this has now grown in to quite a large tree in our garden.

With the recent passing of my relations Ina and Arnold Lamb there cannot be that many people who knew Theodore Lamb in person still around, but it is good to know he is not forgotten in his village.

I look forward to reading Sibford scene every month. Keep up the good work.

With best wishes,
Christopher Lamb,
Distington,
Cumbria.



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Things have been quiet at The Village Hall during the summer. However the Autumn season will soon start again.

Why don't you have a look on the village website and see what is on? The Film Nights will continue on the last Wednesday of the month.

Sadly some of the Tots and Babes play equipment was damaged and has now been removed.

BOOKING THE HALL and INFORMATION

Please contact Ginny via thesibfords.org website or E-mail: ginnybennett@googlemail.com

We are lucky to have a well equipped and spacious hall ,with large screen and audio visual system.

If you would like to see something special on at the hall do contact us.



FILM NIGHT

The film for September 25th is **Lady Bird.**

In Lady Bird, Greta Gerwig reveals herself to be a bold new cinematic voice with her directorial debut, excavating both the humor and pathos in the turbulent bond between a mother and her teenage daughter.

Christine "Lady Bird" McPherson (Saoirse Ronan) fights against but is exactly like her wildly loving, deeply opinionated and strong-willed mom (Laurie Metcalf), a nurse working tirelessly to keep her family afloat after Lady Bird's father (Tracy Letts) loses his job.

Set in Sacramento, California in 2002, amidst a rapidly shifting American economic landscape, Lady Bird is an affecting look at the relationships that shape us, the beliefs that define us, and the unmatched beauty of a place called home.

Doors open at 7. Film starts at 7.30.

Tickets £2

Refreshments available.

Petra Berry

SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

A personal note from the Chairman to the Gower half of our community

There's a section on the Sibfords website under the 'Parish Councils' link that takes you to the Gower Council's part in that. It opens with the contact details of who we are and how to get hold of any of us - which I hope you'll always feel free to do. It's followed by a 2nd section on what we spend, and what we spend it on - and then there's a 3rd piece on our priorities. I wonder if you've seen it?

We've got our Autumn Open Meeting coming up, and this time it's on a Thursday - **Thursday 5th September at 7.30 pm**. There'll be the usual items that you might expect, and we'll be publishing the final agenda just as this copy of the Sibford Scene hits the streets on Friday the 30th August - by which time we'll have seen whether there any particular items that people will have asked us ahead of time to put on the agenda. That will be both on the website and on our noticeboard by the Village Hall.

But I'd like to take you back to what it says in that 3rd section of our portion of the website. Within the legal framework of the 1972 Local Government Act, we hold ourselves accountable to our local electorate, the villagers of our community. Of course we do that formally once a year in May, but we'd like think we do that more informally at every Open Meeting, which we describe as a forum where we'd like to feel "villagers from Sibford Gower and Burdrop feel welcome to come together to talk over matters of common concern or shared interest."

We take responsibility for the decisions made by the Council in the light of these conversations, but it is these that inform our decision-making and influence our priorities. We help where we can, and are always happy to offer advice where you think that might be useful, but very often it is these conversation in their own right that have prompted initiatives taken consequently often by villagers themselves.

Next Thursday we are once more the guests of the Endowed Primary School in their spacious ITC Suite. Do come!

Hugh Pidgeon, Chair, SGPC

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SIBFORD DRIVERS

We started our Drivers Service at the beginning of July. and In the following five weeks 7 drivers have given lifts for 4 people on 9 different occasions. These have included: to the Horton Hospital, the Chipping Norton Hospital, Banbury Railway Station, shopping including one where the applicant was ill so the driver did her shopping for her. There were also 2 social visits.

These are all just why we offer our services although we have noticed a reticence amongst villagers in asking for lifts which we hope will gradually disperse.

These lifts so far have called for a large number of telephone calls to find available drivers including in excess of ten each for the early requests. We have to accept that we started at holiday time, so it is not surprising that a number of drivers when telephoned did not reply and many were already committed to other demands as they are also on the whole a group widely engaged with many village and other commitments. The burden of finding a driver has entirely fallen on Margaret Gardener, our main organiser, and we are most grateful to her for her great patience. We have now set up a Whatsapp group of the majority of our drivers which has already greatly saved Margaret much time.

The telephone rota for September is as follows;

Sibford Drivers					
Rota for telephone duty					
September 2019					
Sunday	1st September	Gardiner	Margaret	780979	
to	to				
Saturday	7th September	Abbott	Judy	780731	07811918926
Sunday	8th September	Gardiner	Margaret	780979	
to	to				
Saturday	14th September	Hicks	Keith	780259	07875852749
Sunday	15th September	Gardiner	Margaret	780979	
to	to				
Saturday	21st September	Woolfenden	Jane	780679	07501 814875
Sunday	22nd September	Gardiner	Margaret	780979	
to	to				
Saturday	28th September	Finding	Andrew		07831647072
Sunday	29th September	Gardiner	Margaret	780979	
to	to				
Saturday	4th October	Conaway	Alex		07766071632
Those in need of a lift should telephone Margaret Gardiner in the first instance and if you cannot get her, ring the second named shown above in the appropriate week. Please give as much notice as possible.					

Explore Sibford School Early Years at a free stay and play session



Sibford School Early Years has an outstanding reputation with caring and professional staff, a welcoming environment and fabulous facilities. It is situated in its own area of Sibford School's 50-acre campus and benefits from small class sizes and ample parking.

Sukey Symes, Head of Early Years said, 'These sessions help children aged two - five and their families to get a taste of what Early Years at Sibford is really like. Starting school can be a very big step but through stay & play we offer the chance for families to see their child interact with other children and learn through play in a relaxed environment.'

Children can join Sibford Nursery from the September after they turn three, while reception class offers places for four-year-olds. Under the Early Education Funding Scheme, three to four-year-olds are eligible for up to 15 hours free funding per week.

"Sibford Early Years provides a perfect entry into school life. Our rural setting means that children can explore outdoors and learn through hands on experience. All pupils at Sibford School are encouraged to 'live adventurously'."

Themed stay and play sessions will take place throughout term time on the second Friday of every month from 10.30am – 11.45am.

Booking is essential as places are limited.

UPCOMING OPEN EVENTS

Junior School Open Morning	Whole School Open Morning	Sixth Form Open Evening
Saturday 21 September 2019. 09.45am – 12.00pm.	Friday 4 October 2019. 09.45am – 12.00pm.	Tuesday 15 October 2019. 6.30pm.

If you would like to attend an event please contact Elspeth Dyer, Admissions Officer via email: admissions@sibfordschool.co.uk or phone: **01295 781 203**.



SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

Forthcoming Walks:

September 2,16,30. October 14, 28

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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On Sept 3rd the Club will hear all about the travels of Mary and Tom. The trip in Sept is being organised by our Treasurer as the Sec is on holiday. Oct speaker will be David Gardener. The trip in Oct is to Toddington Railway.

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.

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Despite the wind and rain we had a lovely day out at Highclere Castle on 30th July, not quite the stroll around the gardens that I had imagined, but so much to see and take in during the tour of the house and the Egyptian Exhibition, plus a little retail therapy at the Gift Shop! Thanks to all who came. Where to next?

We can expect an entertaining talk on 'Sulgrave Manor and the Washington Family' by Martin Sirot- Smith. This will be on the 19th September, as usual at the Village Hall. Doors open 7.45p.m. and the talk will begin at 8 p.m. Non-members £3, refreshments free of charge.

Diana Hughes



Sibford Players

We are putting on another show!!

Would you like to be involved??

We are looking for Actors, Stage Managers, Carpenters,
Painters, Dressmakers.

Join us for drinks and nibbles

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Sibford Village Hall.

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SAVE THE DATE: SANTA FUN RUN – SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER 2019

We know it's too soon to start talking about Christmas, but please be sure to put the morning of Sunday 1 December in your diary – the annual Santa Fun Run is back, and we're hoping to see more than 400 Santas out in force to raise money for Katharine House. Find out more at www.khh.org.uk/santa

WEEKLY HEALTH WALKS – EVERY FRIDAY FROM THE HOSPICE

We're delighted to launch our weekly Friday Health Walks in collaboration with South Northants and Cherwell District Council. Led by a friendly, specially trained volunteer, this is a wonderful opportunity to join an organised walk around the beautiful countryside around Katharine House. The walks provide the perfect opportunity to increase your activity levels and general wellbeing and also offers you the chance to make new friends and find a supportive network of like-minded people. The walks are open to families, carers, patients, supporters, and volunteers - generally, anyone who has an affiliation with Katharine House. A typical walk may last up to 60 minutes, although this may vary. No need to book, just turn up although it may be advisable to contact the hospice beforehand just to make sure it is going ahead. Please wear loose comfortable clothing and sturdy footwear. Refreshments will be available after the walk. For more information please contact Hannah.Mozelewski@khh.org.uk

OXFORD HALF MARATHON - 13 OCTOBER 2019

The Oxford Half Marathon course winds around Oxford's most iconic landmarks. Whether you're new to running and want to take on a challenge, or an experienced runner looking to smash your personal best, why not take on the Oxford Half Marathon for Katharine House this October? Secure your place on Team Katharine House and register for your place today for £40 – we'll support you throughout your fundraising!

If you already have your own place, please register as an own place runner by emailing getinvolved@khh.org.uk to be part of Team Katharine, and you'll still receive all of the same support from our team.



HORTI SOCIETY

Everyone enjoyed the evening visit to Broughton Castle on 10th July. Thanks to Veronique for organising us all.

Please note that there will be no September Horti Speaker but we will resume our autumn programme on Wednesday October 10 when Andrew Tolman will be coming to talk to us about 'Hidden Gems'. Andrew has just completed 10 years of service as a senior gardener for HRH The Prince of Wales.

7.30 in the village hall. All are welcome.

Diana Thompson



In Your Garden - September

We are moving into autumn, and sorry - it doesn't mean that the work is over. There is a great amount still to do. The thing about gardening is optimism. You are always looking forward to what happens next, so if you really need to sit down, take your bulb catalogue with you, and order up some beauties to grace your garden from early spring onwards. But in the meantime:-

1. Prune back climbing roses, cutting back the side shoots to two buds. Rake up any yellow fallen leaves from under all roses, to help prevent blackspot next year.
2. When perennials have finished flowering, e.g. phlox, hardy geraniums, argyranthemums, it is a good time to divide them and make new plants.
3. Tender perennials - such as salvias, and geraniums, will need to be taken into a frost proof place before the frosts come. I take lots of cuttings from them as well, to make sure they always survive.
4. Greenhouses and cold frames will need a good springcleaning before you bring in the tender plants. It is a horrible, spidery job - just do it, then reward yourself with a bar (small) of chocolate, or even a glass of wine (also small)
5. Give hedges a last trim, so that they look crisp and neat on frosty mornings.
6. The end of September is a good time to plant new trees or move shrubs, while the soil is still warm. They must be kept well watered. And you can also sow spinach still - mine germinated in ten days.
7. Continue to deadhead roses, dahlias, sweet peas, penstemons and delphiniums to keep them flowering. It is worth collecting sweet peas to grow on next year. The variety Matucana has been a huge success for me, and is still flowering.
8. Order spring flowering bulbs, but don't plant tulips yet. If you want hyacinths and amaryllis to bloom for Christmas, they must be planted before the end of September.
9. Lawns can be mown less frequently, as they grow more slowly. They really need scarifying, raking out the moss etc. I suggest you ask him to do it, nicely.
10. Camellias must be kept well watered. Their flower buds are just starting to form now. Mulch them with leafmould.

Jupe Hitching

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DID YOU KNOW??

GIBRALTAR QUARRY

Some of the best stone from Gibraltar Quarry, suitable for building, was used to build the Stewart family home, called High Rock – now Richmond House, off Woodway Road in Sibford Ferris. Built by W T Hicks, Builders from Hook Norton, it was later extended to accommodate the growing family but they eventually grew up and left the family home. The house and extensive grounds were sold in the 1960's to Malcolm Allpress (Jesse Tanner's son-in-law), who lived and ran the family bus business from there. The name was changed from High Rock to Richmond House. The business was started by Jesse Tanner who only had one bus, an old antiquated Rio Bus. By the late 1940's he replaced the Rio Bus with a brand new Bedford OB 29-seater. An exact replica of this bus can be seen now, locally at Sea Bea Transport depot at Sugarswell Farm Business Park. Occasionally, it is taken out on nostalgic journeys including the early school-run trips which used to take children into Banbury for the Grammar School. Jesse Tanner died suddenly while sweeping out his bus.



How many Sibford villagers remember Sibford having its own bus business? The large garage opposite the Primary School, and next to the Infants building, was the repair and fuelling depot for the service buses and they were often parked along Acre Ditch – just imagine the additional chaos that would cause today! The business was a victim of its own success and, with more buses and a planning application to build a bus wash and bus park on the land off Woodway Road near to Richmond House, villagers formed an Action Group to prevent this expansion within the village.

The application to extend the bus facilities was refused and the business changed to one of holiday travel. The buses disappeared from the heart of the village and the Allpress family moved away to America running their travel company from there.

GIBRALTAR QUARRY - *continued.....*

Further residential properties have since been built on the land which had previously been a bowling green and vegetable garden. During the Second World War the vegetable garden was highly productive and supplied many villagers with fresh garden produce long before it was proposed that buses should be stored and washed there.

The Stewart family also rented and extracted stone from a further quarry near Rollright. The quarried, prepared and high quality building stone, was delivered by road over a radius up to one hundred miles from the site. David's current family home was built with stone from that quarry and is the 'new' High Rock. He continued the family business with his older brother Peter and Jean, their younger sister who was their indispensable secretary for fifty years! The houses now built in Stewart's Court are on the site of their old yard. At one time up to eighteen men were employed within the business which later included a range of heavy vehicles – diggers, rollers etc, used in the building trade.

Some villagers may also remember when the Gibraltar Quarry site at the sharpright hand bend on the Hook Norton Road was used in the filming of a comedy series starring the Two Ronnies – Ronnie Corbett and Ronnie Barker. The timeless country scene afforded by the site with its two barns and cattle yard attracted the producers who had a rural country cottage 'built' there. Part of the food store in the cattle yard remains and can still be seen today. An old farm gate was required for part of the filming – a rustic scene when the two Ronnies leaned over the gate to discuss country matters – so David went up into one of the fields above the quarry and brought down a gate which was installed and used in the production.

Now the quarry site is in private ownership and is a natural haven for wildlife. I can clearly remember Arnold Lamb taking members of the Sibfords' Society for a walk there more than twenty years ago showing and explaining to us the abundant flora and fauna contained within this chalky sleeping treasure.

Maureen Hicks

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



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHATTER

On Sept 2nd the PCC will be meeting.

Have you heard the church clock striking at odd times? The hot weather is no friend to elderly mechanism!

On Sunday September 29th we shall be holding our Harvest Festival service at 11am, followed by a Bring and Share lunch in the Village Hall.

Services for September

1st	10am Benefice Communion Service in Shutford (Ronald)
8th	8am BCP HC (Ronald)
	9.30am Holy Communion (Ronald)
15th	9.30am Holy Communion (Liz)
22nd	9.30am Holy Communion (Ronald)
29th	11am Harvest Festival (Ronald)

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

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The team have received the new speed indication device and have a day of rural speed recording planned for August. We have been approached by several Parishes who would like to set up speedwatch groups in their villages. Community Speedwatch is a traffic monitoring scheme that is conducted by volunteers who use a speed indication devices to record vehicles exceeding the speed limit. Volunteers record the details of speeding vehicles and a letter is generated and sent to the registered keeper of the vehicle . Locations for monitoring speed are selected from sites suggested by the community, based on where there is most local concern about speeding traffic, or the impact of speed. Community speedwatch can only be used in area's with a speed limit of up to 40mph.

If you would like further information about speedwatch please email ana.smith@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

The next rural community forum is Tuesday 3rd September at 1830 at Deddington fire station, please come along to discuss local issues of importance to the community and ways to tackle them.

We can be contacted at BanburyRuralNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or on 101



SIBFORD BUS SERVICE

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

			B		
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	

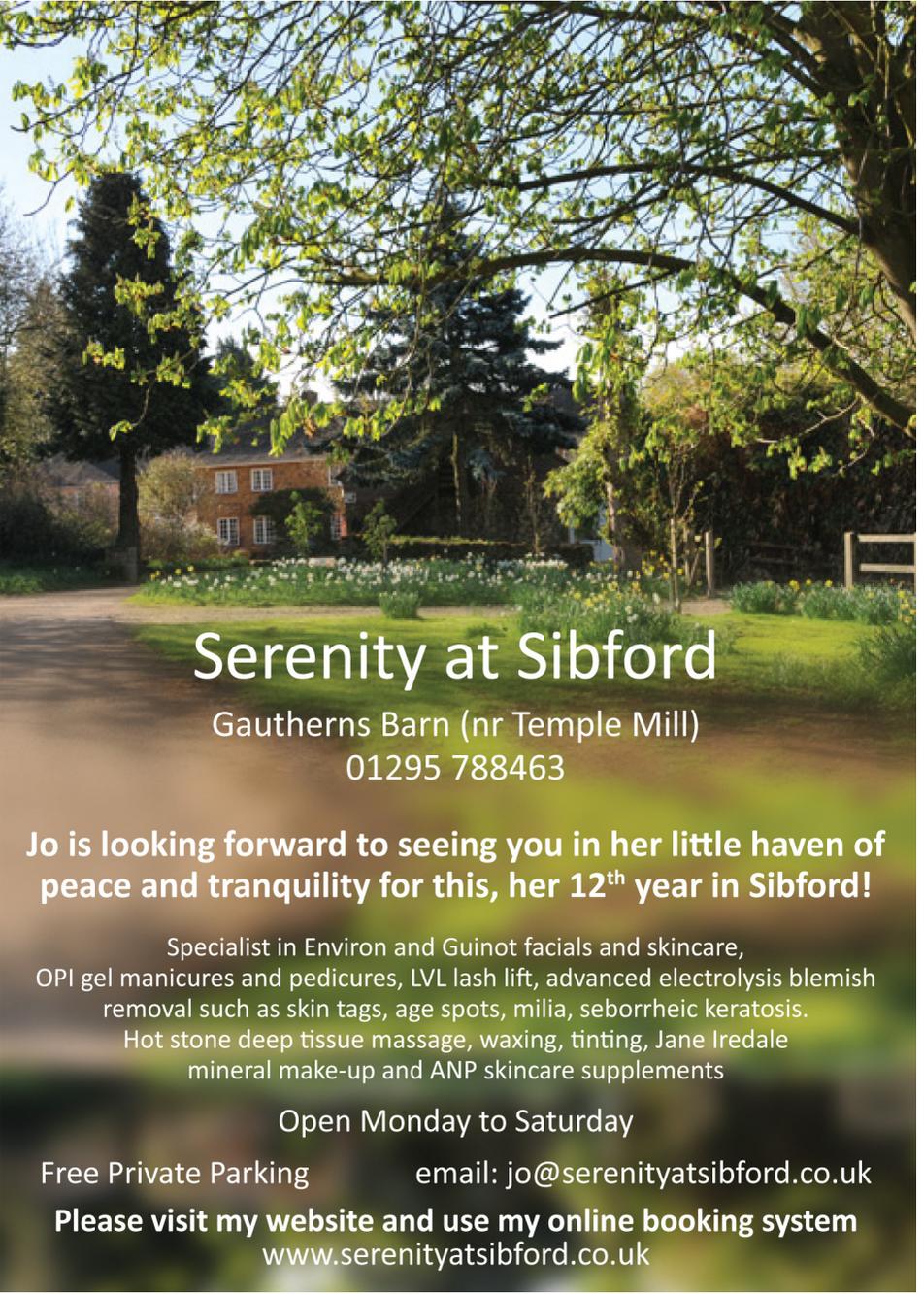
Notes:

NS - Not Saturdays

SSH - Saturdays, Monday to Fridays during School Holidays

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 5th - Sibford Players 'Taster' Session - Village Hall 7.30pm
- 5th - SGPC Meeting - Primary School - 7.30pm.
- 14th - Ride & Stride - Holy Trinity Church
- 19th - Sibfords Society talk 'Sulgrave Manor' Village Hall 7.45pm
- 24th - SFPC Meeting - Sibford School Sports Hall 7.45pm
- 25th - Film Night "LadyBird" - Village Hall 7.30pm
- 29th - Harvest Festival - Holy Trinity Church

OCTOBER (PART)

- 4th - Macmillan Coffee Morning - 2 Barley Close
- 10th - Horti Society talk 'Hidden Gems' - Village Hall 7.30pm

SEPTEMBER BIN COLLECTIONS

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

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