

# SIBFORD SCENE

October 2019

No 416



"Winning Veg at the Horti Show" Photo by Carolyn White

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

4th - 2 Barley Close - 10.30 onwards

## HORTI CLUB TALK

9th - "Hidden Gems" - Village Hall 7.30pm

## POP UP CAFE

12th - Quince Cottage - 10.30-12.30

## SIBFORDS SOCIETY TALK

17th - "The Barn Hill Railway" - Village Hall 8pm

## FILM NIGHT

30th "The Eagle Huntress" - Village Hall 7.30pm

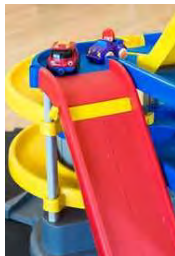
# Sibford Tots and Babes

TIME: 9.30am -  
11.30am

Term time only

Sibford Gower Village Hall

lots of toys, crafts





## ED'S THOUGHTS

Bit of a Horti theme this month with pics from the show by Carolyn White and Alan Berks.

On a darker note, we have vandals in the village. See page 6. Let's hope the police will catch the little blighters.....

*Thought for the month:*

"Against the wind, we're still running against the wind"

*Bob Seger*



## LETTERS AND NOTICES

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING,

Macmillan coffee morning/afternoon on Friday October 4th at 2 Barley Close.  
From 10.30 onwards.

*Petra Berry.*

### **VOLUNTEER WANTED**

Needed in the Ferris. A volunteer is needed to count out the Sibford scene at take them to 8 people for delivery, also a person is needed to deliver door to door in Cotswold Close and the four houses up Hook Norton road. If you can help please email [gilkes.sibford@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:gilkes.sibford@tiscali.co.uk)

### **POP-UP CAFE**

As Summer's last hurrah gives way to Autumn, it's time to admire Autumn's stunning colours, the dew encrusted hedgerows, and have fun playing in mounds of fallen leaves.

It is also time to enjoy meeting up with your friends and neighbours at this months 'Pop Up Café', hosted by David & Rachel. Come along on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 10:30am – 12:30pm, to the 'Tardis like' Quince Cottage, in Bonds End Lane. Enjoy the delightful cakes, wonderful coffee - and perhaps a cheeky raffle prize or two!



## LETTERS AND NOTICES

continued

### SINGLE-USE PLASTIC

I am sure like me you are all concerned about single use plastic and the effect it is having on our world. As a family we have taken a number of steps to reduce plastic (soapnut shells instead of washing detergent, toilet rolls wrapped in paper, liquid hand soap bulk buy in a cardboard box) and this got me thinking that the more we all do the better it will be.

Perhaps we can all pledge to reduce our use of plastic? Can we pool our ideas? Already, speaking to a few friends and neighbours, there are different ideas on how this can be done.

If you are interested in helping formulate a plan of campaign for the Sibfords to reduce single use plastic and recycling in general then I would love to hear from you.

I have already spoken to Cherwell's recycling department, with a view to getting help on what we can and can't recycle. Over the coming weeks I will be contacting a few people who have already started reducing plastic use in there area, with a hope that we can quickly move forward.

Together we can make a difference.

Please email me with your thoughts. [pamascott@outlook.com](mailto:pamascott@outlook.com)

*Lights,  
Camera,  
Action!*

The results from the amazing evening were very encouraging for the **Village Hall Car Park Appeal Fund**. More than £2000 has been added to the funds once costs and expenses had been deducted. I am sure that all who attended had a great evening and our thanks must go to everyone who helped

in any way to make the evening such a success. Unfortunately, costs of repair of the car park seem to be rising faster than our ability to raise funds, so it might be some time before with see the fruits of all our efforts.

Keith Hicks – Sibford Village Hall Management Committee

## **Swalcliffe Park School....going from strength to strength**

As we begin a new school year, I thought this would be a good time to update local residents regarding Swalcliffe Park School, and to share some of our achievements from the past year.

The school is set in 20 acres in the beautiful village of Swalcliffe, and provides residential and day places for 55 boys aged 10-19 who are on the autism spectrum, from over 20 Local Authorities across the country.

At Swalcliffe Park we believe that **different thinking** is needed to improve the lives of our students and their families. So we take a **Quality of Life** approach to our work and this drives everything we do. Over recent years we have developed an innovative approach to working with young people and their families – as a result, we have gained a local, national and international reputation for our work and outcomes.

At a local level, the school has links with primary and secondary schools as well as the colleges in the area, and we are keen to share our specialist knowledge with a range of organisations and businesses. We also operate a range of outreach services including Autism assessment and diagnosis. On a broader stage, over the past two years we have been invited to present our work at conferences in Sydney, Prague, Singapore and Nice as well as a number of national conferences.

As a residential special school, we are subject to regular inspections by Ofsted. Our residential provision is inspected annually, and we also receive education Ofsted inspections every 3-4 years. We are very proud to announce that, in the past 12 months, we have had 3 inspections which were all judged to be 'Outstanding'. This builds on our previous track record of consecutive 'Outstanding' for residential and school inspections going back to 2011.

Swalcliffe Park is a 'non-maintained' school, which means that we are not allied to a particular Local Authority and make all our own decisions. We are a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which means that proceeds of all fees remain within the school to support outcomes for students and their families.

We have a staff team of 80, drawn from a diverse range of professional backgrounds, making us a relatively large local employer. We manage all of our own affairs, including teaching, residential care, therapeutic support, administration, finance and site management.

We are very keen to develop more links with our local community so if you would like to know more about our work, school placements, partnership working or opportunities to join us as a member of staff please see our website [www.swalcliffepark.co.uk](http://www.swalcliffepark.co.uk) or give me a call on 01295 780302.

**Kiran Hingorani**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**Different thinking....Brighter futures**

# Who would do this to the Tots & Babes Wendy House?



← Rip the felt off the roof

Smash in the door & window



Tear out the window frame



Kick in the side panels



← Smash the lock



## TOTS AND BABES WENDY HOUSE

Looking at these pictures it is a shame to think that youngsters from our village could do such wanton destruction, This scene was discovered by one of The Village Hall Committee

on Tuesday September 10th . A group of children/teenagers had earlier been seen in the Churchyard and later on the Village Hall field.

We would like to thank the two girls who tidied up some of the mess. The Tots and Babes Group have very little resources and are trying hard to provide a nice environment for the little ones. The swings have been taken away as they were broken on an earlier date.

Please can everyone be aware , and try to prevent vandalism. This incident has been reported to the police.



# YOGA

## Sibford Village Hall

**New Beginners class**    Thursdays 9 – 10am

**Traditional Yoga**      Fridays 9 – 10am

**Chair Yoga**              Fridays 10.15 – 11am

Any enquiries to [juliette53@btinternet.com](mailto:juliette53@btinternet.com)



## NATURE NOTES

Even with the sunny September weather things are turning quite autumnal. There was a widespread grass frost on 8<sup>th</sup> September which seemed unusually early.

Once again it seems as if it is going to be a good year for hedgerow fruits and seeds. Grey squirrels are making the most of the abundant hazel nuts and Red Admiral butterflies can be seen feeding on over-ripe blackberries, apples and plums.

Red Valerian flowers from May to October and is commonly found growing in the walls around the villages. It attracts many insects and is a particular favourite of Humming-bird Hawk-moths which can be seen hovering around the flowers on sunny days.

This year has been a good year for Cinnabar moths and several people have commented on their bright yellow and black striped caterpillars which can be seen feeding on ragwort and groundsel.

Caroline Long observed an impressive caterpillar of the Grey Dagger moth feeding on Cotoneaster.

As always any observations for inclusion in the next nature notes would be most welcome and I am quite happy to have a go at identifying plants or animals that people have photographed. ([ajnewbold88@gmail.com](mailto:ajnewbold88@gmail.com)).

Andy and Gill Newbold

# Learn to paint...

Drop-in oil painting classes  
all levels including beginners  
9.30 to 12 Tuesday mornings  
**Village Hall, SIBFORD**

[www.nigelfletcher.co.uk](http://www.nigelfletcher.co.uk)  
[nvfletcher@btinternet.co.uk](mailto:nvfletcher@btinternet.co.uk)  
07792 657 248







## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Village Hall is busy again now that all the groups have restarted their sessions.

The Committee have been busy too - painting the yellow hatched area in the car park and mending the fencing and outdoor lights.

Sadly, due to the damage to the Play Area, the Tots and Babes group will now start storing their toys away after their sessions.

### QUIZ NIGHT

We will plan an evening of Quiz and Supper , and let you know the date soon.

### HIRE OF HALL AND INFORMATION

If you want to make a booking or find out about our facilities, please contact Ginny on 01295 780373 or via the sibfords website.



### FILM NIGHT

The film for October 30th is **The Eagle Huntress**.

From director Otto Bell and Executive Producer Daisy Ridley, THE EAGLE HUNTRESS follows Aisholopan, a 13 year old girl, as she trains to become the first female in twelve generations of her Kazakh family to become an eagle hunter, and rises to the pinnacle of a tradition that has been handed down from father to son for centuries. Set against the breathtaking expanse of the Mongolian steppe, THE EAGLE HUNTRESS features some of the most awe-inspiring cinematography ever captured in a documentary, giving this intimate tale of a young girl's quest the dramatic force of an epic narrative film.

Doors open at 7. Film starts at 7.30.

Tickets £2

Refreshments available.

*Petra Berry*

# SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

**The Gower Council report of the meeting at the Village Primary School on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2019.** *A personal note from the Chairman, Hugh Pidgeon*

Well not so much a report as a sketch! The full minutes will be appearing on the Sibfords website soon after the publication of this edition of the Sibford Scene.

A year ago this month, in September '18, in a short note similar to this, I expressed my appreciation to everyone present for making it such an entirely delightful and convivial evening, and wrote: "This is so very much what all of us on the Council had always hoped to see: members of the community meeting each other, talking about matters of importance to them and through all that informing us as councillors in the decisions we needed to take over the coming months.

A year on, I want to thank all of you who joined us this year on September 5<sup>th</sup>. And for all the same reasons. I noticed that some things seemed not to have changed much!. In fact, I had a Groundhog Day moment when I read in last year's minutes the evening's agenda included the ongoing maintenance of the Millennium Field, the controversial development of Mawles Farm at the Gower crossroads, and the provision of a defibrillator – all items, if you take a look, you will see in the minutes of the meeting on our agenda for discussion this year! And one year on we had another opportunity to honour Peter Hardman's work as our clerk, this time for all the work I discovered had gone into the original establishing of a new Sibfords Burial Ground: work that is still ongoing.

You might think that in these times when only two weeks ago even the Supreme Court was having difficulty in determining what the constitutional obligations of the government actually are, there's not much chance of our modest village council making any inroads on decisions made by our District and county Councils. But the report we received on September 5<sup>th</sup> from our guest John Ferris from the Ferris on the resistance being mounted to the development proposals for Hook Norton Road was a wonderfully refreshing indication of just how much has changed, and is changing; how the two Sibford villages are working so much more closely together and to greater effect on a number of shared concerns. And a new initiative brought to the meeting by Pam Ascott signalled a new sign of the times: a proposal for a Plastic Free Sibford. Check out her article in this magazine!

On the Sibfords website at the moment, you may have noticed there is a small panel of information about the **Town Estate Charity** and its principal purposes: <https://thesibfords.uk/news/2019/5397>

# SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

*continued....*

What it doesn't tell you (because there isn't enough room) is that it has played a hugely significant role in a fascinating 400-year-old history in the villages of Sibford Gower & Burdrop and a long tradition of supporting the three causes it names – many of which have indirectly benefited Sibford Ferris. There are changes happening there too: one of the trustees, Liz Hawkes, is stepping down from her role when she and her husband Ronald say farewell to the Sibfords in January 2020.

So a vacancy for someone to join the trustees will be coming up at the turn of the year. Any villager resident in either the Gower or Burdrop is eligible. Liz was a nominee of the Gower Council, so we will be putting out an advertisement for the role in the next few weeks on both the Gower Council noticeboard (in the car-park of the Village Hall), and on the Sibfords website. This will carry much more information about the charity and its work, the criteria we will be using to put forward our nomination to replace Liz on the Board of Trustees, and how to apply.

We would meanwhile welcome any initial expressions of interest. For this, or for more information, please drop a note to our clerk Vanessa Mulley: [SGPC \[sibford.gower.pc@thesibfords.org.uk\]\(mailto:SGPC.sibford.gower.pc@thesibfords.org.uk\)](mailto:SGPC.sibford.gower.pc@thesibfords.org.uk)



## 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 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.

"We continue to have requests for lifts but inevitably things have quietened down a bit over the holiday period. We are however expecting lots of calls now that the dark evenings of autumn are approaching fast. We hope the residents of the Sibfords will not sit at home all lonely but ring for lifts to see their friends or go for a short visit to perhaps Chipping Norton or some other place within our 10 mile limit. As usual, please give us as much notice as you can.

*Norman and Mary Nash*

<b>Sibford Drivers</b>						
<b>Rota for telephone duty</b>						
<b>October 2019</b>						
Sunday	6th October	Gardiner	Margaret	780979		
to	to					
Saturday	12th October	Pidgeon	Fiona	780360	07813477004	
Sunday	13th October	Gardiner	Margaret	780979		
to	to					
Saturday	19th October	Harris	Martin	788427	07855219708	
Sunday	20th October	Gardiner	Margaret	780979		
to	to					
Saturday	26th October	Nash	Norman	780980	07802565290	
Sunday	27th October	Gardiner	Margaret	780979		
to	to					
Saturday	2nd November	Hicks	Maureen	780259	7802317471	
<b>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.</b>						

**SIBFORDS AND SURROUNDING  
VILLAGES**

**1ST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

**MINI VALET**

**FREE TEA/COFFEE & CAKE**

**BOOK NOW TO  
AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**



**JUST £25  
4X4 £30**



**CERAMIC COATING, PAINT CORRECTION AND MORE**

*Heritage Detailing Centre*



**BOOK NOW**

**TEL: 01295 670009**

**ENQUIRIES@CLASSICCARDetailing.CO.UK**

**GLEBE FARM BUSINESS PARK**

**HORLEY**

**OX15 6BN**



We have had an excellent start to the new academic year here at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School. Our new children and new staff members have settled in quickly and we are all looking forward to an exciting year of learning ahead.

Everyone at our lovely school works incredibly hard to ensure that our pupils get the best possible educational start. The physical education and sports aspect of our broad educational offer has recently been recognised in the attainment of two very special awards; the 'Youth Sport Trust Gold Quality Mark' and 'School Games Gold'.

The achievement of the Youth Sport Trust Quality Mark was especially important to us as it recognises the high quality of all the excellent work in Physical Education across the whole school by all staff, and our commitment to ensuring the inclusion, enjoyment and participation of every single one of our children in physical activity and active learning.

Attaining the GOLD level demands a lot of hard work, including a rigorous external audit by the Youth Sport Trust to ensure that it is absolutely deserved. Our hardworking and committed PE coordinator, Miss Grantham and our PE mentor, Mrs Gardner, have worked very hard over recent years to ensure the highest possible quality of provision and PE education across the school. Miss Grantham finished the summer term with an intensive 2 hour interview which resulted in the conformation of GOLD. The auditor was very impressed with all that he saw and heard, writing...

**"Thank you so much for sharing with me all the great things that are going on at your school! It was a great way to end the term. Your commitment and passion for the subject was great to see and hear. Thank you for all your hard work to ensure ALL children at your school are benefiting from a great PE and Sport experience."**

Excellence in PE and sporting provision is only one feature of our wonderful village school. To find out more about us please take a look at our school website which can be found at <http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk/>

## 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

<b>Whole School Open Morning</b>	<b>Sixth Form Open Evening</b>	<b>Whole School Open Morning</b>
Friday 4 October 2019 09.45am – 12.00pm	Tuesday 15 October 2019 6.30pm	Friday 15 November 2019 09.45am – 12.00pm

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

OPUS

**OPUS  
Property  
Services Ltd**

01295 780652  
07816592124

All aspects of property maintenance and refurbishment undertaken from replacement light bulbs and tap washers to new ceilings and floors.

Plumbing, tiling, wood flooring, floor renovation, under floor heating, plastering, electrics, decorating, damp proofing, carpentry, locks, drains, kitchens, bathrooms etc

**Call us or visit our website for more information:  
[www.opusps.co.uk](http://www.opusps.co.uk)**



**C.J.LAMB**

PEST AND VERMIN CONTROL

07939074956

[kitlamb@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kitlamb@hotmail.co.uk)

- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| ✓ Rats        | ✓ Business    |
| ✓ Mice        | ✓ Home        |
| ✓ Moles       | ✓ Garden      |
| ✓ Squirrels   | ✓ Estate      |
| ✓ And more... | ✓ And more... |



BESPOKE DESIGN SERVICE FOR  
CUSTOM MADE FURNISHINGS

**Pattern book room for you  
to browse fabric designs**  
**Curtains, blinds & cushions**  
**Loose covers & lampshade making**  
**Headboards & bedspreads**  
**Curtain poles & tracks**  
**New sofas & chairs & reupholstery**

01295 788145

[ann@annwoolgrove.com](mailto:ann@annwoolgrove.com) | [www.yarnhill.co.uk](http://www.yarnhill.co.uk)

[www.annwoolgrove.com](http://www.annwoolgrove.com)

**C. A. Berger**

Painting & Decorating  
Interiors & Exteriors  
Residential & Commercial  
Carpentry Repairs  
and  
Property Maintenance

**Mobile: 07875 212 315**

Office Tel/Fax:  
01295 738633





## SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

### Forthcoming Walks:

October 14th, 28th. November 11th, 25th

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](mailto:sebannister@gmail.com)

**Ian Sharp**, [ian@iansharp.net](mailto: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.

### Children's Day Nursery Epwell



- Care for children aged 2 to 5 years
- Full and part time places available
- Open Monday to Friday 9.00am - 4.00pm
- Ofsted rating: Outstanding
- Competitive rates
- Early years grant registered

The nursery provides excellent opportunities for children to explore and learn through play under the guidance of highly trained, experienced and caring staff.

Ring Julia on: 01295 780580 or  
Email: [Julia@arknursery.net](mailto:Julia@arknursery.net)



# 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](http://thesibfords.org.uk)



Know your onions.....

QUALITY FISH DIRECT  
FROM GRIMSBY MARKET

Proprietor: Robert Hill

07578 195979

[www.qualityfishgrimsby.co.uk](http://www.qualityfishgrimsby.co.uk)

Freshest fish and shellfish direct from  
Grimsby to Sibford Village Hall EVERY  
THURSDAY from 430pm 'til 530pm



## MISS "T" CATERING.

**Good Home Cooked Food**  
Catering for events such as:  
Anniversaries, Weddings,  
Christenings, Birthday parties,  
Funerals & private dinner parties.



Also available  
Cutlery and Crockery Hire.  
Contact Victoria Taylor on:  
Mob: 07841 910037  
Home: 01295 780206

### **Holiday Cottage in Cornwall**

On the beautiful north coast in Poldark country, character cottage set in a large south-facing enclosed garden, is available for holiday lets. It is situated on the outskirts of the vibrant and friendly village of St Agnes.

**Scrumbles Hollow** sleeps six in three double bedrooms, one with ensuite shower room, plus a family bathroom. Full central heating.

The spacious cottage has an open fire place in a cosy sitting room, while the dining room boasts a log burner. New, fully equipped kitchen and separate utility room for sorting out sportswear after a day on the beach or walking the breathtaking countryside.

Lots of good local pubs and restaurants, shops and galleries. Excellent public transport connections, including Newquay airport (half an hour by car).

For more information, please contact Linda on 01295 780 242 or 07973 226 032 or [linda.lane@btconnect.com](mailto:linda.lane@btconnect.com)

### **LOCAL MARKETS**

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

**Chipping Norton** - Every Wednesday

**Chipping Norton Farmers** - 3rd Saturday of the month

**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 @ Stourton (6-8pm)

Fitness classes/PT  
Massage Therapy



Swalcliffe Lea oxon  
[www.dovecotefitness.com](http://www.dovecotefitness.com)  
07802537100



## SIBFORDS SOCIETY

You have seen the tracks and coaches whenever you approach Swalcliffe , and have probably wondered what they're all about. The Barn Well Hill Railway is a private Minimum Gauge Railway owned by Colin Hill, who is coming to tell us everything we've wanted to know about it on 17<sup>th</sup> October. Village Hall doors open 7.45 p.m. Talk begins 8.00 p.m. Visitors welcome at £3 p.p. Refreshments free of charge.

*Diana Hughes*



## HORTI SOCIETY

The committee was delighted to see so many new people entering the summer show and the weather helped by being spectacularly beautiful. Thank you to everyone who worked so tirelessly to make the show a success. Our programme of speakers starts again this month at 7.30 on 9 October with Andrew Tolman who will be speaking to us on 'Hidden Gems'. Andrew has just completed 10 years working for HRH The Prince of Wales and is a specialist in Topiary and fruit pruning. Do come along and hear what he has to say.

*Diana Thompson*

### **PILATES IN SIBFORD**

Madeleine Wilson M.Sc

Mat & Studio Master Teacher offers  
bespoke one to one and  
duet sessions training on  
Specialised Pilates equipment  
Reformers, chairs, barrels & Cadillac  
plus small group mat classes

For all levels  
From beginners to advanced

T: 01295 780279

Mobile: 07905 953300

Email: [madeleine@pilatesinsibford.co.uk](mailto:madeleine@pilatesinsibford.co.uk)

[www.pilatesinsibford.co.uk](http://www.pilatesinsibford.co.uk)



## In Your Garden - October

1. The days are getting shorter, and October is usually a gentle month, so you can slow down a bit....that is after you have done your bulb order, and planted some of them, tidied up the borders, brought in the tender plants before the first frost, and oh no! The worst job of all, lining the greenhouse with bubblewrap. (It can nearly cause a divorce if you keep getting cross with each other.)
2. October is a very good time to buy and plant bare-root shrubs, and trees. The soil is still warm, and they must be kept well watered.
3. Wallflowers, violas, primulas and forget-me-nots all look lovely planted in large pots and urns with your bulbs for cheering up the garden in spring.
4. Cut back herbaceous perennials in the border when they have finished flowering, but leave some with large seedheads for the birds to enjoy.
5. Tender plants need to be brought inside. They can go on a windowsill, or under the staging in the greenhouse. Keep them on the dry side.
6. It is best to plant tulips in November, and the deeper they go in, they will be more likely to return each year. Try to get them in between 6 - 8 inches, and then they should not suffer from tulip fire - a fungal disease.
7. Pick apples and pears, and where possible store them carefully in a cool, dark place, in open trays, where the fruits don't touch each other. If you have a bumper crop, everyone appreciates a box of help-yourself apples left outside.
8. After the first frosts have blackened the dahlia stems, carefully lift the tubers, and dry them off, and clean them. Leave them upside down to dry through, then pack them away in dry compost or sand, leaving the crowns exposed. Alternatively you can risk leaving them in the ground, and covering them with a load of straw, bracken, or more compost, and fingers crossed, they will survive.
9. If you have room in the greenhouse you can sow sweet peas now, and then keep them over the winter in a cold frame - but I usually wait until the end of January to start mine going, and they catch up just as fast.
10. One of the very best autumn bulbs is the colchicum, and if you haven't ever grown them, order some for next year. They suddenly pop up out of the ground, and wham! in two days there is a huge burst of pink and white giant crocus, that lasts well. You can cut back its ugly brown foliage in June or July when it has died back; don't eat them, and put gloves on when planting. They are poisonous. But what a joy.

*Jupe Hitching*



## DID YOU KNOW??

### The Enclosure Act

Over the course of the last few hundred years, much of Britain's land has been privatised — taken out of some form of collective ownership and management and handed over to individuals. This resulted in the loss of much Common Land.

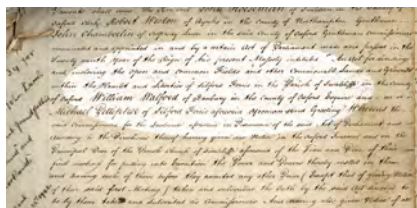
The king, or the Lord of the Manor, might have owned an estate, but the peasant enjoyed all sorts of rights which enabled him, or her, to graze stock, cut wood or peat, draw water or grow crops, on various plots of land at specified times of year. Fields were grazed by the village herds when fallow, or after harvest. There was no possibility for the individual to change his style of farming: he had to do what the others were doing, when they did it, otherwise his crops would be grazed by everyone's animals. Livestock were also fed on hay from communal meadows.

During the reign of King George III (1760-1820) Enclosure Acts were passed by Parliament. Land was consolidated into larger farms and much common and waste land was taken into cultivation. Many smallholders had to sell out to more prosperous neighbours. The cost of this Enclosure of Fields was high because many farm labourers could not afford the charges. A huge new class of poor disposed labourers came into existence who became dependent on wages paid to them by the new landowners. The Enclosure Act improved the productivity of farms in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

2000 acres of land in Sibford Gower and Burdrop were enclosed in 1773 and sixteen years later, in 1789, 950 acres in Sibford Ferris were also enclosed. Commissioners were appointed to investigate and re-allocate the lands, and to decide on the resultant financial liability.

Between 1750 and 1850 approximately 4,000 Enclosure Acts were passed.

Maureen Hicks



- Bespoke bathrooms, kitchens and carpentry
- Fitted furniture
- Plumbing and electrical works
- Home improvements and renovations

# Hugo Seely

Trading in the Siltfords since 1992

From concept to completion  
*Exceptional value,  
 exceptional service*

T: 01295 780355  
 or 07773 319239  
 E: hugo.seely@gmail.com

*Excellent references*



**MITSUBISHI  
 MOTORS**

Drive your Ambition

## ***The Firs Garage***

**www.firs-garage.com**

Family business established 1960

Tel: 01608 737349 / 737641

Hook Norton, OX15 5DD

***ECLIPSE CROSS***



**New Mitsubishi Eclipse Cross  
 petrol SUV, designed to inspire**

Extensive range of new  
 and used economical cars,  
 hybrids & 4x4's

Part exchange welcome

Service

MOT Parts

Bodyshop

Fuel Shop

**ALL MAKES  
 SERVICING  
 COMPETITIVE PRICES**

## GIBRALTAR QUARRY

I was very interested to read about the history of Gibraltar quarry in both the August and September publications. My family purchased the quarry back in 1993 and since then, it has been largely left to nature. Forming part of the "Swere Valley and Upper CTA (Conservation Target Area), I am hopeful it will provide a useful wildlife refuge for years to come. In addition to which, several years ago a group of botanists identified a rare plant species called "cotswold penny-cress" growing in the banks of the old quarry, although I am unsure whether it remains there today.

We believe the name "Gibraltar" originates from from the Napoleonic wars when soldiers named their houses after places they had been during the conflict. Perhaps "Belle Isle" is another example of this?

The adjacent fields are now used for sheep grazing, hay, and occasionally galloping racehorses. In the past Sibford School have also taken children there for picnics, and local riding clubs occasionally use the field to set up small gymkhana events.

If the Sibford walking group, or anyone else would like to visit the quarry, you would be very welcome, but please do call ahead.

Hugh and Guy Wilson  
[g.wilson805@btinternet.com](mailto:g.wilson805@btinternet.com)  
01295780254.  
07748464543

### Swalcliffe Park Equestrian Calendar of Events

#### Calendar of Events - 2019

Sun 27th October

CROWN Riding Club Hunter Trial (TBC)

## LETTERCARVE

Hand-carved, hardwood signs for the home and workplace.  
Personalised boards and platters, stable plates and memorials.

#MadeInSibford

Browse the website:

e: [lettercarve@gmail.com](mailto:lettercarve@gmail.com)

[www.lettercarve.com](http://www.lettercarve.com)



# Badmington

8 to 9.30 Tuesday evenings at  
Sibford Friend's school sports  
hall. We are a friendly informal  
group just playing for fun.

for more info:

**Colin 01295 266584**

## For Practical Garden Assistance

Please contact Nick Taylor

T: 07425 136992

01608 684388

07434 579499

All types of garden work undertaken

## Colour Analysis by Annie Broe

I will show you which colours are best for you.

Wearing the right colours is an easy and effective way to  
enhance your appearance.

You will instantly look more radiant, younger and healthier.

You will feel more confident.

Colours are very powerful – use this power to your advantage and look  
fantastic!

### **Vouchers available – the perfect present**

For a personal colour analysis or for more details, please call me on

T: 01295 780637 or 07930 398151. E: [annie4colourandstyle@gmail.com](mailto:annie4colourandstyle@gmail.com)

***Come along to the friendly***

# **SIBFORD LUNCH CLUB**

***Meet like minded people every week***

Sibford Village Hall

***Great Chat, convivial atmosphere.***

Two Course Lunch with tea or coffee

***Friendly and welcoming***

12.45pm for 1.00pm - £4.00

Telephone or contact Keith Hicks 780259 [keith@hicks-sibford .co.uk](mailto:keith@hicks-sibford.co.uk)

# CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends      Sibford Gower, Sunday, 10.30 am  
Roman Catholic      Brailes, Saurday, 5pm; Shipston, Sunday 9am  
                                 Kineton, Sunday 11am  
Baptist                      Hook Norton, Sunday, 10.30 am



## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHATTER

### Services

Oct 6th 10am @ Tdmarton Benefice Harvest Festival (Liz)  
Oct 13th 8am BCP HC (Ronald)  
                 9.30am HC (Liz) NB NO Methodist Service this month  
Oct 20th 9.30 am HC (John)  
Oct 27th BCP HC (Ven Keith Smalldon)

Ronald Hawkes  
The Rectory  
Sibford Gower  
Banbury  
Oxon  
OX15 5RW

01295 780555  
07723432310



### **RICHARD WALLINGTON BUILDER**

Block paver drives a speciality  
Also extensions, patios  
fencing etc.  
High Quality Work - Free Estimates  
T 01295 780705  
Mobile 07743 932545  
(Sibford Gower)

### **THE VILLAGE SHOP HOOK NORTON**

\*National Lottery\*  
Grocery - Greengrocery - Bakery - Wines  
Spirits - Confectionery - Newspapers  
Magazines - Cards - Bottled Gas  
Open Monday to Friday  
8 am to 8 pm  
Saturday 8 am to 8 pm  
Sunday 8 am to 6 pm  
Tel phone: 01608 737245



## NOT SO GREAT TASTE

Thought I'd bring this back..... So: This month's recipe is BREAD

### Everyday Loaf

#### Ingredients

400g Strong White Flour

100g Strong Wholemeal or Granary Flour

1 sachet yeast

1/2 tsp salt

Dollop of honey

300ml warm water

2 tbsp olive oil

2 tsp caraway seeds, or olives, or courgettes, or sun-dried tomatoes....



Chuck all the ingredients into a bowl (don't let the salt and yeast get together as they don't like each other) and knead, knead, knead for 15 mins. (Listen to 'Macarthur Park' while you're kneading). Alternatively use a Mixer and mix at maximum speed for 10 mins.

Cover the bowl with a tea towel (preferably clean) and leave to rise for about 45mins in a warm place - Aga/Linen Cupboard.

Now, the good bit - knocking back. The idea here is to get lots of air into the dough, to make it rise. So, you get the dough and whack it onto a floured surface and basically punch it., wallop it, throw it against the wall. Think Trump or Farage and vent your anger. Anyway, do this for about 5 mins and then shove it into a bread tin or bennetton basket and leave until it has sufficiently risen. You be the judge...

Ok - ready to bake! Oven should be minimum 200c and I use a pizza stone to put the dough on to bake. (unless you're using a tin, in which case you just bung it in the oven. Bake for about 20 mins, but once or twice spray water over the bread to get a lovely crust.

How do you know it is cooked? Easy - flip it over and tap it's bottom. If it sounds hollow, it's cooked.....

Finally, bring it out with a flourish and cool it on a wire rack until warm/cool, then eat blissfully!!!!!!

## Stay in style in the Sibfords

Sumptuous self-catering  
and B&B

Newly refurbished self-catering  
accommodation set in stunning private  
gardens with heated swimming pool,  
tennis court and croquet lawn.  
4 beds, 5 bathrooms. Sleeps 8.

Also available, luxurious B&B facilities.

Contact Sally Wass

T: 01295 780104

E: [sally.wass@btinternet.com](mailto:sally.wass@btinternet.com)

[www.holmbyhouse.com](http://www.holmbyhouse.com)

Holmby  
House 

**RED HORSE VALE**



All Types of Fuel, Coal, Smokeless, Gas,  
Logs, Kindling, Barbecue Needs, Central  
Heating Oil, Oil Tanks & Coal Bunkers  
Landscape & Building Materials  
Garden Centre & Garden Supplies,  
Farm & Country Sundries  
Equestrian Products, Horse & Pet Feeds  
Open: Monday - Saturday 8am - 5pm  
Windmill Farm, Banbury Road (A422)  
Oxhill, Warwickshire CV35 0RP  
Tel: 01926 642832 Fax: 01926 642853  
[www.redhorsevale.co.uk](http://www.redhorsevale.co.uk)

Sibford Stores & Post Office, Sibford Ferris, OX15 5RG

Telephone 01295 788317 / 788348

**YOUR LOCAL CONVENIENCE STORE AND NEWSAGENT**

We deliver newspapers and magazines 7 days a week to all the surrounding area. Place your regular order today, whether for 1 day a week or 7. Always a wide selection of magazines, specialist titles available to order.

Chilled & Frozen foods, groceries, cigarettes, beers, wines and spirits, fresh fruit and vegetables, pet foods, household goods, toiletries, medical requisites and lots, lots more ...

Health Lottery, photocopying, fax service, dry cleaning

We will also undertake your mailings for you, just ask.

Always an excellent selection of Hook Norton bottled beers in stock

Telephone your grocery order for free local delivery.

**OPENING HOURS**

Monday to Saturday 7.30 am to 7.30 pm

Sunday 7.30 am to 4.00 pm

**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POST OFFICE, THERE ARE LOTS OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES AVAILABLE ON YOUR DOORSTEP**



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

# NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Police Phone No. 101. Emergencies 999 Crimestoppers No. 0800 555111.  
Trading Standards No. 0845 0510845.

October 2019 Peter Hine 01295 788830

## **1.Thames Valley Police Alert (ref. 286567). Bogus Census Group Warning.**

Fraudsters are operating in the Thames Valley area posing as Home Office officials. They carry documents with the letter-head 'Dept of Home Affairs' and claim to be confirming that everyone has a valid ID for the upcoming Census. Please note there is no such Government initiative of this kind.

## **2. TV Police Alert (ref. 285658). Sheep Worrying - Swerford.**

Earlier this month near Holywell Farm, Swerford, 2 sheep were attacked and injured, one with a broken leg. The flock ran onto the road requiring the farmer to spend several hours rounding them up. If you witness an incident please call 101/999 Banbury Police Rural Neighbourhood Team.

## **3. Nextdoor Sibford Gower**

Contains a report of 2 men, described as 60+ and 20+ in a white van, described as 'professional con-artists'. They both have strong, not local, accents. If seen, please report to police. The registration number of the vehicle would be most useful.



Herbs.....

# SIBFORD BUS SERVICE

<b>BUS NUMBER: 3A</b>	NS				SSH
<b>SOA Wood Street</b>	<b>6.15</b>	<b>9.00</b>			<b>16.05</b>
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
<b>Sibford Ferris School</b>	<b>7.02</b>	<b>10.02</b>	<b>12.12</b>	<b>14.02</b>	<b>16.57</b>
Lower Tadmarton	7.12	10.12	12.22	14.12	17.07
<b>Banbury Bus Station</b>	<b>7.25</b>	<b>10.25</b>	<b>12.35</b>	<b>14.25</b>	<b>17.20</b>

			B		
<b>Banbury Bus Station</b>	<b>10.30</b>	<b>12.40</b>	<b>14.30</b>	<b>17.30</b>	
Lower Tadmarton	10.43	12.53	14.43	17.43	
<b>Sibford Ferris School</b>	<b>10.53</b>	<b>13.03</b>	<b>14.53</b>	<b>17.53</b>	
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	
<b>SOA, Wood Street</b>			<b>16.03</b>	<b>18.48</b>	

**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



# Serenity at Sibford

Gautherns Barn (nr Temple Mill)  
01295 788463

**Jo is looking forward to seeing you in her little haven of peace and tranquility for this, her 12<sup>th</sup> year in Sibford!**

Specialist in Environ and Guinot facials and skincare,  
OPI gel manicures and pedicures, LVL lash lift, advanced electrolysis blemish removal such as skin tags, age spots, milia, seborrheic keratosis.

Hot stone deep tissue massage, waxing, tinting, Jane Iredale mineral make-up and ANP skincare supplements

Open Monday to Saturday

Free Private Parking

email: [jo@serenityatsibford.co.uk](mailto:jo@serenityatsibford.co.uk)

**Please visit my website and use my online booking system**

[www.serenityatsibford.co.uk](http://www.serenityatsibford.co.uk)



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OCTOBER

- 4th - Macmillan Coffee Morning - 2 Barley Close. 10.30 onwards  
9th - Horti Society talk: "Hidden Gems" - Village Hall 7.30pm  
12th - Pop-Up Cafe - Quince Cottage 10.30-12.30  
17th - Sibfords Society - "The Barn Hill Railway" - Village Hall - 8pm  
30th - Film Night "The Eagle Huntress" - Village Hall - 7.30pm

### NOVEMBER (PART)

- 9th - Bonfire Night - Sibford Primary School - 7pm  
13th - Deep Water Fishing - The Rectory - 7.30pm  
21st - Horti Society talk "The Boroughton Hoard" - Village Hall - 8pm

### OCTOBER BIN COLLECTIONS

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

Unwanted clothing and shoes may be recycled anytime at the Textiles/  
Recycling Bank at Sibford School Swimming Pool. Bottle banks at Sibford  
Ferris: Elm crossroads and Sibford Gower: Wykham Arms car park.

SIBFORD SCENE  
DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER ISSUE - 18th OCTOBER 2019

Editor: Tony Skowronski, Jasmine Cottage, Burdrop, OX15 5RN  
T: 01295 780490  
E: sibfordscene@gmail.com

Ad Manager & Treasurer: Ivor Hopkyns, Elmridge Farmhouse,  
Sibford Gower, OX15 5RT  
T: 01295 788367  
E: sallyandivorhopkyns@hotmail.com