

# SIBFORD SCENE

November 2019

No 417



Sue Sabin's Crazy Goats.....

## HORTI CLUB

13th - Talk by Timothy Walker - Village Hall - 7.30pm

## SIBFORD SCHOOL OPEN DAY

15th - 9.45am-12noon

## VILLAGE HALL MEETING

20th - 7.30pm

## FILM NIGHT

27th - "Wild Rose" - Village Hall - 7.30pm

## SIBFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY

29th - 9.30am - 11am

## "PIANIST WITH ALTITUDE"

30th - Piano Talk in Tibet - Village hall - 7pm

## COFFEE MORNING

30th - Silver Birches - 10am - 12noon

# Bonfire & Fireworks

## Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Nov



## Sibford Gower Primary School

Gates open: 5.00pm Fireworks: 6.30pm

Mulled Wine

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Homemade Soup



ADVANCE

FAMILY £15

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Advance tickets available up to 3pm Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

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*Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School PTA*



## ED'S THOUGHTS

Greetings from Jasmine! Fabulous film on the 27th - "Wild Rose", and the talk on the 30th looks very interesting.....!!! Hopefully Brexit will be all wrapped up now and we'll all be basking in the glory (?) of a new era in British history - who knows?! Any road up, have a very happy November and don't forget the Bonfire Night on the 9th - "BOOM!"

*Thought for the month:*

"The end, of everything that stands"

*The Doors*



### MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you so much to everyone who came to support the Macmillan Coffee Morning.

We raised an amazing £520!

*Petra Berry*

### Needed in the Ferris.

A volunteer is needed to count out the Sibford Scene and 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)

*Jo Gilkes*

### John Loggins Trust

The John Loggins Trust has a small amount of money each year to distribute to permanent residents of the Sibfords and Burdrop who might welcome a Christmas benefaction. If you would like to be considered for a small grant please write to

The John Loggins Trustees, c/o The Rectory, briefly explaining your need. The closing date for applications is November 30th 2019

*Ronald Hawkes*

### Pop Up Cafes

I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported the 'Pop Up Cafés' this year - those who generously opened their homes; those who gave their time, and those who used their talents, to make them such highly enjoyable events. (Who knew there were so many wonderful cake makers in and around our villages!)

Also thank you to everyone who came along. I am delighted to say, collectively, some £942 was raised for many local good causes and charities.

*Best wishes, Marianne Allen*

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WELCOME

# WELCOME TO SIBFORD

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## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

As I write this the Club has enjoyed a lovely trip on the Toddington Railway. The November Club outing is to the Cotswold Distillery and if it's anything like the last time we visited it will be a great afternoon. (*Hic! - Ed*) Our on Nov 5th guest will be Paul Dumas coming once again to entertain us.

December dates are: Dec 3rd Christmas Lunch at Lyneham and on Dec 17th the Club Christmas Tea will take place.

As you ALL know The club does not meet in JANUARY

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## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

### VILLAGE PUBLIC MEETING

On November 20th there will be a meeting at the Village Hall at 7-30pm to discuss and agree the change in status of the Village Hall to a new CIO [Charitable Incorporated Organisation].

The regular Committee meeting will be held straight afterwards.

### T` AI CHI CHIH

New Class at the Village Hall starting on Wednesday mornings from 9-15 to 10-15am. Some of you already have attended a taster session .

Running until December 4th [not October 30th as half term], a block of 6 sessions will cost £6 each. Drop-in sessions are £7 each.

Contact Lesley on 07813947181 to book your place. Newcomers can have a free taster session.

See [www.taichichih.org/healthbenefits](http://www.taichichih.org/healthbenefits) for further information.

### BOOK EXCHANGE /COFFEE CAFE

We would like to start up a monthly opportunity to swap books and chat!

We are growing a collection of children`s and adult books .

If anyone would like to act as a volunteer to help man the sessions please contact Ginny on 01295 780373 . More details next month.

### ANNUAL QUIZ

We hope to put the Quiz on in January. Details to come soon.

### CONTACT AND INFORMATION

Fantastic venue for parties,lunches,meetings, talks, receptions ,clubs etc. Audio Visual equipment available.

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# **VILLAGE MEETING**

**20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 7.30pm**

**Sibford Village Hall**

The charity Sibford Village Hall is changing its legal structure from an unincorporated charitable trust to a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). A new CIO has now been registered by the Charity Commission in the name of Sibford Village Hall CIO. To complete the change-over the trustees of the existing charity will need to transfer the charity's assets, including the village hall, to the CIO .

The decision to transfer the assets needs to be confirmed by those residents living in the Parishes of Sibford Gower and Sibford Ferris who are aged 18 or over. To this end, the trustees will propose an appropriate solution to be passed at the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

For further information contact

Keith Hicks 01295 780259

[keith@hicks-sibford.co.uk](mailto:keith@hicks-sibford.co.uk)



## FILM NIGHT

**The film for Wednesday November 27th is Wild Rose.**

Jessie Buckley and Julie Walters star in this uplifting story about family, dreams and reality.

Fresh out of jail and with two young kids, all Rose-Lynn wants is to get out of Glasgow and make it as a country singer in Nashville. Forced to take responsibility, Rose-Lynn gets a cleaning job, only to find an unlikely champion in the middle-class lady of the house.

Doors open at 7. Film starts at 7.30

Tickets £2. Refreshments available

*Petra Berry*

## SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

**The Sibford Gower Council** nominates 5 of the 9 trustees of the longest running single institution in the village: the **TOWN ESTATES CHARITY**

An opportunity is coming up at the end of the year to join the Charity's trustees in managing the remarkable and wide-ranging portfolio of activity that enables it to continue to endow the village primary school and provide generous grant funding for a significant number of local organisations and charitable causes - many of which indirectly benefit the residents of the Ferris.

One of the Gower Council's nominated trustees, **Liz Hawkes**, is stepping down from her role when she and her husband Ronald say farewell to the Sibfords in January 2020, and we would like to nominate someone now to replace her. Any villager resident in either the Gower or Burdrop is eligible.

On the day this copy of the Sibford Scene hits the streets, more details for the role and an invitation to apply will appear both on the Gower Council noticeboard (in the carpark of the Village Hall), and on the Sibfords website. Look out for it. It's a great way to support the community. All we need for the moment is an expression of your interest.

For more information or a chat about what the work might involve, contact our Chair, **Hugh Pidgeon**

[cllr.hugh.pidgeon@thesibfords.org.uk](mailto:cllr.hugh.pidgeon@thesibfords.org.uk)



The answer to the Question in our case is almost certainly **No!** (for all the great activity of the Scouts and Karate group)

This new **£1m Youth Opportunity fund** is available to help existing projects expand **and new ones get started.** Grants of up to **£70,000** are available!

Find out how you could bid for funding to provide activities and support in **the Sibfords!**

For advice: contact [youth.opportunities@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:youth.opportunities@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

To find others in the villages who might like to join you, contact the Sibfords webmaster, Tim Huckvale, and put the word out! [webmaster@thesibfords.uk](mailto:webmaster@thesibfords.uk)

Or you might try the NextDoor website, if you're used to that: <https://nextdoor.co.uk>

If you are thinking of applying, whichever of the Sibford villages you live in, do let us know by sending **Vanessa Mulley**, the Gower Council's clerk, a note:

SGPC < [sibford.gower.pc@thesibfords.org.uk](mailto:sibford.gower.pc@thesibfords.org.uk)

For full details, grant guidance & application forms:  
[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/youthopportunity](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/youthopportunity)

But don't delay – the **closing date** for applications is **12pm on Friday 22nd November 2019!**

Hugh Pidgeon, Chair, SGPC



## SIBFORD DRIVERS

Our band of 31 volunteer drivers would welcome more applications for lifts. Do ring **Margaret Gardiner** who will make the arrangements, especially now that evenings will be darker earlier. If Margaret is out when you ring, try the alternative as shown on the rota below. Please give as much notice as possible.

*Norman and Mary Nash*

### Sibford Drivers 2019

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*From Sunday To Saturday*

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07717723919

17th November - 23rd November. Gay Harris 788427  
07875852749

24th November - 30th November. Carolyn White 780933  
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## START of CHRISTMAS

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## **PIANIST WITH ALTITUDE**

Hear Carole and Neil's story of their fundraising piano project on the Taglang Pass, 5328m, in Ladakh, aka Little Tibet, in the Indian Himalayas, with photos, videos and live piano performance. Short talk by a representative of the Office of Tibet, London.

On July 12<sup>th</sup> this year a piano was heard in Ladakh, the highest piano recital of its kind , ever, in the world . A baby grand was taken up to the mountain pass and Neil's performance was watched and heard by a small, select audience, and filmed, until the camera froze!

Carole and Neil are coming to Sibford to tell us how all this came about, and how they raised over £6,000, enough to erect two plastic-free cafés on a popular trekking route in Ladakh, and to pay for a cook/carer in an old people's home in the Langtang Valley, Nepal.

**Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

7.00pm -9pm (Doors open at 6.30 pm) Sibford Village Hall .

Bar managed by Village Hall Committee, refreshments included in the ticket price of £6.

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The award-winning operating theatre live is bringing its live human interactive dissection show to Sibford School on Saturday 30th November 2019!



Fresh from being seen on BBC's Dragons' Den over the summer, Operating Theatre Live are coming to Sibford School in November for local students aged 14-19.

During this unique opportunity, your child will be taking on the role of a trauma doctor bringing the systems of the human body alive through dissections.

This incredible, immersive operating theatre experience will give your child the opportunity to dissect real specimens led by human anatomist Samuel Piri and his team of clinicians. This event will secure and challenge students to explore careers in medicine and healthcare in a mission to raise engagement in STEM subjects and take students on an experience into healthcare and human anatomy like never before.

For those quick enough to grab tickets, students will work systematically through a complete dissection of the human body. Students will be taught a variety of important clinical skills including interpreting X-rays and linking symptoms to clinical diagnosis.

Visit <https://www.operatingtheatrelive.co.uk> to purchase tickets.

## UPCOMING OPEN EVENTS

### Whole School Open Morning

Friday 15 November 2019  
09.45am – 12.00pm

### Early Years Stay and Play

Christmas Special  
Friday 13 December 2019  
10.30am - 11.45am

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**.



## **"Ahoy there!" from Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School**

Our younger children started the new academic year with an exciting learning project linked to the theme of 'Land Ahoy!'

At the beginning of the project, Acorn & Beech Classes travelled all the way to Stratford upon Avon to spend the morning out on the water, cruising up and down the River Avon and experiencing what it is like to be afloat. For some of the children, this was the first time they had been on a boat and it was all very exciting! They also went to and fro on the chain ferry and all returned to school feeling like experienced sailors. One of the children said, "I've never been on a boat before and now I've been on two!"

This special trip marked the start of a half-term's work in which the children became immersed in work exploring the theme of a life on the sea. As scientists, they explored how it is that boats float. They learned about historical sea-faring explorers such as Captain Cook and learned about the points of the compass and how these are used to create maps. They explored maps of the world, identifying different seas and oceans, and made their own maps. The children created some wonderful art work and helped to turn their library area into a maritime museum, complete with sailing boat, fishing nets and a lobster pot.

Pirate Day was great fun, with pupils and adults arriving at school in swashbuckling pirate costumes. Each of the children was given their own pirate name and they practised speaking like pirates. During this day, the children developed their design technology skills; they made origami boats, painted class pirate flags, labelled parts of ships, made treasure maps and split-pin pirates, and worked collaboratively using a range of materials to make their own boats.

Towards the end of the term, Beech Class invited their parents and carers in for a special assembly to share some of their learning. Our visitors were treated to a really delightful celebration of learning, including a rousing musical performance during which the children sang sea-shanties and played some tuned instruments and their own school-made instruments to lead us through the story of a hunt for pirate treasure.

When asked what they had enjoyed most about this topic, Tristan said "Everything!"

**Well, shiver me timbers! What a great start to the school year!**

**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/>**

**Is your child due to start school in September 2020?**

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# **OPEN DAY**

**Friday 29th November 2019, 9.30 to 11am**



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November 11th, 25th. December 9th. January 6th

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*Please note three week gap*

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**, [iasharp.net](mailto: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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## NATURE NOTES

I am very grateful to Megan Gilkes for submitting the following two items.

We saw a Grass snake at Farnborough lakes sunning itself on a slab next to the water. Unfortunately, we disturbed it and it slithered into the water and swam off along the edge of the lake. It must have been a good 3 feet long.

I picked up a Sparrowhawk along Grange Lane that had a broken wing. I think that it must have been hit by a car as it was in the middle of the road, unable to fly. It looked fairly lively. I managed to catch it safely with a cotton shopping bag and a blanket that I had in the car. I took it home and rang the rescue centre. Unfortunately, it died in the night. Apparently, it is common for this to happen after a trauma. All the same it is sad as they are beautiful birds even if they do prey on our garden birds.

It has been nice to hear the Tawny owls becoming more vocal in recent weeks.

Garden Blackbird numbers have started to pick up again. Apparently, there is a significant drop in the numbers observed in gardens between August and October. This is thought to be due to the birds having a plentiful food supply in local hedgerows. It may also be that the birds moult at this time of the year and become timid as they are more vulnerable to predators. Blackbird numbers should increase further as Winter approaches as large numbers migrate to Britain along with flocks of Redwings and Fieldfares.

The sunny week in late September brought out a number of butterflies including Brimstones which will overwinter and then emerge in Spring to mate and lay their eggs on Buckthorn bushes.

Please send any contributions for the next Nature Notes to

[ajnewbold88@gmail.com](mailto:ajnewbold88@gmail.com).

Andy and Gill Newbold.

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## HORTI SOCIETY

Our October speaker, Andrew Tolman talked to us on the subject of Hidden Gems, an enigmatic title which gave little away, and in fact referred to some of the private houses with extraordinary gardens which Andrew has visited both in his capacity as garden designer and garden enthusiast and about which he is clearly passionate.

He recommended joining societies (the topiary society was mentioned particularly) which organise visits to private and otherwise inaccessible gardens.

Diana Thompson has sent a copy of the list of gardens mentioned to the Horti circulation list. If you would like to receive a copy, then contact her.

Our November meeting, the last of the year, will be held on Wednesday 13th at 7.30 in the village hall accompanied by the usual festive treats of mulled wine and mince pies etc when the inestimable Timothy Walker will be explaining how to be a 21st century gardener.

*Diana Thompson*

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## In Your Garden - November

1. Winter is on its way, so taking care of tender plants is your first priority. Pelargoniums can be cut right back, and placed in a windowsill, or greenhouse, and barely watered. Re-pot them and feed them in the spring. Outside you can raise containers up on pot feet, or bricks, to stop them getting waterlogged. And you can wrap plants and pots up in bubblewrap.
2. Take a peep at your pots of hyacinths, and when they are showing an inch above the soil, you can take them out of the dark and place them in the light, and give them a gentle watering. You can also now plant eranthis (winter aconite) and anemone blanda to brighten up the garden in March. November is the best month to plant tulips too
3. Hellebores will start to bloom soon, so cut away some of the leaves, to reveal the gorgeous flowers.
4. New trees, hedges and roses can all be planted now.
5. Rake up the leaves on the lawn, put them in the compost, and put netting over the pond. It is a good time to put fertilizer on the lawn after it had its last mowing.
6. You just have time to plant up wallflowers - lovely in a pot with tulips, and violas and primulas.
7. It is wise to prune roses back a bit to prevent wind rock.
8. In the flower borders you can cut back ornamental grasses, and lift and divide herbaceous perennials.
9. It's fun to spray the dried heads of alliums, sea holly and teazels with gold or silver spray paint, for Christmas decorations. Do it outside - makes quite a mess!
10. Once all your veggies have finished, dig out the roots, and take out any rotting potatoes or tomatoes, dig the soil over, and put away the bean poles. Then sit down, and open your seed catalogue, and dream of winning all the silver cups at the Horti Show, with giant vegetables next year.

*Jupe Hitching*

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Entrance fee: £1 (children free)



All proceeds will be shared between Swalcliffe Church,  
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## 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)



## DID YOU KNOW??

### **EVACUEES IN THE SIBFORDS (part 1)**

During the years of the Second World War the Sibfords received a number of evacuees who were relocated for reasons of their personal safety. The first evacuees to arrive in Sibford were probably a few foreign Jewish children who arrived in the village during the year or so before the outbreak of war. They attended Sibford School in the Ferris and lived with village families.

At the outset of war in 1939, evacuation was largely organised by the government and mainly involved schoolchildren and their teachers. Adults, however, in general made their own arrangements and Leonard Lamb remembered the plans made at his family home – Grounds Farm in the Ferris to prepare to accommodate family groups. He recalled that parts of the Farmhouse, previously used to incubate chickens and other accommodation dedicated to farm-related activities were cleared and occupied by about six family groups, couples or singles.

The main farmhouse had been empty for several years when war broke out. Jack and Emmy Vinney with their daughter Dolly were the first evacuees to come to live in the big house. Emmy was a cousin of Len's father, Fred Lamb. Jack soon found work in the village, painting and decorating and soon there were three more families living there. The largest of these were the Moons – Mrs Mary Moon, Mr Cyril Moon, Aron, Margery, Jonathan and Edward (who was a baby when they came). Kathleen, a further daughter was born after they left. Mrs Moon was sister to Miss Simmons who was the nurse at the Friends School at the time. Some of the Moon family are still in touch with the Lamb family.

Mr and Mrs Ryder and their son Harold came to stay with them whenever they could. Two middle-aged sisters, the Misses Enever, also lived in the Farmhouse with their nearly blind father. There were others at various times – Pam Green and her mother and Hilda Dixon who was a distant relative. Mrs Green and the Ryders eventually went to live in Burdrop.

It is amazing to think that all these people lived there with no electricity or telephone and the only water was from a private supply to one tap in the back kitchen at the north end of the house. There was no road to the house at that time and no deliveries of any kind. Their coal ration was delivered to Woolman Cottage on the Hook Norton Road. The coal was transferred to a handmade trailer, hitched to the back of a bicycle and pedalled across the grassy fields to Ground Farm – a hundred weight at a time. Woolman Cottage no longer exists and was demolished along with four other thatched cottages when Cotswold Close was built.

*Maureen Hicks*

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## SIBFORDS SOCIETY

### **Sibfords Historical Society.**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> September Martin Sirot-Smith gave us a hugely entertaining and informative talk on 'Sulgrave Manor and the Washington Family'. Dressed from head to toe in Tudor garments of green velvet, he emerged dramatically from a side room, and with many sweeping bows, introduced himself as Lawrence Washington, 1500 – 1584, the first owner of Sulgrave Manor, just five miles north of Brackley, the ancestral home of George Washington, First President of the United States.

Martin cleverly told us the whole story of Lawrence's charmed life, from his birth in Lancashire, through his adventurous rise to great prosperity as a wool merchant and mayor of Northampton, to the purchase of the house he was leasing on monastic land. After the dissolution of the monasteries he was able to buy the house from Henry VIII for 324 pounds, 14 shillings and 10 pence!

Throughout the reigns of Edward VI and Elizabeth I the family's wealth grew. The Washingtons' good fortune foundered though at the time of the Civil War. As Royalists they were in danger of being persecuted by Cromwell, and in 1656 John Washington emigrated and settled in Virginia. He was George Washington's great-great grandfather.

Martin has devoted years to bringing to life the history of Sulgrave and his passion for his subject is inspiring. Hopefully everyone who was there enjoyed the talk as much as I did and will be heading off to Sulgrave Manor as soon as possible.

On 21<sup>st</sup> November Banbury detectorist Keith Westcott will be coming to tell us how he discovered the Broughton Hoard, the hoard of coins now on display at the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford. He will also tell us about the remains of a Roman Villa which he came across in a field a stone's throw from Broughton Castle. This promises to be a very exciting talk.

Sibford Village Hall. Talk begins 8 pm, doors open 7.45. Visitors welcome at £3 p.p. Refreshments available.

*Diana Hughes*

## CHURCH SERVICES

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



## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHATTER

Remembrance Sunday (Nov 10th) is always an important day for our village. Whether or not you choose to attend the church service which follows, you are ALL most warmly welcomed to be part of the Act of Remembrance which starts at the War Memorial soon after 10.45am.

The end of the month brings another of our Pop Up Cafes which have proved very popular this year; this will follow a tried and tested format and will be the "Christmas Special" at the home of Brian and Eleanor Joynes in Backside Lane. Always a lovely occasion, DO come and be part of this excellent social and fund-raising event.

### Services for November

- Nov 3rd All Saint Sunday. 10am Benefice Communion at Swalcliffe (Ronald)
- Nov 10th Remembrance Sunday  
8am BCP Holy Communion (Ronald)  
10.50am Act of Remembrance  
11.05 Remembrance Service (Ronald)
- Nov 17th 9.30am Holy Communion (John)
- Nov 24th 9.30am BCP Holy Communion (Ronald)

### Carols at Christmas

If you would like to sing at the three formal Carol Services held throughout the Benefice then do come along to rehearsals which start in November. More details from Ronald 780555, [reverendronald1954@gmail.com](mailto:reverendronald1954@gmail.com)

### **John Loggins Trust**

The John Loggins Trust has a small amount of money each year to distribute to permanent residents of the Sibfords and Burdrop who might welcome a Christmas benefaction. If you would like to be considered for a small grant please write to

The John Loggins Trustees, c/o The Rectory, briefly explaining your need. The closing date for applications is November 30th 2019

## The Sibford Millennium Panels

The Sibford Millennium Panels are now on permanent view in Holy Trinity Church Sibford. These Panels, six in all and covering over 100 square feet formed part of the Sibford Millennium celebrations and were a magnificent initiative of Mollie Picken who inspired and directed 67 villagers to produce them in fabric, thread and dye over a period of three years up to the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Sponsored by the Town Estates Charity they show many of the houses and all the public buildings of Sibford Ferris, Sibford Gower and Burdrop as well as a number of scenes and characters portrayed in the Sibford Millennium Pageant which was enacted for three nights on what is now The Millennium Field.

A further initiative led by Andrew Gordon with art work by Nigel Fletcher and sponsored by Martin Gordon was the full colour production of a booklet showing photographs of the individual tapestries with descriptions and histories of the buildings themselves, as well as a list of the many residents who produced them.

A small number of copies of these remarkable booklets are still available and can be purchased in the Village Shop at a price of £6 each for the shared benefit of Village Hall and Church funds. They contribute a major history of the villages and will be of particular interest to people who have moved into the village in the 2000's There is also a copy inside the church for the use of visitors there.

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<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>

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<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

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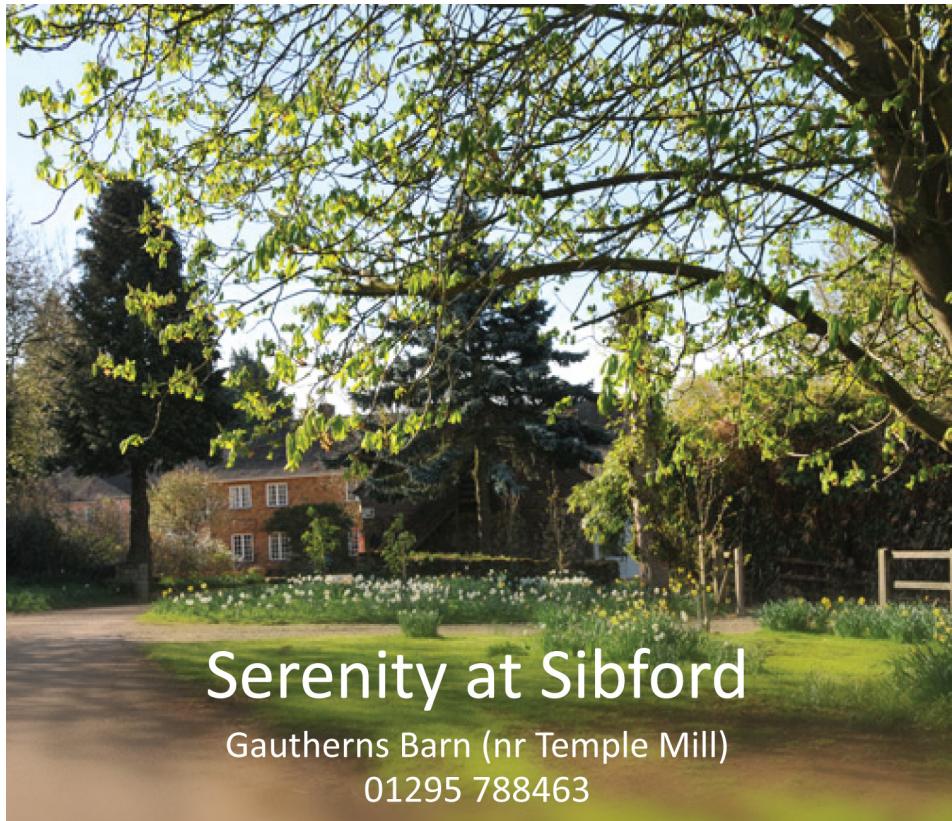
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

Wednesdays - T'ai Chi - Village Hall - 9.15-10.15am

13th - Horti Club - Talk by Timothy Walker - Village Hall - 7.30pm

15th - Sibford School Open Day: 9.45-12 noon

20th - Village Hall Meeting - 7.30pm

27th - Film Night: "Wild Rose" - Village Hall - 7.30pm

29th - Sibford Primary School Open Day - 9.30am-11am

30th - Coffee Morning - Silver Birches: 10am - 12 noon

30th - Sibfords Society: 'Pianist with Altitude" - Village Hall - 7pm

### DECEMBER (PART)

25th - A fella named Santa will visit every house in the Sibfords

### NOVEMBER BIN COLLECTIONS

Green                Tuesday: 12th; 26th

Blue/Brown        Tuesday: 5th; 19th

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

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