

SIBFORD SCENE

June 2020

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GARDENS IN THE SIBFORDS



Joan Brady's



Sally Wass's

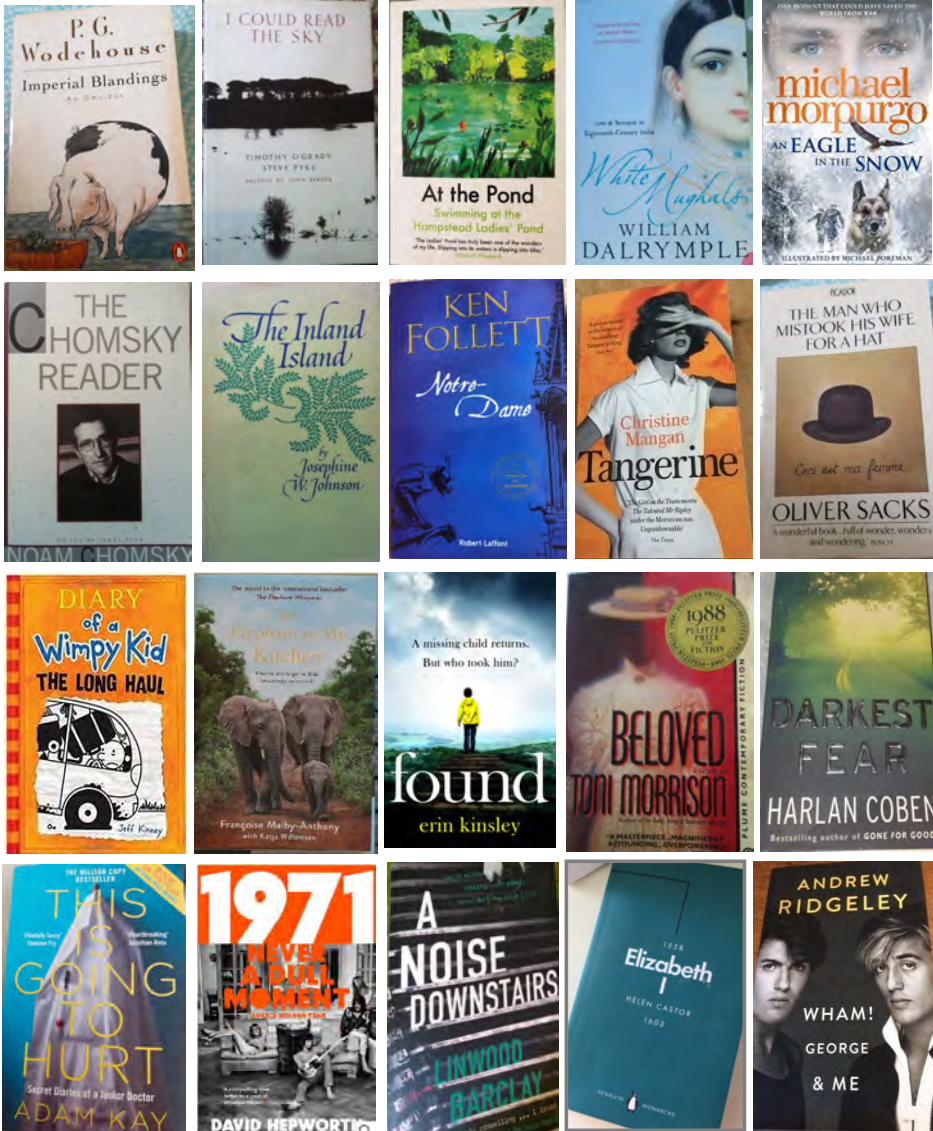


Fiona Pidgeon's



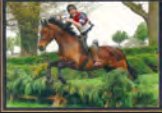
Anne Skowronska's

Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School



A selection of some the books being read by the staff at our wonderful village primary school during one particular week under lockdown. A range of stories, essays and explorations showing a breadth of interests. It would be interesting to know what the following week looked like.





ED'S THOUGHTS

Bumper edition this month - 36 pages!! Thought I'd have some gardens on the cover this month as we're all going crazy on horticulture..

And another HUGE thankyou for all your quizzes, jokes, limericks and lots more stuff to make us laugh.....

Please note: some of the services being offered in this month's adverts may not be available at this time of lockdown

Thought for the month:

Don't stop, thinking about tomorrow
Don't stop, it'll soon be here
It'll be better than before
Yesterday's gone, yesterday's gone

Christine McVie



LETTERS AND NOTICES

Hi everyone

Just to let you know my annual exhibition would have been opening this Saturday 9th and running for two weeks until 25th May.

Instead I've made this online catalogue and included a discount of 25% off all paintings, but only for the duration of the exhibition, hope you enjoy it

[2020 catalogue](#)

Stay healthy and enjoy the Summer

Nigel Fletcher

Overheard in the Sibfords.....

"What's that - is that blood on the floor?"

"No - it's pomegranate juice....."



Saw this in the "I". Good to see Judith's memories in the national news! Ed

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THANKYOU

I was very touched by the surprise party the lane put on for me, on my birthday.

To those who came, those who were there in spirit and stood - all spaced - on the verge and sang "Happy Birthday" so lustily - Thankyou (Do you think Gareth Malone knows about you!)

The bunting, balloons, lovely cake and your good wishes, all in the sunshine, made for such a joyous and memorable day.

Thankyou to you all, Kathleen Winter

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<i>AF</i>	<i>Eoin Colfer</i>
<i>M</i>	<i>Roald Dahl</i>
<i>DZ</i>	<i>Boris Pasternak</i>
<i>PL</i>	<i>Astrid Lindgren</i>
<i>JE</i>	<i>Charlotte Bronte</i>
<i>AB</i>	<i>George Eliot</i>
<i>TB</i>	<i>Jacqueline Wilson</i>
<i>RC</i>	<i>Daniel Defoe</i>
<i>OT</i>	<i>Charles Dickens</i>
<i>PP</i>	<i>J.M.Barrie</i>
<i>LLF</i>	<i>Frances Hodgson Burnett</i>
<i>RP</i>	<i>Winston Graham</i>
<i>R</i>	<i>Daphne du Maurier</i>
<i>SL</i>	<i>E.B.White</i>
<i>Adventures of HF</i>	<i>Mark Twain</i>
<i>F</i>	<i>Mary Shelley</i>
<i>LJ</i>	<i>Kingsley Amis</i>
<i>W-t-P</i>	<i>A.A.Milne</i>
	<i>Diana Hughes</i>



The Bench inAcre Ditch:

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Our proposed Jazz Picnic on July 11th now looks doubtful , but if we find it can go ahead we will let you all know.

Otherwise -the Village Hall is having a nice rest! Looking forward to getting back to normal in the future

Ginny Bennett



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club, when this lockdown (or lockup!!!!???) is over, will be having a VERY BIG party

It may be June but more likely July. But we shall be together again. So keep your your peckers up and stay safe!

Eveline Boughton

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For more information, please contact Linda on 01295 780 242 or 07973 226 032 or llindalaneyolo@gmail.com

SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

The last meeting was held on May 12th via Zoom.

The Council are monitoring the Bottle Bank for unwanted waste. Sadly rubbish and bags are still being left there. It is for glass only [in the correct colour bins please].

We are glad to report that there is less inappropriate dumping of dogwaste, but urge all dog owners to please pick up after your dog. The Folly Farm field is a popular walk but is a footpath and should be kept safe and clean for all walkers. The Parish Council is planning to install more dog waste bins.

A message had been received on the Sibfords website about the local verges and paths being overgrown. In Sibford Ferris the verges are only cut once a year by Oxford County Council, and the `Sight lines` on corners and junctions more often as grass grows up. Any resident is able to request action on this via `FixMy Street` on the web site.

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'Police begin campaign to run down jaywalkers'

'Man kills self before shooting wife and daughter'

'Panda mating fails; veterinarian takes over'

'Something went wrong in jet crash, expert says...'

'If strike isn't settled quickly, it may last a long time'

'Hospitals are sued by seven foot doctors'

'Typhoon rips through cemetery - hundreds dead'

'Local high school dropouts cut in half'

'Astronaut takes blame for gas in spacecraft'

'Enfield couple slain; police suspect homicide'

'New study of obesity looks for larger test group'

'Cold wave linked to temperatures'

'Juvenile court to try shooting defendant'

'Enfield couple slain; police suspect homicide'

Now that you've smiled at least once, it's your turn to show this to someone to bring a smile to their faces.

We all need a good laugh, at least once a day!!!!



In Your Garden - June

How thankful we all are to have a garden, whilst we are in lockdown; with lunch outside, comfy steamer chairs, and books waiting to be read, it felt like a holiday. Lovely flowers, weeds and lawns all growing up a great speed, so we had better catch up with the jobs. There are plenty!

1. Push a hoe through the borders where it is weedy, and check that the taller plants are staked.
2. Cut the lawn once a week, and always trim the edges.
3. Privet and box can be trimmed back now, check first there isn't a birds nest there. Magnolia trees can have a trim this month too.
4. When flowering shrubs have finished, i.e. philadelphus, weigelia, deutzia etc., they need pruning. Leave it any later and you won't have so many flowers next spring.
5. Clematis Montana will have finished by the end of June, so untangle the stems and give it a hardish prune.
6. You can now take hardwood cuttings of lavender, rosemary forsythia and caryopteris, and softwood cuttings of fuschias and hydrangeas.
7. Bugs! Keep checking for greenfly, whitefly, (look under the leaves) lily beetles, caterpillars, vine weevils, and my favourite - slugs.
8. I took down the bubblewrap keeping my greenhouse frostproof a few weeks ago, and it all needed a hasty spring clean. I spend hours in there, ("fidgeting with my plants") apparently, pricking out seedlings, planting them out, potting on cuttings and feeding and watering. Apparently I talk to the plants too, but I do rather miss all my friends at the moment....
9. Any newly planted trees and shrubs will need regular watering, unless we have a soaking wet summer..
10. All plants will benefit for a liquid feed, and veggies will need watering every day as they grow. Bedding plants can go out, and dahlias will need bamboos to keep them upright. Enjoy June. Roses everywhere, scents, colours, birdsong, tea and cakes on the lawn, hopefully with our friends and children soon.

And here's a thought: Men love women because women are the loveliest things on earth. Women love men, because chocolate can't mow the lawn. Jupe Hitching

Plant sales continue at Sue Bannister's on a one to one distanced basis with new stock being added all the time. There are also two tables with a small selection of plants, including vegetables, by the pond in the Gower and outside Home Close in the Ferris. All the takings are donated to the Horti or the National Gardens Scheme. The NGS has started a special fund for nurses in addition to supporting all their usual charities.

As the NGS garden openings are not taking place their income is going to be as much to 80% down. We are very grateful for the support which we have had and do hope that you will continue to buy plants. To visit Sue please email or phone for an appointment sebannister@gmail.com



Facilities extended for coronavirus

We have greatly expanded our 10 bedded in-patient unit to a maximum total of 26 beds to support the national coronavirus response and need in our community, and from Thursday 16 April the Katharine House Response Centre is now fully operational.

Our Chief Executive, Angharad Orchard, said: "The coronavirus pandemic is an unparalleled health emergency which requires an unprecedented response. As a local provider of specialist care, Katharine House Hospice is well-placed to quickly support the NHS by providing staffing and our facilities during this crisis.

We are proud that the Katharine House Response Centre will provide much-needed support to our NHS colleagues and care for people in our community who have been so supportive of our hospice for so many years.

The hospice will also continue to support our current patients, and local people diagnosed with a life-limiting illness over the coming weeks will still be able to access Katharine House's services.

A major consideration for us was how we can care for as many people as possible over the coming weeks and continue to provide as many of our existing services as possible whilst also looking after those diagnosed with coronavirus. During this crisis, we have adapted our ways of working to ensure our services are still there for patients and families when they need us. Our teams will continue to ensure a high level of joined-up care and support for all our patients."

Please check our website www.khh.org.uk to check up to date information and guidance for visiting the hospice during Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

BALLOON RACE – 2 JUNE

Take part in the 100% environmentally friendly virtual balloon race and raise money whilst having fun with family, friends and colleagues. Each balloon costs £3 and you can personalise it your way. All the balloons will be launched on Tuesday 2 June. The balloon that has reached the furthest when the race finishes 7 days later, will win a prize: 1st Prize: £500 2nd Prize: Apple iPad 3rd Prize: 10 x lucky winner £10 book vouchers www.khh.org.uk/balloon

VIRTUAL QUIZ – EVERY TUESDAY

Join with family and friends, at a distance, and take part in our weekly quiz. There are prizes to be won and fun to be had, all whilst supporting those with life-limiting illness in our community. Sign up at www.khh.org.uk/quiz

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Are you looking for a new book to read? A DVD to watch? A gift to give? Then why not take a look at our Ebay shop and continue to enjoy shopping at home. As our high street shops had to close due to the current government guidelines, lots of our wonderful products are now available online just head to <https://www.khh.org.uk/katharine-house-hospice-ebay-shop>

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NATURE NOTES

The Spring flowers seem to have put on a good display this year helped by the unusually sunny weather on many days in April and early May. The Bluebells on Swalcliffe Common have been commented on by several people.

In the past I have noticed empty shells of the Roman or Edible snail on the Common but this year I have seen a few live snails so there is obviously a colony there.

There seem to have been even greater numbers of Orange-tip butterflies than usual but I have not seen as many Brimstones this year. Several people have reported seeing Holly Blue butterflies These are the most likely of the blue butterflies to be observed in gardens. The spring generation lay their eggs on holly (female holly trees only) and other flowering shrubs where the caterpillars will eat the developing flowers and berries. The second generation of adults that appear in late summer lay their eggs on ivy.

It has been good to see a young Grass Snake in our garden pond along with several Smooth Newts. Megan Gilkes has reported seeing a full-grown Grass Snake (over 3 feet in length) heading toward the Sibford School pond.

Anyone collecting wild garlic for use in cooking may have noticed that there are two distinct species. There is the native broad-leaved Wood Garlic or Ramsons and there is the Triangular-stalked Garlic which has much narrower leaves. The latter is an invasive species brought over to the UK from the Mediterranean. Both are equally good to eat.

Please send any contributions for the next Nature Notes to ajnewbold88@gmail.com

Andy and Gill Newbold

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This all seems long ago, and now, in line with the Government's updated advice on the Coronavirus, we have sadly had to cancel all future meetings until at the earliest, next September. When this virus has been curbed, we hope to continue with our programme, and to invite speakers whom we will miss this year, to come to Sibford in 2021.

Meanwhile keep safe and well!

Diana Hughes

A COUPLE MORE LIMERICKS

We're sitting at home in the Ferris
In the hope of avoiding the virus
The one shaft of light
In this season of blight:
We're retirees so no one can fire us.

We once had steak six days a week
Then the virus of which we won't speak
Made an appearance
Now through sheer perseverance
We're living on bubble and squeak

Diana Thompson

Some quotes for the Scene from Ginny Bennett

Every one of these doctors said, "How do you know so much about this?"

"Medics are impressed by my understanding of the Coronavirus outbreak" (Donald Trump)

"In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunities" (Albert Einstein)

"It is a mistake to try to look too far ahead. the chain of destiny can only be grasped one link at a time" (Winston Churchill)

"Never give up. There is no such thing as an ending, just a new beginning"

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LOCKDOWN

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And my arteries have hardened
Form eating ice cream and chocolate and cake
I have tried to watch my eating
With just a little cheating
But I don't know how much more a girl can take
I've had 16 friends on Zoom
In my tiny living room
Zumba-ing for all that we are worth
All trying to make flat bits
Where there are only fat bits
And lose an inch or two around the girth
The lawn is mown and sprinkled
And smoothed and spiked and princkled
And I just don't know what else there is to do
Shall I rake it just once more?
Shall I paint the kitchen door?
Or find the old boxed set of Dr Who?
I've got it in my head
That I think I' ll bake some bread
But there's only so much bread that one can make
So thanks to effing Covid
I have stating reading Ovid
Preferable to jumping in the lake
Whilst listening to Boris
I am contemplating Horace
And Virgil and other Roman chaps.
By the time we are unlocking
I'll be putting down the smocking
And emerge a culture vulture - well., perhaps!

Swalcliffe Parke Equestrian Calendar of Events-2020

Fri 7th-Sun 9th August

BRC Nat Horse Trials Championships

Sat 12th & Sun 13th September

Horse Events One Day Event (TBC)

Sunday 27th October

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Forthcoming Walks:

Obviously the walking group is in abeyance until the situation changes.

However I am still selling plants by appointment, have a wide range, anyone wishing to attend should ring or email (details below) for an appointment so I don't get a clash, wear machine washable or disposable gloves, bring a container if possible as I am running out, may walk round the garden to see how things grow, I will be in attendance but well distanced to give advice. Sales have been going very well and I am donating the takings 50%/50% to the Sibford Horti and the NGS. Sue Bannister

Email: sebannister@gmail.com

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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The Scammers are still about. They keep coming and are now resorting to old-school tactics in order to steal cash from us oldies. There has been a resurgence in fraudsters writing letters or cold calling since the coronavirus outbreak began. They are taking advantage of the fact that many older people currently have limited contact with relatives who would normally help prevent them from falling foul of such schemes. Knocking on victims' doors and claiming to be collecting for 'Coronavirus Charity Funds', or pretending to be volunteers who will buy essential goods for them then disappearing with the cash, are favourite methods.

One elderly man even received a letter which claimed he was due an inheritance of £9.5 million from a relative in the USA. I suspect many of us would be tempted by such an amount. Don't !!

Remember, there is plenty of help available - don't hesitate to ask.
(courtesy Sunday Telegraph/Business 10.5.20).

Just a bit of fun - described as a bad week for the Venezuelan Navy (CL 15.4.20)

A skirmish between a cruise ship and a Venezuelan naval vessel has ended in a resounding defeat - for the Venezuelan Navy. The cruise ship, Resolute, was repairing its engines in international waters when the naval vessel, Naiguata, ordered it into port. When Resolute refused, Naiguata fired a warning shot and attempted to ram the cruise liner, which is designed to sail through icebergs in the Antarctic. Unsurprisingly, this did not end well for the Naiguata which promptly sank. All 44 hands were safely rescued.

Best wishes to you all.

Peter Hine
Neighbourhood Watch, Gower and Burdrop. 788830

**BEWARE OF
SCAMMERS!**



GREAT TASTE

QUICK KIMCHI

Ingredients

1 chinese cabbage	3 garlic cloves - crushed
1 in piece ginger, grated	2 tbsp fish sauce
2 tbsp chilli paste	1 tbsp caster sugar
3 tbsp rice vinegar	8 radishes, coarsely grated
2 carrots, coarsely grated	4 spring onions, finely shredded

Method

1. Slice cabbage into 2.5cm strips. Throw into a bowl, mix with 1 tbsp salt, then forget about it for 1 hour. Make the kimchi paste by blending the garlic, ginger, fish sauce, chilli paste, sugar and vinegar together in a small bowl

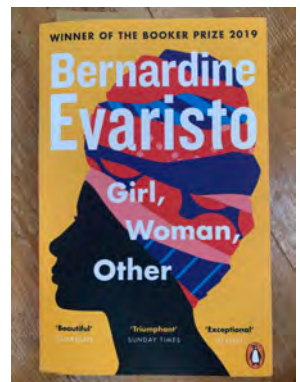
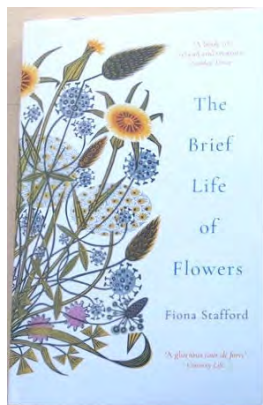
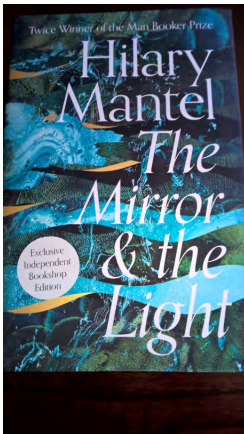
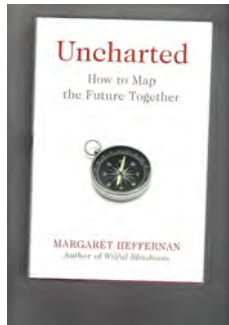
2. Rinse cabbage under cold water and dry thoroughly. Chuck it into a large bowl and toss through the paste along with the radishes, carrots and spring onions.

Now - serve straight away, or do what I do and pack it into a large jar, seal and leave to ferment at room temperature overnight, then shove it into the fridge. It will keep for up to 2 weeks, so that you can eat it whenever you fancy - great for breakfast!!



WHAT WE'RE READING.....

A selection of books being read around the village this month.....





POET'S CORNER

Whatever happens we'll remember these days
That's not something I thought our generation would say
Close proximity, loss and challenges harden
Chubby little legs running restless in next doors garden,
Screams, laughter and someone else's music
Looking out at the world, wondering if we can do this
As I walk with rainbows leading the way
To find a calm mind some of each day,
Dancing to disco in the kitchen
I drink a bit too much as the days have no distinction

Unspoken worry of who will survive
Try out gardening and keep new seeds alive,
We start dreaming of places far away
But then closer imagination comes into play -
To be anywhere, with anyone different and for
It not to be windows open but a closed door
Missing familiar touch, hugs and love out of reach
I long for open spaces and a busy summer day at the beach,

Next question is: How will life restart?
A collective wonder as we sit two metres apart
While men who don't really care
Tell us no plan, happy for us to remain unaware
Even though your life is on hold or crumbling to pieces
People start to fundraise for our public services,
And for the NHS
You can't claim now we're not in a f*****g mess,
Keep an eye on the pieces of equality
That access is being taken away out of
Apparent financial necessity,
Same storm, different boats
All trying to stay afloat.






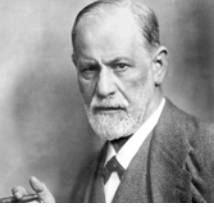



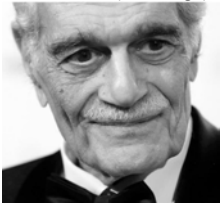




We'll always remember these days,
'You just had to stay home' they'll say
But it was hard, not a holiday

As you look back to memories we don't want to replay.

Kate Meyler

The Sibford Scene Picture Quiz – May 2020 answers

The answer (with current relevance) is doctors – they are all doctors or related to the word or profession in some way.

1. Roger Bannister 	2. David Owen 	3. Peter Sellers (Dr Strangelove) 
4. St Luke (patron saint of doctors) 	5. Harry Hill 	6. Sigmund Freud 
7. W.G Grace 	8. Jonathan Miller 	9. Jim Dale (Carry On Doctor) 
10. Omar Sharif (Dr Zhivago) 	11. Josef Mengele (Dr Death) 	12. Hippocrates (father of medicine) 
13. JPR Williams 	14. Arthur Conan Doyle 	15. Tom Baker (Dr Who) 

The Sibford Scene Picture Quiz – June 2020

Name the 15 well known individuals and work out the connection between them all. Answers next month. Good luck.

1. 	2. 	3. 
4. 	5. 	6. 
7. 	8. 	9. 
10. 	11. 	12. 
13. 	14. 1833 -1897 - composer 	15. 

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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There are four categories: Landscape, Flowers, Birds and Animals.

Many of the recent photos are of the spring flowers in my garden.

There are photos suitable for every occasion.

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DID YOU KNOW?

'Sibford 1939 - The War Years

Some memories from Terry Gemm - a cousin of Ina and Arnold Lamb

I started school at the Gower in September 1939. There were two classrooms separated by a heavy sliding door and a smaller room where Tilly Tarver was the infant's teacher. Her room had a well-guarded open fire which was used in the winter to thaw out the crate of third of a pint milk bottles into which the milk was frozen so that it pushed the cardboard top an inch above the bottle. There was a large brown cupboard in which were kept teaching aids and other treasures. On the other side of the fireplace was a large rocking horse on which good children were rewarded with a ride, I can't remember ever being allowed on it! The senior room, where Mr Chard was teacher, with his liberal use of a ruler to rap you over the knuckles, was his method of teaching maths. I can't remember much about the room, but I can remember his treatment of my knuckles.

Outside, there was a small tarmac play area, a little field which had a stool ball pitch on it, and behind the school, a steep bank with grass, trees and bushes under which I remember a large snake-skin being found. This caused some consternation. In winter, the tarmac was used for an icy slide, which was very popular with boys and girls. Boys played marbles, whips and tops and football with tennis balls. Girls played hopscotch, skipping, ball games and chanting games such as "The farmer wants a wife" into which the boys were dragged.

Walking to and from school we had to carry gas masks; various bags and boxes quickly got worn out so used large round Grapenut cereal tins and thick rope which lasted a long time. Air raid warnings were given by the policeman riding around both villages on his bicycle, blowing his whistle with a white board hung around his neck with "air raid warning" in red on it and "all clear" in green, when he turned it round.

The journey to school often started in Joe Canning's milking shed, when his son Mick and I would collect up the twelve cows, walk them round the track into the road at the top of Mannings Hill where David Dyer would join us and help take the cows to a field in Burdrop where we left them to be collected after school and returned for evening milking. So that Mick could play cricket, I often helped him to do his jobs chopping mangolds, chaff cutting and loading stalls with hay and cow cake. In those days Joe sat on a three-legged stool milking with his head against the cow, singing songs such as "Linden Lee" and "The Kerry Dancers." The milk would be poured from the bucket into the cooler and run down into a churn which was loaded into his three wheeled Raleigh van from which he delivered it to the door and ladled it out into jugs and bowls. Watch out, watch out there are scammers about

Maureen Hicks

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5 MINUTES WITH.....

Mrs Kathleen Winter



Who am I?

I was born in Kent and spent my first few years in West Wickham. My father's family were Scottish and we moved to Edinburgh when I was nearly five. My sister and I went to George Watson's where I remained until I was eighteen. I went to the Edinburgh College of Domestic Science to train as a teacher and then taught in Midlothian and Edinburgh.

What did I do?

After I married we came to live in Sibford Gower in 1968. I worked at Shipston High School for 17 years, teaching domestic science to A level. I also taught RE and was responsible for the pastoral care of the younger pupils.

Hobbies?

I enjoy many hobbies including spinning, weaving, patchwork, embroidery and gardening. At the moment I am busy making a quilt. I do hand bell ringing with a Bodicote team and am learning to play the piano. I am a steward at Shipston Methodist Chapel and for many years was Booking Secretary for Sibford Village Hall. When I was younger I liked to travel abroad and used to ski and climb and walk for miles but that is no longer possible. For most of my life I've had a dog. **If anybody knows of a 10 year old Bearded Collie I would love to give it a home.**



When the copy deadline for the Sibford Scene popped up in my calendar this morning, my first thought was that I had little to report but, as I drained my third cup of breakfast tea, it occurred to me that there was one very important feeling that I ought to share ...

the **Sibford Support Group** is **working**

We know that there are still some people out there who are reluctant to ask for our help and support but, in the main ...

- our volunteers are **working to deliver vital** prescriptions to those in need, and helping to reduce the footfall at our Sibford Surgery
- our volunteers are **working to deliver essential supplies** to higher risk groups who cannot share the small freedoms that are emerging for most of us
- our volunteers are **working to chat** with those who need the essential human contact of a friendly phone call, and
- our volunteers are **working to help our tech-phobic neighbours** to experience the human benefits of dipping a toe into the virtual world.

As the lockdown situation eases gradually, I am also proud to report that our volunteers have become involved with some new ideas, and new ways of bringing our community together, including:

- **Chelsea in Sibford**, working with the Horticultural Society
- **Great Sibford Treasure Trail**, working with the Village Hall
- **Sibford Tallest Sunflower Competition**, also working with the Village Hall.

So, yet again, I feel humbled by our wonderful community spirit in The Sibfords, and look forward to working with our amazing volunteers in supporting our village through and beyond this current crisis.

Cllr David Allen

Sibford Support Group

www.thesibfords.uk/ssg

18/05/2020

SUNEDAY SMALLHOLDING

News on the pigs.

A week or so after Artificially Inseminating Esme on April 15, I found her laid in her sty, where she stayed all day, looking very fed up leading me to believe her pregnancy had failed. However she has not come back 'into season' suggesting good news. So why was she unwell? Yesterday morning I went down with my bucket of feed and found them munching on a small pile of potatoes someone had very kindly left as a treat. I swiftly removed them, however today she is once again not interested in her usual feed and looks pretty miserable. I am guessing this was the reason for her 'off day' before.

Pigs must not eat potatoes unless they have been cooked. Neither should they eat raw sweet potatoes, celery or rhubarb, and unripe tomatoes are also a NO.

Esme and her daughter Peaches2, really enjoy treats - they love most vegetables and are pretty sensible when choosing foods that are good for them. Please don't stop visiting and treating the pigs, as they love it and I love that they are part of the community of Sibford. If all goes well, the gestation period for Esme will be 3 months, 3 weeks and 3 days which means I have circled August 8th as Piglet Day.

This is a good opportunity to let you know that Suneday Smallholding Whole Pig Sausages are now filling my freezer. They are being sold at £3 for a pack of 6.

Also, during the C-19 crisis I have been putting snippets from the smallholding on instagram, 'sunedaysmallholding'

Sue 07891249526



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£12.50

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Tender strips of fresh chicken or Tiger prawn.
Chicken £12.50 - Prawn £14.50

Grilled House Burger, with chips
Beef Burger or plant based vegan burger.
£9.00
(add mature cheddar, Brie or stilton £1.00, Back Bacon £1.50)

Oriental Noodle Box
Salt & pepper chilli fried squid & Tiger prawn
wok fried Oriental vegetables & Egg noodles.
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

Absolutely nothing is going on in the Sibfords in June

BUT - clap your hands, blow your horns, sound your sirens on Thursday at 8pm!!!!



JUNE BIN COLLECTIONS

Green Tuesday: 9th; 23rd
Blue/Brown Tuesday: 2nd; 16th; 30th

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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