

SIBFORD SCENE

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SIBFORDS BLOOMING!



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Oswyn the owl in the magnolia tree



Andrew Tindsley



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ED'S THOUGHTS

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:

"Fly me to the moon"

Bart Howard



LETTERS AND NOTICES

THE LADIES COFFEE CLUB

The Ladies Coffee Club will start again on the first Wednesday of August at the Wykham Arms at 11.00am

Joan Brodie

CAKES FOR CAMPS INTERNATIONAL

As my Grandson Henry is on Camps International Costa Rica, I shall be making cakes for anyone who would like one, to help fund him.

I can make chocolate/lemon/ginger/coffee/fruit or honey cake, and the suggested donation will be approx £4 to £5 each.

Ginny 01295 780373 or ginnybennett@googlemail.com

Fingers crossed! Sibford Players are putting on another show!

Would you like to be involved?

We are looking for actors, stage managers, painters, carpenters, and dress makers.

Join us for drinks and nibbles on

Thursday September 3rd from 7.30 - 9pm in Sibford Village Hall.



LETTERS AND NOTICES

Polly Preedy needs your help!

Dear Sibford residents.

32 years ago, Polly felt called to help some of Banbury most vulnerable residents. Those people who struggle most to exist unaided. During that time she has donated what clothes and food she can afford, and enlisted the support of food chains and restaurants who have been generous in giving her their surplus. She is not a charity. She is just a good woman who is doing what she can.

She has a constant need for clothing and food supplies but, as you can imagine, during the last few months the food has dwindled dramatically as restaurants and food chains close, and her clientele has grown.

Here's what she could really use.

Cakes, crisps, fruit, chocolate bars, tins of hotdogs, health bars, sandwich fillers such as corned beef, spam and ham.

Other stuff that she can always distribute are second hand clean clothes, toiletries, sanitary towels, deodorant, knickers (12-14), pants (medium) and socks.

David Gill and I will be collecting any donations weekly from the wicker bins specially provided at the entrance to the church, and we will make sure that they get to Polly.

Thank you so much for any help you can give.

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

SUNFLOWERS

Those of you who bought a sunflower from Joan earlier in the summer can now have it judged for the tallest!.

Gil Soden from the Horti Society has kindly agreed to do the honours over the weekend of August 22nd and 23rd , 2020.

We hope you have planted your sunflower where it can be easily seen from the road.

JAZZ CONCERT

We are still trying to arrange a date for the outdoor picnic and Jazz.

We will make sure that social distancing is observed on the field.

Family groups and "Bubbles " are welcome, as are groups of up to six unrelated people.

We will publish the date as soon as we can , on the Village Website , notice boards and on "Nextdoor" , and in the Sibford Scene if possible.

TREASURE TRAIL IN THE FERRIS

As the trail around the Gower was so popular ,we are going to do one around the Ferris .

Not such a big village ,but with lots of interesting things to see. It will be held on the weekend of August 22nd and 23rd ,2020

and the start will be from 3, Mannings Close, Sibford Ferris. There is a small area for parking on site.

Starting at 10am until 4pm .Just turn up, and collect your picture sheet.

VILLAGE HALL RE-OPENING

We are having a meeting to plan for the re-opening of the hall in a Covid -secure way. Things will be different ,we know ,but we will make sure that you are all as safe as can be in the hall.

Ginny Bennett

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SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

The Gower Council welcomes two new councillors!

Lockdown came just before Alan Berks was co-opted onto the Council in March, and was still in force when Lydia Thomas joined us at the beginning of July. So we haven't had the opportunity of welcoming them in an open meeting, and on each occasion the formalities took place on Zoom where we have had to hold our last two meetings as a Council. So it gives me a lot of pleasure to introduce them both in the Sibford Scene to those of you who might not know them.

Both care deeply about our community. Alan has lived in the Gower for the last 20 years and has his roots in farming but was a Senior Technical Manager at Fired Earth and will be well known around the village for the business he runs installing kitchens and bathrooms and in property maintenance. Lydia has lived in the village since she was a student at the Friends School and will be known to many for the work she did both at the Horton Hospital and Katherine House. She too brings business acumen to the Council, back in the village after 4 years in Brussels and Madrid as project manager and performance improvement consultant following her degrees in accounting and intercultural communication at Buckingham and Warwick Universities.

A note on the re-categorisation of the two villages sought by the Ferris and Gower Councils

A lot of you will have seen the invitation from the two Sibford Councils on the website to comment on the proposed re-categorisation of the two villages. We have been asked what a change to Category B would mean. Roger Mallows, planning lead for the Gower Council explains:

As a consequence of the 2014 CDC Local Plan Review, Sibford Gower and Sibford Ferris were designated as one category A village for planning purposes.

As a Category A village, this means that the Sibfords collectively are considered an appropriate location for further large-scale housing development e.g. as at Bloxham. By seeking to revise the categorisation to Category B (as it was prior to 2014), the potential scale of new housing development could be restricted to a smaller number (up to 10 dwellings according to current criteria) which is considered more appropriate to the character of the separate villages and their level of sustainability. The 2040 CDC Local Plan Review consultation document is due to be published later this month.

Hugh Pidgeon



The busy times have continued for the Sibford Gower Primary School Community since my last article.

Nearly all of our Year 6 children have been back in school and, in addition to lots of academic learning, they have been preparing a 'virtual' Leavers Assembly, including a play, a choir performance and a photographic trip down Memory Lane to share on their very last day with us. Their final day was very much focused on fun and we even managed to organise a 'distanced' farewell from all the other children currently in school as they lined up to clap in honour of our oldest students, who have been such excellent role models for the younger pupils. We wish them every success as they move onto secondary school.

All staff have been working hard to ensure that we have events going on which include both our school-based and our home learners, both at an organisational level and in ensuring clear channels of communication and support between home and school.

- Children have taken part in a Sports Day with physical activities shared by our PE leader, Miss Grantham, on the school website. Whether at home or in school, children were encouraged to dress in their 'house' colours for this event and the winning house this year was chosen on the basis of participation. Very well done to the children of Green House who won the Heather Cup this year by a very close one point!
- Thanks to Mrs Perkins and Mr Cameron, children across our school community have also celebrated La Fête Nationale Française or Bastille Day. They have created and shared quizzes, videos and video-led activities, exploring many aspects of French culture, life and language with the children.

These are both important annual events for us at school. It is a tribute to the creativity and commitment of our team that both 'celebrations' have been able to continue, with high levels of participation, in the current circumstances.

Although core learning has been focused on English and maths, children are continuing to explore a wide curriculum including music, maths and art, craft and design. The Rutledge family have been busy making 'ice-mobiles' inspired by one of the workshop videos on the school website with really beautiful results.



Alongside all of this activity, staff and members of our Governing Body have been working very hard in preparation for the re-opening of school for all our pupils from next September, in line with the latest government guidelines. This has been a very complicated process and all school staff have been exemplary in their focus on the detail of both risk assessments and practical organisation.

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HORTI SOCIETY

Thanks to everyone who sent in photos for the front cover of The Sibford Scene. This should have been a busy month for the society and it's members, culminating in The Summer Show. Instead we are enjoying our own gardens which probably look better than they have for years, due to all the extra attention we've been able to give them!

As soon as we can resume our evening talks, I will let you know.

Best wishes,

Diana

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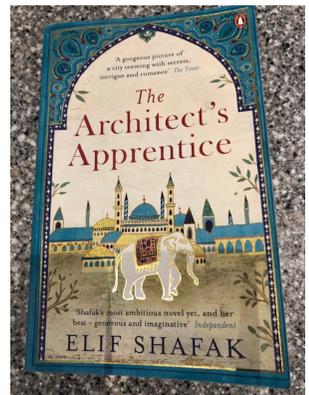
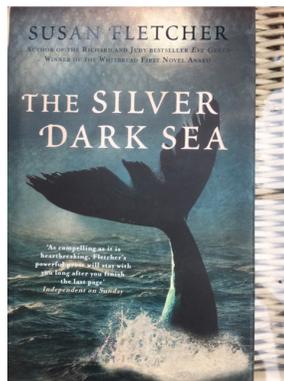
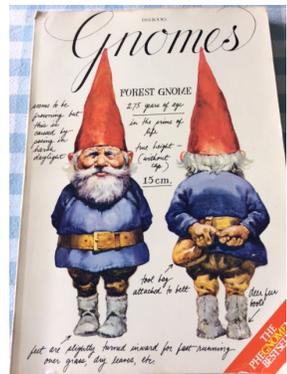
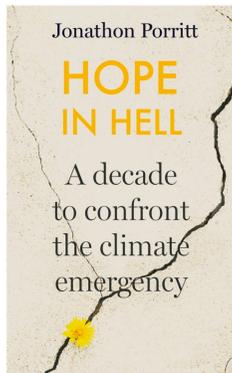
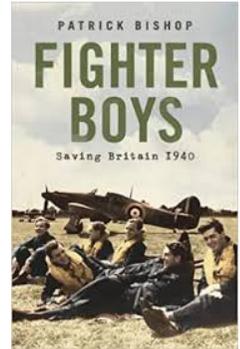
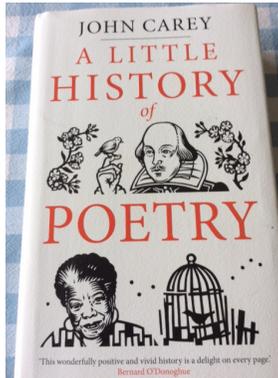
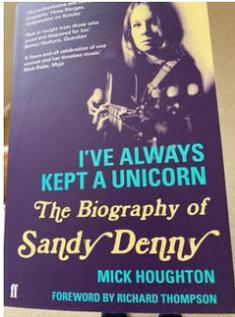
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Answers on page 19



WHAT WE'RE READING.....

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





NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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From the City of London Police's National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB).

Just a reminder – the crooks are still out there and at it, with online shopping scams, ticket fraud, romance fraud, advance fee fraud, rental fraud etc, and even fake adverts of pets for sale. For examples of these scams and others please visit www.actionfraud.police.uk/covid19.

So, what can we do if we suspect a dodgy email ?

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) in conjunction with the City of London Police have recently launched the ' Suspicious Email Reporting Service', where such emails, including those related to coronavirus, can be flagged up.

Simply send your suspicious email to: report@phishing.gov.uk where the NCSC's automated programme will immediately test the validity of the site. If found to be a phishing scam, it will be removed at once.

As usual, don't click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails or texts.

Don't respond to unsolicited messages.

Don't give personal or financial details.

For more information on how to shop online safely please visit : www.actionfraud.police.uk/shoponlinesafely.

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Hope you are all surviving OK. Best wishes.

Peter Hine

Sibford Gower and Burdrop Neighbourhood Watch

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SIBFORD HISTORY SOCIETY

The committee met to discuss what on earth we can do in the future. We hope to be able to resume our meetings in September - there are three left before Christmas - and to have our social evening next February, but all plans are shrouded in uncertainty.

It may be possible to have socially distanced talks in the Village Hall, or another thought is a Zoom talk.

Subscriptions will of course not be collected this year, but we would welcome small donations if you do attend a meeting with a speaker.

We will follow the Covid 19 guidelines and let you know through emails and posters if we do manage to go ahead in some way.

Meanwhile, enjoy a safe, 'new normal' summer!

Diana Hughes

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SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

Walking dates:

**27 July; 10 August; 24 August; 7 September; 21 September; 5 October;
19 October**

Perhaps you could add that depending on government guidelines, masks might have to be worn, though at the moment that isn't mandatory, all the usual boots and poles, stiles etc. At the moment we are walking from the VH in order not to share cars. Any queries to me by phone or email, as usual.

Depending on government guide lines you may be asked to wear a mask for the duration of the walk and to observe the advice on social distancing. As usual we will leave the village hall car park at 10 sharp and do a circuit of approximately 2 hours. Boots and poles are recommended but not mandatory. Dogs are welcome provided owners put them on a lead when requested. The dates will be as follows: **13 July, 27 July, 10 August, 24August, 7 September, 21 September.**

We look forward to seeing you. Sue Bannister, 01295 780365,
sebannister@gmail.com

Ian Sharp, ian@iansharp.net, Lamb's Croft, Back Lane, Sibford Ferris, OX15 5RE. Tel. 01295 780790, is the footpaths warden and anyone who has a problem or



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FUN CORNER

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My kitchen window looks out on my bright herbaceous bed.
I should be cooking dinner, but I just gaze out instead,
Absorbed by thoughts of flowers, I forget my hungry man
Because I'm so preoccupied with next year's planting plan.

Beware, my friends, of what a hungry, angry man might do,
'Cos now, he's built a blasted shed and blocked the bloody view.

Neale Gibbs

A joke for children from Eleanor Newbold.

What do Dinosaurs put on their chips?

Tomato Saurus.

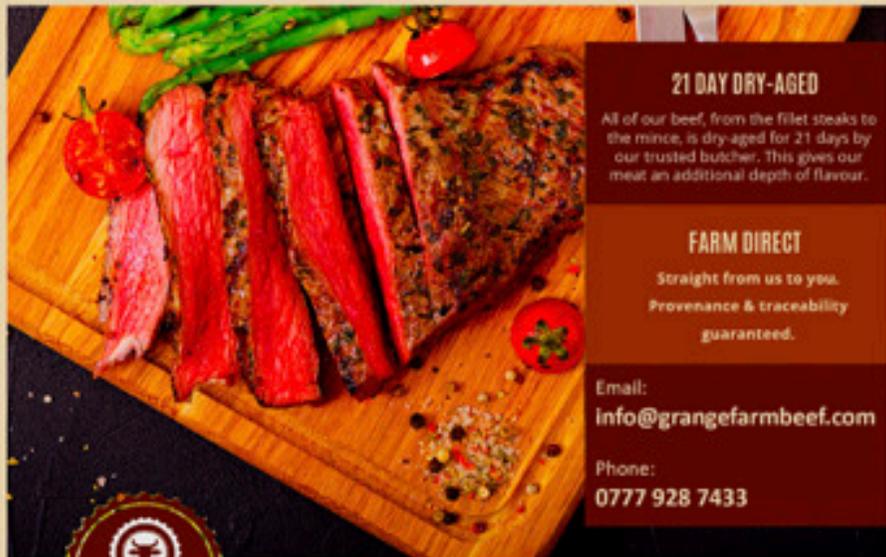
BOOM BOOM!!!! (Ed)

Once again The Washington Post has published the winning submissions to its yearly neologism contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternative meanings for common words.

1. Coffee (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.
2. Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. Negligent (adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.

Ginny Bennett

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NATURE NOTES

It seems to have been a remarkably good year for a few species of butterfly. In the field corners where thistles and other wild plants have been left to flower there have been impressive numbers of Small Tortoiseshells, Marbled Whites and Small Skippers in particular. Webs of Small Tortoiseshell caterpillars are also starting to appear on Stinging Nettles. If you are clearing patches of nettles it is worth trying to avoid the caterpillars and leaving some nettles for them to eat.

I am often asked what the difference is between butterflies and moths. There is no simple answer to this question. Some generalisations can be made but there are many exceptions to every "rule". There are many brightly coloured and day flying moths. Many moths shut their wings over their backs. Moths do not always have feathered antennae and some have quite club like ones. There are a few species of both butterflies and moths that can be considered to be pests but the vast majority are harmless.

I have heard that Spotted Flycatchers are nesting in Sibford Ferris and that a Peregrine Falcon has also been spotted flying over the village. It is certainly welcome to eat a few of the Wood Pigeons which seem to be around in ever increasing numbers.

Both Roe and Muntjac deer are now seen quite frequently especially around Lamb's Pool and the solar panels.

I have now recorded over 600 species of moth just in my garden which I would not have predicted when I started trapping regularly 5 years ago.

Please send any contributions for the next nature notes to ajnewbold88@gmail.com

Andy and Gill Newbold

BRAINTASERS - ANSWERS
1. Sandbox. 2. Man Overboard. 3. Split Level. 4. Touchdown
5. Backward Glance. 6. Leflover Chicken. 7. Capital Gains. 8. Shot in the Dark
9. Scrambled Eggs. 10. Upright Piano. 11. Warranties. 12. Broken Heart

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In Your Garden - August

Perhaps in August we can be a little less busy, and relax in the glory of the garden we have created, and remember where some of the plants originated from. Cuttings from kind friends, seeds brought back from holidays abroad, and how you remember which lovely garden you first saw them in flower. I walk round the garden, with my mug of tea, first thing in the morning, and it starts you off in a good state of mind,,,, much more relaxing than seeing all the sad news in the newspapers. But I did say perhaps, so here are a few jobs that will need doing, when you feel like it:

1. Weeds are bound to keep growing, but concentrate on one area at a time. It is so easy to flit around like a butterfly.
 2. Hedges trimmed towards the end of the month should keep fairly tidy throughout the winter. Using a taught piece of string stretched across helps to keep a sharp line. Check that there are no birds nesting there.
 3. Always worth taking cuttings of penstemons, they don't always survive the winter. Use a non-flowering stem.
 4. Keep dead heading all the flowers, to encourage more. Particularly sweet peas - you must keep snipping off the newly formed pods. Later on, as the pods ripen, it is always worth saving some for next year. The same goes for cerinthes, poppies, nasturtiums and nigella. I find that alliums and verbena bonariensis seed themselves everywhere anyway.
 5. Espaliered apples and pears will need pruning by the end of the month.
 6. Rambler roses will have sent out long, new growths, so thin out some of the older weak ones, and tie the new ones in, in a horizontal rather than a vertical angle if you can.
 7. Trim back lavender stems when it has finished. My Granny used to make lavender bags to put in her airing cupboard - lovely scented sheets and pillowcases.
 8. Salads can be made to look more interesting if you add some edible flowers, like nasturtiums, violas, cowslips, primroses, borage and chives. Dried rose petals can be dipped in eggwhite, then sugar, and left to dry. They look stunning on top of a custard tart.
 9. We have all spent more time having lunch in the garden during lockdown, and it has made me brighten up the seats and benches we sit on. Pots of highly scented flowers have been moved around and their fragrance wafts about as you rub their leaves or brush against them. Try lemon verbena, scented geraniums, nicotiana, and dwarf lilac (*syringa palumbiana*). In the spring I used hyacinths and narcissi *Thalia*. Gorgeous scents.
 10. When dead heading leave some seeds on that the birds and insects eat - thistle heads are great favourites (*Eryngiums*)
- I think that is quite enough. Enjoy your garden, have a rest. Jupe Hitching



LOCAL NEWS

We are delighted to announce our 'Drive-In' Music Festival in Shutford on Saturday 3 October. Here is the link to the event page:

<http://www.shutfordvillage.com/shutford-music-drive-in-festival-2020.html>

Tickets go on sale on **Saturday 1st August**. So we are hoping for a good response, given that we were unable to have our Summer Festival and hoping that everyone is ready to hear some live music in a safe environment.

Rita Lovesey

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Saturday 3rd October

Gates open at 3:00pm. Social bubble dedicated outdoor areas, 2 metres apart, will be allocated to all ticket holders, with or without a car

Ticket Bookings: <https://bit.ly/2Z5x7L6>
or email: shutfordvillagenews@gmail.com
or visit: www.shutfordvillage.com

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

Crown Riding Club Hunter Trial (TBC)

LOCAL MARKETS

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

Deddington Farmers - 4th Saturday of the month (click & collect)



When I last wrote just a month ago about our **Sibford Support Group**, I suggested that we might soon be enjoying “an arms-length pint in a pub garden”, and that we might also think about an **ongoing legacy** to the fantastic volunteering spirit that has characterised the SSG over the last few months.

Well, pub garden pints have become a reality and, whilst our generous Volunteers continue to selflessly support a thankfully reducing number of our neighbours in need, the SSG team has been engaging with leaders of the various village institutions that have underpinned our wonderful community over the many decades before the COVID crisis forced us all to more fully appreciate the meaning of that community.

I am delighted to report that two very active SSG Volunteers have now joined the Gower Council as co-opted Councillors (reducing our average age quite significantly) but there are **other organisations**, most notably the Sibfords Scouting exec and the Sibford Village Hall trust, **who would welcome new and more diverse interest** from across our whole community.

Whether you have found involvement in the Sibford Support Group personally rewarding, or perhaps a lockdown epiphany has triggered thoughts of greater community engagement, there is bound to be a niche in at least one of our community organisations that would allow you to **share your unique talents for the benefit of us all**.

So don't be shy, **send me an email** at ssg@thesibfords.uk, and we will put you in touch with the community organisations that might interest you.

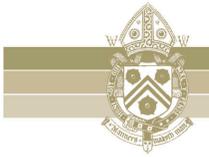
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18/07/2020



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(add mature cheddar, Brie or stilton £1.00, Back Bacon £1.50)

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Best wishes to everyone at this tough time. Many thanks for all your support.
Keep safe, Damian & Debbie

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FRIENDSHIP CLUB

As it seems to be the same every month.
Hope all are well?????

WE HOPE by the time Sept. comes we will be able to go out some
where???????

Filling up the bird feeders the other day, couldn't see what was making it a
little heavy. There was a starling upside down in it. I have no idea how long
it had there. Most likely all night.....serve him right for being greedy?????

Evey Boughton



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHATTER

Society of Friends

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Kinton, Sunday 11am

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GREETINGS CARDS

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DID YOU KNOW?

Post Offices in the Sibfords – 2. The Ferris

Mr and Mrs Frederick Green lived in Sunnybank on Main Street in the Ferris. He was a gardener at the Friends School. Mrs Green helped Mrs Long at the Old Bakehouse in the Ferris Post Office and eventually took it over and opened a Post Office in her home at Sunnybank, (now known again as The Old Post Office). A post box was placed in the front wall.(pic) During the second World War their married son, Wilfred Green, left the village to serve in the military. His wife and their daughter continued to run the post office and introduced a small grocery business delivering goods by van to the Sibfords and other neighbouring villages. When Wilfred returned he built the shop next to his home but was not interested in moving the post office to his new shop known as 'Greens'.



Mrs Green remained Post Mistress, and continued to run the post office from Sunnybank, sorting the mail which was delivered from Banbury at 5am. Once sorted it was delivered around the two villages. An ex soldier, Mr Haynes delivered in the Gower and Ferris and all the outlying farms on foot in all weathers. He was followed by Mr Wilfred Alcock who lived with his mother in the Gower by the Cross. He was also a member of the Sibford's Brass Band. Mrs Rene Hall took over deliveries in the Ferris as the villages grew and the volume of mail increased. Mr Percy Haynes eventually took over deliveries in the Gower and Ferris but when he retired all mail was sorted in Banbury and delivered by two separate vans from Banbury. Sibford School had its own separate delivery. This service continues today and our post delivery people provide a personal and valued service to our village community.

When Mrs Green retired, the post office moved to Maria's House on Mannings Hill and was run by Freda Woolgrove. A post box was installed outside the cottage and villagers can still post their mail there today. When Don Woolgrove and his wife, Freda decided to take over and run the Wykham Arms pub, the post office moved a few doors away on Mannings Hill, to Hill House, the home of David and Barbro Dyer. Barbro Dyer became the Post Mistress and Freda Woolgrove provided extra help. Mrs Dyer continued to run the service from her home for more than 25 years. At holiday times Mrs Woolgrove and Mrs Dyer were also helped by Mrs Joan Robinson. When the Dyers bought Greens Shop they continued to live in Hill House but the post office was moved into the shop where it continues until today.

Maureen Hicks

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In response to Tom West's piece in the Scene last month, I have it on good authority that:

1. The pilots are briefed to adhere to the flying height of 500ft
2. A number of steps are being taken to reduce the noise impact in the local area
3. Provision is being made to relocate to more remote fields to fly
4. The paragliders will only operate in the North Oxfordshire area until the 10th September

(Hope this clears up any concerns villagers may have. Ed)

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BUS NUMBER: 3A	NS				SSH
SOA Wood Street	6.15	9.00			16.05
SOA Bridge Street	6.17	9.02			16.07
Ilmington, Red Lion		9.20	11.40		16.25
Shipston, Tilemans Lane	6.37	9.37	11.47	13.26	16.32
Shipston, Pettiphers Garage	6.40	9.40	11.50	13.29	16.35
Lower Brailes, The Park	6.50	9.50	12.00	13.50	16.45
Sibford Ferris School	7.02	10.02	12.12	14.02	16.57
Lower Tadmarton	7.12	10.12	12.22	14.12	17.07
Banbury Bus Station	7.25	10.25	12.35	14.25	17.20
			B		
Banbury Bus Station	10.30	12.40	14.30	17.30	
Lower Tadmarton	10.43	12.53	14.43	17.43	
Sibford Ferris School	10.53	13.03	14.53	17.53	
Lower Brailes, The Park	11.06	13.16	15.06	18.06	
Shipston, Pettiphers Garage	11.16	13.29	15.16	18.16	
Shipston, Tilemans Lane	11.19		15.19	18.19	
Ilmington, Red Lion	11.36		15.31		
SOA, Bridge Street			16.00	18.41	
SOA, Wood Street			16.03	18.48	

Notes:

NS - Not Saturdays

SSH - Saturdays, Monday to Fridays during School Holidays

B - Bus also serves Lower Quinton, Meon Vale, Clifford Chambers and on school days operates via Shipston High School

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

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Bryony Franklin



Andrew Tindsley



AUGUST BIN COLLECTIONS

Green Tuesday: 4th; 18th
Blue/Brown Tuesday: 11th; 25th

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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