

SIBFORD SCENE

October 2020

No 427



LADIES COFFEE CLUB

2nd - Wykham Arms - 11am

"GARDENING HUNTING IN CHINA"

14th - Horti Society - Village Hall - 7.30pm

'MARY, QUEEN OF SCOTS'

22nd - SHS - Village Hall - 7.45pm



"Signing in the Rain" - Jazz and Picnic



Suneday Open Day





ED'S THOUGHTS

Thought for the month:

"We stick together and we see it through
Cause you've got a friend in me"

Randy Newman



LETTERS AND NOTICES

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

National Gardens Scheme

Sadly, owing to coronavirus, the gardens which usually open in June in aid of NGS were not able to do so this year. However we have managed to raise about the same amount as last year, approximately £2500, through plant sales and donations. We would like to thank everyone who has bought plants, propagated plants, supplied flower pots, helped us sell, passed the word around, made donations, for their support. We very much hope to be able to open next year and hope that you will continue to visit our gardens and to buy plants.

Carolyn White, Sue Bannister

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

"SINGING IN THE RAIN " OR JAZZ NIGHT/PICNIC !

For those intrepid folks who braved the weather to attend this event -Thank you! The forecast was not quite right but never mind.We raised money for the Village Hall Roof Fund.

SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

The winner of the Tallest Sunflower was Chris Leyburn from the Gower.Well done! The villages have looked very colourfull with all the sunflowers this year.

EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

We had started to welcome back some groups but the Covid ` rule of 6` guidelines has scuppered some plans.

For those who are continuing may we remind all attendees that a face covering must be worn before you enter the hall and kept on unless you are drinking /eating or taking part in an exercise class.

Do not stop and chat afterwards but leave swiftly and talk in the car park if you need to. There are lots of advisory posters up in the hall for your guidance. We will keep you updated with any change in circumstances.

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Hello everyone,

We are delighted to introduce ourselves to the Sibford Scene. As a classic "covid cliché", we are a small family who recently moved out of London and have happily settled in Sibford Gower. Our five-year-old boy Max has started at Sibford school and our cocker spaniel Percy has been enjoying the open fields of North Oxfordshire. Hephzi is running her consulting and recruitment business from the home office and Barney is in and out of London still for work. We are all delighted by the beauty of the countryside and the active community in Sibford.

As keen runners, we wondered if there were others in the village who would like to create a little running club on WhatsApp with us. We will of course, be sticking to Covid guidelines for numbers on any run. If you would be interested, then please send us a message to 07879 622923. Also we are currently renting Miramar Cottage in the Colony, but we would love to buy a 4-5 bedroom house locally. If anyone hears or knows of any off-market properties, then please contact us at the same number.

Thankyou and we look forward to seeing you around the village and fields!



SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

Walking dates:

5 October; 19 October; 2 November; 16 November

Owing to the rule that only 6 people may gather together, those who wish to walk on those dates should phone me to book in on the Sunday before and I will work out a system based on a first come, first served, or a rotation. If the rules change to allow greater numbers I will follow the updated guidelines. We look forward to seeing you.

Best Wishes, 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 complaint should contact him.

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Virtual Great Run Half Marathon

Together with Suzie, I successfully completed the Virtual Great Run Half Marathon in a time of 2H 27M 40S. The route commenced at Mannings Close and concluded at the Elm. The route through the inclines and hills of North Oxfordshire and South Warwickshire on a warm and sunny day was via Shutford, the Epwell turn, Shenington Airfield , the top of Tysoe Hill, Compton Wynyates Cross Road, Sibord Gower, Burdrop, Hawks Lane, and a return trip across the Gated Road from and to the Elm.

I have begun my 2nd challenge to run 150 miles by Sunday, the 18th October finishing with a 2nd Half Marathon. Support to our efforts has been marvellous and we hope to raise a four figure sum for Motor Neurone Disease Association. On the 14th October, I reach a further milestone. A number of individuals are joining me from Northamptonshire, and West Yorkshire are planning to join me.

The Just Giving Page Link is:-

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LOCAL NEWS

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Swalcliffe Parke Equestrian Calendar of Events-2020)

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)

The great Millennium Field Clear-up Party!

Saturday, 10th October, from 10.00 a.m.

I've been so missing the opportunity to gather as a community these last few months, but despite the challenges, the cricket matches have been quietly going ahead, the Jazz Picnic Party was able to go ahead at the end of August with the most wonderfully stoic turnout in support, rain notwithstanding! And the Village Hall Committee has gone out of its way to make it possible for smaller groups to gather more recently under very clear and meticulously prepared safety provision.

The Clear-up Party is long overdue, and this will be another opportunity to turn out – again with careful staying-safe provision. The current maintenance provision of mown paths and on occasion clear-cutting of the whole field has kept the field in good order, but as any of the gardeners amongst you who may be reading this piece will know, there is always a need for further tidying!

You know who you are, even those who might only lay claim to be a dab hand with a wheelbarrow! This is a call to any of you from either side of the valley who value and enjoy the Millennium Field and who would be willing to give a couple of hours to a little social tidying and clearing on Saturday October 10th! You would be made most welcome!

Do come – and bring your own favourite 'clearing tools'. No tools will be provided.

To join, please just send me an e-mail, and perhaps add a telephone number to enable me to contact you, if we need to. Please do not just turn up. These are more rigorous times!

- Everyone who joins will be sent joining instructions before they get there
- we will have the pleasure of participating and seeing each other at a safe distance, but
- We would not be working as a single group, and will be individually distributed throughout the field with separate tasks.
- Hand-sanitizer canisters would be placed at the metal gate entrance to one side of the Primary School, and at the gate accessed from the footpath in from **Buttslade House**
- The written joining instructions sent to whoever puts their name forward will emphasize the importance of safe-distancing, and the wearing of masks whenever appropriate.
- If there is a strong turnout, we may stagger the timings through the day so that no more than 6 are working in the field at the same time.

Hugh Pidgeon

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SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

Dog Waste Bins

After requests from parishioners it was agreed at the last Parish Council meeting to purchase 2 additional dog waste bins.

Defibrillator Training

Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions defibrillator training cannot currently go ahead as the training is quite hands on and requires fairly close contact. The Parish Council will put out a notice when the training is able to go ahead. In the meantime there is signage on the defibrillators giving instructions on how to use them should they be required.

Village Recategorisation

Sibford Ferris Parish Council have submitted a response to the Cherwell local Plan 2040 requesting that the villages of Sibford Ferris and Sibford Gower be treated as two separate villages (as we believe they should have been during the last plan) and therefore be recategorised from a single 'Category A' village to two individual appropriately categorised villages. In a recent zoom meeting Cherwell District Council (CDC) agreed that they will resurvey all 24 Category A villages. Sibford Ferris Parish Council are pleased with this commitment from CDC and have requested that they be fully involved in the process and are given the ability to engage the community in the plans. Please keep a look out for any further communication about this process as this may be our last chance to have a say in what development takes place in our village before the government make significant changes to planning laws that could take our future out of our hands.



HORTI SOCIETY

I am delighted to tell you that Timothy Walker has agreed to talk to us on Wednesday 14th October at 7.30 on the subject of Garden Hunting in China. Since we are still working under Covid restrictions, he is going to do this remotely via Zoom.

Tim Huckvale has posted the details of the zoom link on the Sibford website so please refer to the website for instructions on how to join in and what link to click. It's easy and will work in exactly the same way and the zoom church services some of you have been attending for the last few months. It is open to all, whether you are a horti member or not so do join us! Timothy is our most popular speaker.

For those unwilling or unable to join the talk from the privacy of their own homes, we will be able to accommodate up to 25 people safely in the village hall to watch Timothy on the big screen. (His natural metier surely!). Please contact me if you would like to attend as seats will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Thank you Tim and Keith for making this screening possible.

Best wishes, Diana Thompson Diana_thompson@btinternet.com

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In Your Garden - October

1. It is autumn. I love this time of year, watching the leaves change colour, and seeing them spin down in the wind. I have to admit that I still like to catch them to count how many happy years I have left. Stop dreaming - we have work to do. Rake up the leaves, and put them in a compost bin or better still, put them into black sacks, thoroughly wet them, and puncture plenty of holes in the sacks. Then tie them up and hide them behind the shed. It took 18 months, but mine were full of marvellous soft, black compost, and little wiggly red worms.
2. October is the best time to plant bare-root roses, hedges, and trees, whilst the soil is still warm. But keep them very well watered.
3. Cut back perennials in the border, and divide any that are too crowded. Leave penstemons standing, to help protect them from frost.
4. Time to go mad, and spend some time, and money at the garden centre. Plenty of plants to buy to smarten up your pots, and any gaps in the borders. One of my favourites is Bellis Perennis, she stays small, keeps on flowering, and looks great lining a path, or just cheering up a gap. Pots of little violas, planted together with small iris bulbs are always charming. If you are buying new roses, it is always better to buy bare root ones, rather than those in a pot.
5. Great time to take cuttings, particularly salvias, penstemons, geraniums and flowering shrubs. Keep collecting seeds of your favourite annuals, and leave some seedheads on for the birds.
6. As you tidy up the borders, and cut things back, you can take out all the bamboos and stakes you have used for supports. Store them away in the shed. They tend to rot if you leave them out all winter.
7. Must admit I have not got my hyacinths potted up yet, but full of good intentions! They make such a nice Christmas present to take with you to a party (if we are ever allowed to party again) for your hostess, And a row of them along the dining table at Christmas looks fab.



In Your Garden - October

Continued.....

8. Pick and store you apples and pears in a dry and frostproof place, but use up all the windfalls as fast as you can. Try making a batch of apple strudels, (num num), and stowing them away in the freezer. Trouble with writing about food is that I immediately feel hungry

9. We shall probably get the first frost soon, and that will blacken the dahlias. You can cut them back, and leave them in the ground, but only if you heap them up with soil, or woodchips, bracken, anything that will stop the ground getting frosted there. I tend to dig mine up, clean them, turn them upside down to dry right off, then put them in a big box covered with dry compost and store where they won't get frosted.

10. Help! The mice have got into the greenhouse and torn up some envelopes full of seeds I wanted to keep, and found the bird seed I keep in there. Big mistake. So mousetraps at once, and load them with cheese, or chocolate. They can't resist either. Neither can I. Must be time for or supper by now.
Jupe Hitching

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FUN CORNER

Kids at a Caithness school were asked questions about the old and new testaments and the following statements about the bible were written by children. They have not been retouched or corrected. incorrect spelling has been left in.

1. In the first book of the bible, Guinness. god got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off.
2. Adam and eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of ark. Noah built an ark and the animals came on in pears.
3. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
4. The egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to mount cyanide to get the ten commandments.
5. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
6. David was a hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.
7. Solomon, one of Davids sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
8. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
9. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.
10. The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels.

John Marshall

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NATURE NOTES

The late Summer sunshine has brought out a number of butterflies. It is good to see a few Painted Ladies, freshly emerged Brimstones and Red Admirals which are attracted to over-ripe blackberries and plums.

On a recent walk across the Sibford School playing fields I noticed quite a large flock of Lesser Black-backed Gulls paddling with their feet to draw worms to the surface.

Caroline Long drew my attention to the Shaggy Parasol Mushrooms that are appearing in a number of field margins around the villages. These are good to eat like several other species of wild mushroom but of course you do have to be absolutely certain of your identification. There are a few extremely poisonous species some of which can be fatal if eaten. 61

There have been a few sightings of Elephant Hawk-moth caterpillars making their way across lawns and paths. These large brown caterpillars with very distinctive eye markings are probably making their way from fuchsia bushes where they have been feeding to find a suitable place to pupate.

At Sue Sabin's small-holding open day we ran a moth session and were able to show people a good number of Autumn flying species including a couple of the very impressive Clifden Nonpareil moths.



Clifden Nonpareil



Ethmia Bipunctella

Having now recorded 640 species of moth in my garden I am surprised that new ones keep turning up. Of particular note this year was a very distinctive micro moth called *Ethmia bipunctella*. It has never been recorded before in Oxfordshire and in the surrounding counties just once in Buckinghamshire in 1921 and once in Berkshire in 1991.

Please send observations for the next Nature notes to ajnewbold88@gmail.com

Andy and Gill Newbold



KATHARINE HOUSE REIMAGINED MIDNIGHT WALK THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who signed up for this year's Midnight Walk Reimagined. Thank you for helping to Make Every Moment Matter for our patients and their families. If you would like to read more about this year's walk head to www.khh.org.uk/news

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KATHARINE HOUSE HALLOWEEN BALLOON RACE – 31 OCTOBER 2020

After the success of our previous virtual balloon races, we thought we would host another! This time starting from the home of Dracula and heading on a journey to win £500! If you would like to join the race and be in with a chance of winning a prize, head to www.khh.org.uk/halloween-balloon-race

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF

We have a started a new series of 'A day in the life of Katharine House' featuring stories from our staff, as they talk us through a 'normal' day at Katharine house. You can read more here > <https://www.khh.org.uk/a-day-in-the-life-of-katie>

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Sibford School announce their autumn virtual open events

Due to current Covid-19 restrictions, Sibford School is unable to run their face to face autumn open events as originally planned. In the meantime, the school is running a series of virtual events to introduce prospective pupils and their families to key staff members and give more information about life at Sibford.

The following events are now bookable via the school website:

- Friday 2nd October at 9.45am. Virtual open event for whole school
- Tuesday 3rd November at 5.30pm. Virtual Year 7 entry open evening
- Thursday 5th November at 6pm. Virtual Sixth Form open evening
- Friday 13th November at 9.45am. Virtual open event for whole school

If you are interested in attending a virtual open event, visit sibfordschool.co.uk/events and simply fill out the contact form and select which event you would like to join. A joining link will be emailed ahead of each event to all registered attendees.

Harriet Canavan



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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Nothing on the crime front for this month. However, the following is worth a chuckle:

A Frenchman in his 80s took out more than just the fly he was attempting to swat. The unidentified man was reportedly eating dinner when he became irritated by the sound of a fly. Grabbing an electric fly swatter shaped like a tennis racquet, he swung at the insect, but was unaware that a gas cylinder in his home, in Parcou - Chenaud, in the Dordogne, was leaking. This type of fly swatter is designed to emit pulses of electricity which stun or kill an insect on contact. A reaction occurred between the electricity from the swatter and the gas, causing an explosion that destroyed part of his kitchen and brought down a section of the ceiling. Our man escaped with minor burns and checked in to a local campsite. The fly's fate remains unknown.

Peter Hine (c. Torygraph).

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Dog First Aid



We have had a very positive start to the new academic year at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School, despite the significant organisational challenges to support with staff and pupil safety posed by the current pandemic

Although we have had a few children off with seasonal coughs and colds, which is very normal at this time of year, attendance overall has been very high and the children seem really happy to be back in school with their friends and teachers. Our new Littlest Acorn Reception children have settled quickly into class routines and are now attending school full time after a gently phased welcome into 'big' school.

As is typical of the national picture, our children are organised into class 'bubbles' with assigned adults and slightly more regimented classroom layouts, and we are doing lots of extra cleaning and washing of hands! Our pupils are managing this very well, adapting to the new 'normal' with the sense of responsibility, consideration and care for others that is typical of our school community.

Despite the need to get used to a lot of new rules and different ways of working, learning continues to be fun. Even with our focus on ensuring all pupils are quickly up to speed with any learning they may have missed during lockdown, particularly in literacy and maths, we are still intent on making sure that learning is broad and balanced across the wider curriculum with lots of exciting topic themes being explored across the school.

Our younger children are exploring the topic of Dinosaur Planet, finding out all about fossils and our local prehistory, including the fact that during the Jurassic Period much of the area local to us lay under a warm, shallow sea.

Our older children are exploring the themes of Gods & Mortals, immersing themselves in Greek myth and legend, and Alchemy Island, which has a strong fantasy focus alongside the scientific theme of changing materials.



In the first few days back, our Year 3 & 4 children (7/8 years old) explored a lovely story called A Tale of Two Feathers, exploring the difference between the daytime and nocturnal worlds through the friendship of an owl and a kingfisher. As part of this mini-project, the children created some very beautiful and detailed observation drawings of feathers, exploring line, tone and texture. Very well done, Willow Class!

If you would like to find out more about our welcoming village school, please look on our school website at <http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk/>

With kind regards,
Jane O'Sullivan, Headteacher



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Fridays

Chair Yoga 10 – 10.45am

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New Term starts on Thursday September 3rd

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DID YOU KNOW?

Post Offices in the Sibfords – 3. The Gower

Mr Frederick Inns, great grandfather to Fred Inns who still lives in the Gower, was the first Post Master in the Gower when the post office opened in 1884. He lived on Main Street with his wife and they had nine children although not all survived. He sported a very long white beard having declared that he would never shave. One day, doing a spot of plumbing



Frederick Inns and Postman in trap outside Gower Post Office

work, he accidentally set fire to his beard. He managed to put out the fire but his famously long white beard was temporarily reduced! Fred remembers that his great grandfather always said he could tell the state of villager's homes by how well they wrapped their parcels!

His three unmarried children, Annie, Winifred and Ewart lived in the Old Post Office after his death. The eldest, Annie was a teacher who walked to Epwell every day to teach in the school there, while Miss Kyte, who lived in Epwell walked to Sibford to teach in the village school. The must have often passed each other on a dark winter's morning! Winifred ran the Post Office while Ewart was a plumber. The sisters continued to run the post office after Annie's retirement from teaching until Winifred died. Annie eventually moved down to Barley Close House for a short while before she died surrounded by her family.



Miss Annie Inns

The Inns family had been providing the post office services to the village for some 75 years. John and Mollie Mulley eventually bought the Old Post Office from the Inns family in 1972.

Maureen Hicks



SIBFORD HISTORY SOCIETY

Huge thanks to Tim Huckvale, who on 17th September, broke the months of Lockdown silence for our society, with his entertaining and meticulously researched talk on the Reverend Steven's Diaries. There were about twenty people in the hall and a further twenty or more watching on Zoom. John Woodvine really brought the diaries to life with his superb readings and we are so grateful to him for this. Thanks too, to Keith Hicks, who took so much trouble in helping to find the best solutions for Zooming the meeting. A more through appreciation of the meeting will follow in the next Scene.

Unless we have any news to the contrary, we will be holding our next meeting on October 22nd, when Dr Gillian White will be talking to us about Mary, Queen of Scots. To whet your appetites, here is her introduction to the talk: Mary, Queen of Scots, became monarch at six days old and by the age of twenty-five had lost three kingdoms, three husbands and would never see her only child again. Whether she is to be seen as a murdering adulteress or the innocent victim of all that befalls her, Mary's life is undoubtedly wrapped in tragedy. This talk explores her remarkable story and look at the causes of the failure that led to her execution.

As with the last talk, we have to ask you to reserve a place in the hall as only 25 people are allowed in, due to Covid restrictions. Please send your emails to: dianahughesonline@gmail.com If you don't get on to the list you can watch it on Zoom.

Doors open at Sibford Village Hall 7.45.p.m. Talk begins 8 p.m. Any donations gladly accepted as we are not charging for membership this year. We will not be allowed to serve refreshments so please bring your own drinks.

Diana Hughes

SUNEDAY SMALLHOLDING

The sun shone beautifully on the Suneday Smallholding Open Day which took place last Saturday. Thank you to everyone who helped to organise and help, and to all who participated in the workshops or simply came to enjoy the animals and cafe. The day was a great success and donations were generously given to the effect that I have enough money to feed the animals almost to Christmas!

In particular, I would like to thank Iain Brown for taking the bird walk. The chiff chaff that was singing overhead earlier in the morning had unfortunately fallen quiet, but Iain managed to point out numerous Robins and Blackbirds, a Stock Dove, a Lessor Black Backed Gull, a Grey Wagtail and a small group of Meadow Pipits. Also, a big thank you to Andy Newbold who led the moth trapping event. There was great excitement when a Clifden Nonpareil was discovered. This is a relatively large moth with a wing span of around 8cm. Its underwings are a striking blue. This moth was thought to have become extinct but pleasingly, in recent years has been once again breeding successfully in the southern counties. Bill (with Barbara's excellent support) gave a fascinating account of all that is beekeeping and I am sure people left his event with serious ideas to begin their own hives. Georgie's soap making workshop was much enjoyed and the bar the group collectively made is on page 2





A tree hugging a tree (from Kathleen Winter)

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Ride & Stride

At the Ride & Stride event on Saturday, 12th September, Adrian Lamb was sponsored to take part for the Church. He cycled and visited 38 churches.

Sponsorship money raised £140 and this will go to Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and in due course 50% of this will come back for Church funds.

The PCC is very grateful to and thanks Adrian for undertaking the sponsored ride.

Thanks also go to the volunteers who were at the Church's reception desk to record the Riders & Striders who called. There were only six people who arrived.

Peter Hardman

GREETINGS CARDS

I make greetings cards from my own photographs taken in England, Scotland and Wales. They are 6"x4", printed on glossy photographic paper and come in a clear cellulose envelope with a stiff paper insert for writing on and an envelope.

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The cards cost £1.50p and all profits go to Katharine House Hospice.

If you would like to know more, please contact me:

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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

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

2nd - Ladies Coffee Club - Wykham Arms - 11am

14th - Horti Society talk: "Garden Hunting in China" - Village Hall -
7.30pm

22nd - Sibford Historical Society: "Mary, Queen of Scots" - Village Hall -
7.45pm

OCTOBER BIN COLLECTIONS

Green Tuesday: 13th; 27th
Blue/Brown Tuesday: 6th; 20th

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Ferris: Elm crossroads and Sibford Gower: Wykham Arms car park.

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