

SIBFORD SCENE

September 2020

No 426



Painting by James Fleet

(Mmmm - nice house! - Ed)

LADIES COFFEE CLUB

2nd - Wykham Arms - 11am

SIBFORD PLAYERS

3rd - Drinks & Nibbles - Village Hall: 7.30-9.30pm

MUSIC IN A FIELD

5th - Belle Isle Farm from midday

SUNDAY SMALLHOLDING OPEN DAY

12th - The Brambles from 9am

HARVEST FESTIVAL

27th - Holy Trinity Church - 11am

UNLOCKED



Paintings by Vaughan & Madoc with jewellery by Elly Dunford Wood

September 4/5/6

10am ~ 5pm

(outside in marquee
social distancing aware)

**Belle Isle Farm
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& Hook Norton
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Couple of nice photos from Eveline Boughton





ED'S THOUGHTS

Some really great events happening on the Sibfords for this month! "Music in a Field" on the 5th (including 'Unlocked'); Sunday Smallholding Open Day on the 12th and the re-opening of the Village Hall.

The 'Green Scene' will be back in October

Thought for the month:

"It's not easy being green"

Kermit the Frog



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

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.

Yard Sale

The Old Malt House, Sibford Ferris (2 doors down from the shop)

Saturday 19th September: 10.30-4.00 Weather permitting



LETTERS AND NOTICES

Continued.....

I wanted to write and say how simply wonderful the Sibford Scene is nowadays. You go to immense trouble to make it informative, funny and inducive of our wonderful Sibfords Community spirit.

We live in a simply terrific community of diverse people and uniquely prevalent seems to be the wish to work together, have fun and help each other. The Sibford Scene is averring of this. Many congratulations and thanks for all your hard work.

Name & Adress supplied

(Thankyou - Ed)

New photography group?

If there is sufficient interest in Sibford, I would like to form a local photography group. The format would be agreed by the members, but activities might include regular photo topics for presentation and discussion at meetings (face to face or virtual), photoshoots, instructive presentations, exhibitions, etc. If you are interested please contact Colin Lamb at colinlamb.cl@gmail.com or phone 01295 780357.

THANKYOU!

On 12th August our house was struck by lightning resulting in a lot of damage to our home and the inconvenience of no internet or landline for our immediate neighbours. We want to express our thanks for the many kindnesses, large and small, shown by our lovely Ferris Court friends. They made a horrible experience bearable, offering their homes, meals, freezer and fridge space as well as tech support. Thank you Mark and Claire, David and Stephanie, Damien and Philippa, we are very grateful.

Gareth and Sandra Price

Polly Boxes

Thanks to all those who have donated food, clothing and toiletries to Polly for distribution to the people in Banbury who need it most. We have a lot of kind people in this village! Some of the items were specially bought and showed great thoughtfulness.

All of them will be gratefully received. Please remember Polly when you do your shopping and consider lobbing another tin of baked beans or biscuits in the trolley at the same time. Collection baskets outside the church are regularly emptied.

Best wishes Diana Thompson



LETTERS AND NOTICES

Continued.....

My name is Olivia Sparks, I'm 13 and together with my friend Ella White who is 11, thought as it is nearly the beginning of the new school year and children are getting new stationery, we would like to set up a collection of old stationery to be donated to a small rural school in Malawi. The stationery needs to be working properly but it does not have to be brand new. We are collecting stationery such as pencils, pens, rubbers, rulers, colouring pens, sharpeners, highlighters, pencil cases, scissors, calculators, maths instruments like protractors etc. I lived in South Africa for ten years and my nanny was Malawian. She often told me about the little school resources she had and that I was very lucky to be able to go to school all year round. Ella and I have also recently watched the movie "The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind", it is about a boy who built a windmill to irrigate his village crops in the drought. This movie opened our eyes to the poverty and lack of education in Malawi. We have set up two drop off stations; one at Home Close, Main Street, Sibford Ferris and another at Barthrop Cottage, Burdrop. We would love it if you could contribute to this cause.

SLOW DOWN, PLEASE

Dear Fellow Neighbours of Bonds End Lane

I would just like to say a huge thank you, for the vast majority of you for slowing down. I do worry that now children are about in the lane more often, that a speedy driver may not be able to stop in time. Especially at the top of the lane, where children on bikes whizz around quite oblivious to cars driving up too quickly! To the odd one who still speeds up and down the lane, please let's not spoil it for everyone else who lives in the Lane. You really are not achieving much by driving so fast up such a tiny lane!

Thank you Brigette Boyd

SUNEDAY SMALLHOLDING

Thank you to all those people who have taken fresh veg from the box and left a donation. My aim with this project is to break even – not easy! John Seymour, in *The Complete Guide to Self-sufficiency*, tells readers, 'Don't give up the day job!' Well that is exactly what I have done. From September I will be challenging myself to live as closely as I can from the land. I intend to eat only what has been produced on this smallholding. I am preserving/storing as much as I can now and through harvest in preparation for winter.

I have also made two major investments; a 5-foot-high fence has been constructed around the chicken's area to keep the foxes out and a boar has been purchased to ensure productivity in the pigs.

Chickens – Since April, eggs sourced locally have been incubated and now 24 chickens are getting to know each other, with a further 6 chicks soon to be introduced. Passers-by have been able to watch these new chicks growing rapidly over the weeks as, following fox attacks in April, the whole flock was moved to the grass in front of the bungalow. From these 30 chickens I can assume 15 will be hens, and in due course will be giving around a dozen eggs per day to provide egg deliveries to the village.

Pigs – Unfortunately, the AI did not work and Esme was facing the prospect of not having piglets this year. I came across Ginger, an Oxford Sandy and Black X boar who was looking for a new home. He duly arrived and had a busy few days. Piglets are now expected on Nov 5th. Ginger will remain with Esme and Peaches2 for the next month or so then once again, will seek pastures new.

Goats – Rosie and Sophie have now been producing milk for 15 months. I was expecting to have to dry them off and get them back into kid for next year's milk, however a goat cheese maker I chatted to recently has been milking his goats without a break for over 2 years! He maintains that if the goats are happy, they will give milk. We shall see...

Soap – Georgie has returned home from teaching in Spain and has followed up on an interest in using the goats' milk to make soap. This has been really interesting and lots of fun. The soap is made from only natural ingredients, largely raw milk and oils. Photos can be found on Instagram: @sundaysoapery @sundaysmallholding

Sue Sabin

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

TREASURE TRAIL

Many of you will have enjoyed a walk around Sibford Ferris in August. I am sure you will all agree what an interesting little village it is.

Many thanks to Maureen Hicks who compiled the history notes, and to Keith for uploading Ginny`s photos and doing the printing.

The donations will go towards the Village Hall Roof Fund. The roof will need replacing very soon.

SUNFLOWERS

The Sunflower Competition winner will be announced in the next Sibford Scene. Thank you to all who grew one or two and hope you will have many more next year .

HALL RE-OPENING

Some groups are restarting their sessions at the Village Hall in September. Our risk assessments are complete and hirers guidelines posted. It is going to be very different for everybody, and we will all have to adapt to new ways of doing things. We ask that all hall users respect the COVID 19 Guidelines. We want you all to feel safe at the Hall .It may be difficult for some groups to restart their sessions . If you are not ready to come back yet ,we will try to keep your slot for you.

FOR INFORMATION

Please contact Ginny Bennett on 01295 780373 or via thesibfords website.

ART EXHIBITION Take 2

There will be an Exhibition in the Village Hall on October 31st and November 1st from 10am until 4pm each day.

This is part of the Artweeks Festival, postponed from May due to lockdown. Two local artists Ginny Bennett and Sue Levitch will exhibit mostly oil paintings, but some water colour and mixed media as well. Light refreshments available with paintings and cards for sale. Social distancing/ Covid 19 guidelines will be in effect but there will be plenty of room for you to view the pictures.



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Continued....

BOOK SWAP MORNING

We will hold a book swap in the Village Hall on September 19th from 10am until 12 midday in the large hall.

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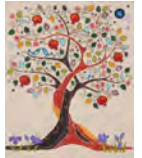
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HORTI SOCIETY

Thanks to all who sent in photos of their flowers and vegetables for the August edition of the Scene.

I am delighted to tell you that Timothy Walker has agreed to talk to us on Wednesday 14th October 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. 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).

Joining instructions in next month's scene, but if you would prefer to view from the hall, then please let me know to avoid disappointment.

Best wishes,

Diana Thompson Diana_thompson@btinternet.com

Plants for sale

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



In Your Garden - September

I am writing this whilst the heatwave is on in August, looking at my poor flowers suffering and wilting. My unbridled enthusiasm for plants means that I have planted things too closely together, and a major sorting out must happen in the Autumn. It is easy to forget what needs moving forwards, or backwards, or going into the shade etc., so here is my plan, and you will find it useful if you have made the same mistakes as I have.

1. Label all plants that need moving or dividing up, and take a photograph of the border from different angles. Don't even try to move anything until the weather has cooled down, and water thoroughly before you dig them up, and again after replanting.
2. It is a good time to collect seeds, seal in an envelope and label. I let white foxgloves seed everywhere - you can always move them to the right place in the spring, but it is better to cut the heads off the naughty, rampant purple ones.
3. Go through your catalogues and order any plants, shrubs or trees to plant in October. And order your bulbs now. If you want hyacinths to bloom for Christmas they should be planted by the end of September.
4. In the veg garden, dig over where the beans and peas have finished. You can now sow winter lettuce, spinach and turnips. Dig up any remaining potatoes before the slugs come marching back. (They seemed to have hidden away in the heat) Pick the autumn raspberries, and enjoy them, and prune blackcurrants.
5. Hedges can be trimmed now the birds have finished nesting. It makes them look so nice on those crispy, frosty mornings. that I am rather looking forward to at the moment.
6. Climbing roses will need pruning back. Rake up any yellow and black leaves with black spot disease, but do not put them in the compost.
7. Before you want to bring in any tender plants to the greenhouse or cold frame, it is wise to give it a good clean out, and brush under the staging where the bugs and spiders leave larvae, and slugs lurk. Clean the glass - a good squirt with the hose can do this. I shall be cutting geraniums and salvias back, and using some of the trimmings for cuttings.



In Your Garden - September

Continued.....

8. If you have a pond, cover it with netting before the leaves fall. We forgot to do this one year, and the magnolia tree filled it up with leathery leaves, that make the water cloudy, and the pond had a soggy bottom. (Mary Berry wouldn't like that.)
9. Bird feeders and seed trays should all have a vigorous cleaning. Our bird bath is so well used we have to scrub it out each week. The pigeons love to drink there, and shuffle around having a bath, but then..... you've guessed the rest.
- 10 The lawns are growing more slowly, and may need some moss raking out. Most important is to keep the edges looking sharply cut.

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FUN CORNER



Ginny Bennett

Best man speech in wedding of Marie Colvin (very famous Sunday Times journalist who was killed in action in Syria) to Juan Carlos - He, marrying for the fourth time, 'a triumph of optimism over commitment' John Wass

Lock-down Humour

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Husband - What's the choice?

Wife - Yes or No.

Andy Newbold

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NATURE NOTES

Once again it is pleasing to have several contributions from others in the villages. It makes my life easier and adds some welcome variety.

Colin Lamb now has a trail camera and has recorded foxes almost every night with up to four at times as well as Muntjac deer with a fawn. Badgers have also been recorded.

Nigel Fletcher has also seen and heard foxes (probably the same ones) in the early hours of the morning returning from their nightly hunting forays.

Dian Baker found and photographed a Privet Hawk-moth in her garden in Cotswold Close. This is the largest resident British moth and is a really impressive insect. The caterpillars feed on Privet (not surprisingly!) but also Ash.

In the hot weather there has been a lot of evidence of badgers having dug out bumble bee nests often leaving very large holes. While walking through Swalcliffe Common we spotted a rather tatty Silver-washed Fritillary. This is woodland butterfly that is increasing distribution and abundance and occasionally turns up in gardens.

A Gold Swift moth was found at the Hook Norton Railway Cutting reserve. It was a female that was rather dull brown in colour, it is the males that are gold. Unusually it is the males that produce a pheromone to attract the females and it is said to smell quite strongly of pineapple.

Probably less good news on the moth front was the appearance of a Box Tree moth in my moth trap. This is a species that was introduced to Europe from the far East and has rapidly spread and become a serious pest of Box hedges.

Please send contributions to

ajnewbold88@gmail.com

Andy and Gill Newbold





KATHARINE HOUSE REIMAGINED MIDNIGHT WALK 10-19 SEPTEMBER 2020

This year, we are getting creative and conjuring up some special socially distanced midnight magic, with our flagship fundraising event Midnight Walk Reimagined. Wherever you are, whoever you choose to walk with, we hope you'll walk with us this September to support the fantastic work of Katharine House Hospice, helping to make every moment matter for patients and their families affected by life-limiting illness in our community. No matter how old or young you are, whether you choose to walk wearing pyjamas, covered in glow sticks, or head to toe in fancy dress, we want you on our team, join us today at www.khh.org.uk/midnight

VIRTUAL QUIZ - EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT 2020

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A DAY IN THE LIFE OF

We have 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-helen>

LIVING WELL - FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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Fraudsters foiled - Well done, that man!

1. It started off easily enough. Our member just wanted to cancel a direct debit payable to Amazon Prime for £4.99p per month. He was then contacted by an organisation, apparently called ZoHo, allegedly representing Amazon. They were most helpful and agreed to make the arrangements. During the course of this discussion, they advised our man that there was a £99 debit to his account which had 'clearly been made in error', and in order to credit this amount to him they asked for bank details etc. Sneaky, underhand and very polished, but our guy was just too good for them and immediately ended the conversation. Whilst this is just a precis of what happened, it shows the need to be on your toes at all times.

2. TV licence fee fraudsters for all you over 75s.
For all over 75s awaiting letters about their new licence fee payments, there has been a rise in 'phishing' emails. In other words the fraudsters have found a new angle and are out to get your money. One email appears to be from TV Licensing and is titled "Information about your TV Licence". It reads: "Oops! Something went wrong with your payment. We're sorry to let you know that your TV licence could not be automatically renewed". The email tells the recipient they must pay immediately to remain "legally licensed". It then goes on to threaten the victim with cancellation of their licence or passing their details to a debt collecting agency. Of course, the victim is then directed to click onto a link and input their bank details !!
The BBC has stated that TV Licensing will write a letter advising pensioners how to set up a payment. Do not be conned into doing anything until you have received this letter.
And one can only smile! Only this week, a young Guardian writer tweeted "Older people - do you realise that ending a sentence with a full stop comes across as unfriendly to younger people?"

Peter Hine - Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, Gower and Burdrop.



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>

Rita Livesey



Swalcliffe Parke Equestrian Calendar of Events-2020

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)

"VIRTUAL GREAT NORTH RUN"-SUNDAY, THE 13TH SEPTEMBER SUNDAY, THE 18TH OCTOBER 2020

The Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Association Mission 5000 has launched a challenge for its community to cover 5000 miles between Sunday, the 13th September and Sunday, the 18th October.

I have accepted the challenge and will run a Half Marathon on Sunday, the 13th September and complete my target of 150 miles in a 2nd Half Marathon on Sunday, the 18th October. Between these dates I will have participated in a further 23 runs ranging in distance between 3 & 12 miles.

My daughter, Suzie, son Jon and eldest grandson Henry will be joining me on parts of the journey.

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SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

Walking dates:

**7 September; 21 September; 5 October;
19 October; 2 November; 16 November**

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.

We look forward to seeing you. Sue Bannister, 01295 780365

sebannister@gmail.com

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SIBFORD HISTORY SOCIETY

Now that the Village Hall is open for business again, albeit with social-distancing measures in place, we are pleased to announce that we will resume our meetings from Thursday 17th September, when Tim Huckvale will talk about his project of transcribing the diaries of the Reverend Edward Stevens, Vicar of Sibford in the last quarter of the 19th Century.. The talk is entitled "'Digging into the Vicar's Diaries - puzzles, surprises and shocks'. The meeting will be limited to a maximum attendance of 25 people, so please book your place by emailing Diana at dianahughesonline@gmail.com as soon as possible.

Doors open :7.45 pm. The talk begins: 8 pm.

We will not be allowed to serve refreshments, so we advise you to bring your drinks.
Diana Hughes

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHATTER

Arrangements we are making to re-open Holy Trinity Church for public worship.

This will formally be effective from 1st September with the first service taking place on Sunday 6th September. To enable us to do this, the Parochial Church Council have carried out a comprehensive risk assessment to ensure that it is safe and that we comply with Government Covid 19 regulations.

The Harvest Festival service still planned to take place on Sunday 27th September at 11 am followed by a outdoor picnic in the churchyard, Bring Your Own picnic lunch, mug and chair, tea, coffee will be available.

Face masks to be worn in church, as per Government guidelines. Please bring your own masks.

Singing is still not allowed by a congregation but there will be music.

Seating in the pews has been organised to allow for safe distancing of 2 metres with the usual Prescribed cleaning arranged. We can accommodate 40 comfortably but could open choir pews if necessary. Everyone welcome.

We are also planning a Pop Up Cafe on Saturday 19th September following Safe distancing guidelines. Details to be advertised in Wykeham Benefice website and notice boards in both Sibfords.

Barbara Foster

Holy Trinity Church, Sibford
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Saturday, 12th September 2020

Since the Trust was founded in 1964 as The Friends of Oxfordshire Churches several million pounds has been given in grants to churches of many denominations within the County. About half of this money has been raised by the annual Ride + Stride event.

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The Ride + Stride is also an effective way of raising funds for our church as 50% of the sponsorship money (excluding gift aid) comes straight back to the church if it is designated by the Riders and Striders.

The Parochial Church Council is very grateful to those who have taken part in the past and hopes that there will be a desire to take part this year.

Information and sponsorship forms are available from Peter Hardman - Tel: 01295 780391 or Email: hardman214@btinternet.com

SIBFORD BUS SERVICE

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

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd - Ladies Coffee Club - Wykham Arms: 11am
- 3rd - Sibford Players - Drinks & Nibbles - Village Hall: 730-9pm
- 5th - Music in a Field - Belle Isle Farm from Mid-day
- 7th - Sibford Walking Group - Village Hall: 10am
- 12th - Suneday Smallholding Open Day - The Brambles from 9am
- 12th - Ride & Stride - Holy Trinity Church
- 17th - Sibfords Society: "Digging into the Vicar's Diaries" - Village Hall - 8pm
- 23rd - SGPC meeting - Village Hall - 6.15pm
- 27th - Harvest Festival - Holy Trinity Church - 11am

SEPTEMBER BIN COLLECTIONS

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

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

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