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LADIES COFFEE CLUB

2nd - Wykham Arms - 11am

"RE-IMAGINING THE GARDEN"

11th - Horti talk - Village Hall - 7.30pm

"DAILY LIFE IN TUDOR TIMES"

19th - SHS - Village Hall - 7.45pm

CHRISTMAS POP-UP SHOP

28th - 6Tth December - Wykham Park Farm

FARM Truleaf



Find out more about this growing local business on pages 10 & 11



ED'S THOUGHTS

This month, I went along to see a truly innovative enterprise set up by Chris Cullen and James Taylor called Truleaf and I was amazed by what I saw - trays and trays of fresh tender micro greens - Sunflower, Pea, Radiish, Rocket and Amaranth. And they are delicious! Have a look at what they're doing on pages 10 & 11

Thought for the month:

"I go where it suits my clothes"

Eric Bibb



LETTERS AND NOTICES

ART EXHIBITION

There will be an Art Exhibition at Sibford Village Hall on October 31st and November 1st from 10am until 4pm , [Saturday and Sunday] Paintings by two local artists Ginny Bennett and Sue Levitch are on show.

The event is the postponed Artweeks Exhibition that could not take place in May of this year. The Hall is open under strict Covid secure guidelines so a one-way traffic system will be in operation and hand sanitiser is available . PLEASE all wear a face covering.

Drinks/cakes will be available, only for seated service. ENTRY IS FREE

POPPY APPEAL

Due to the ongoing coronavirus problem there will be no house-to-house poppy sales this year. There will however be static boxes in both schools in the villages ,the surgery and the village shop. Please support these if you can.

Peter Abbott, Local Poppy Appeal Organiser



LETTERS AND NOTICES

SUSAN HEATH

Many residents who lived in Sibford before 2000 will, I am sure, be sad to hear that Dr Susan Heath has died .

Susan lived in Sibford Gower and was a GP at Sibford Surgery for 20 years before she retired and moved to live in Oxford in the year 2000. She then moved to London to live with her daughter Harriet . She died of cancer on 12th September. Susan was a hard working , popular and very understanding GP and she is remembered very fondly by many of her patients. She will be sadly missed by many who knew her.

I have set up a charity collection for Sue. Don't feel you have to give anything, but some people asked for one so here it is, and a worthy cause:

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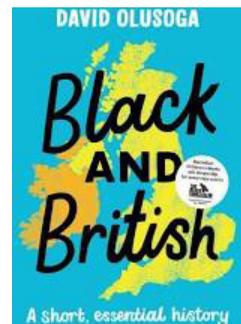
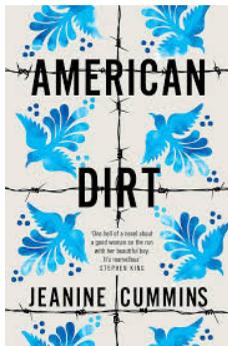
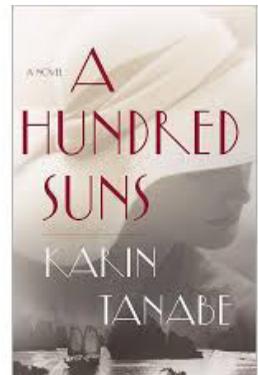
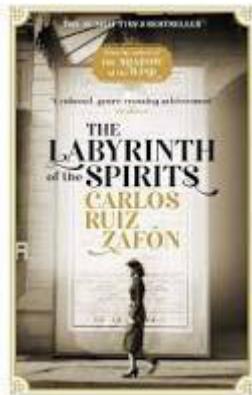
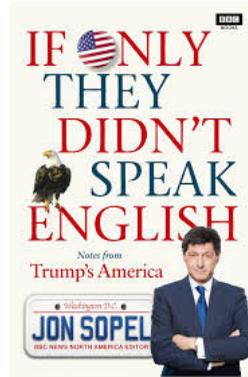
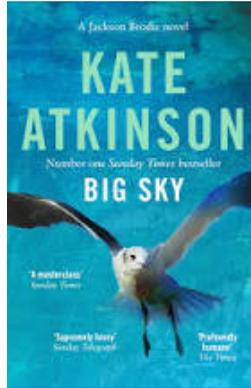
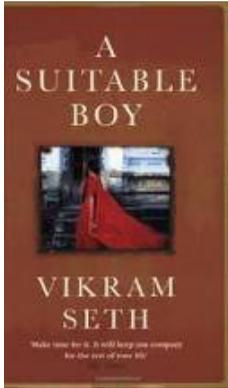


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WHAT WE'RE READING.....



SUNEDAY SMALLHOLDING

Suneday Smallholding

The concept of harvest has never been so intense as it has been this year. 1st September marked day one of a year of self-sufficiency. I have had 7 weeks of plenty; food from the land is abundant and the mild weather has made harvesting a pleasure. However, the coming month of January casts a shadow over this time of idyll. Have I stored enough in my freezer and preserved enough in sugar or vinegar. How long will the carrots last in the sand and will the seals on the bottled fruit hold. Will the goat continue to give enough milk and for how long will the hens be laying? This year I harvest with a real purpose...to keep myself fed over the winter.

Recent successes have been the most delicious butter made from milk given to me by Keith Dyer (I allow myself food locally produced) and the discovery of a coffee like hot drink from roasted acorns. I would be extremely grateful for any donations of rosehips ...or acorns!

Pigs

There is good news and bad news on the pigs. Peaches² has been with Ginger for three months and has not fallen pregnant. She was the star of the show on the open day and was destined to be the second sow alongside Esme, but now that is unlikely. The outcome of this situation is that there will be sausages for sale at the end of November. It is a shame, but necessary.

Esme should be farrowing on November 5th or thereabouts.

Bird ID walk and lunch - 14th November.

Iain Brown has agreed to take a group of people on a bird identification walk beginning and ending at The Brambles. The walk will be at a very gentle pace, lasting approximately 2 hours and much of that will be standing gazing through binoculars (essential) and listening. A lunch of Suneday soup, goats' cheese and sourdough bread will be available on our return to the smallholding.

Anyone interested in joining us can contact me on 07891 249526 (sue5595@aol.com) for more information and joining details.

Does anyone have a spinning wheel that I could borrow for a short time?



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Village Hall is slowly coming alive again as some groups are venturing back.

We do understand that there are activities that will not be possible at the present time.

We are keeping a close eye on the Government Regulations and providing an environment that is as safe as possible. We rely on all our hirers to follow the guidelines and clean up well after they have used the hall.

Ginny Bennett

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FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Dear Club members it is with a heavy heart that the decision has made that the Club will NOT meet again until sometime in 2021.

We don't know when.

Please keep in touch with each other over the next month's even if it's just say hello.

Keep well, keep safe.

Eveline Boughton

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The green shoots of an eco idea planted by Sibford entrepreneur Chris Cullen and farmer James Taylor two years ago, have rapidly grown into a successful sustainable local business.

Chris and James came up with the idea of growing highly nutritional micro greens, the new shoots of vegetables, herbs and flowers which are then harvested very early when they are still bursting with goodness.

Truleaf Farm micro greens are grown in a large container at Stourwell Barn, Swalcliffe. using the heat produced by the onsite anaerobic digester.

Harvested when only around 11 days old, the mini micro greens are packed with nutrients up to 40 times the amount found in normal vegetables.

The shoots of mustard, radish, pea, sunflower and herbs such as coriander and sorrel may be tiny, but they are bursting with intense flavour, so munching on a couple of tiny pea shoots actually tastes like eating freshly-picked peas.

The plants are grown in natural organic conditions and even the packaging is totally plastic free made from, fully compostable corn starch so the environment impact is kept to a bare minimum.

“All the energy from the seeds goes into the tiny shoots which makes them highly nutritious and they taste fantastic,” says Chris, who has always been interested in natural organic food production and the importance of eating healthy food.

“James and I wanted to build a sustainable, ethical food business where we sold what we could readily produce. Our vision has expanded now to offer everyone the ability to grow their own micro greens.”

Truleaf is looking to provide Grow Your Own boxes, aimed at individuals at home or the office or larger versions housed in recycled shipping containers for larger scale production for businesses such as pubs, restaurants and even schools. Food production doesn't get any more local than that!

Meanwhile Chris supplies his fresh produce to a string of businesses including Daylesford Organic, The Straw Kitchen and closer to home, Sibford Stores and households in the Sibfords and surrounding villages



Continued....

“Despite Covid challenges we’re at an exciting point in our development, looking at innovative ways of bringing fresh, ecologically sustainable produce to customers in a variety of ways,” Chris adds.

We are offering a 20% discount off your first order, by calling 01295 40 41 40 or email tf@truleaf.co.uk



SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

Walking dates:

2 November; 16 November; 30 November; 14 December

We are walking from the village hall almost always in order not to share cars, usual 2 hour circuit, in groups of leader + 5, for which please book with Sue by email or phone. Apart from Malcolm and me there are other volunteers to lead, so if we get more than 10 I will ask another leader to take the next 5.

Should we put into lockdown again, it is probable that we will have to cancel.

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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NATURE NOTES

I must apologise for missing a couple of contributions in the last Nature Notes.

On 20th August Anita Spencer had a Speckled Wood butterfly fly into the house. It was quite a dark specimen compared to those illustrated in most field guides.

On 25th August Jan Warner sent me a photo of a Pale Tussock moth caterpillar. These striking caterpillars feed on the leaves of various trees and are sometimes seen in late summer looking for a suitable place to pupate.

More recently Sally and Ivor Hopkyns sent some photos of a Grass Snake that had been successfully rescued after getting caught up in some garden netting.

Although garden netting is essential to protect some crops it can be a hazard to frogs, toads and small mammals as well as snakes. To reduce the risk I have started using a heavier duty netting with a smaller square mesh that the animals are less likely to push their heads through. I think this is usually sold as pond netting but works fine for crop protection.

Several times recently we have only had a single bird on the bird table – see photos.

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

Andy and Gill Newbold



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HORTI SOCIETY

Timothy Walker is such an entertaining speaker that we expect great things from him when he comes to speak to us. October's talk on Garden Hunting in China did not disappoint, with its beautiful images and anecdotal and highly

subjective descriptions of his travels across China in search of its botanical gardens. All this, despite the fact that it was delivered via zoom and, thanks to the kindness and technical wizardry of Tim Huckvale and Keith Hicks, Timothy could also be seen by a handful of people at the village hall too.

Tom Duncan will be talking to us via webinar at 7.30 on November 11th on the subject of Re-imagining the Garden. Colour, Painting and Plants. As with last month's talk, it can also be viewed at the village hall thanks to the continued kindness of Tim and Keith. If you are unable to access the link and enjoy the talk from home, please either phone me on 01295 788751 or email me at diana_thompson@btinternet.com to reserve a seat at the hall. Look out for the link to the webinar which will be posted on the village website and is free for all to join.

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1. Trees. Acers are brilliant, and come in many lovely varieties; *parrotia persica*, *Euonymus alatus*, and *cercis canadensis* (otherwise known as Forest Pansy), all have wonderful mixtures of yellow, orange and red.
2. Shrubs. For great berries try *Skimmia japonica*, *pyracanthus*, holly and cotoneasters. Some shrub roses have shiny red hips too.
3. There is just time to plant out winter bedding - wallflowers, forget-me-nots, violas and *bellis perennis* are my favourites, and look great in pots together with tulips.
4. Jobs still to be done:- rake up leaves, and compost them. Put netting over your pond, prune leggy roses and shrubs that might suffer windrock in a gale. Hope not. If you had black spot on your roses be careful to remove all the fallen leaves, and don't put them in the compost, but burn 'em or bin' em.
5. Geraniums. If you have brought them into a sheltered place for the winter, you can shorten them, but keep them dry. They survive under the staging in the greenhouse, so don't need the prime place in the sunlight.
6. If you leave your dahlia tubers in the ground, they must have a covering of a thick mulch, compost, straw, woodchips, or anything else you have, to keep them frost free. If you dig them up, clean them, turn them upside down to dry out, then store them in boxes of dry compost in a frost-free place. (I put some old blankets over mine too, as the shed gets pretty cold.) *Agapanthus* needs mulching over too.
7. Hellebores will start showing little buds soon. Cut away some of the old leaves to let the light in, and rake up all the brown leaves lying under them. Slug alert.
8. Sort through the apples and pears you have stored away, and chuck out anything going mouldy. (Oh yes! Make some apple strudels with the doubtful ones) Birds will peck those if you leave some out when they are hungry.. Remember to top up your bird seeds and get some fat-balls for them when it gets freezing.
9. Alpines, particularly *auriculas*, can stand the cold, but not if they are wet. They do best in a cold frame.
10. How lucky we are to have gardens. The last six months have been tough for everyone, but the glorious sun, and bursting blossoms and bird song helped keep us all cheerful. Whatever the weather, keep getting outside, and looking for buds, and little snowdrops pushing through. Sow some sweet peas, it is so exciting when the first little green shoot pops through one morning! The next few months may be tougher, but go for walks, get outside, and you will feel better, I promise.

Jupe Hitching



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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1. Lock your door, even when at home. Most burglaries happen when residents are in and we are urged to be more vigilant as the evenings draw in, with thefts increasing during autumn and winter. Figures from the insurance firm Aviva apparently show burglaries increase by as much as 15 per cent in the autumn. It is simple to reduce this risk by locking your doors and windows well before bedtime.

2. Key fobs and Faraday bags. Keyless cars are driving a rise in vehicle thefts and motorists are advised to keep their fobs in Faraday bags to prevent thieves hijacking digital signals. (These are metal lined bags which essentially block such signals) These bags can also be used to protect other devices such as phones and laptops from cyber attacks. The insurance company, LV, has distributed about 18.000 of these bags to motorists for protection. When using your key fob make sure you press it twice to double lock the car, as a single action will not prevent the car door being opened through a smashed window. If applicable, keep your log-in details and passwords obscured and secret.

Peter Hine

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FUN CORNER

This is Buddy , I bought him as a surprise present for my husband but it turns out he's allergic to dogs . So unfortunately I'm going to have to find a new home for him , and I'm just wondering if anyone out there can help ? . His name is Alan, he's 61, great at DIY, drives a nice car and plans wonderful holidays.



From Bryony Franklin

What is the difference between ignorance and apathy? I don't know and I don't care.

A bank cashier got fired because a customer asked him to check her balance, so he pushed her over.

Two cannibals were eating a clown and one asked the other "does this taste funny to you?"

John Marshall

Donald is walking out of the White House when a possible assassin points a gun at him. A secret service agent, new on the job, shouts ' Mickey Mouse'. This startles the would be assassin and he is captured. Later, the agent's supervisor takes him aside and asks,"What in the hell made you shout Mickey Mouse?" Blushing, the agent replied,"I got nervous. I meant shout,'Donald,duck!'"

Peter Hine

What did the male centipede say when the female centipede walked past?

Nice pair of legs, pair of legs, pair of legs, pair of legs.....

What did Father Christmas' wife say when he asked what the weather was going to do this Christmas?

Rain dear....

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12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS EVENTS – 1-31 DECEMBER 2020

This year we are putting together a series of festive events to bring the community together and spread some Christmas cheer this December! Prepare yourself for Christmas Jumpers, Festive Challenges, a Virtual Balloon Race, Christmas Concert and not forgetting the annual RCB Tractor Run! Join us as we celebrate making every moment matter this Christmas. www.khh.org.uk/Christmas2020

SANTA FUN RUN – 13 DECEMBER 2020

This year our Santa Fun Run is going to have to look slightly different due to the current social distancing guidelines, but we are working hard to ensure we can host a fun, festive, event for everyone to get involved with. Head to www.khh.org.uk/santa20 to register your interest and keep up to date with this year's event.

LIGHTS OF LOVE – 15 DECEMBER 2020

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SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

What a turnout!

I'm so glad Tony was able to clear the front page of this month's magazine to celebrate what you see there - the wonderful work of nearly twenty members of our Sibford community who showed up on Saturday October 10th for the Great Millennium Field Clear-up Party!

If he had had another page to spare I would have asked for 3 or 4 more to go in, there was so much to admire, so much to take in - and such a beautiful Autumn day, as you can see.

They came with saws and shears, loppers, secateurs and trimmers and spread out across the field cutting, and snipping until the great mound of compost in the bottom dell had tripled in size! It was a wonderful effort!

Thank you, all of you who took part! We did Paul Hobson proud. When everyone had gone - or all but one - I sat on the seat that carries his name and took in the beauty of the legacy he left us all.

Hugh Pidgeon

LOCAL MARKETS

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

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



We have had a very successful first half-term back at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School. The children are really enjoying being back at school and, despite all the procedures and rules in place to try and keep everybody as safe as we can, it is a very happy place to be.

Children across the school have become deeply immersed in their topic work and we have learned all sorts of things. Did you know that herbivorous dinosaurs liked to eat from the monkey puzzle tree? Our youngest pupils do, along with all sorts of other interesting facts about

dinosaurs.

Although we don't have monkey puzzle trees in our beautiful school grounds, we have been taking every opportunity to get the children learning outside in the fresh air, particularly through outdoor P.E and Forest School lessons. They come back from these sessions all 'bright-eyed and bushy tailed' with pink cheeks and smiling faces and the feedback from the children is that these activities are high on their list of things they really love about our school.

They are also very positive about their classmates and their teachers. We took some time to ask the children what they particularly like about being at Sibford Gower. While many of them identified particular lessons such as maths, science, P.E. art and reading,

"The selection of books. I have read lots of them and enjoyed every second of them."

they also spoke about the community feeling here;

"What I think is great about the school is that everyone is considerate of you and your ideas."

"All the teachers because they help people learn new things and, even if you are in Year 6, the teachers will help you."

"This school is great because there is creativity in art and everyone is kind".

"I love how kind the teachers are when I'm having a bad day." (we all have them!)

"What I think is great about school is that I get to come in every day ★ and see my friends and all of the lovely teachers! ❤️★ with a smile on my face."

We have also had lots of positive feedback from our parents, commenting on the care their children receive here and how much they enjoy coming to school. As the headteacher here, I feel incredibly proud to be part of such a warm, supportive, hardworking community at this very special village school.

With kind regards,

Jane O'Sullivan, Headteacher

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

Upcoming 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 through a number of videos.

The following events are now bookable via the school website:

Year 7 entry

Tuesday 3 November
17.30

Sixth Form

Friday 5 November 2020.
18.00

Whole School

Friday 13 November 2020.
09.45

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 link will be emailed ahead of each event to all registered attendees.

Half marathon success for Head of Junior School and his son

A huge well done to the Head of Junior School, Edward Rossiter and his son Oliver on their recent half marathon challenge.

Edward said 'The conditions were terrible - cold, wet and windy - but I'm delighted to announce that both of us managed to beat our target time of two hours - Oliver by 54 seconds and me by just 20 seconds! In the process we raised over £1000 for Maggie's Centres - your contributions are very much appreciated as it is particularly important to us at the moment as they are supporting our colleague and teacher Nicola Key.'

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Thursdays

Flow Yoga 9 – 10am

A faster paced practice with almost continuous flow of movement and breath

Fridays

Chair Yoga 10 – 10.45am

A gentle form of yoga where poses are done seated and standing using a chair for support

New Term starts on Thursday September 3rd

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DID YOU KNOW?

Post Offices in the Sibfords -4 Gower Memories

Mabel and Eric Payne moved into their home, Cedarholme on the corner of Bonds End Lane after their marriage in 1946 and they decided to take over the running of the Gower Post Office from their home in the early 1960's. The post box was moved from the wall in The Old Post Office to a new site on the corner of Bonds End Lane. Mabel became Post Mistress and ran the post office until she handed over her duties to Eric in 1979. Mabel also gave piano music lessons to many village children. Joan Robinson and their daughter, Ruby, helped at times until Eric retired from farm work and gave up the post office in 1984. They suffered a devastating fire in 1996, spent 18 months living in Shepherds Close and returned to their rebuilt cottage in 1998. Mabel died later that year but Eric remained in their marital home until his death in 2008.

Ruby has many memories from the time her parents ran the post office. She remembers that many of the Spanish kitchen staff at Sibford School used the post office for money transfers to send money back to their Spanish home land. There was always a rush on a Thursday morning to get the pensions paid out in time for villagers to catch Jessie Tanner's bus to Banbury at 10.30am!

During the school summer holidays, when postman, Wilfred Alcock who delivered mail to both villages, wanted to take his holidays, Ruby would take on the deliveries for Burdrop and the Gower. Though young, she didn't have the stamina to walk the village and the farms with a heavy bag so Eric would take the mail to the outlying farms in his car. The post deliveries would take all day. Just imagine what it was like at Christmas or when it snowed. How times have changed with van deliveries to all the homes in the villages today.

The telephone number for the P.O. was Swalcliffe 16 when we took it on. Then it became 216 and many years later 780216 showing that the number of telephones was few and far between in the village in the 1960's. In the early days, when making a call you had to go through to the exchange in Swalcliffe. If you knew the operator well then you would probably have a little chat (and exchange the gossip) before the operator would dial the number you required. Many of the older residents in the Gower didn't like to use the newly installed modern telephone kiosk outside Wyatts Close on Main Street. This involved using coins and a Press Button A/B system so they would ask Mabel to make the call for them e.g the doctor. (Swalcliffe 13) or ask at the Post Office if they could use the phone themselves.



SIBFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Hopefully the talk which Tim Huckvale gave on 17th Sept on the Reverend Stevens's diaries has inspired many to read the daily excerpts on the Sibfords website.

Those seven diaries, and Tim's research into them, give a valuable insight into so much: into the life and character of the man, into Sibford towards the end of the 19th Century, and above all, over twenty-five years, there is hardly any Sibford family not mentioned, either in passing or more often in little, sometimes tragic, sometimes very funny anecdotes.

Edward, (Tim likes to call him Father Ted), born in 1832, started his career as a schoolteacher, was ordained in 1871, and after a time as Chaplain of New College, Oxford, for which he was paid £100 a year, was offered the job of Vicar at Sibford. He moved here with his wife Isabella and his family, and they lived in the Rectory by the pond. He led a full life, carrying out his duties strictly but with compassion and sometimes with humour.

There was a lovely excerpt read by John Woodvine, where Edward is trying to explain a right-angle to his little seven-year-old son Frank, later Frank Lascelles, the Pageant Master. The explanation seemed to have gone quite successfully, until Frank asked, "Dear P (short for Papa), so what is a wrong angle?"

Tim is grateful to John for his wonderful readings (especially his memorable impression of Mrs Poulton) and also to Oswyn Murray for his help with translating the Latin, which Edward resorted to whenever he had something very private - or scandalous - to record.

The combination of the detailed research and John's lively contributions really delighted the audience, and they are unanimous in wanting a second helping of this, once Tim has transcribed the final 200 pages!

All being well, and subject to no further restrictions, we will be welcoming back Martin Sirot-Smith, of Sulgrave Manor, who will be talking about 'Daily Life in Tudor Times.'. This will be on 19th November, in the Village Hall, starting at 8 pm, with doors opening at 7.45pm. Donations towards the fees welcome. Please contact: dianahughesonline@gmail.com, to be one of the 25 allowed in the hall; otherwise you can watch this on Zoom. Expect a very lively talk! No refreshments allowed unfortunately, but bring your own drinks.

Diana Hughes

THE VIRTUAL GREAT NORTH RUN

SUNDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER - SUNDAY, 18TH OCTOBER 2020.

IN SUPPORT OF MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION 5000 APPEAL.

ON SUNDAY, THE 13TH SEPTEMBER I RAN THE VIRTUAL GREAT NORTH RUN (the original date for the 40th Great North Run which would have been my 35th appearance) in support of MND. Instead of taking to the road between Newcastle upon Tyne to South Shields, together with my daughter Suzie Taylor I covered the HALF MARATHON DISTANCE over the hills and inclines of North Oxfordshire and South Warwickshire. Time 2H 27M 48S.

I will conclude my efforts with a 2nd HALF MARATHON on Sunday, the 18th October and currently I am undertaking the challenge of running a further 23 occasions covering distances ranging from 3 miles to 12 miles, the total commitment being 150 miles. The 2nd Half Marathon will take place in the Banbury area. During the course of the 2nd challenge , I will reach a further milestone as an "Elderly Gentleman" on the 14th October , my 77th birthday. Support to my efforts has been outstanding and a four figure has already been achieved for the Motor Neurone Disease Association 5000 Appeal.

On SUNDAY,THE 4TH OCTOBER I had the pleasure of accompanying my daughter over the last 10 miles 385 yards of the THE VIRTUAL LONDON MARATHON in a time of 1 hour 46 minutes, enjoying the encouragement of horns from passing cars and pedestrians as we passed through Adderbury, Bodicote, Banbury Town Centre, Cherwell Heights Bodicote and back to Adderbury



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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHATTER

Dear All

We are now able to announce the appointment of the next Rector of the Wykeham Benefice, the **Reverend Canon Neil Bowler**, currently a priest in Sheffield Diocese. We expect that he will be installed formally by the Bishop of Oxford at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th January 2021, which means that he will still be in his current group of parishes for Christmas. He was elected unanimously by the interview panel of parish representatives and Patrons. We are very fortunate that our interregnum will have been less than a year. Many thanks to all of you for your prayers that an appropriate priest would be moved to apply. I know that Neil felt strongly called by God to this Benefice

With every blessing.

John

The Reverend John Tattersall

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Neil's letter of introduction is on the next two pages.....

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHATTER

Dear friends,

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I write this short reflection to introduce myself to you, as your soon to be new Rector for the Wykeham benefice. My time visiting all of the parishes has left a significant impression upon me and I'm looking forward very much to moving to the new Rectory and living alongside you all and being your Rector in January.

Well, what can I say about myself? I suppose I should start at the beginning; I grew up in a close knit mining community in South Yorkshire and on leaving secondary school I went to study for my first degree, which was in Law, at Nottingham. I then moved to live in York for a year to take my Law society final examinations (solicitors' exams). My time in York was made even more enjoyable because my landlady worked at the chocolate factory and would bring copious amounts of chocolates back for the students who lived in her house.(It goes without saying that I'm known now for having a sweet tooth.)

After qualifying as a solicitor, I worked for almost 10 years as a senior legal adviser in the South Yorkshire Magistrates' Courts. Whilst working in the court service I was asked by my then vicar whether I had ever thought about becoming a youth leader (he knew of my extensive experience delivering training and advising in youth courts) and so I became a youth leader in the church for four years. It was whilst leading a residential trip for a group of young people that one of the teenagers asked me why I wasn't a vicar? He had no idea what he opened up, because he had planted the thought in my head and the more I reflected upon it and prayed about it, the clearer it became; I discerned a sense of being called to become a priest. I went to see my vicar and he simply said; "I've just been waiting for you to come and talk to me about it."

I went to train for the priesthood at the College of the Resurrection in Mirfield. During my two years there I also studied for a degree in Theology at Leeds University and went on placements in Leicester and Romania. i



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHATTER

My curacy was in Doncaster before I moved to be the Rector of Whiston, which is a large urban and rural parish in Rotherham. During my time at Whiston I was asked to be one of the Bishop's educational advisors on national advisory panels and was also the Area Dean for Rotherham at a time of significant change. I then was asked if I would become the Vicar of Ranmoor in Sheffield, a very large church. During my time in Sheffield I was appointed as the Bishop's advisor in spirituality and was asked if I would become an honorary Canon of Sheffield cathedral. Having had all these experiences in ministry I discerned that I felt a calling to experience ministry in a multi parish setting and so I became the assistant priest of the Silverwood mission partnership, made up of seven churches across a much more rural setting. Alongside this I also wanted to gain even more experience of the life and workings of a school and so I also became an advanced learning support worker in a local primary school. All of these experiences have brought me to this exciting moment in my life and ministry, preparing to be your Rector.

I'm someone you will very quickly find out who enjoys hearing laughter and being joyful. I also am someone who places a great deal of importance upon the pastoral care that I can bring as your Rector. Whilst also being someone who brings enthusiasm and energy, as well as a 'can do' sort of an attitude, all of this done in a prayerful and reflective way. I'm excited by the prospect of being the Rector for all the people who live, work and are educated in all of the parishes in the Benefice. Be prepared then to receive a regular visit from your Rector, to see your Rector visibly in all aspects of community life and to have someone as your Rector who will love you and care for you, who will be alongside you in times of sadness as well as share in times of joy.

If I'm not out and about around the parish, then I may well be digging in the vegetable patch at the Rectory, as I enjoy gardening, or maybe you'll find me with my sketchbook in hand as I enjoy painting and writing, or with a pair of binoculars going for a long walk as I'm also a member of the RSPB.

I do hope that what I've written gives to you just a little bit of a sense of who I am and how much I'm looking forward to being with you all in the New Year

Love & prayers, Revd Neil



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SOA Bridge Street	6.17	9.02			16.07
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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
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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	

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NS - Not Saturdays

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- 2nd - Ladies Coffee Club - Wykham Arms - 11am
11th - Horti talk: 'Re-imagining the garden' - Village Hall - 7.30pm
14th - Vaalai's Food Truck - Village Hall 530pm - 830pm
19th - 'Daily life in Tudor times' - SHS talk - Village Hall - 7.45pm
28th - Vaalai's Food Truck - Village Hall 530pm - 830pm
28th - 6th Dec - Christmas Pop-Up shop - Wykham Park Farm

NOVEMBER BIN COLLECTIONS

Green Tuesday: 10th; 24th
Blue/Brown Tuesday: 3rd; 17th

Unwanted clothing and shoes may be recycled anytime at the Textiles/
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Ferris: Elm crossroads and Sibford Gower: Wykham Arms car park.

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