

March 1998

Sibford Extra Scene

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or Muriel Chandler on 780025

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Nature Notes.

Jan 28th. I was saddened to find the feathers and a few remains of a tawny owl amongst the trees in our garden this morning. It was only then that I realised that we had not heard them hooting in the early mornings recently. Whether a fox or badger found it dead and ate it or whether it was taken by one of them or by a cat as it dropped onto its prey I don't know.

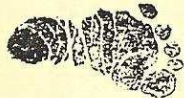
Feb 10th. For several winters we have had large numbers, often more than 50, of blackbirds, fieldfares, redwings and starlings feeding on the apples that we put out for them and because we have sometimes run short I picked even the tiny apples this year; but no more than 2 or 3 blackbirds or starlings have come to eat them. The result is that I am left with about 2 cwt of small apples. I suppose that we could still get some hard weather which would bring the blackbirds in but I think most of the redwings and fieldfares have left the district.

Feb 14th. Mild weather has brought things on apace. Early branches of hawthorn are already in leaf. As children we ate these early leaves calling them bread and cheese, I can't think why, because they are not exactly tasty. The last two glorious days have also brought some yellow brimstone and tortoiseshell butterflies out of hibernation. While we are enjoying this lovely weather with hardly any rain so far this month Scotland is getting a real soaking.

Feb 17th. We were very pleased to hear a tawny owl hooting early this morning so hopefully there is a pair in the valley again.

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Letter to the Editor.

I have been told (sadly not direct to me) that I have "ruffled some villagers feathers" by my monthly letters to the Sibford Scene, as Secretary of the Village Hall Committee. Constructive criticism we appreciate - you can learn from it - but direct to me please.

You may recall, my letter in the August/September '97 issue was from me as a villager only. Thankfully, however, it brought a few responses and one was from a comparative newcomer to the area, Mr Ian O'Hare, who has just agreed to take over the Chairmanship of the Sibford Village Hall Committee.

I have never intended to upset any villager, particularly those who have, or are, giving a lot of their time to village life - just to let people know we do need help from time to time, even if it is only verbal comments. We have had a lot of compliments about what the Committee are doing and it was minuted by the Committee that we would put any information in the "Scene".

If there is anyone who would like to take over as Secretary of the Village Hall Committee, I would be extremely grateful, as I have held this position for almost six years and would now love to join other organisations in the village.

Muriel Chandler (tel; 780025)

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Sydney 2000.

1997 saw four trips to Sydney, three months in total. With luck this was the most time-consuming year.

Dealing with the government means a huge amount of paperwork, much more than I had expected, everything, quite rightly, has to be thought out, surveyed, documented, approved, and then budgeted before anything happens. Reflect this across the whole Olympics and the size of the operation is really brought home - even a 2% error in budgeting represents a huge figure and seeing, for instance, the main stadium being built, the cost is frightening.

My first trip was January/February and I was lucky that Sue could come with me. Little did either of us realise how much work she would do - 5 weeks seems a long time until we are there when it becomes a very short period - but at least we did escape to Bondi and went sailing a couple of times!

Sydney is a fantastic city with everything revolving around the harbour. We discovered that the famous bridge was actually made in Middlesborough and then shipped out to be put together on site, some feat of engineering. The Australians certainly made us very welcome and it is surprising how many of them are in fact Pom's who have emigrated.

The site for the Equestrian competitions at firstst glance is fairly depressing. It is farm land that has been let go with tumble down sheds, broken fences, car dumps (which the Australians love), etc, and plenty of SNAKES! It is also very hilly and one of the problems is to reduce the overall effect that these undulations will have on the horses - at present the site is too demanding and so much planning goes into reducing this severity - the welfare of the horses must come first.

As course designer I have to plan, mark out, and design all the various phases for Cross Country day i.e. 14km of roads and tracks, plus the steeplechase and cross country courses. Also there needs to be a training track, an all weather gallop (for the horses when they are in quarantine), and a one-day event course, in addition to the site being able to stage International three day events for all levels post 2000. During this first visit we find the routes for the steeplechase and cross country phases and we managed to avoid meeting any snakes (more by luck than judgement considering that most of this work was undertaken in long grass and we could hear all sorts of rustling!). We must have knocked in over 500 posts to mark all the routes.

A one week trip in April was necessary to confirm that the Project Manager understood the routes for the steeplechase and cross country and appreciated the amount of work that would have to be done to make the ground suitable for an Olympic competition.

The June trip lasted for three weeks and Alan Willis (who is probably the most

experienced course builder in the world and is heading up the course building team) joined me. He came to see the site and to check out timber yards and suppliers whilst I was marking out the water fences and agreeing the necessary ground work and irrigation plans. It is essential that any course designer has a course builder with whom he has worked previously, particularly at a competition of this importance.

The site itself is very undulating and there is a need to take 4m off the top of a ridge (35,000 cubic metres of rock to move) which divides the park in addition to filling a couple of large gullies and building a bridge (with a 50m span) over the Sydney Water Canal. The steeplechase course will be a blend of cut and fill and there is also a degree of grading of ridge and furrow and installation of a variety of culverts and drains. At this time all the proposed routes have been mown and 35,000 trees have been planted. Another 40,000 are planned to go into the ground over the next 12 months - they are not called the 'Green Games' for nothing - and great care is being taken to minimise the impact on the local environment other than enhancement.

The November trip is five weeks. Work has started on the water fences and the ground preparation and half a dozen giant earthmoving machines, plus graders and bulldozers the size of houses are going in all directions. This is when it starts getting exciting and you hope that you have got it right; there is no turning back now! The building team prepare several ditches and do a lot of landscaping work; the temperature is well into the 100's and temporary shade is created by rigging tarpaulin sheets on posts - forget the F-Plan diet or whatever it is, come course building, it works even better! The Australians are very conscious of skin cancer nowadays and never work outside without a shirt and long sleeves, regardless of the temperature.

We were also able to see the bushfires from the park; thank goodness they were in the distance and did not reach the park itself even though they were very close. It is frightening to see how fast they spring into life and the speed at which they travel.

We head back in February to design the Test Event course. The Test Event takes place in September 1999 and is exactly what it sounds like, i.e. a competition to test all the systems such as communications, quarantine, security and transport, in addition to putting officials under the spotlight to find out who is any good and who is not so good and therefore needs promoting out of harms way! The Test Event will be at a lower level than Olympic standard but will nevertheless be an International competition and will give team officials from all over the world the opportunity to check out the facilities.

We build the Test Event course this autumn (their spring) and then, as soon as this has been used, we start on the Olympic courses, one for the Team competition, one for the Individual. Suddenly 2000 seems very close!

W. I. NEWS & INFORMATION

The February meeting could have presented problems, with the president absent, tending a sick husband; the vice president tending family, but in happier circumstances, and the secretary was recuperating on the other side of the Atlantic! But as resourceful as ever, into the breach stepped an ex-president and ex-secretary to steer us through a most enjoyable meeting, enhanced by the greatly admired new curtains!

Two members had attended an Embossed Parchment Work day-school, their resulting unique cards also receiving much admiration.

Our speaker needed no formal introduction. A woman of many parts, Muriel Chandler was given a warm welcome and spoke at length on her varied career. In a previous talk she had told us of her 20 years spent in the oil industry and this was followed in great contrast by four years owning and running a riding school of 30 horses, assisted by daughter Kate. Here summer time profits were offset by winter expenses and while still solvent all but five of the horses were sold and it was then that Muriel became housekeeper to an alcoholic woman, living in luxurious conditions in a delightful location. On the credit side of her job were a spacious flat, the ability to keep her horses on the premises and the availability of the family's nearby Holiday Home, a charmingly converted Mill which provided a de luxe venue for Kate's wedding reception! On the debit side was the responsibility of caring for a 'patient' with a craving for vodka, going to devious lengths to procure supplies without husband's knowledge. Her reputation was such that she was barred from a certain London hotel and was virtually friendless. Two teenage sons were wisely ensconced in boarding school, returning home only for the summer recess, spending time out on the farms with the employees.

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From time to time involuntary visits were made to a 'drying-out' Home, where husband forbade visitors to his wife, but on one occasion Muriel disregarded his command. No one had ever visited her there before and certainly no one had ever taken her flowers before - complimentary medicine indeed !

Our thanks to Muriel were expressed - with flowers!

We were reminded that our next meeting, on March 10th., is the most important meeting of the year, the A.G.M. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall and the competition is for a home grown pot plant,

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A Farmer Writes

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With farm gate incomes falling and the E.U. discussing reductions in support for most sectors of the industry the out look is bleak. The outcome predicted is the end of small family farms as they are swallowed up by their larger neighbours who can make the economies of scale to remain in profit. This, you may say, is nothing more than market forces sorting out the weakest links but the outcome will be less small fields, probably less grassland as the large arable enterprises take over and from a non-farming view point, less of the pleasant walks we now enjoy around the local farms. The public can help by asking for British produce.

Beacons will light way for farm protest

**By David Brown
Agriculture Editor**

BEACONS and bonfires are to be lit on farms in support of the pro-hunting and countryside rally to be held in London on March 1.

More than 100,000 people are expected to attend the rally, organised by the Countryside Alliance, in protest at the political threats to hunting and rural communities.

The fires will be lit the night before to show solidarity with the marchers.

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As part of the build up to this rally the Countryside Alliance, who are organising the event, have asked that farmers and landowners should light beacons and bonfires on the evening of February 26th. A bonfire will be lit opposite The Brambles in Woodway Road on the evening of the 26th so please don't ring for a fire engine!

LETTER to ALL DOG OWNERS

Walkers who regularly use the footpath between the Ferris and the Gower will have seen the notices on each end of Oddie's Bank, requesting dogs to be kept on leads at all times and we feel an explanation is due.

It was with real regret that we put up these signs, but we felt forced to do so by two separate incidents, within twenty-four hours, of a horse and the pygmy goats being harassed by dogs, out of their owners' control.

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Sibford Gower Parish Council

Diversion Footpath 23 (part)

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Litterblitz

This year the National Spring Clean Campaign runs from 1st to 30th April. Sibford Gower Parish Council will be supporting this campaign by tidying up our village and plan to meet on Saturday 4th April at 2.00pm at the Village Hall. Sacks and gloves will be provided, so please come along and help to litter pick and spring clean the village verges and public areas.

The precept for 1998/99 has been set at £1500.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 26th March at 8.00 pm. The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th April at 7.30 pm.

Both meetings are held in Sibford Gower Primary School.

Petra Berry, Clerk (780462)

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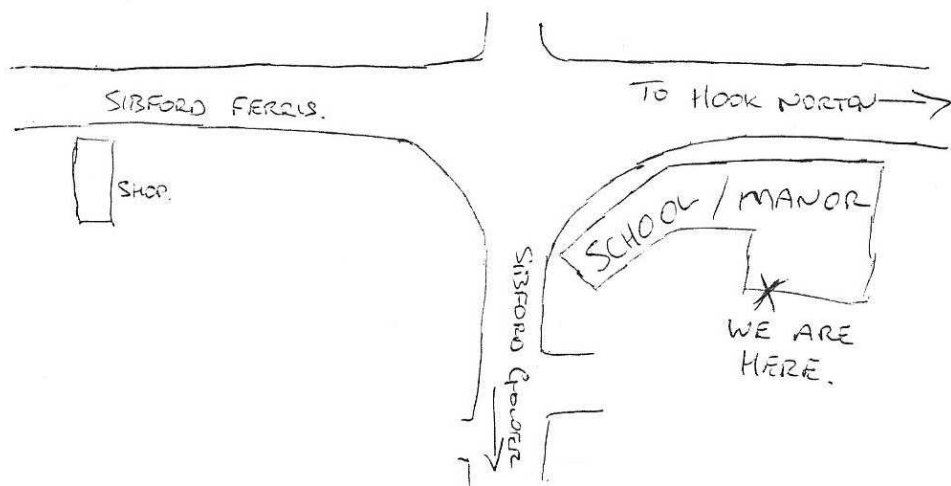
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The group is invaluable to the children who socialize through play (Lifetime friendships can start from a very early age!) and of course it is an excellent way for the adults to chat and make friends too!

Sessions are 50p (excluding your first visit which is free). For more information, please contact Julia. Tel: 01295 780158.

Finally, Thank you to Pam Ascott who used to run Sibford Mums and Tots. You will be greatly missed!

Sibford Playgroup News
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End of March (date to be confirmed) - St John's Ambulance
First Aid demonstration.

OFSTED Inspection

Last December, we had our OFSTED Inspection. 'The purpose of the inspection is to identify strengths and weaknesses so that providers can improve the quality of educational provision and help children to achieve Desirable Outcomes for children's learning on entering compulsory education (i.e. by the age of five)...

Specifically to us, the report states 'The Playgroup's teaching methods focus on 'Learning through Play' and the philosophy is to provide a happy, caring, social and learning environment for the children.'

The main findings of the inspection are that 'Sibford Playgroup offers a very good standard of pre-school education' and 'Teaching is effectively organised to develop children's knowledge, understanding and skills with a good balance of teacher-directed and child-initiated activities. A record of attainment and progress for each child is kept for each of the six areas of learning'.....'Sibford Playgroup is an asset to its local community'.

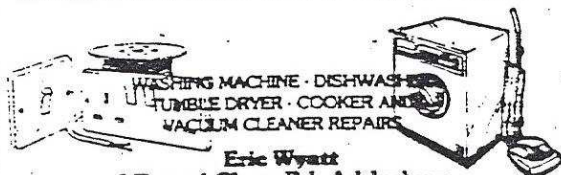
Obviously there is not enough room to print the full report of our OFSTED Inspection but copies are available on request from Pam Ascott, Chairperson of the Committee.

Finally, if you are seeking pre-school education for your child we can offer an excellent one! We offer places to children from age 2 ½ years (attended) right up to starting school age. We definitely cater for 4 year olds and accept nursery vouchers!!

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Michelle Knapman.
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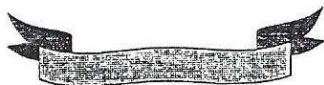
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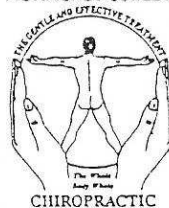
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Letter from Sibford Village Hall Committee

Our Committee Meeting on the 18th February was taken by our new Chairman Mr Ian O'Hare, who lives in Mannings Close, and is also Chairman of Banbury Round Table. Lively discussions took place and we are altering the price structure for hiring the Hall, reducing both Saturday hire charges and certain deposits. These will be given in the next issue of the Sibford Scene.

We have received so many compliments on the Hall's successful Theatre evening, which was staged to a full house, that this will certainly be repeated. Our thanks go to Cherwell District Council, who subsidize these events - they received £162.75, 50% of the ticket sales. £192.25 was raised for Hall funds, which included contributions towards the supper, less the only advert placed of £3.20.

Our thanks also go to all those who so generously helped prior to and during the evening.

The council will be subsidizing other productions, including "Don Quixote". Details will be published in the 'Sibford Scene' as soon as available.

The talent, enthusiasm and hard work of the OTTC team made the evening special, and was much appreciated by all from ages 12 to 80. The team didn't leave until well after 11pm and were off to a Buckinghamshire venue the next night.

Our thoughts now go to our Annual Fete - **Saturday 27th June 1998**. Any ideas prior to the event, and help on the day, would be gratefully received to help make this a successful day. We are hoping there will be many activities for the young, and an enjoyable day out for all. We are organising a Grand Raffle, with tickets selling prior to the event, and hope to provide some good prizes - any contributions would again be welcome.

DON'T FORGET the car boot sales at the Village Hall, first **Sunday** of every month, **1 - 4 pm**. Tables £5. Details from 01295 251339. Next one **Sunday 1st March**. Any items for the Hall's own table gladly received.

Not the Young Scene Extra

In the absence of a young setter the Editor has done his best.

1. Which common chemical compound is represented by these letters?

H I J K L M N O

2. A frog is at the bottom of a 30 metre well. Each hour he climbs three metres and slips back 2 metres. How many hours does it take him to get out?

3. A farmer was asked how many animals he had. He replied, 'they're all horses but two, all sheep but two, and all pigs but two'. How many animals did the farmer have?

4. When Howard is twice as old as he is now, he will be three times as old as he was three years ago. How old is Howard?

5. Algernon is older than Basil but younger than Cyril, who is older than Dinsdale, who is older than Algernon.

Who is the oldest and who is the youngest?

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We extend an invitation to all interested villagers to come along to the second part of the evening when we shall hear about the background and work done by the Town Estate Charity which provides much valued support to the Primary School and other groups within Sibford Gower

and Burdrop. Peter Baadsgaard, the current Clerk to the Trustees, has kindly agreed to elaborate on this invaluable village asset. We look forward to hearing his presentation at 8.15 pm.

On 23 April John Cheyney has kindly agreed to speak to us about his family company - Cheyney and Sons, Printers of Banbury. He is an entertaining speaker and has called his talk 'The Firm - the first 100 years, 1767 to 1860.

Future plans include village walks, summer outings, research for the Sibford Millennium pageant and further speakers - details at the AGM.

We hope to see you there

Scouts

1st the Sibford Scout Group

People often say to me "How are Scouts going in Sibford?". Before I reply, I ask myself whether they mean numbers or enthusiasm.

The lowest number in the last 17 years was when the Group was reformed in 1981 with

Erica Wimbush as Assistant Cub Scout Leader and just 9 Cubs. The highest membership was in our 60th anniversary year in 1991 when there were 10 Leaders and 59 boys. 3 members of the original 1931 Troop attended our celebrations at the Friends School in the November. Currently total membership is 55.

When it comes to enthusiasm, Sibford Scouts (used collectively for Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts as well as Scouts) has never been stronger, with badge work and activities as varied as ever. A night hike and cooking competition have been recent highlights for the older boys. Current ages in the sections are very young - only 2 Scouts over 12, 80% of Cubs under 10 and all the Beavers 7 or less. Hopefully this imbalance will right itself over the next couple of years.

The monthly newspaper collection is still a major source of revenue and we are grateful to the villagers for their continued support, and parents and Leaders who take the newspapers to the skip.

Sibford Horticultural Society

March 11th 8.00pm Village Hall

After our winter break we now start our meetings for the next year. Unfortunately our speaker for March has had to cancel - but we are lucky to have Alan and May Jarvis - who will show us slides and talk about mountains and their flowers.

It would be so nice to see an increase of people at our meetings - so we look forward to seeing you all then.

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CAR BOOT SALE - VILLAGE HALL - Sunday 1 MARCH

1.00pm - 4.00pm; £5 per table; phone 251339

Refreshments available; In aid of Village Hall funds.

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*Deadline for contributions to
April / May Sibford Scene
Tuesday 17th March*

Friendship Club

At our meeting in February we discussed our plans for the immediate future and they are as follows;

Tuesday 3rd March We meet in the Village Hall at 2 pm when a representative will be coming from 'Guide Dogs For The Blind' to tell us about their work. There will also be a 'bring and buy' stall.

Saturday 21st March We are holding a 'Coffee Morning' in the Village Hall at 10 am to 12 noon where there will be various stalls.

Tuesday 7th April we shall be having an 'Easter Tea' in the Village Hall at 2 pm.

* * SIBFORD L. E. O. CLUB NEWS * * (Ladies Evening Out Club)

Members are reminded that the Annual Dinner will be held on Tuesday 24 March at The Gate Hangs High at 7.30pm. If any member is UNABLE TO COME ALONG on 24 March PLEASE LET ME or Maureen Warden (788252) KNOW. The menu will follow soon.

Vivienne (810918)

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THE MILLENNIUM PANELS

DATES of WORKSHOPS at SIBFORD GOWER ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL:

SUNDAYS at 2.30pm: March 1, 8 (Village Hall), 15, 22, 29.

EVENINGS at 7.00pm: March Thur 5, Mon 9, Tue 17, Wed 25.

Mollie Mulley 780629.

SIBFORD MILLENNIUM PAGEANT

A date for your diary

On Sunday 8 March all villagers are invited to join the Pageant's chairman David Ryall and the committee from 3.30 - 5.00 pm at the Village Hall.

The objectives of the meeting:

- ♦ David Ryall will give an update on the present position of the pageant preparations for June 2000.
- ♦ Deborah Ryan - a research worker on pageants - will give a brief talk on Frank Lascelles, the eminent Pageant Master who lived all his life in the Gower and is the inspiration for the proposed pageant.
- ♦ Your ideas will be welcomed and discussed.
- ♦ There will be various displays including, most importantly, examples of the Millennium panels being produced by villagers under the guidance of Mollie Mulley.
- ♦ There will be a cake stall, organised by Mollie, to raise funds for the panels.
- ♦ Light refreshments will be available.

Everyone is welcome. You will not necessarily be expected to take part in, or assist with, the pageant - just come and find out more about it and, if you have any ideas, the committee would like to hear them.

It is hoped that those who have already volunteered their services will be able to come along to keep abreast of developments, and renew their commitment.

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The Lent discussion groups will be held in March and April throughout the Benefice and will this year be based on the course "Hope in a time of change". Regular meetings will be held as follows: **Tuesday mornings** at Salethornes, Tadmarton, **Tuesday evenings** at Harters, Swalcliffe, **Wednesday afternoons** at Kinchin Smiths, Epwell, **Thursday mornings** at Lewis's Broughton, **Thursday evenings** at Friths, Burdrop.

Lent Austerity Lunches with proceeds to charity will be held from 12.00 noon as follows: **2nd March** at Gage Barn Farm, Epwell; **9th March** at Grange Farm, Swalcliffe; **16th March** at the Manor, Tadmarton; **23rd March** at The Red House, Burdrop; **30th March** at St Mary's House, Broughton; **6th April** at The Village Hall, Shutford.

There will be a Good Friday service on 10th April in Broughton church at 7.30 pm. The theme of this service will be **The Crucifixion** by Sir John Stainer which will be sung by the combined Benefice choirs of Sibford and Broughton.

There is at the back of the church a signature sheet issued by all the Christian churches and all people in the villages are invited to sign. The sheet is headed "We, the undersigned, believe that the start of the new millennium should be a time to give hope to the impoverished people of the world. To make a fresh start, we believe it right to put behind us the mistakes made by both lenders and borrowers, and to cancel the backlog of unpayable debts of the most impoverished nations. We call upon the lending nations to write off these debts by the year 2000. We ask them to take effective steps to prevent such high levels of debt building up again. We look to a new beginning to celebrate the millennium." The church is always open during daylight hours so please go in and sign as soon as possible.

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(Brailles)

Baptist (Hook Norton)

Sunday at 10.30 am

Sunday at 11.00 am

Sunday at 9.00 am

Sunday at 11.30 am

Sunday at 10.30 am

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower

- 1 Mar 10.00am 'Young at Heart' Benefice Eucharist, Epwell
6 " 7.30am Holy Communion (FRIDAY)
8 " 9.30am Holy Communion
13 " 7.30am Holy Communion (FRIDAY)
15 " 9.30pm Holy Communion
20 " 7.30am Holy Communion (FRIDAY)
22 " 9.30am Family Service (MOTHERING SUNDAY)
27 " 7.30am Holy Communion (FRIDAY)
29 " 9.30pm Holy Communion
3 Apr 7.30am Holy Communion (FRIDAY)
5 " 10.00am Benefice Eucharist, Swalcliffe (PALM SUNDAY)

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Welcome to Sibford.

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SIBFORD BUS SERVICES

1. SIBFORD GOWER TOWN ESTATES BUS SERVICE

Free Bus Service for Residents of Sibford Gower and Burdrop

			Depart	Return
Friday	6 & 20 Mar	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Wednesday	11 & 25 Mar	to Chippy	11.00am	1.00pm

The pick-up points are:		<u>Banbury Bus</u>	<u>Chippy Bus</u>
		Village Hall	Village Hall
		Crossroads	High Meadow
		High Meadow	Crossroads
			The Colony

2. MIDLAND RED. 480 Shipston - Sibford - Banbury

Mon - Sat (M-S).

Not Sat (NS).

Sat only (SO).

	M-S	NS	SO	M-S
Shipston	-	-	9.20am	-
Sibford Gower Crossroads	7.30am	9.00am	9.45	11.45am
Sibford Ferris School	7.33	9.03	9.48	(11.42)
Banbury Bus Station	8.00am	9.30am	10.15am	12.15pm

	M-S	SO	NS	M-S	M-S
Banbury Bus Station	11.15am	12.15pm	12.15pm	2.15pm	6.00pm
Sibford Ferris School	11.42	12.42	12.42	2.42	6.27
Sibford Gower Crossroads	11.45am	12.45	12.45pm	2.45pm	6.30pm
Shipston	-	1.10pm	-	-	-

3. CHERWELL VILLAGER. 55 Sibford - Banbury

	Outward	Return (read up)
Wednesday only		
Sibford Gower	9.55am	1.15pm
Sibford Ferris	9.57	1.20
Banbury	10.50am	1.00pm

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Calendar of Events

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Mon 2nd Cricket Club AGM. Bishop Blaize 8pm.
Tue 3rd Friendship Club. Guide Dogs Talk 2pm V. Hall p19
Wed 4th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.45-4.20)
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Sat 7th Scouts Paper Collection p17
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Wed 11th Horti. Society Meeting. 8.00 pm Village Hall p18
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Primary School 7.30pm. p17
Sat 21st Friendship Club Coffee Morning. 10 - 12 Village Hall p19
Sat 21st Skip in Barley Close / Re-Cycling Units in Acre Ditch
Mon 23rd Austerity Lunch. The Red House, Burdrop. p21
Tue 24th LEO Club Dinner p19
Thur 26th Gower Parish Council Meeting 8pm Primary School. p10

April, part

- Sat 4th Scouts Paper Collection
Sat 4th Litterblitz Village Hall 2pm. p10
Sun 5th Easter Egg Hunt Bloxham p14
Tue 7th Friendship Club Easter Tea. Village Hall 2pm. p19