

August and September 2000

No. 226

Sibford Horticultural Society Annual Flower Show

Saturday 19th August 2.30pm.

Get your entries in and have a go!

See page 14

'Sex and Chocolate'

An evening of Comedy at the Village Hall Wednesday 27th September 7.30pm See page 8

Nature Notes

June 29th. Today I was shown an adult dabchick which had been killed by a cat which is unusual as dabchicks are as reluctant to leave the water as cats are to enter it. This cat however has been known to swim so I presume that the dabchick came so close to the bank that the cat thought it was worth a dive to get it. Being the first one I have ever had in hand I was very interested to see its legs which were shaped to cut through the water easily with the same cross section and about the same size as an ice lolly stick. The feet were not webbed but had a membrane down each side of the toes, very like, but stronger than that on a bats wing, which would shut against the toe to allow easy forward movement of the foot but open with the backward movement to give thrust.

July 7th. A while ago I was told that mink had been seen crossing the road by the brook on the Sibford Ferris to Hook Noton road and soon afterwards that all the bird life had disappeared from the pond close by. Now the birds are gradually coming back again so I expect that the marauding mink have moved on. What a curse introduced species can prove to be.

July 14th. I have only managed to find one chimney sweeper moth in the field in Sibford Ferris where there were so many a few years ago. Over recent years hungry badgers have dug up nearly all of the pig nuts that grew on the bank there which were the favourite food plant of the chimney sweepers' caterpillars. I could only see one surviving plant which does not bode well for their recovery.

June 15th. The young blue tits flew today from the third storey of a block of flats that I made for the tits from an old pump. There has never been more than one of the four flats occupied at any one time so perhaps they don't even tolerate other kinds of tits nesting close by. I think the youngster that I saw sitting on the lawn will be lucky to survive all the hazards of its young life.

July 16th We have not seen any flycatchers in our garden this year but I have heard of one nest in Sibford Ferris and one being seen in the Gower which probably means a nest, as they stay very much in their chosen area during the breeding season.

July 18th I have always thought of plant associations in terms of those plants like toothwort, yellow rattle and the broomrapes that draw their nourishment from the roots of other plants or grasses but research being done in Yorkshire suggests that ninety percent of plants may have association with threads of fungus in the soil to their mutual benefit.

July 19th A fortnight ago I photographed the first bee orchid I have ever seen inside our parish boundaries but a friend tells me that he counted 400 flower spikes on one site in Warwickshire. It is apparently a good year for them.

FREE ELECTRIC BLANKET CHECK

Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council are offering Free Safety Checks in Banbury on September 14th

To book and appointment telephone 01865 815400

The Stag's Head, Swalcliffe

Tel: 01295 780232

Our Butcher's the best

Our Baker's not bad either

And we're working on the candlestickmaker!

UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP



Proprietors: Julia and lan Kingsford
fabulous food

Superb Real Ale and wines
AL FRESCO DINING IN OUR NEWLY LANDSCAPED GARDEN
TRADITIONAL SUNDAY ROAST LUNCH
PIQUANT DISHES A SPECIALITY

WE CURRENTLY HAVE VACANCIES FOR WAITING, KITCHEN AND BAR STAFF FOR THE SUMMER/ ALL YEAR ROUND. — PLEASE PHONE FOR DETAILS.

COMPTON LANE NURSERIES

Little Compton, Nr Moreton-in-Marsh Tel:- 01608 674 578

We offer an exciting and diverse range of alpines and herbaceous perennials, many of which are not widely available. A sales area surrounded by planted borders offers interest and ideas all year round. The alpine garden allows visitors to see some real gems growing in the open and under glass and houses the Joe Elliot collection.

Open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm February to October

No Moody Cows here please!

Like many Sibfordians I am shocked by the proposed renaming of the Wykham Arms. I feel it is an insult to all villagers and specially to women. If women did become moody in the past it could well have been because in bygone days many husbands, on payday, spent half their week's wages or more in the pub, thus seriously depleting that which she needed for food for the family.

Now however if the term 'moody cow' is used simply as an unpleasant insult it is just as bad.

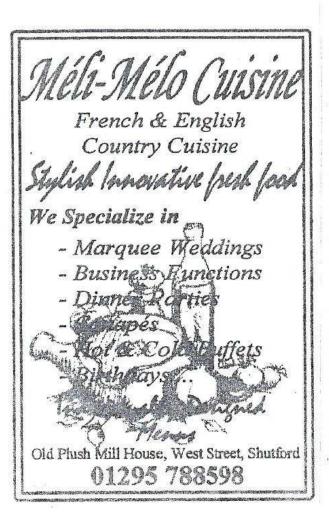
I wonder how men would react if the proposed name were, 'The self-ish s.d,' or 'The boozy b....r'!

I hope even at this late stage you will consider changing the proposed name to one more acceptable to all of us.

If however you are set on honouring our four footed friend who gives us milk, cream, butter and cheeses of great variety, why not substitute 'contented' for the offensive adjective 'moody.

yours sincerely, John E.





THE WYKHAM ARMS

As everyone is aware, The Wykham Arms has recently undergone major changes, and that isn't referring to the name. James and Sarah Lloyd own The Moody Cow which is both a Limited Company and a Registered Trade Mark and have bought The Wykham Arms. They have made a huge investment in turning the run down, uncared for village local into a public house most villages would envy. Careful restoration, exposing original features and enhancing the newer ones has transformed The Wykham Arms to give the feeling of space combined with warmth and quality.

Karl Smith and Pippa Baston are running the business and are being supported by James and Sarah who also have The Moody Cow in Upton Bishop, near Ross-on-Wye in Herefordshire. Established in 1993 their philosophy is straight forward: Simple, fresh homemade food, presented well, in comfortable surroundings, served by obliging people at a sensible price. Everything is homemade, freshly prepared and cooked to order, from the soup at the beginning to the ice cream at the end. This combined with a selection of real ales, beers and wines has been the recipe for success and is now to be duplicated here.

As for the name...... well, "The Moody Cow" will appear on signage in conjunction with 'The Wykham Arms" to make the visitors to Sibford Gower aware of who owns and runs this now charming village pub/restaurant.

The Moody Cow at The Wykham Arms will be open to the public from Thursday 3rd August.

Reflexology Remedial Massage

Elizabeth Webber

MAR.LCSP (Assoc).

Godswell Natural Therapy Centre Bloxham, Banbury Tel: 01295 - 788101

RED HORSE FUELS

(R. C. Hoggins)
Windmill Farm, Oxhill, Warwickshire
Telephone: 01926 642832

Solid Fuels and Logs
Heating Oils
Bottled Gas and Paraffin
Peat, Compost, Growbags, Soil,
Sand, Gravel, Cement
Garden Fencing
Lawn Mowing/Garden Tidying

Phone for more details

The Milleni Yum-yum!

How wonderful it is to live in a village whose inhabitants can be inspired to use their various talents in such a generously willing way as to produce the marvellous pageant that we've just enjoyed. One in which not only the people, children and grown-ups but also the horses, sheep, birds (and of course, the insects!), played their parts so magnificently. I was particularly intrigued to see the head of the Friends school undergo a temporary sex change to become George Fox! Copies of the programme, which is also an historical record of the Sibfords are, I believe, still available.

The exhibition of over 100 paintings, drawings and embroideries by village artists, whose ages ranged from 11 to 94, which were on display at the same time in the Manor house, excited great interest and not a little amazement at the range of talent demonstrated by them. How good it was to find that a photographic record of these lovely panels, accompanied by carefully researched texts giving historical and geographical details, had been produced in book form in time to be on sale during and after the pageant. It is an amazing piece of work, a beautifully executed and carefully researched historical and pictorial record of this stupendous village achievement. I believe copies are still available - do get some for those relatives and friends who were unable to enjoy the pageant, I believe the panels are still on display.

The whole Sibford community is greatly indebted to David'Ryall, who wrote the pageant and to the magnificent team of actors: men, women and children who performed in it or helped with the many other tasks.

Also to Mollie Picken whose inspiration and enthusiasm got her team of embroiderers to produce such superb work: and lastly to Andrew, Martin and Julia Gordon, also Nigel Fletcher, for producing the lovely book of the panels.

John Endersby

Friendship Club

We had a most enjoyable day at Longleat Safari Park in spite of the weather. We were able to have a good look round the house which was well worth visiting.

We would like to thank Mrs Jones for her invitation to her Garden Party, good food, good weather, good music and a lovely garden. A very pleasant afternoon. Thank you from one and all.

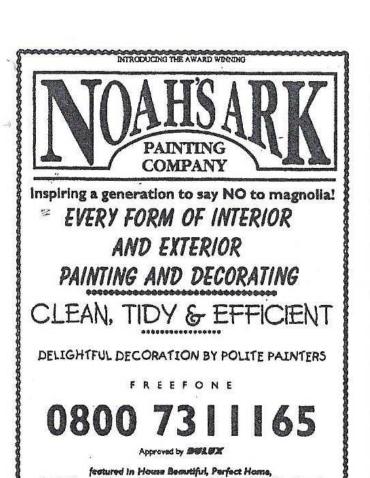
Diary Dates for August and September

Tuesday 1st Aug. We have an invitation from Mrs Puddle to afternoon tea 2 - 4 pm.

Tuesday 29th Aug. Coach trip to see the 'Dressed Wells' in Derbyshire. Further details from Mrs Boughton 263460

Tuesday 5th Sept. Meeting in the Village Hall at 2pm. Programme for the afternoon to be announced

On **Tuesday 3rd Oct** we hope to arrange a Skittles Match at Bishops Itchington. Further details later.



S. WEBBER BUILDING

& JOINERY

Est.1976
Specialising in :Loft conversions
House renovations
Extensions
Staircases
Windows & Doors
Conservatories
From design to completion
TEL: 01295 788 112
MOBILE: 0467771380

E-MAIL: SW1BUILD@AOL.COM

Letter from Sibford Village Hall Committee

The July Collectables and Car Boot sale made £77 for Hall funds and again our thanks to villagers who donated items for sale, particularly to Miss Le Mare who had a garage sale and donated the proceeds to hall funds. Next sale dates are; Sundays 6th Aug. 3rd Sept. and 1st Oct. 1 to 3pm Refreshments available. Bookings on 01295 251339

We are again, in conjunction with Cherwell District Council, staging three Theatre Evenings and the Heart of England Jazz Band will be back again. Dates as follows;

Wednesday 27th Sept. 7.30pm. 'Sex and Chocolate' for adults only with particular interest for women! A bitter sweet comedy about life, love and dairy milk. Performed by Capital award winner, Fiona Knowles, written by the award winning playwright Rona Munro. Tickets £5 and £3 including a glass of wine. Posters with the details will be displayed in September. Tickets from the Village Shop or ring 780025 Please support the Puppet Show on Saturday 28th October at 3pm. 'The Mousehole Cat'. For any age from 4 to very grown up, based on the award winning book, set in a stage of sea, sky and the little Cornish village. As we are allowed only 3 productions with Cherwell D.C. help, we are funding this ourselves. Tickets £2 for children aged 4 and over and £4 for adults.

On Saturday 2nd December at 7pm we welcome back the 'Heart of England Jazz Band'. Tickets £5 and £3 including a glass of wine and nibbles.

On Wednesday 3rd January 2001 at 7pm we have booked 'A Komedy of Errors' a show for families by Circus Berzercus packed with comedy, dazzling juggling, circus skills, unicycling and daftness, with two brilliant performers Ben Cornish and Steve Eldridge. Tickets £6 Adult, £4 Concessions £3 Children and possible a family ticket. Wine and Soft Drinks included. All details nearer the dates. These have been carefully chosen and we do look forward to your support.

There will be no public auction in the Village Hall in August. The next one is on **Saturday 16th Sept.** Viewing 12 noon. Sale at 2.30pm. Details on 01608 662587. Refresments available.



SPONSORED RIDE OR STRIDE SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2000

BICYCLE OR WALK AROUND OXFORDSHIRE
TO RAISE MONEY FOR
YOUR CHURCH

and for the OXFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST



Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust

Ride or Stride is our new 'catch phrase' as we are keen to encourage more people to walk. We would also like to highlight the role of those who welcome visitors, and invite them to be sponsored, so those churches, chapels and meeting houses which do not have any StRiders can also have the opportunity to raise funds for themselves and for the Trust.

These welcomers are very important to the success of the ride and it

would be good if they could be part of the fund raising effort too.

So oil your chains, polish up your walking boots or get your page.

So oil your chains, polish up your walking boots or get your pens poised and welcoming smile ready for Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust's Ride or Stride on Saturday 9th September.

Sponsorship forms are available from Petra Berry (780462) or Arnold Lamb (780357)

Some of the Tuesday Night Bike Riders will be taking part so if you would like to help the cause that helped your Church roof, but would like someone to go along with, contact Adrian Lamb (780380) or Joanna Gilkes (788190).



1st The Sibfords Scout Group

are looking for an ASSISTANT SCOUT LEADER

to take over the great work done by David Soden.

We meet on Friday evenings at the Sibford Gower Village Hall.

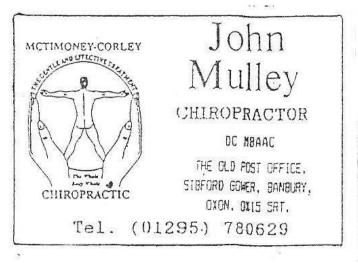
If you might be interested, Keith Hicks (01295 780259) or Martin Layer (01295 788139) would like to talk to you about what's involved. Why not give one of them a call?

Sibford Tots and Babes

In June we said goodbye to Secretary Christine Bell and her daughter Katy, as Katy has gone on to Playgroup. Many thanks go to Chris for her effective and thoughtful leadership of the group for the past eighteen months, numbers grew considerably in that time and Christine's efforts made sure things were organised but lively!

Joanne Lovegrove (788433) has kindly agreed to take over as Secretary from September 2000.

Autumn Term Details - our first session will be on Wednesday 6th September 2000 10.30 to 12.00 at the Friends Meeting House in the Gower, near the Wykham Arms (a sign is put out at the gate to guide you) Informal get togethers over the summer - phone Sam Lucas 788004 or Anita Spencer 788557



Bed & Breakfast AGDON FARM Nr Brailes Comfortable rooms in old stone farmhouse Tel: Maggie Cripps 01608 685226

SIBFORD ON THE WEB

The Sibford web site is principally devoted to the Pageant. The site is now rarely visited and needs to be re-positioned. However, our web host is leaving the village and, as far as I know, there are no plans in place for the makeover the site needs.

I believe there is scope for a much more active Sibford web site. It could include, for example, a directory of local services, a calendar of events, a marketplace for household effects, a lost and found page, current planning issues etc. There could also be a forum providing an opportunity for discussion of village topics, eg pub names, or an outlet where 'Disgusted, Burdrop'could have his say.

There could be international interest in the site from Sibford exresidents, friends, relations, contract workers etc around the world. The network could be precisely targeted by means of village airmail stickers issued by the village post office.

What we need is an enthusiast who knows the technology of site building and someone who has the time to host the site. I would be happy to discuss ideas with anyone who feels they can help take these suggestions forward.

Andrew Gordon palgordon@compuserve.com

STUART and JOYCE

welcome you at

THE GATE HANGS HIGH

Hook Norton

Traditional Ales in our friendly pub
with excellent food available in the
extended restaurant

Evening Bookings Advisable
Telephone 01608 - 737387

BAR MEALS ALSO AVAILABLE
Open Seven Days per Week.

Bar only on Sunday evenings.

The Gate Hangs High & Hinders None, Refresh & Pay and Travel On.'

DAVID RANDALL

1 CROSS COTTAGE, SIBFORD GOWER, BANBURY, OXON. OX155RP

FENCING

ALL TYPES OF FENCING, GATES AND GARDEN WOODWORK SUPPLIED, ERECTED AND REPAIRED.

HEDGE CUTTING

ALL TYPES AND SIZES OF HEDGE CUT, WHETHER IT'S AN ANNUAL TRIM OR A DRASTIC REDUCTION, WE CAN HANDLE IT.

TREE WORK

GARDEN TREES TOPPED, RE-SHAPED, DEAD WOODED OR FELLED IF REQUIRED.

CALL NOW FOR FRIENDLY ADVICE AND A FREE QUOTE. 01295 780342 / 07831 571176 First of all, apologies for the lack of reports from the boundary man so far this season.

It is good to see that Sibfords youth policy is still paying dividends, the Saturday league side has been performing well, and should secure a top - half table position this season.

Under the captaincy of Simon Chard, the Sunday side is enjoying a so far unbeaten run.

The Sunday fining committee have been regularly collecting hefty fines from the players, which should ensure that the annual dinner is well financed.

League Matches

6th May vs. Wardington (away) Sibford 120 for 8 (D Pratt 44, K Peachey 23) Wardington 121 for 5 (M Walsh 20 for 3, S Chard 17 for 2)

13th May vs. Greens Norton (Horton View) Greens Norton 185 for 7 (C Sabin 28 for 3) Sibford 186 for 4 (J Barton 61 n.o, I Davies 45)

20th May vs. Croughton (Horton view) Sibford 88 all out (J Barton 25) Croughton 66 for 4 (Croughton win due to higher run rate)

3rd June vs. Silverstone (away) Silverstone 118 all out (S Chard 7 for 2, T Holliday 27 for 2)

Sibford 120 for 1 (D Pratt 33 not out I Wollerton 43 n.o)

10th June vs. Wootton (Horton view) Wootton 127 all out (M Walsh 5 for 15, J Barton 26 for 2)

Sibford 128 for 4 (I Wollerton 45 n.o, R Morbey 30 n.o)

17th June vs. Priors Marston Priors 207 for 5 (I Wollerton 23 for 2) Sibford 137 all out (I Wollerton 44)

24th June vs. Hinton (Horton view) Hinton 109 for 9 (I Davies 13 for 3, M Walsh 17 for 2)

Sibford 110 for 6 (D Inns 29, M Walsh 21 n.o)

1st July vs. Greens Norton (away) Sibford 102 all out (K Peachey 37) Greens Norton 104 for 2 (C Wollerton, 16 for 1)

8th July vs. Wardington (Horton View) Sibford 117 for 9 (D Pratt 30) Wardington 103 for 9 (S Chard 24 for 6, J Barton 2 for 10)

Friendly matches

7th May Aynho (Horton View) Aynho 82 for 7 (I Davies 2 for 22) Sibford 83 for 2 (C Wollerton 54)

14th May Ilmington (away) Ilmington 185 for 8 (C Sabin 21 for 3, C Wollerton 13 for 3)

Sibford 187 for 8 (C Wollerton, 70, D. Simms, 30)

4th June Long Compton (Sibford School) Sibford 125 all out (M Walsh 34, I Davies 37 no)

Long Compton 118 for 7(8 Chard 7 for 2, T Holliday 2 for 2)

11th June Darlinscot (away) Sibford 103 all out (M Walsh 34 no) Darlinscot 86 all out (L Gilbert 3 for 51, C Wollerton 11 for 2)

18th June Enstone (away) Sibford 182 for 6 (M Walsh 79, K Peachey 52 n.o) Enstone 138 for 6 (L Gilbert 56 for 4)

25th June Mickleton (Sibford School) Mickleton 165 for 9 (T Holliday 25 for 3, D Simms 11 for 2)
Sibford 166 for 5 (K Peachey 59 n.o, D Sirnms, 34)

9th July Long Compton (away) Sibford 132 all out (I Wollerton 7 1) Long Compton 115 for 6 (T Holliday 13 for 2)

Cup match

22nd June Priors Marston (Away) Priors 117 for 7 (M Walsh 32 for 3, S Chard 28 for 2)
Sibford 118 for 2 (I Davies 53, D Pratt 35)

Sibford Church Fete

At least it didn't rain - it was cool but dry for the fete on the 15th July. The Rectory Garden was used this year and over 150 people paid to come in. Although we don't see the occasion primarily as a chance to make lots off money, it nevertheless does. 2000's fete raised something over £900 - and our thanks to all who helped behind stalls and to those who came and spent so freely.

Harvest Thanksgiving

As has become traditional in recent years, the Church's Harvest Thanksgiving Service is on a Saturday evening - this year 30th September at 5.30pm

After the service there will be a Bring and Share Supper in the Village Hall. Everyone will be most welcome.

SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Just a reminder that the Annual Show takes place on Saturday 19th August at the Village Hall starting at 2.30. Entries for the various classes should be made at the Surgery between 7 & 9p.m. on Wednesday 16th August or submit the entry form in the Show schedule to a Committee member beforehand.

Exhibits should be staged in the marquee between 8.30 & 10.45 on the day of the Show. Prior to the Show your Committee needs offers of assistance in setting up the marquee on Friday afternoon and also of bottles, cakes, bric-a-brac, plants etc.

Our next meeting in the Village Hall is at 8p.m. on 13th September when Mrs Key-Davis of Fibrex Nurseries will give a talk on pelargoniums, the Nursery holds the National Collection of pelargoniums.

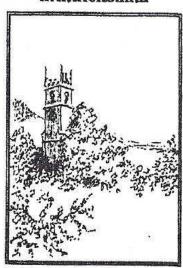
Talking of Committees, as at the October AGM we shall be down to three in number against a need for up to eight. A failure to recruit more willing and able people to the Committee will reluctantly mean that this years Show will be the last. Evening meetings may continue if we can find Speakers. If you have an interest please volunteer and

SAVE OUR SHOW

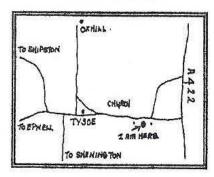
Many hands make light work.

Roger Powell

GARDEN ART EXHIBITION AT HOPKIN HOUSE, LOWER TYSOE WARWICKSHIRE



THE LATEST WORKS OF HAZEL ROBINSON FROM AUGUST 26TH - SEPTEMBER 6TH 10AM - 4.30PM



CUPS OF TEA AVAILABLE IN A COTTAGE GARDEN SETTING

SIBFORD BROWNIES

Sibford Brownies closed down on July 11th and will not be re-opening in September. We had hoped some of the parents might take it over but, sadly, this has not happened.

Isabel and I would like to thank everyone in Sibford and the surrounding villages who have helped to support Brownies over the years. We both feel very sad that the Pack has had to close down and unfortunately the Packs nearby are all full.

Vivienne Scouse.

W.I. NEWS & INFORMATION

To be or not to be? that was the question. But our hostess was optimistic and members arrived at The Mount to find tables and chairs arrayed on the lawn. The scheduled Garden Meeting was to be! With a plentiful supply of rugs and straw hats, come wind, come weather - we were prepared.

As the meeting proceeded we watched ominous clouds pass overhead, while the president's voice vied with the roar of planes, not so welcomely passing overhead!

Formalities over, no speaker was required, we were free to meander and admire the garden (and visit the ducks!) before enjoying a delicious tea to the accompaniment of an impromptu organ recital - thank you Peter.

In relays we went indoors to watch our oldest member, Sheila Walsh, Elaine Booth and Eric Payne promoting the Sibford Pageant - a video of the channel 6 T.V. programme.

Then it was all together again for a group photograph before saying a very sincere thank you to Glennis (and the weatherman!) for a most enjoyable afternoon.

The next meeting will be on 12th. September with Michael Bull on 'Some Do's & Don'ts of Antiquing'.



The exhibition in the Manor during the last few weeks of old photographs proved to be of great interest to many people, particularly as members of the Society had included a description of each photo and also managed to identify many of the

people appearing in them. Fred Inns has carefully kept the bandsmen's uniforms and instruments for many years and they brought back memories to some Sibfordians of the two brass bands who played at events in the village. Robin Spicer again arranged another very enjoyable walk, this time around Lamb's Pool and then over the fields to Swalcliffe Common. It was a well attended event in conjunction with Cherwell and the Bishop Blaize was a very welcome finish to the evening. Swalcliffe Society have a talk on local aerial photography in Swalcliffe Village Hall on 20 September at 8.00 pm. Sibford Society welcomes back Nigel Hammond, who will talk about 'Victorian England' and those who heard his previous talk on Oxfordshire Churches, will know they can expect a fascinating evening. This is on the 21 September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The above talks are open to non-members, who are always welcome to join us.





a world apart from the rest

(1 MILE NORTH OF VILLAGE) (01608 737349/01608 737641)



MITSUBISH

SALES OPEN: Mon -Fri 8am - 6pm, Sat 8am - 5pm, Sun CLOSED MOTORS (Out of hours please phone for an appointment)
PARTS OPEN Mon - Fri 8am - 5.30pm, Sat 8.30am - 12.30pm

WE OFFER YOU

*Sales (New and Used)

*3 year unlimited mileage
warranty (New)

*Optional 12 months warranty

*Part Exchange

*Off Road demos

*Service

ESTABLISHED 1960 IT PAYS TO DEAL WITH A FAMILY BUSINESS

The Firs Garage would like to thank the local community for their loyal support; it is very much appreciated.



MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS 9.00 - 12.00SIBFORD GOWER VILLAGE HALL

FOR 2 = - 5 YEAR OLDS

ONLY £3.50 PER SESSION

NURSERY VOUCHERS FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS ACCEPTED

EXCELLENT LINK WITH LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

ENCLOSED PLAY-AREA AND AMPLE CAR-PARKING SPACE

POP IN AND SEE US

OR

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A FREE BROCHURE PLEASE CONTACT OUR SUPERVISOR JULIE BRUGGENWIRTH 01608 730861

Bishop Blaize Inn 17th Century Freehouse

Burdrop, Sibford Gower (01295 780323)

Well-kept range of Traditional Beers and Guest Ales

Mondays Takeout Fish & Chips Frying times 12noon-2pm 6pm-9.45pm

Patio & Large Garden with Superb Views! Sam, Sheila and Zebby Welcome You

SSN SIBFORD SYSTEMS AND NETWORKS

Over 15 years experience of PC and Mac sales, support, upgrades, internet, e-mail, and networking for home and business.

PC multimedia systems from only £499 inc. VAT, delivery and installation.

Hosts and creators of the Sibford Millennium Pageant internet site: http://www.sibford.co.uk/2000/

Lions Den, Sibford Ferris, Banbury, Oxon OX15 5RG

T: 01295 780482 - F: 07070 604713 e-mail: geoff@sibford.co.uk



CURTAINS & BLINDS:

Handsewn, interlined and handmade headings our speciality

Customised pelmet design

Design service and home consultancy included

Every kind of fabric from many leading manufacturers

Decorative poles, Tie backs & trimmings

OTHER SERVICES:

Loose Covers and Cushions

Wallpapers & Interior Decoration

Lampshade making

Custom made Bedspreads & Headboards

Re-upholstery Service

Tel/Fax: 01295 788145 Workroom/Office

DAVID MALONE

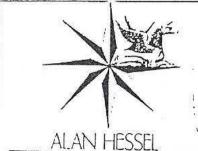
HIGH CLASS PAINTER AND DECORATOR

4 Acre Ditch Sibford Gower Banbury Oxfordshire OX15 5RW Tel: (01295) 780546



CIT'B REGISTERED

Broken Colour Effects and Paperhanging a Speciality



The Old Town Workshop Saint George's Close Moreton-in-Marsh Gloucestershire GL56 OLP

Tel/Fax: 01608 650026 Mobile: 0860 225 608

ANTIQUE RESTORATION



SPECIALIST CONSERVATION OF FINE PERIOD FURNITURE

Sibford Ferris Stores and Post Office

Your Local Convenience Shop

Bread baked daily on the premises
Fresh cakes and savouries
Newspapers & Cigarettes
Beers, Wines and Spirits
Chilled and Frozen Foods
Dry Cleaning, Photocopying and
Fax Services
National Lottery Agent
And lots, lots more.....

Telephone your order for free local delivery

Opening Hours
7.30 am to 6.00pm Monday to
Saturday

8am to 1pm on Sunday

Terry & Judith Main Street Sibford Ferris Telephone 01295 788317





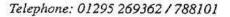
Banbury & Hook Norton Community Education Centres programmes are now available. You can pick up copies from your local Post Office, library or village shop or contact us on the numbers below and we will send you a copy. New courses for the autumn include computing courses, photography, upholstery, chinese brush painting, mosaics, stained glass, deaf awareness and much more...

BANCEC, East St Centre, East Street, BANBURY (01295) 266763 HNCEC, The Primary School, Sibford Rd, HOOK NORTON – (01608) 730052



Stay Supple in Sibford Village Hall
Gentle exercise for the mature person to keep you supple, toned and fit.
On Wednesdays 12.30-1.30pm starting on 20 September
10 weeks - £21.

Come along on Wednesday 13 September and try a session FREE. For more information please contact HNCEC on (01608) 730052



Gower Products



Upholstery Traditional & Modern Furniture Repairs



SIBFORD GOWER, BANBURY, OXON.

GODSWELL NATURAL THERAPY CENTRE

Godswell Lodge, Church Street, Bloxham
Banbury, Oxon OX15 4ES

Acupuncture, Alexander Technique,
Aromatherapy, Art Therapy,
Chiropody, Chiropractic,
Counselling & Psychotherapy,
Cranio-sacral therapy, Homoeopathy,
NLP, Nutrition, Physiotherapy,
Reflexology, Remedial Massage,
Reiki, Spiritual Healing,
Shiatsu, Yoga.

Fully qualified professional therapists For information Ring 01295 720347

WELCOME TO SIBFORD

If you are a new resident of Sibford and have not yet received a copy of the "Welcome to Sibford" leaflet, please telephone Maureen Warden on Swalcliffe 788252 (Gower or Burdrop) or Mary Mills on Swalcliffe 780248 (Ferris) and a copy will be delivered to you. The information will help to make you feel at home - by acquainting you with the services, schools, clubs and societies that are currently active in the villages.

This month we say "welcome" to Jean and John Millband, who have recently returned here to live in Sycamore Close, Sibford Gower. They have spent the last nine years in Kathmandu, where John worked as a civil engineer and where he was involved with building roads and bridges. They had come back to this country once a year for a holiday, but now they are delighted to settle down here and are looking forward to joining in village life.

John plays tennis for West End at Adderbury and they both enjoy walking and cycling, so we wish them well in their retirement.

South Newington Flower and Produce Show, Saturday 12th August 2 - 5pm

It promises to be a day of fun and enjoyment for all the family. The Pearly King and Queen from London will open the show and there will be a splendid display of flowers, fruit and vegetables, baking together with a grand raffle, childrens fancy dress and sports, fun dog show, silver band, produce auction and many other attractions including an impressive array of craft stalls.

Telephone 01295 721076 for details of class entries.

Suzanne Tharaní Milliner

Sibford Ferris & Deddington

Beautiful hats made to order or choose from existing collection (alterations considered)

Telephone: 01869 337456
By appointment only

Her In Doors

Bought & Sold
Old Pine, Oak & Mahogany Furniture
Panelled, Ledged/Braced & Glazed
Doors
Doors made from Reclaimed Pine, Oak
& Elm
Houses Cleared
Patsy Edwards Tel/Fax 01608
737157

Children's Day Nursery, Epwell



- Full day care for children 21/2 to 5 years
- Full and part time places
- Open Monday to Friday 9.00am - 4.00pm.
- **Excellent Ofsted Report**

The nursery provides excellent opportunities for children to explore and learn at their own pace under the guidence of trained, experienced and caring staff.

For further information ring Julia Tel: (01295) 780580

RICHARD WALLINGTON BUILDER BLOCK PAVER DRIVES A SPECIALITY ALSO EXTENSIONS, PATIOS FENCING ETC. HIGH QUALITY WORK, FREE ESTIMATES. 01295 780705 0771 4613173 (SIBFORD GOWER) (MOBILE)

MEADOWCROFT SECRETARIAL SERVICES Tel. 01295 780741+ Ansafone (Evenings/Weekends Tel. 01295 788106 + Ansafone) Letters, Manuscripts, C.V's, etc. LASER PRINTER Photocopying/ Fax VERY COMPETITIVE RATES Collection/Delivery Service if required.

FRANCIS MORDAUNT MSSCh, MBChA VISITING CHIROPODIST To enquire about a Home Visit, please telephone; 01295 730615 Professional Foot Care In Your Own Home



Ever thought of having your vehicle personalised? Need a sign made? All sorts of graphic decals made to order.

Vehicle Livery: Signage: Etc

Vinyl Graphics contact Theresa Jack Tel: 01608 730555

The Firs, Hook Norton, Banbury. 0X15 5DD

Tel: 01608 730555 Fax: 730271 Mobile: 0403 548154

Church Services

Society of Friends

Methodist

Sunday at 10.30 am Sunday at 11.00 am

Roman Catholic Mass (Wroxton) Sunday at 9.00 am

(Brailes) Sunday at 11.30 am

Baptist

(Hook Norton) Sunday at 10.30 am

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower

August

6th 10am Benefice Eucharist at Shutford

13th 9.30am Matins

20th 9.30am Holy Communion

27th 9.30am Holy Communion

September

3rd 10am Benefice Eucharist at Broughton

10th 9.30am Family Service and Baptism

17th 9.30am Holy Communion

24th 9.30am Holy Communion

30th 5.30pm Harvest Thanksgiving

October

1st 10am Young at Heart Service at Tadmarton

Services

िए स्मान्य कि निमान All Makes Of Car And Unit Commercial Welhidles MOIL PRED Welding. Call M.J. Harris

00 Zwaldiffe 730014 THE VILLAGE SHOP - HOOK NORTON

* NATIONAL LOTTERY *

Grocery - Greengrocery -Bakery Wines - Spirits - Confectionery

Newspapers - Magazines - Cards

Flowers - Plants and Accessories

Video Rental - Bottled Gas Open Monday to Friday 7am to

9pm

Saturday 7am to 8pm Sunday 8am to 6pm

Telephone: 01608 737245

Sibford Bus Services

FREE BUS SERVICE

TO BANBURY	Depart	Return
Thurs: 3rd, 17th, 31st Aug. 14th & 28th Sept.	10 a.m.	12 noon
Wed: 9th & 23rd Aug. & 6th & 20th Sep.	10 a.m.	12 noon

The pick-up points are : Banbury Bus
High Meadow
Crossroads
Village Hall
Crossroads
Crossroads

Village Hall High Meadow
The Colony

2. Stagecoach 480 Shipston - Sibford - Banbury

		(*:V)*(V)		
		Mon -	~ Sat (M-S).	Not Sat
		(NS).	Sat only	
M~S	NS	SO	M~S	NS
-	200 200 200	9.20am	***	
7.30am	9.00am	9.45am	11,45am	12,45pm
7,32am	9,02am	9.48am	(11.38)	(12,38)
8,00am	9.30am	10.15am	12,15pm	1,15pm
M~S	SO	NS	M~S	M~S
11,15am	12.15pm	12,15pm	2,15pm	6.00pm
11,38am	12.47pm	12,38pm	2.38pm	6,23pm
11.40am	12.50pm	12.40pm	AND THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TO A PARTY OF THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TO A P	6.25pm
-	1.15pm	-		
	7,32am 8,00am M~S 11,15am 11,38am	7.30am 9.00am 7,32am 9,02am 8,00am 9.30am M~S SO 11,15am 12.15pm 11,38am 12.47pm 11.40am 12.50pm	(NS). M~S NS SO 9.20am 7.30am 9.00am 9.45am 7,32am 9,02am 9.48am 8,00am 9.30am 10.15am M~S SO NS 11,15am 12.15pm 12,15pm 11,38am 12.47pm 12,38pm 11.40am 12.50pm 12.40pm	M~S NS SO M~S 7.30am 9.00am 9.45am 11,45am 7,32am 9,02am 9.48am (11.38) 8,00am 9.30am 10.15am 12,15pm M~S SO NS M~S 11,15am 12.15pm 12,15pm 2,15pm 11,38am 12.47pm 12,38pm 2.38pm 11.40am 12.50pm 12.40pm 2.40pm

3. CHERWELL VILLAGER. 55 Sibford ~ Banbury Wednesday only Outward Return (read up) Sibford Gower 9.55am 1,55pm Sibford Ferris 9.57am 1.53pm Hooky 10.05am 1,45pm Bloxham 10.35am 1.15pm Banbury 10.50am 1.00pm

4. CHERWELL RURAL DIAL-A-RIDE SCHEME-A mini-bus with tail-Lift to take ELDERLY OR DISABLED PEOPLE, and escort, to Banbury (max fare £1.20),

Door-to-door service, Book at Least one day in advance.

Operates on WEDNESDAYS ONLY.

Phone 263777 for more details or to book.

Calendar of Events

August	Caronada Of Livening	
Tue 1st	Friendship Club Tea at Mrs. Puddles p7	
Tue 1st	Tuesday Bike Rides. Every Tuesday 7pm Ferris Crossroads	
Wed 2nd	Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop 2.25 - 4.20pm	
Sun 6th	Collectables and Car Boot sale, V.Hall p8	
Sat 12th	South Newington Flower Show p20	
Mon 14th	Ferris Parish Council Meeting	
Wed 16th	Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop 2.25 - 4.20pm	
Wed 16th	Flower Show Entries 7 - 9pm, The Surgery, Burdrop	
Sat 19th	Skip in Pound Lane	
Sat 19th	Flower Show 2.30pm Village Hall	
Tue 29th	Friendship Club Trip to Derbyshire p7	
Wed 30th	Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop 2.25 - 4.20pm	
September		
Sat 2nd	Skip in Barley Close	
Sun 3rd	Collectables and Car Boot Sale, V.Hall p8	
Tue 5th	Friendship Club Meeting. Village Hall 2pm. p7	
Wed 6th	Tots and Babes re-opens p10	
Sat 9th	Churchs Sponsored Bike Ride p9	
Tue 12th	W.I. talk, 'Some Do's & Don'ts of Antiquing' p15	
Wed 13th	Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop 2.25 - 4.20pm	
Wed 13th	Horticultural Society Talk on Pelargoniums p14	
Thu 14th	Electric Blanket Checks p3	
Sat 16th	Skip at the Pond	
Sat 16th	Dunns Auctions at the Village Hall 2.30pm p8	
Tue 18th	Deadline for contributions to the October Sibford Scene	
To the Village Shop or the Editor please		
Wed 20th	Gentle Exercise Class at the Village Hall p19	
Wed 20th	Swalcliffe Society Meeting on Aerial Photography in the	
7.	area. Swalcliffe Village Hall. 8pm p16	
Thu 21st	Sibfords Society talk 'Victorian England' p16	
Sat 23rd	Recycling Units in Acre Ditch	
Wed 27th	Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop 2.25 - 4.20pm	
Wed 27th	'Sex and Chocolate' Comedy at the Village Hall 7.30pm p8	
Sat 30th	Harvest Thankgiving Service & Supper p13	