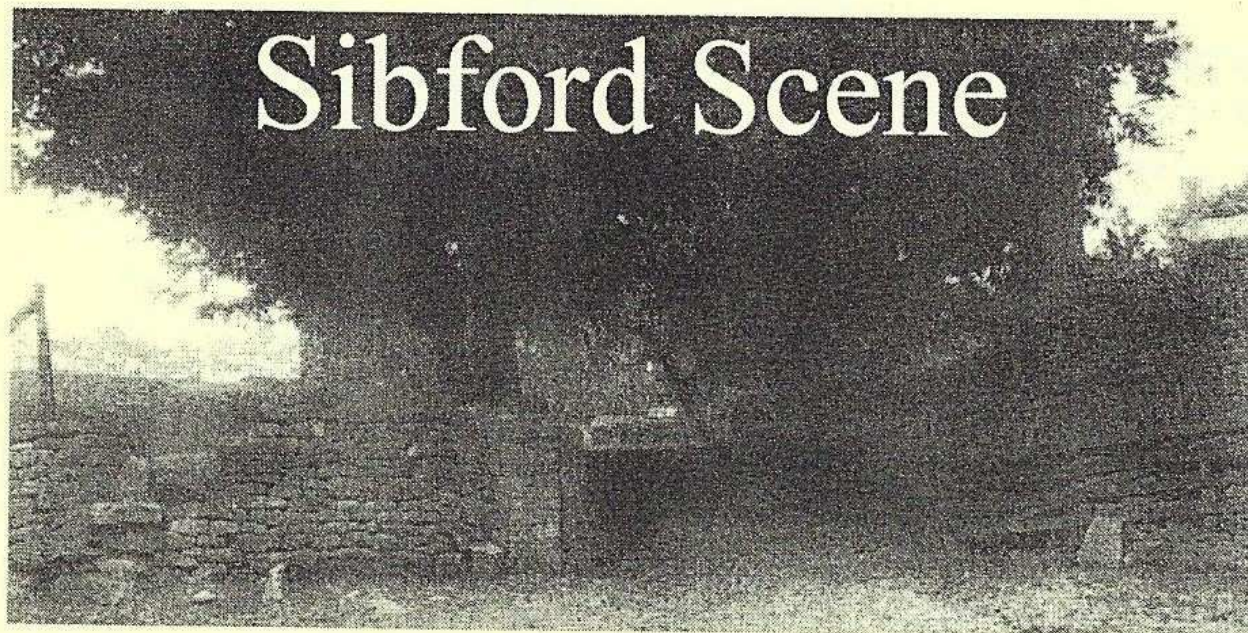


# Sibford Scene



October 2001

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## Quiet Garden Day at Handy Water

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Holy Trinity Church

## Harvest Thanksgiving Service and Bring and Share supper

Saturday 6th October 6 pm

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## Annual Village Hall Quiz

Saturday 20th October 7pm Start

Teams of up to Six people to be entered by Fri.12th (see p7)

All questions will be written for the whole team to answer.

A buffet supper will be served at half time.

£4 per person, wine available.

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26th 27th & 28th October

## Cottage Crafts

Malcolms Cottage, Tadmarton

10 am - 5 pm

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Katharine House Hospice p15



## Nature Notes

**July 25th** It is noticeable that it is mostly young birds that are coming to feed on the tube of nuts that I still have on offer. This morning there were young great tits and a young great spotted woodpecker. While the sun was shining this morning there were thousands of hoverflies on our patch of harebells but there were hardly any to be seen when the sun went in this afternoon. I also saw my first gatekeeper butterfly of the year this morning and then realised that there were lots of them around all looking trim and freshly emerged from the chrysalis.

**July 27th** We did not have any nuthatches visiting our bird table last winter but I have hopes that these smart birds that feed head down on the peanuts, will be back to entertain us this year as I heard some calling in the garden this morning.

**July 28th** A badger took a bumble bees nest from some rough grass in our garden last night.

**July 31st** Another song thrush died when it flew into a window. This time it was the bathroom window which has obscure glass. There is still one in the garden but I don't think that they have reared any young ones this year. The nest that I found was destroyed at the egg stage. There are just too many predators about for them to have a chance.

**August 3rd** When I went to have a word with our neighbours I found them watching a water shrew which was popping in and out of a dry-stone wall.

**August 13th** My son showed me a photograph of a purple broomrape which is a parasitic plant which takes its nourishment from the roots of yarrow. It is quite pretty for a broomrape but does not grow in this area. He took the photograph while on holiday in Sark.

**August 14th** From the number of people telling me that they have seen grass snakes I think their numbers must be increasing. I saw an 18 inch youngster in our garden today.

**August 23rd** I was told today about a migration of toads that occurs at Lower Tadmarton each autumn when some of them pass through the passage of a house. In our atlas it says that Tadmarton means "frog-pool farm" which makes me wonder whether they were at some stage taken to be frogs and they have been using this migration route for many centuries. It would be interesting to know where they come from and go to.

**September 3rd** A raven has been seen several times over the last few days in the Temple Mill - Woodway area.



**September 6th** The flock of gulls that were following our editors plough dispersed when a buzzard joined them but must have been keeping an eye on things as they were back as soon as the buzzard left having eaten a few of the worms etc. turned up by the plough. I don't think the gulls have anything to fear from the buzzards and may learn to tolerate their presence in due course.

**September 8th** On a long cycle ride we passed quite a number of dead badgers but no dead hedgehogs which is quite the reverse of 40 years ago.

**September 10th** Tortoiseshell butterfly time. I saw 12 in the garden today most of them feeding on the sedum 'autumn joy'. There were also a few very fine red admirals. I don't think that it has been a very good year for butterflies. I did not see any of the orange-tips or small skippers that we normally get in our garden and only one comma, but we have had a few more holly blues than we had last year.

**September 11th** Yesterday I was picking cobs from the best block of sweetcorn that I have ever grown. Today there are only a few stalks left standing and these only because there were no cobs left on them to attract the badgers. It was lucky that I had already picked the best of the crop.



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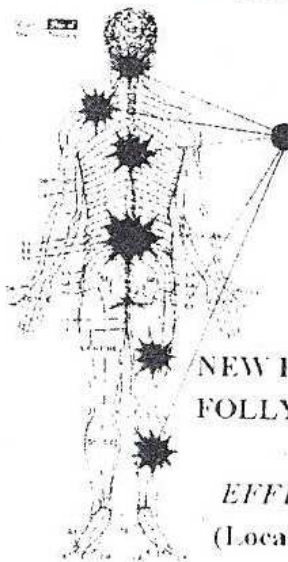
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# Charity Evening of Music and song

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It was a truly memorable evening and we raised £1,096.30 for two very worthwhile charities - The Carers Centre for North & West Oxon and Leicester Animal Aid Association which provides sanctuary for unwanted cats and dogs and has a non-euthanasia policy, preferring to find homes instead.

There has been much demand for another evening so look out in the next couple of months for information on our next event which should take place early in December.

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# Sibford Gower Village Skip

## A Note from Sibford Gower Parish Council

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An appeal is made to all householders to respect the capacity of each skip because abuse could result in the withdrawal by Cherwell District Council of the facility. The Parish Council is deeply conscious of the need for extra skip visits but the constraints are made by the District Council and the Parish Council has no influence in this regard.

Therefore, everyone's co-operation is sought in using the skip sensibly and if it is full personal arrangements should be made for the disposal of what cannot be accommodated safely within the skip.

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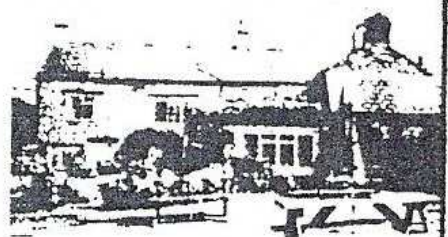
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## W.I. News and Information

After a slight hiccup finding the key to the Village Hall, a warm welcome awaited our members. Both our President and Secretary were away so V.P. Rosālind Péarlman presided, ably assisted by Margaret Cox who was thanked for yet again arranging our summer meeting. This year we visited Gloucester Docks where we all had a good time and managed not to loose anyone overboard on the crowded boat trip. Quite an achievement!

Owing to the unfortunate illness of our original speaker, we were lucky in obtaining Christine Usherwood to take his place. This was her 2nd visit to Sibford and as successful as her first. 'On a tandem made for two' we were entertained with hilarious tales of her many years of travelling tandem-style with her husband, both in this country and abroad. Our speaker was warmly thanked by Kathleen Winter who - unknown to us, was an ex-tandem rider herself in the hills of Scotland!

Welcome refreshments were served by our tea hostesses Jean Puddle and Mary Bristow.

We were sorry to learn that Maureen Warden has had another spell in hospital though we are glad to hear she will be home soon. Hopefully we will see her at our next meeting.

Miriam Henbrey won the competition with a stylish looking salmon quiche, 2nd Glennis Hardman and 3rd Barbara Crabtree.

**Next Meeting - October 9th.**

**Speaker Christine Whild on 'The Countryside in Music'.**

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**Group Meeting - October 18th at Cropredy**

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## Friendship Club

We were very fortunate with the weather when we went to Bridgenorth on the Severn Valley Railway, the sun shone all day and the ride on the steam train took us back to our youngest days, but we all realised we were not so young when we got off the train to do any walking - beautiful countryside but not for the infirm. I guess many felt a little bit stiff the next day. We have another outing on **Tuesday 2nd October** but destination unknown at time of going to press. Contact Mrs Boughton 263460 for details.

**Tuesday 16th October** - meet in the Village Hall at 2 pm. Slides and talk on National Trust Properties. Anyone is welcome to come and listen to this talk and have a cup of tea.

**Village Hall Quiz Entries**  
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# Sibfords Scouts

First the Sibfords Scout Group will be celebrating their 70th anniversary on 24th November this year. We are trying to contact as many past members as possible or anyone that has had anything to do with the Group over the years; committee members, helpers and others. If you were involved with 1st the Sibfords over the past seventy years or have the address or telephone number of anyone that was, we would be grateful for the information. We are also looking for any photographs or other printed material with information on scouting locally.

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We had a lovely run into Churchill with good views and the weather brightening up all the time although the wind was still quite strong. There were three churches in Churchill and the Old Church is now kept as a museum. Onto Kingham for one and then to the neat little Church at Daylesford. We then went through the very well manicured villages of Oddington, Adlestrop, Evenlode and Great Wolford - a lovely bike riding area but the villages seemed very deserted and quiet. We then decided to head for Todenham and Tidmington before getting back onto home territory in Burmington.

It was now approaching 5 p.m. And we were getting short of time so we pushed on through Cherington and Sutton under Brailes and on into Brailes itself. We left Brailes at 5.35 for our push up the hills arriving just after 6 but it was a relief to see that there was still someone at all three

Churches to sign us in. It was great to see that so many people from Sibford had taken the time to walk and cycle this year and that our three Churches were all manned.

Joanna Gilkes

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Our autumn term is now well under way with another chance to join our Local History Walk around Hook Norton with Christopher Barry (Saturday 13th

October) and also another repeat showing of the fascinating old film of life in rural Oxfordshire "24 Square Miles" with David Eddershaw (Thursday 18th October). If you are new to the area, these are a must. Fees taken for both these courses will be donated to local fund raising charities.

We have five flower arranging workshops commencing Monday 29th October under the expert tuition of Ann Anson when you can make a different floral design each week for the festive season.

Tole & Decorative Painting begins on Monday 29th October for 5 weeks which is an art form that uses pre-drawn or freehand designs on a variety of surfaces from wood to tin. Cheryl Smithwick is our tutor for these classes.

If you wish to keep up with your grandchildren we have a beginners computer course starting Thursday morning 1st November for over 55's when you have a chance to learn how to use the keyboard and mouse for simple word processing documents.

We have our ever popular Wine tasting Evening on Friday 16th November with local expert Brendan Dubock when you can taste 20 or so wines selected to complement Christmas menus and festive functions. This is already filling up so we suggest you book early for this!

We are offering a range of Sugarcraft evenings with Gill Judd commencing 8th November when you can learn how to make a variety of decorations to enhance your party or Christmas cakes.

Saturday 24th November is our Workshop day when courses on offer which still have spaces on them are: Managing Stress with Yoga, Painting Flowers, Internet taster, Publisher taster, Acupressure, Crystals, Canvaswork Embroidery, Glass Painting and Textile Crafts.

If you require further information on any of our courses please ring 01608 730052 or contact the Community Education Office based in the Primary School in Hook Norton.

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### Seed Gathering Sunday

The Tree Council has designated 14th October 2001 as Seed Gathering Sunday, with the aim of encouraging the collection of seed to grow the trees of the future. Groups wishing to organise seed gathering events can get more information from; [www.treecouncil.org.uk](http://www.treecouncil.org.uk) or from Ann Edwards on 020 782 9928



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The last Quiet Garden day of 2001 will take place at Handy-water Farm, Sibford Gower, on Tuesday 2nd October. The Reverend Raymond Avent has been invited to lead the days reflections, and you are invited to arrive anytime from 9.30am for a 10am start. It would be advisable to come with warm clothing, but there will be room in the house for each person to have their own space if the weather is inclement.

Light refreshments will be provided, but a contribution to a bring and share lunch would be appreciated. The day's proceedings will conclude around 3.30pm, but anybody is welcome to arrive or leave at any time.

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The September meeting was most enjoyable with Mrs. Key Davis talking on pelargoniums with some to sell - sadly not many people present - but those there enjoyed the evening.

The next meeting is on **October 10th**. The AGM will be followed by a talk on "Garden Design" by Mr. Peter Thompson. We do hope we will see a lot of people present and hopefully some new members.

## Show Cups 2001

Banksian Medal to Peter Newbold  
Sibford Rose Bowl to Peter Newbold  
Albert Spicer Trophy to Norman Nash  
The Society Cup to Arnold Lamb  
Mrs. F Padbury Cup to Jayne Thomas  
Dr. Taylor Cup to Helen Lamb  
Mrs. F Padbury Rose Bowl to Glennis Hardman  
Ted Webb Trophy to Pauline Inns

The Village Cup to Alan Berks  
John Sabin Cup to Alan Berks  
Banbury Marquee Trophy (12 - 16 yrs) to Georgia Berry  
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	Braile	Sunday at 11.30 am
Baptist	Hook Norton	Sunday at 10.30 am

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower.

## October

Sat	6th	Harvest Thanksgiving and Supper. 6 pm followed by a bring and share supper at the Primary School
Sun	7th	Young at Heart service at Broughton 10 am
Sun	14th	Family Service at 10 am
Sun	21st	Holy Communion 9.30 am
Sun	28th	Holy Communion 9.30 am

## November

Thur	1st	Holy Communion 8 pm
Fri	2nd	Holy Communion 7.30 pm

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Shipston			8.45				
S Ferris School	7.15	9.10	9.13	10.57	12.57	13.43	18.27
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Banbury Bus Station	7.45	9.40	9.40	11.32	13.32	14.10	18.57
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Banbury Bus Station	10.30	12.30	12.30	14.40	15.10	18.00	
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Shipston			13.25				

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# Calendar of Events

## October

- Mon 1st Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting
- Tue 2nd Quiet Garden at Handywater Farm. p18
- Tue 2nd Friendship Club Outing. p7
- Tue 2nd Cherwell CPP meeting. Banbury (see insert)
- Sat 6th Harvest Thanksgiving and Supper p22
- Sat 6th Table Tennis junior night starts. p16
- Sun 7th Collectables and Car Boot Sale 12 - 3. (251339 to book)
- Tue 9th WI Meeting, The Countryside in Music. p6
- Wed 10th Horticultural Society AGM and talk. p19
- Thu 11th Cherwell CPP Meeting. Tadmarton (see insert)
- Fri 12th Village Hall Quiz Entry Deadline p7
- Sun 14th Seed Gathering Sunday p10
- Tue 16th Friendship Club meeting. Village Hall p7
- Tue 16th Nort Oxon Weavers Spinners and Dyers Talk 'Weavers of the American West and the Churro Sheep. (251088 for details)
- Tue 16th Deadline for contributions to the November Scene p17
- Thu 18th Sibfords Society Archaeological meeting (see insert)
- Thu 18th WI Group meeting at Cropredy. p6
- Thu 18th Embroiderers Guild Lecture p9
- Sat 20th Village Hall Quiz 7pm.
- Sun 21st Collectables and Car Boot Sale 12 - 3 (251339 to book)
- Wed 24th GDBA Coffee Morning p17
- 26, 27 & 28 Cottage Crafts. p15

## November part

- Sun 4th Collectables and Car Boot Sale 12 - 3 (251339 to book)
- Sat 10th Heart of England Jazz Band at the Village Hall (see insert)
- Mon 19th Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting
- Sat 24th Scouts 70th Anniversary p8

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