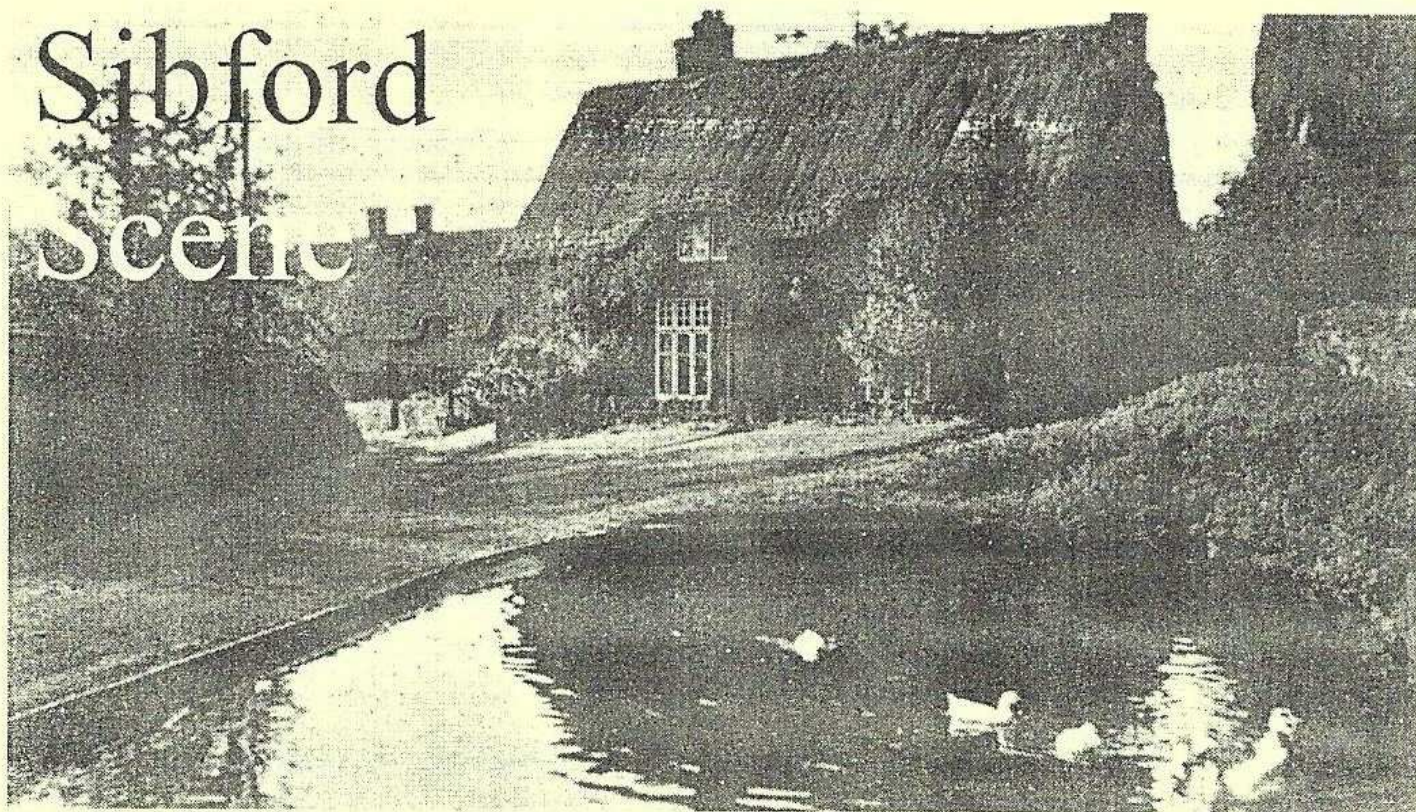


# Sibford Scene



February 2003

No. 250

## Jumble Sale

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Saturday 15th February at 10.30 am

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1st The Sibfords Scout Group

Auction of Favours and Promises

In the Village Hall

Friday 28th February at 7 pm

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Sibfords Society Winter Walk

Saturday March 1st at 10 am

From The Brambles, Woodway Road



## Nature Notes

**Nov. 21st** Two mistle thrushes are noisily defending the berries on our holly tree against all comers.

**Nov. 22nd** At 7 o'clock this morning a very noisy flock of rooks came into our trees to compete with the hooting owls while a robin sang through it all.

**Dec. 1st** I had a fine view of a goldcrest feeding in a bramble bush by the road on Burdrop hill. It was too busy to notice me watching it and came so close that I could have touched it. At 4 o'clock this afternoon there were about 25 pied wagtails assembled on the roofs of the houses in Home Farm Court. When we stopped to look they flew off as a flock but were soon back as though they have a regular roost in the shrubs nearby.

**Dec. 3rd** I thought I saw a firecrest in a nut bush in our garden. Its fiery crown covered most of its head as it hopped in an agitated manner round, what I took to be its mate while she crouched on a branch in a submissive manner. I have since been shown a book that shows the firecrest and goldcrest with their crests raised and spread which apparently can be used as a display or as a sign of aggression. I am now left wondering whether it was in fact a firecrest showing aggression towards a goldcrest or a goldcrest displaying to its mate even in early December. I picked a few late raspberries for tea today. There would have been more had the October gale not stripped the canes of their leaves and most of their fruit.

**Dec. 7th** This morning at Taynton near Barford I saw a huge flock of fieldfares well spread over the fields on both sides of the road and a buzzard that seemed to be feeding with them.

**Dec. 11th** I counted 16 long tailed tits around our bird table today. Two families may have arrived at the same time or have joined forces.

**Dec. 27th** A mistle thrush has been singing for most of the daylight hours near us but it seems to be the only one in the area that is.

**Dec. 29th** Our holly which is normally stripped bare by this time still has most of its berries which is partly due to the mistle thrushes keeping the blackbirds away but also that the October gale blew the top out of our cedar which was the roosting place for a number of pigeons that used to eat them for breakfast and supper.



**Jan. 3rd** The mistle thrush suddenly stopped singing on Jan 1st. I thought it might have come to grief in some way but there are still two defending the holly berries.

**Jan. 8th** During this spell of old fashioned winter weather we have seen increasing numbers of birds coming to feed. The blackbirds have built up to a maximum of 35 and have cleared up the 14 lbs of apples that I put out today. We have only seen 1 redwing, 2 fieldfares and 8 or 10 starlings. We also had a tree sparrow for a while this afternoon. I wonder whether there has been an influx of blackbirds from the continent where they are having even colder weather.

**Jan. 12th** A muntjac joined the blackbirds this morning and managed to eat a few of the apples that had been hollowed out by the birds. The whole ones were too big and solid for its little mouth to span.

**Jan. 15th** A Canadian cousin sent a newspaper cutting about the West Nile Virus which has spread from the USA. It has affected horses, humans and may also be responsible for deaths among birds, particularly crows. Their Christmas bird count in one area has shown an average of 1313 American crows over the last decade. This years total was 70. Chickadee numbers have also fallen by 25% of last year in the same area. Testing has detected the virus in more than 500 birds, 488 of them crows.



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Our Christmas tea now seems to be well into the past but with club members and visitors we had just over 30 people sit down to enjoy our meal and festive fun. Thank you to everyone who provided food etc. and helped to make it a happy occasion.

Due to illness and other commitments only 10 members attended the January meeting and since it was such a cold afternoon we went home at 3.00 pm after discussing our next outing and having some refreshments which were provided by Mrs. Boughton.

We next meet in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 4th February** at 2.00 pm. Hopefully we shall have a better attendance.

An outing has been arranged for **Tuesday 25th February** - Destination yet to be decided.

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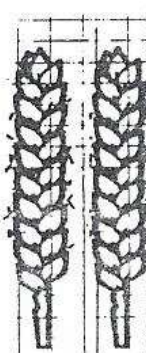
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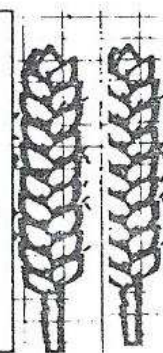
# The Sibfords Society

The Society's annual Social on 16 January was very well attended with 65 people being present for a very happy evening, enjoying a delicious Bring and Share Supper. Our theme was 50 Golden Years bringing to a close the Queen's Golden Jubilee year and a picture quiz asking the date and the Queen's whereabouts taxed everyone's brain. We then enjoyed an entertainment presented by members of the Society, much to the hilarity of those present and we ended the evening with everyone joining in songs from the last 50 years.

On **1 March** Robin Spicer will lead a Winter Walk from Bill and Barbara Crabtree's home. The Brambles, Woodway Road, Sibford Ferris, commencing at 10.00 a.m. The distance will be about 5 miles and please come prepared for muddy conditions. The walk is open to everyone, so do come and join us for lots of fresh air and, at the end of the walk, welcome hot soup prepared by Ann Spicer. The next meeting will not be until **20 March**, when we will have our AGM, followed by a quiz to test your knowledge of Village Locations in the Sibfords.



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## W.I. Meetings

### December 10th. 2002.

As we entered the Village Hall for our Christmas meeting, we couldn't believe how lovely it looked. The Party Committee had done well:- Margaret Baynes, Jean Puddle and Rosalind Pearlman, led by Mary Bristow.

The business was hurried through by our regular committee - President Greta Baadsgaard, Treasurer Barbara Crabtree and a sun-tanned Lynda Conway, just back from the U.S.A.

Rosalind was MC. and had provided a varied programme of entertainment:- readings by Kay Winter and Margaret Baynes and Jean at the piano with her grandchildren - Rebecca an old timer now and young Matthew.

We had a scrumptious tea, a lucky dip, followed by a sing-a-long with the maestro himself at the piano. Thank you Peter Hardman

Mary Bristow wound up the event by thanking the committee members for their year's work.

### January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2003

Greta welcomed us and told us about some forthcoming important dates, which got us scrabbling for our diaries. Firstly, our A.G.M. on March 11th. This will also be our annual 'Bring and Buy', so all those Christmas gifts you didn't want (sh!!) please come and unload them.

The next West Oxfordshire Federation meeting is at Oxford Town Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Speakers are usually first class and it is hoped more of us will go along this time.

Other dates were for the summer, so more about them later.

Our speaker, Mr. B. Hadley, arrived in good time to set up his complicated and very heavy equipment. This was to show a selection of slides: 'Plants and Birds', in stereo. He brought appropriate spectacles to get the 3D effect, and so we watched, enthralled at the beautiful photographs. Pat Whitehouse, the photographer, died fifteen years ago. She was world famous in the use of stereo and had bequeathed her huge collection to the stereo society of which Mr. Hadley is a member. He told us how lucky we were to see them and we couldn't have agreed more!

Rosalind thanked him and did a bit of touting for the Horticultural Society but, sadly, Mr. Hadley is retiring.

Maureen and Gaynor served our welcome tea. Our speaker judged the cake competition: 1<sup>st</sup>: Maureen; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Glennis; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Lynda. However, he chose to take Greta's cake home, speculating that it would be unlikely to get that far!

### Next meeting: February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs June Partridge will speak on "Alaska".

Competition: Handmade Warm Hat.

**New Members are Welcome.**



## HOT FROM THE CAPE

Happy New Year to all of you. We understand that so far it has been rather cold and has now changed to being wet again. Since the beginning of December we have had hot, dry weather, typical of the Cape summer. In fact we had a heat wave just before Christmas when all we wanted to do was either sit in the pool or inside with the air conditioning on. Christmas and New Year we had wonderful weather which was great for all the holiday makers. The tills rang merrily as Cape Town enjoyed a bumper season with all the tourists, local and international, enjoying the festivities. The only thing that marred the holiday season was the usual carnage on the roads. Over 1200 people were killed in the two months of December and January in SA.

We escaped for Christmas by flying up to Port Elizabeth, then driving up the east coast to Kariega Game Lodge for a few days. Set on a ridge above the Kariega river, the lodge is surrounded by typical riverine bush, ideal for the different species of buck, zebra, giraffe and newly introduced rhino. We went on a game drive every day and enjoyed seeing the animals at quite close range. The bird life was interesting too. We saw a pair of Knysna louries which have beautiful colouring when they fly. They are rather shy and fairly rare birds so we were fortunate to see them. A night drive with spotlights revealed a marsh owl and springer hares, the latter looking like mini kangaroos. They also had a boat on the river so on Christmas day, a group of us were sedately conveyed down towards the sea while we drank our beer, ate kudu biltong (wind dried

meat) and watched the monkeys swinging through the trees.

So as you can see, we had a very different sort of Christmas, in fact it was one of the most un-Christmas like Christmases I think we have ever had. The other people in the Lodge were mainly Brits on holiday, escaping to the sunshine for whatever reasons.

On our last day we explored the area a little before we headed back to PE. The coastal resorts of Kenton-on-sea and Port Alfred are very pleasant with lovely beaches. We even had lunch at a pineapple farm where they claim to have the largest replica pineapple in the world!

Then it was back to the Cape for New Year with friends. The big event since then has been the SA Open Golf Champi-

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onship at Erinvale, which was a great success. We had perfect, hot weather and a great competition with Trevor Immelman who comes from Somerset West and learnt his golf on Erinvale, winning on a last hole play off. Needless to say it was a very popular win. Steve did some marshalling for two days, holding up his 'Quiet Please' notice board and telling people to switch off their cell phones. He sat on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> tees so saw all the players going through. Our only complaint was the catering in the Members Tent which was pretty terrible so our friends who came to watch over the weekend had to put up with Bates catering services instead.

Overall, the organisation was very good with us residents not being inconvenienced at all. They're now considering whether to host it again next year. I must say that it televised beautifully and I couldn't quite believe that we lived in such a wonderful place.

Well, more visitors will be coming to the Cape in the next few months to escape the northern winter. Steve's sister and brother-in-law arrive this week for a four week stay. This is now their third visit to SA. We're going away with them for a week, along the coast near Knysna. We also have lots more friends arriving (not staying with us) so I'm sure we will be having a few glasses of wine with them!

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## News from Playgroup.

Although it may seem like an age ago now, the Bazaar is still fresh in our minds. We raised the brilliant sum of £790. So, heaps of thanks to all those who bought and sold raffle tickets, made cakes, donated goods and prizes, and joined in the fun on the day. We are now looking forward to spending lots of money on new equipment!

This term we say 'Goodbye and Good Luck' to Chloe, Hector, Joel, Lydia and Naomi who have moved up to school and we say 'Hello' to Abbey, Bonnie, Guliana and Tamara.

If you would like more information about Playgroup please contact Julie or Michelle on 780998.

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## **FIREWORKS**

Both Parish Councils have received complaints about the increasing frequency and timing of the use of fireworks.

It has been suggested that the PC's approach the District Council with a view to the DC making a byelaw to restrict the use of fireworks.

Before doing this we would like to know your views, both for and against.

We would be grateful if you would complete the attached tick sheet and return it to the **Post Office by Saturday 15 February.**

Please tick one or more of the options below - thank you.

There should be no restriction on the use of fireworks.

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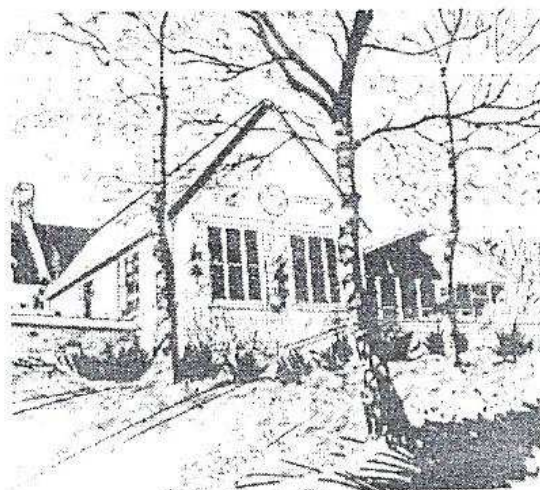
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Dear Editor,

May we take this opportunity to extend our thanks for the countless number of Christmas cards and gifts that we received over the festive period. We were somewhat overwhelmed and hope that we managed to thank everyone individually; if we missed you out please accept this as both our thanks and apology.

The Christmas spirit certainly flowed at our party in December; we started early and the festive jollities continued until late into the afternoon. It was good to see so many people, some of whom we hadn't seen for some time, and to catch up on the gossip from around and about. Many thanks for your support and friendship over the past 12 months.

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## Sibford Village Hall News

The Village Lottery Game ends in March. This is a good way of fund raising for Hall funds which last year produced £283.50, giving the same amount back in prize money. We would like to know if people presently participating would like to continue in April. £12 for the year with monthly draws giving 3 prizes. Please ring either Muriel Chandler on 780025 or Ginny Bennett on 780373.

The next Table Top / Car Boot Sales are **Sundays 2nd February & 2nd March**. £5 for a table / pitch. Please ring 01295 251339 to book. Refreshments are always available in the Small Hall.

On **Saturday 8th March** at 7.30pm Sid Kipper will be performing at the Village Hall, in association with Cherwell District Council. Sid is a hilarious singing story-teller and his Parish Pump Show has stories about the Norfolk village of St. Just-near-Trunch, where you can only get to North Walsham by bus on a Wednesday - and have to wait until the next Wednesday to get back! Village Hall audiences will instantly know what he is talking about - the songs and stories are interspersed with the latest gossip. The show has been presented with great success in Village Halls, from Devon to the Shetlands and by the end of the evening Sid is friends with everyone, offering to sell them his books, tapes and CD's at very reasonable prices. He has performed in large theatres to literary festivals, Hong Kong to Edinburgh, Radio 2 to the Big Breakfast, he's done the lot. Running time is 2 x 45 minutes with an interval. Licensed bar available. Tickets £6 and concessions £4. Suitable for all village venues and families with older children. Tickets from the Village Shop or ring 780025.



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# TOUR de TRIGS

I'm sure that many people in our communities have heard of the Tour de Trigs. It's a tough 24 hour walk held on the first weekend of December every year for the last 37 years with just two breaks because of foot and mouth. Teams of three must complete 50 miles in 24 hours and are only given the route half an hour before they set off.

This year seemed to be something special because more than 20 people from the Sibfords were involved in some way. Three teams of three people actually took part and completed the 50 miles. Another dozen or more people went without sleep for most of the Saturday and Sunday helping with the organisation of the event. Catering, transport, house management, publicity and communications were just some of the tasks that Sibfordians take on each year.

In fact the Sibfords provide the largest number of people from any single community who take part or help run the 'Trigs.

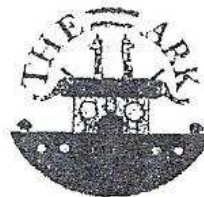
*There must be something in the Sibford water!*

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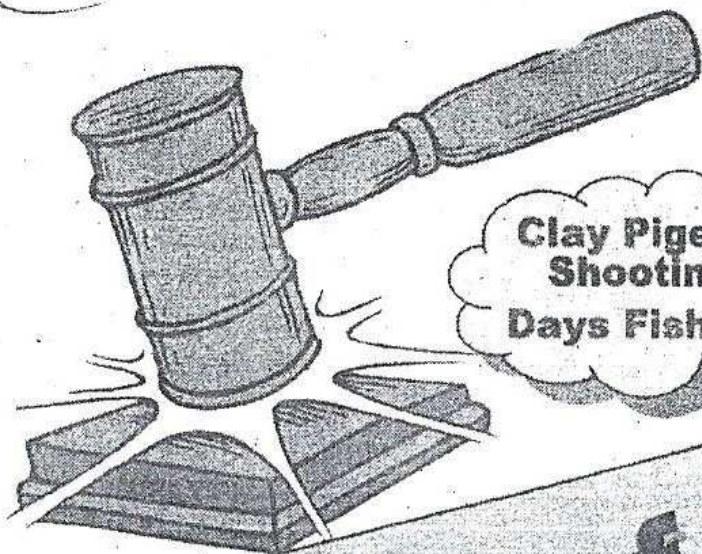
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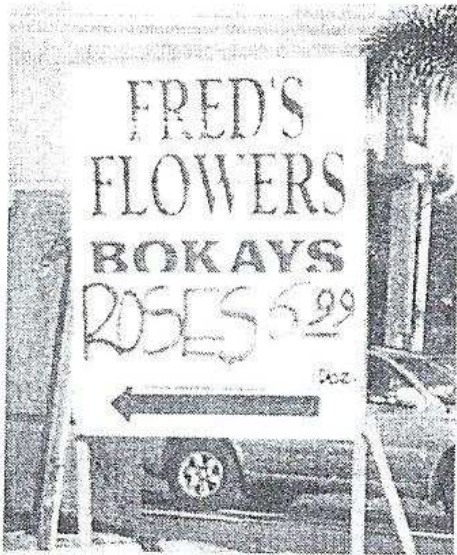
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*and many, many more*

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28**  
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Admission & Catalogue £1



## It's a different world



I had the chance to go. So I went. Two and half weeks in and around San Diego just before Christmas. Winter sun. Fantastic! The place is full of palm trees. A thousand times Torquay. And at night, the six lane highways look like ruby and diamond bracelets. As you go away from the glistening marina, the townships seem to be endless but eventually you start climbing into the mountains past the Viejas Casino. It's an Indian reservation on a rather rotten piece of land. But the government's lack of generosity seems to have paid off, because the Indians being a nation apart, allow gambling. They reap huge profits from their

one time invaders - and good luck to them. - After a huge and incredibly cheap 'all you can eat' brunch, I lost four dollars on the fruit machines - I've never known how to work them.

After a week and a half, the dryness got to me. It was disconcerting that there had been no rain. Even so, the plants seem to survive. - My friends drove me to the top of their mountain. Pine forest behind me to the west, I could look down the steep incline where the vegetation petered out and follow the desert landscape as it stretched away towards the still shrinking Salton Sea in the far distance. It looks like a mirage but isn't. - I've come back with a great admiration for cacti who cling to the sides of the dry slopes and even manage to survive the summer fires which were particularly bad this year. - Eventually, a storm came and rain, and six thousand feet up on Mount Laguna, we had snow. The trees shone with ice crystals. It was remarkable.

Bluejays, woodpeckers and chickadees visited the bird table. I hoped to see a coyote. My hostess saw one but I missed it. Meanwhile I saw a stuffed one in the tourist information cabin - smaller than I thought. I chatted to the forest ranger there.

'What's your name?' I asked, thinking to tell my friends I'd met one of the neighbours. 'americ?' he replied.

'Emeric?' I asked puzzled, thinking he must have some German ancestry.

'Rick' he replied again.

'Oh! - (I'm Rick). - Anyway, he took no offence at my inability to understand his English and gave me a 'Smokey the Bear' badge.

Down near the Pacific we watched the pelicans and surfers and visited a beach which cost several million pounds to protect from the sea. The seals moved in and the millionaires were moved out. (Californians are good like that) - One seal liked to lie on the same stone and would occasionally show off to the photographers.

Meanwhile, the shops were full of imaginative Christmassy stuff and the eaves of the houses were decorated by white lacy lights that are considered tasteful there - not nearly as much fun as coloured lights I may say. - I noticed them on sale in the shops back home. I hope they don't catch on - they look very untidy.

The crowning glory of my trip to California was the notice outside a gas station or garage that advertised 'Fred's Flowers'. Fred had 'Bokays' for sale and that is why I wrote this whole thing, so that I could share the joyful moment when I decoded the language and saw a new one had been born. 'Well follow that star!'

Jo Huckvale



## Do You Want Broadband Internet?

High-speed broadband internet access at the Swalecliffe exchange could be nearer than we expect - if we say we want it. The latest information we have from BT is that their target for upgrading the exchange to support high-speed broadband Internet access (ADSL) is a total 94 subscribers registering interest. 50 have already done this, so we're more than halfway there. Since there are also 2 schools and the surgery on the exchange, BT may be even keener to get the upgrade done. If we want to avoid remaining the poor relations of town homes and businesses, let's see if we can register enough demand with BT for this to happen sooner rather than later for once.

BT is encouraging potential subscribers to register, but via an Internet Service Provider (ISP) rather than directly with them. To do this, one nevertheless starts with BT: go to [www.bt.com/broadband](http://www.bt.com/broadband), choose the green Getting Broadband tab at the top of the page and then choose the Broadband Suppliers link in the second line of the page. There's a Registering interest section in the lower left, through which you can register via an ISP of your choice. (The BT page also has an Availability & Registration tab, but it's a longer process if you follow this. First, you will be asked to enter your telephone number, then you'll get a discouraging message saying "It Is unlikely that there will be enough demand to cover the cost of upgrading your exchange". However, if you then follow the subsequent links "See how many people have registered an interest in ADSL at your exchange", "What to do next" and "Find out which Suppliers you can register with", you'll end up at the same Broadband Suppliers page.)

Most ISPs seem to be pricing broadband access at about £25 / month for unlimited, "always-on" access over normal telephone lines. The line can be used for both voice calls and internet access at the same time. This is much cheaper, and more satisfactory, than the satellite broadband service that BT has recently been marketing through leaflets.

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### Stop Junk Mail - Leave the Paper on the Trees

Residents in Oxfordshire can rid themselves of unsolicited junk mail thanks to a scheme pioneered by Oxfordshire County Council.

500,000 tonnes of junk mail is thrust through peoples' doors in the UK every year. Most of it ends up in the bin and therefore goes to landfill. It is one of the commonest gripes by Oxfordshire's residents that they don't want all this junk. However, you can now help to reduce the rubbish going to landfill by contacting the Junk Mail Hotline on **01865 816070** and requesting a copy of their junk mail package. It provides a range of solutions, including taking your name off junk mail databases, stopping the delivery of random junk mail and ensuring that companies stop sending you unsolicited mail.



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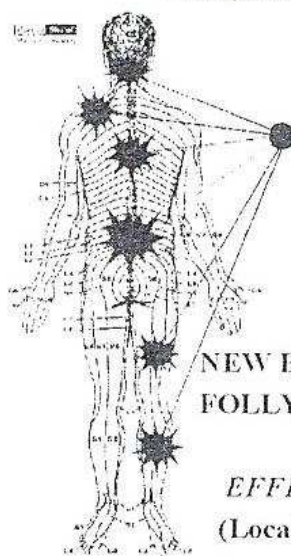
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# Methodist Chapel

We would like to thank everyone who attended our Christmas Coffee Morning which was a great success. With donations included we realised £279.05 for Chapel funds.

Thank you one and all.

## LEO NEWS

On January 21<sup>st</sup>, we paid our annual visit to a local pub for a post Christmas meal. This time we went back to the Gate, where we used to go in the past. The new owners certainly did us proud and we all had a beautifully presented and imaginative meal. Next month we have, due to unforeseen circumstances, a change of night to a Monday. On the 17<sup>th</sup> February we have been invited to Greta's, where we hope to have a relaxed and chatty evening.

MW

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Baptist	Hook Norton	Sunday at 10.30 am
Church of the Firstborn (Bridleways S.Gower)		Sunday at 10.30 am
Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower.		

February

Sun 2nd Young at Heart service.

Shutford 10.00 am

Sun 9th Family Service. 10.00 am

Sun 16th Holy Communion 9.30 am

Sun 23rd Holy Communion 9.30 am

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## LITTER IN THE SIBFORDS

As a local resident who frequently walks through our villages, I despair at the amount of litter that is regularly dumped on the roadside verges. I frequently pick it up as do others but feel that a more coordinated approach is required. I wonder if other villagers would be willing to "adopt" a small length of roadside and keep it litter free on a regular basis. If several people participate, then the task will be small on an individual basis. Let's keep the lovely Sibfords really tidy. ! If you are willing and able, please give me a ring on 780248

Mary Mills



# Sibford Bus Services

## Free Bus Service

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# Calendar of Events

## February

- Sat 1st Village Hall Quiz. 7 p. P5  
Sun 2nd Collectables and Car Boot sale. V.Hall 2.00 pm p15  
Tue 4th Friendship Club Meeting. Village Hall 2 pm. P4  
Tue 11th WI Talk on Alaska. P7  
Wed 12th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)  
Sat 15th Playarea Jumble Sale. 10.30am Mission Room p20  
Sat 15th Return your Fireworks Reply Slip to the Village Shop. P11  
Mon 17th LEO Club Meeting p21  
Tue 18th Deadline for contributions to the March Sibford Scene p16  
Fri 21st Gower Parish Council Meeting. Primary School 8pm.  
Mon 24th Ferris Parish Council Meeting. Sibford School Sports Hall 8pm  
Tue 25th Friendship Club outing. P4  
Wed 26th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)  
Fri 28th Scouts Auction of Favours and Promises. V.Hall 7pm p17

## March (part)

- Sat 1st Sibfords Society Winter Walk. 10 am The Brambles. p6  
Sun 2nd Collectables and Car Boot sale. V.Hall 2.00 pm p15  
Sat/Sun 8/9th Primary School Art Exhibition. P12  
Sat 8th Sid Kipper's Parish Pump Show. Village Hall 7.30 pm. p15  
Wed 12th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)  
Thu 20th Sibfords Society AGM and Quiz Evening p6

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