

Sibford Scene

May 2003

No. 253

Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting.

Thursday 1st May, 7.30 pm, Primary School Hall

Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting.

Tuesday 6th May 7.45 pm Sibford School Sports Hall

Warriner Choral Society at Sibford School

Saturday 10th May 7.30 pm, Sibford School Main Hall

Art Weeks Exhibitions

Saturday 10th until 18th and 25th May

Sibford Horticultural Society

'Alpines from here to Patagonia'

Wednesday 14th 8.00 pm, Village Hall

Nature Notes

Mar. 22nd Watched a rook collecting moss from our lawn to line its nest. The nest was in the tree above it but it had to fly in quite a large circle to gain enough height needed to reach it.

Apr. 1st I woke this morning to the song of a blackcap. I saw one a week ago but as it was not singing I think it was one that had overwintered here and will move north to nest.

Apr. 6th Saw a tree sparrow drinking at our garden pond. It is some time since I last saw one.

Apr. 8th I rescued a well feathered young collared dove from a cat and put it as high up in a privet hedge as I could reach but I expect the cat will soon find it again.

Apr. 12th We have been hearing a chiffchaff in the garden and today it came into our glass porch eventually finding its own way out through the open door again.

Apr. 18th These last few hot days have brought out a few holly blue butterflies as well as newly emerged orange tips and speckled woods.

Apr. 19th What temperature variation we have seen over the last fortnight. It was fairly average on the 5th when swallows were seen down the Coloney but they must have had a rude awakening when from the 7th to the 10th the morning temperature plummeted to 27°F up here on the hill and probably lower down the Coloney. We even had a bit of snow on the afternoon of the 10th. Then we quickly changed to become the hottest country in Europe with record April temperatures in many places. I recorded 74°F in the 16th with a few other days nearly as high but today is really cold again with a fresh north east wind.

Apr. 20th There are still a few fieldfares around. Perhaps yesterdays return to cold weather made them stay with us for Easter.



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Yours sincerely

Margaret Preston. Campaign Manager, CPRE Oxfordshire.

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Everyone appeared to enjoy our Easter Tea although only 18 members attended which was a little disappointing, however, there was plenty of delicious food, thanks to the committee who provided it all.

As our outing was arranged for the Tuesday after Easter it was decided to postpone going to the Cotswold Woolen Mill until May and a lunch at Inkberrow was decided upon.

Our next meeting will be the A.G.M. On **Tuesday 6th May** at 2.00pm in the Village Hall. We would like to see as many there as possible.

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The Sibfords Society

At our last meeting Audrey Linkman showed slides of marvelous Victorian photos, tracing the development of portrait photography and gave us a fascinating insight in how the Victorians wanted to present themselves in this new medium. Now we know what clues to look for, we shall look with new understanding at old photographs.

We have the welcome return of Tim Porter to our next meeting on **Thursday 15th May at 7.30 pm** in the Village Hall, who you will remember visiting us last year and talking about King Alfred. This time he will talk and show slides about Churches in their Landscape. With particular emphasis on this area, telling us why churches were located on particular sites.

A reminder to everyone about our visit to Rousham House on **19th June**. If you would like to put your name down for the visit, it would help us if you would please phone Jenny on 780336.

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Coffee 9.30am before first meditation at 10am

Last meditation at 2.45pm

Bring-and-share lunch

The following dates have been chosen for quiet days at Handywater through the summer and into the autumn. During the summer, each day will be punctuated by short reflections focusing on the life and work of four profoundly influential Christians from widely differing periods of history. Plans for the autumn are still being made, but one of the days will seek inspiration from the Eastern Orthodox tradition.

Monday 28th April George Herbert (1593 - 1633)

Wednesday 21st May St Augustine of Hippo (354 - 430)

Wednesday 11th June Julian of Norwich (c.1342 - c.1413)

Tuesday 8th July Thomas Merton (1915 - 1968)

Tuesday 9th September

Tuesday 7th October

St Augustine apparently reached the climax of his conversion to Christianity in a garden in Milan, Dame Julian led a life of contemplation as a hermit (she is our 'statutory woman'), and Thomas Merton was a trappist monk at a monastery in Kentucky. Each of them, it was felt, is a rather appropriate subject for our attention on a Quiet Garden day.

Anybody of any faith or none is welcome to Handywater on these dates for some peace and quiet. You are not obliged to attend the short talks, but it is a lovely opportunity to read, sew, paint, snooze, contemplate, or go for a walk. Companionable silence is a blessed stress-buster.

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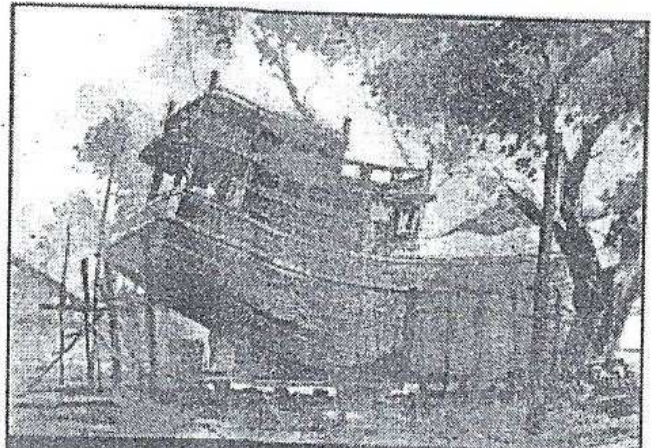
THE APRIL LEO MEETING.

There was a happy little gathering in Barley Close last week, when the Leo ladies listened to a talk by Jenny Barrett about her trip to Australia, New Zealand, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore. Jenny showed us some beautiful photographs, projected on to a screen by means of an epidiascope. It had obviously been an eventful, "once in a lifetime" holiday, and we thoroughly enjoyed being made part of it. Our next meeting, on **May 20th**, will be at the Rectory, when Erica and Timothy will talk to us about their holiday last year in Cyprus.

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The Sibfords Housing Needs Survey

30 LOCAL HOUSEHOLDS SEEK HOUSING IN THE SIBFORDS

400 Housing Questionnaires were distributed with the March issue of The Sibford Scene, for return either in freepost envelopes or via the Sibford Village Stores by March 24th. Those returned have now been analysed.

The Housing Needs Survey is part of an initiative of the two Parish Councils designed to identify if there are people with strong local links who would like to live in the village, but who are unable to do so because of high house prices. The questionnaire was also designed to assess negative reactions, and to allow respondents to signal areas of particular concern.

The total number of responses received was 103 (26%). Among those only 26 respondents were against development, with 77 in favour. The negatives therefore represent 25% of the response. However, it is reasonable to assume that all those who did object would have responded. If so, with only 6.5% of the total questionnaires issued being negative, a very small percentage of the overall residents of the Sibfords oppose such a devel-

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opment. When it came to analysing housing need, a very strong demand was identified. 14 households requested housing immediately, with a further 16 households seeking village housing within five years. Further analysis indicates that almost all of these are either young single people or young married couples, some with small children. This level of demand is certainly significant, and can be taken as a sign that local families do perceive a need for help with housing in order maintain the traditional mix of village residents.

Objections and concerns expressed fell broadly into two categories: the need to control the allocation procedure; and a worry that tenants might eventually buy the houses outright, taking a windfall profit. For those who were unable to attend the Parish Council meetings prior to the Survey, it is worth repeating that the Parish Councils will be fully involved in the allocation of accommodation built under this scheme; and also that the planning regulations for 'rural exception sites', such as these, prevent any individual taking 100% ownership, even on a shared-ownership basis. There was also understandably a view that the style of the housing should fit in with the village in architectural terms, and that too is enshrined in the planning regulations for this type of housing. Shaftesbury Homes are to be thanked for their support in analysing the Survey response, as are The Sibford Scene and the Village Stores for their help in distributing and collecting the survey forms.

So what is the next stage? Firstly, the team involved in the Survey on behalf of the Parish Councils will ensure all interested parties, including village residents and also Cherwell District Council, are aware of the survey results. Secondly, and more important in the long term, is the need to identify a suitable site. The rules of 'rural exception sites' allow small housing developments on pieces of land for which normal planning permission would be refused. Typically, this would be farmland just outside the village boundary. Landowners would receive more than agricultural land values, but less than that of a commercial development site, for which permission would not be granted. In a perfect world, such sites should be not too far from village amenities and close to local services such as water, drainage and electricity, so as to reduce the costs of building on the site. Small dwellings are likely to be considered, especially given the age profile of the households given above, and probably no more than six would be built at this stage. The aesthetic requirements are as for all other housing developments in the villages - stone facing where required; natural materials, landscaping and good quality finish - so that there is no question of the project creating an eyesore. If anyone has ideas about suitable sites, they are invited to make informal suggestions to the BDHC, which is advising the Parish Councils in this scheme. The simplest way is to contact Andrew Harter on 01295 738758, or by e-mail on andrewh@harter.co.uk. Any suggestions will be treated in complete confidence, will be taken seriously and assessed by professionals.

In summary, it would seem that there is significant need for additional low-cost, but good quality housing for local families - especially for the up-and-coming generation, who require it now - identified by your local Parish Councils. The need now is to identify a suitable site and begin construction as soon as is reasonably possible.

CAPE GRAPES

A small article in our local paper has inspired this months offering from the Cape. It says: 'South Africa has moved from sixth to fourth position in the UK retail wine sector and increased its market share last year to 9.5% from 7.9%'. I must say that this doesn't surprise me. The wine industry is booming here, with over 300 wine farms and a lot of investment from overseas.

As I sit here, surrounded by vineyards, it's difficult to know where to start. I'm no expert on wines, I just like drinking them! I belong to the Erinvale Wine Society which, although it sounds rather grand, is just a way of exploring some of our wine farms and tasting some new wines. On alternate months we have a winemaker visit us here on Erinvale for an evening tasting followed by a supper at the Club. Then we go out to visit usually two wine farms with lunch provided by one of them. The latter trip is very popular as we all set off on the bus - otherwise known as the booze bus - early in the morning, to arrive at the first farm to start tasting at about 9.30 am. By lunchtime we have often tasted about sixteen different wines and then have wine with lunch! Needless to say the journey back to Erinvale is usually rather quieter than the journey out only punctuated by the odd snore.

So what have I learnt about wine making from these trips? Well, it's certainly quite a science, knowing where to plant your vines according to soil type, climate, which can vary from field to field, and variety. How to plant them, prune them and keep them healthy. Harvesting is always a worrying time for the winemaker as he's out in the fields every day checking the grapes for sugar content, acidity etc. The weather plays a big part at this stage because if it is too hot, the grapes ripen too quickly but if it is too wet, then the crop can get mould which destroys the grapes, a problem experienced last year. In contrast we have had a good harvest this year and according to the winemaker at Zevenwacht who we met the other day, one of the longest harvests he has known. He has been going for twelve weeks without a break and was bringing in his last grapes as we were there.

The wine making process from there on is fascinating as each individual winemaker tries to create something different from his grapes. This is when terms like malolactic fermentation, barrel aged, filtration process and cold soak are used which I'm only now beginning to understand. The science gets mixed with the art as the winemaker checks i.e. tastes at each stage of the process and makes adjustments.

So we sniff, swirl, sip, and swallow our way through the tastings, doing our impressions of Jilly Goulden saying it has a hint of peppers, leather, cigars or whatever. One wine farm now provides dishes of these things to help tasters pick up the aromas and translate them into taste. But at the end of the day, as one Grand Master of Wine told us, you drink the wine you like whether it has won ten gold medals or is a blend of the winemakers leftovers. He also told us that we should never judge a wine by its label or by its price. In fact one of the wines that most of our guests really enjoy is a white wine blend from Vergelen, our local wine farm, which I can get from the supermarket for R17 (about £1.40) a bottle.

However, I will go on tasting and learning about wine making as it is a fascinating process. The wine makers are all passionate about their wines, they have to be I think, and their presentations are very interesting and enjoyable. If anyone is interested in learning more about South African wines there is a book called John Platter South African Wines which is an excellent guide to cellars, vineyards, wine-makers and restaurants (www.plattervineguide.co.za).

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Reg Craig was a village 'character' who will be missed by all who came into contact with him. He was the youngest son of a large family in Wembley, where he remembered, at the age of 9, Frank Lascelles' great *Pageant of Empire*. His father was a stage manager in London theatres and Reg could always be relied on to cap a Shakespearean quote. His interests were catholic, sustained not only by the books with which he was always surrounded but by the lively questioning of visitors on any promising subject, never excluding the latest village gossip.

As with many people of his age, the 'big thing' in Reg's life was WW2. Reg joined the RAF and trained at Bobbington (Staffs) as a navigator and bomb-aimer, the two roles being combined in the Wellingtons he flew. He was then sent on active service with 108 Squadron first to Malta (where he was present at the award to the island of the George Cross in September 1942) and then to Egypt for the desert campaign, during which he transferred to 37 Squadron.

In mid 1943 Reg returned to the UK to give instruction on bomb-aiming at Moreton-in-Marsh and later at Enstone, activity which earned him promotion first to Warrant officer and then to commissioned rank as a Flying Officer. Training in Wellingtons was, according to Moreton statistics, even more dangerous than operational sorties, a fact brought home to Sibfordians when a Wellington from Moreton crashed in the field opposite Little London cottage in the Ferris.

After the war Reg took up selling suiting material for a Saville Row tailor. The job took him frequently to Spain, especially Bilbao, where he learnt the language and maintained friendships into later life. Typically, he was able to produce two copies of George Borrow's *The Bible in Spain*, a travel book of 1843, when someone raised the subject recently. He came to Sibford in 1966 and took jobs in financial services in Banbury and Stratford in between bouts in hospital for war-related injuries.

After the Moreton airfield became a training centre for the Fire Service, Reg took a close interest in the new Wellington Aviation museum,

launched in 1990, supplying the curator with a lively flow of reminiscences, contacts and photographs.

For the last ten years, as his health declined, Reg set a wonderful example of cheerfulness in adversity. His humour and mischievousness never left him, assets which were pleasingly deployed to sustain the professionals and neighbours on whom he increasingly depended. He cared devotedly for his cat, also afflicted with age, and for a long time he sang the praises of the 'heroic dog' next door, who was the only one to hear his cries for help when he fell in his garden and but for whom Reg would have spent the night outside.

Reg never married, although he talked fondly of his 'near misses' (a typical Regism - he loved crosswords). He wanted no mourning and no funeral, and he left his body to science. Let us hope, nevertheless, that he will allow those who knew him to remember his life and record their affection in print.

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Sibford Horticultural Society

We enjoyed an informative talk on Plant Legends by Val Bourne. She told us how various plants got their names and how they were used by apothecaries.

The next meeting is on the **14th of May** at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall when Chris Brown will be giving a talk entitled "Alpines from here to Patagonia" All welcome.

Warriner School - Class of '78 Reunion

We are currently trying to organise a 25 year school reunion for those people who left the Warriner School, Bloxham in 1978. The reunion is being held at the Warriner School on Saturday 5th July, in the Dining Hall from 7.00 -11.00pm. There is a bar organised for the evening and maybe some food. Due to the size of the venue though, we are not opening the event to husbands, wives or partners - they'll only feel left out when you don't talk to them. There will be a small cost to the evening (probably about £5.00) payable on the night. If you are still in touch with any old school friends, can you please pass this invitation on to them, and most importantly let us know if you intend coming so that we have some idea of numbers. Look forward to seeing you on the night. Best wishes,

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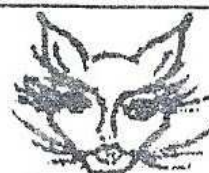
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Sibford Gower Parish Council - Litterblitz 5th April 2003

A big thank you is extended to those very willing folk who helped with the Litterblitz on Saturday, 5th April 2003. Although few in number (and the preparation for the afternoon's Church Jumble Sale must have had an impact), the clearance of rubbish from the village's verges was very effectively carried out - it is amazing (and shameful) what gets thrown out of car windows! We were extremely lucky that the weather was in our favour and this helped in making the task just that little bit easier. Next year, we will endeavour to have the Litterblitz on a date which does not coincide with other village activities in the hope that more volunteers will feel able to be involved. PH

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W.I. MEETING - 8TH APRIL.

We were welcomed by Glennis Hardman, our new President, ably assisted by the usual team of Lynda and Barbara.

Our speaker was Barbara Gray and, as she was anxious not to leave late, Glennis had decided to reverse our usual order and have our speaker first. It seemed to work well. Mrs Gray has been to Sibford before and is one of the best and most entertaining of speakers. Her subject this time was 'Four Weddings'. Isabelle, Matthew, Chico and Francisco had all been students in Oxford and had at one time or another resided with Mrs. Gray. Clearly she had done well by them as she'd been an honoured guest at all their weddings: two in France, one in Japan and one in Spain. It was very interesting and amusing to hear of the different customs in these countries. Gwen gave warm thanks on our behalf.

Glennis told us that Lynda was retiring as V.C.O. after having done a number of years on the job. Also, we were sad to learn that Lee Morgan, a former V.C.O. had died. There was an excellent response to the competition 'A Floral Corsage', won by Pat, second Glennis, 3rd Maureen.

Two points were raised by Glennis for future meetings: 1. Raffle tickets should be distributed by the provider of the raffle prize. 2. A flask of water should be on the speaker's table. A tea tray should be given to her/him at tea time. Both are to be the responsibility of the member who is giving the 'welcome and thanks'. Our tea hostesses were Kathleen Reid and Jean Puddle - assisted by Brenda Power, as Jean had to dash off for grandmotherly duties for a short time!

Next Meeting: May 13th - 'Resolutions', Competition: Best garden Bloom.

New members always welcome.

R.P.

National Gardens Scheme. Garden open for charity

The garden at Handywater Farm, Sibford Gower, will be open every Tuesday from April 22nd until June 10th inclusive, between 11am and 7pm, in aid of the National Gardens Scheme's nursing and garden charities. Refreshments will be available all day, including light lunches and teas, and there will also be a few plants for sale. Visitors came from far and wide on our open Tuesdays last year, but it is always good to welcome more familiar local faces, so do support these very worthwhile charities and come over to enjoy so much hospitality in a beautiful setting.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The summer is approaching with warmer weather, extra visitors, gardening, open doors and windows. A good time for unwanted visitors to move around unnoticed. They are up to many different ways of gaining entry to your home. **Make it hard for them.** Close all windows and doors when you are out, away or out of sight. Lock garden sheds and garages with tools inside. Do not allow any unknown person into your property without checking

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The Jumble Sale held on April 5th made an excellent £245 and thanks to all who provided the jumble and supported on the day, also of course to the organisers, Jane Holliday and Erica Wimbush.

The Monday Austerity lunches held in the Benefice villages throughout Lent have been very enjoyable occasions to meet people from other parts of the Benefice and have raised considerable sums for various charities.

There will be a Family Service on May 11th at 10.00 am entitled "The Working World". The Mothering Sunday service was much enjoyed by many, as was the cake which had been mixed at the previous Family Service.

The Church Fete will this year be held in the Rectory Garden, Acreditch on Saturday 5th July at 2.30pm.

Circle Dance Taster Session

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Thursday May 8th in the Village Hall 1.15 - 2.45 pm.

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The Simon Weatherby Garden Trust

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Society of Friends		Sunday at 10.30 am
Methodist		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 the Firstborn (Bridleways S.Gower)		Sunday at 10.30 am
Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower.		

May

Sun 4th Benefice Eucharist 10 am at Tadmarton

Sun 11th Family Service 10 am

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June

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Sibford Ferris	9.57 am	1.53 pm
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Calendar of Events

May

- Thu 1st Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting.
- Sun 4th Table Top & Car Boot Sale 12 noon Village Hall
- Tue 6th Handywater Garden open every Tuesday p 19
- Tue 6th Friendship Club AGM. Village Hall 2 pm. P5
- Tue 6th Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting.
- Wed 7th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)
- Thu 8th Circle Dance Taster Session in the Village Hall p21
- Sat 10th Art Weeks Exhibitions Begin p 8&9
- Sat 10th Warriner Choral Society at Sibford School p16
- Tue 13th Friendship Club outing to Filkins p5
- Tue 13th WI Resolutions Meeting. p19
- Wed 14th Horticultural Society Talk 'Alpines from here to Patagonia' p16
- Thu 15th Sibfords Society 'Churches in their landscape' p6
- Fri 16th Sibford Gower Parish Council Meeting. P14
- Tue 20th LEO Club meeting at The Rectory. p9
- Tue 20th Spinners & Weavers talk and demo - The Great Wheel.
- Tue 20th Deadline for contributions to the June Sibford Scene p6
- Wed 21st Quiet Garden day at Handywater p7
- Wed 21st Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)

June (part)

- Sun 1st Table Top & Car Boot Sale 12 noon Village Hall
- Wed 4th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)
- Sun 8th Hospice Open Gardens p21
- Thu 19th Sibfords Society visit to Rousham p6
- Sat 21st Annual Village Fayre 1pm

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Sibford Scene

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