

Sibford Scenes

June 2003

No. 254

Sunday 8th June

Open Gardens at Katharine House Hospice

2 - 4.30 pm

Saturday 21st June

Annual Village Fayre

From 1pm at the Village Hall

Sunday 29th June

Sibford Gower Open Gardens

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Nature Notes

Apr. 21st My daughter saw a white deer at the bottom of the field below her house. On closer inspection she could see quite a number of darker coloured deer resting there. They must have been fallow deer as they are the ones that vary in colour.

Apr. 26th I hear from the radio that a manx shearwater was caught on Bardsey Island which was ringed in 1957 which by my reckoning makes it 46 years old.

Apr. 27th At breakfast time I saw a swift flying high against the low cloud. I think this is the earliest date that I have ever seen one.

May. 5th We are on holiday in Devon where we visited Berry Pomeroy castle. While there my son saw a buzzard dive into a clearing on the opposite bank as though it was trying to get a rabbit but all it did when it landed was to spread out its wings and tail and spend about half an hour sunning itself. When it had gone I could see through my binoculars that the spot was bare of vegetation so it may do it whenever the sun shines into the clearing. A very bright double flowered gorse grows by the castle wall but I don't know whether it is truly wild as I cannot find it in my wildflower book.

May. 6th To Slapton Sands Nature Reserve where an Australian black swan was flying round with a much larger white mute swan as though they were a pair. It is thought that their genetic diversity is such that they will not cross breed. I hope this proves to be so as it would be sad to finish up with speckled or piebald swans. Now that we can see film of wildlife taken in their natural environment on television it is no longer necessary to take the risk of importing wildlife in the flesh. Also at the reserve I could hear a cetti's warbler which was identified for me by a local bird watcher. The cetti's warbler has only moved into the south and east of England over the last 20 years or so. We returned from our trip to hear that a jay had come near the garden and my wife had seen a fly-catcher that died by flying into a window in the village. They are rare enough without suffering accidents like this.

May. 7th We have now seen swallows, house martins and a swift down here but all as yet very scarce. The goldfinches, greenfinches and the old and young robins and blackbirds that visit the garden are safer here than at home as there seem to be less cats around, probably because so many of the houses are only holiday homes. There were two ravens along the

coast when we visited the beautiful National Trust gardens at Coletton Fishacre which go right down a steep valley to the coast path. The cutting of the roadside hedge banks must have been well timed with the tops trimmed so close that sheets of bluebells show above the other vegetation along with greater stitchwort, red campion, primroses, wild garlic, shining cranesbill and a few bits of gorse. I think we must be seeing them at their best.

May. 8th Across Dartmoor to Lydford Gorge where we saw golden saxifrage, water avens, pink purslane and its white form, which I had not seen before, and grey wagtails by the stream. Among the gorse growing on the moor were some brighter bushes. I am wishing now that I had stopped to see whether they were the double form that we saw at Berry Pomeroy castle or whether they looked brighter because the others were going over. There was also a good deal of western gorse which won't bloom until July.

May. 13th There was a good crowd of house martins catching flies above the road at Whites Barn, Hook Norton today.

May. 15th A mink was seen on the roadside at the entrance to Grounds Farm.



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News from Playgroup.

There are lots of new faces at Playgroup this term with eight new children coming to join in the fun. We also have a new Playgroup Assistant, Vanda, who joins Julie, Judith and Dawn. We have been making pictures of ladybirds, spiders and caterpillars, and, if the real things

haven't been washed away in all this rain, we are hoping to find some real creepy crawly mini beasts in the garden to look at.

There is always something exciting to do at Playgroup!

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This month we say WELCOME to Gillian and Barry Tanswell, who have moved into 'The Wykham Arms' (formerly 'The Moody Cow'), Married for twenty one years, they have four children: Oliver and James (20), Charlotte (18) and Thomas (13). Barry previously enjoyed an extensive career with Marks and Spencer plc, whilst Gillian has latterly acted as a receptionist at West Street Surgery in Chipping Norton. The family have lived in Kingham for ten years. Barry has a range of other experiences, including five years as a district Councillor over the border in West Oxon, and in 2001 was a parliamentary candidate in the general election!! This is a new direction and venture for them both. Barry commented: 'Gillian and I are delighted to have joined your community. We are extremely excited about the future and wish the Wykham Arms to be an integral part of the lives of local people. All are welcome, whether just for a drink or to sample our menu. To this end, we shall be holding a launch party on the evening of Sunday, June 8th. Through this newsletter we issue an open invitation to any of you in the three villages to join us for a drink from 7 p.m. We would be delighted to see you.



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The Sibfords Society

We were treated to an evening of wonderful photography by Tim Porter, who was speaking about Churches in their landscape, discussing why they were built in that particular situation. In our Cotswold area, they were usually built in an existing hamlet and near springs or rivers, with field systems below and the wilder uplands above to graze the large flocks of sheep, which brought great wealth to the area, enabling the building of some magnificent churches.

On the **19 June** we have arranged a guided visit to Rousham House and gardens at a cost of £6 per person. Please ring Jenny Barratt on 780336 if you would like to join us. We will meet outside the House at 6.50 pm and if anyone needs transport that can be arranged by ringing Jenny.

SIBFORD GOWER OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 29 June - 2.00 to 6.00 pm

The following gardens will be open under the National Garden Scheme:

The Manor House - Mr & Mrs M Booth

Carters Yard - Mr & Mrs H Tengwall

Buttslade House - Mr & Mrs C Smith

Temple Close - Mrs V Jones

Mr Richard Irons regrets it will not be possible to open the Meadow Cottage garden this year.

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Opinions Sought

Having lived in Burdrop for over 2 years, I have become increasingly concerned by the speed of the traffic, particularly round the corner by Burdrop House, and feel it's only a matter of time until someone, probably a child, is hit by a car. 30 mph speed restrictions will not address this, as even 20 mph is too fast on the corner.

There are now at least seven families with young children in Burdrop and, with summer approaching, there will be more cars en route to the pub, especially at weekends. I don't think signage will have much effect on drivers and feel that sleeping policemen are the only way of slowing down cars sufficiently.

I would appreciate the views of residents as I intend to approach our Councillor George Reynolds, and Oxfordshire Highways about this matter.

Alison Smith, Carriers Cottage. Tel; 788004

Sibford Gower Parish Council. Parking of Vehicles

At the Annual Parish Meeting held on 1st May 2003, the subject of car parking was raised and a plea was made that, where possible, vehicles be parked on the owners' own land where, of course, this facility is available. It is readily acknowledged that sometimes there is no other place to leave a car but on the road. Most people will recognise that the increase in the number of cars is a fact of life and finding a place for them becomes more and more difficult. However, if there is the opportunity of off-road parking, please use it and help to ease the situation and, in some instances, make it easier for residents to access and depart from their properties. Attention is requested, particularly, to the roads approaching the village pond where there have been times when large vehicles requiring access to Rye Hill Farm have had difficulty in finding a way through.

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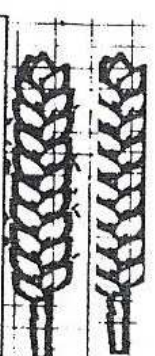
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Friendship Club

We held our A.G.M. early in May which was quite a pleasant meeting. All of the committee were re-elected 'en-bloc'; speakers and outings were discussed for the rest of 2003 and we were pleased to welcome four new members. Refreshments were provided by some of the committee.

Our outing to Lechlade Garden Centre and the Cotswold Woolen Mill was quite a success in spite of one or two hitches, including the weather!

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday June 3rd** at 2.00pm in the Village Hall when Mrs Sylvia Perks will be coming to talk to us - subject not yet known.

Our next outing will be on **Tuesday June 24th** when we shall be visiting Highgrove. Numbers are limited and names must be given to Mrs Boughton on Tuesday June 3rd at our next meeting.

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Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting - Thursday 1st May

The above meeting was held in Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School. In attendance were the Council Members, County & District Councillor George Reynolds, Mr Colin Carritt (Area Engineer, Oxfordshire County Council) and 19 local electors. The Chairman (Mr Eric Payne) presented his report on the work carried out during the previous year by the Parish Council. Included in this were dealings with highways and footpath matters and the consideration of planning applications. He reported the bequest by the late Miriam Tebbs of a plot of land which she hoped would be for the enjoyment of local residents. The Meeting heard from Cllr Reynolds who gave a County and District Council point of view. He referred to the extensive works carried out in respect of roads and pathways. He gave some background as to the District Council's decision to terminate the village Skip service (this was highlighted in a previous issue of the Sibford Scene). Reference was made to the Housing Stock transfer and this has been well publicised elsewhere. Colin Carritt then addressed the Meeting in his position of Area Engineer. He ran through the works which have been carried out in the village - around some £300,000 has been expended during the year and the main results may be seen in the footpath in Acre Ditch, the road works in Colony Road and Barley Close. A report on behalf of the Town Estate Charity was made by Mr Fred Inns and he gave details of the 2002 financial year. The total assets of the Charity as at 31st December 2002 amounted to £437,299. The annual surplus of income over expenditure is for the benefit of the community. Mr John Mulley gave the Neighbourhood Watch report and was pleased that nothing untoward had been advised to him during the year. Again, he urged vigilance and caution with a request that anything out of the ordinary should be reported to him. The Clerk gave his financial report for the year ended 31st March 2003 and went on to refer to the adoption of the Parish Council Model Scheme in respect of the Freedom of information Act 2000. All matters in which the Parish Councillors are involved are open to public scrutiny upon request. Under the heading of Any Other Business, various aspects were raised. They related to some criticism of the road works in Colony Road, damage to the grass verges adjacent to the Triangle, Backside Lane, inconvenience caused by parked cars and the annual cleaning of the village pond. All matters raised will have the attention of the Parish Council. The Meeting closed at 8.40pm after the Chairman again expressed his thanks to all who had been present.

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Some additional information.

We have some further information (provided by Gordon Berry who is writing a book about Castle Bromwich aerodrome in the first world war) about the plane which came down on Sibford Heath shown on the cover of the April Sibford Scene.

The plane was a B.E.2c built by Vickers of Weybridge and was probably being used for training. The pilot, 2nd Lt. Arthur Crisp was shot down and made prisoner-of-war a few months after the photo was taken.

**HELP NEEDED
VILLAGE FAYRE TEAS
SATURDAY 21ST JUNE**

Helpers are needed at the Village Fayre, serving teas and washing up. If anyone could give some time during the afternoon of the 21st June, please contact Anita Spencer on 788557. Many thanks

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SIBFORD CRICKET CLUB MATCH REPORTS

Another year another cricket season!

Well the 2003 season got off to a flying start with a friendly against Fenny Compton (a premiership team I hasten to add)

Fenny batted first and set a huge total to test our batsmen of 52 all out! They were off to a reasonable start until Sibford unleashed Lee 'the claw' Gilbert who tore into their middle order to finish with figures of 4 for 20, he was well backed up by Dave 'zebedee' Prickett who finished with 3 for 2.

The batsmen set about the total in steady fashion Kevin Peachey top scoring with 16, the two blips were Jason Barton and Chris Wollerton who got the seasons duck tally off to a cracking start. The victory came in 20 overs

Sat 3rd May Preston Capes away

The first league game proper. It was a windy afternoon as the battle for promotion began. Fielding first Sibford did a marvelous job restricting PC to 64 runs with most of the damage being done by a wind assisted 'Soapy' Holliday or Tom as he is known to some, who took 5 for 25. It was a good fielding display with only one catch from nine being put down, the name of the person to drop the catch evades me! Matt Simms was bucket hands with a tally of three catches.

The runs were acquired with the loss of only two wickets. Dave 'Del boy' Pratt hit a sparkling 12 and when asked to describe this innings he called it 'Cosmic'. Last years outgoing captain, Ian Wollerton under reduced pressure added to the duck tally. It was left to Kevin Peachey, 28NO and Jason Barton 17NO to see Sibford through to victory

Sun 4th May

A glorious sunny day for our first home match of the season which was unfortunately cancelled due to the wicket not being ready. I'll say no more, other than they did only have six months to prepare it.

Sat 10th May Warwick Uni at home

On the now ready wicket Sibford batted first and amassed 141 runs with Ian 'leathers' Wollerton finding his form and top scoring with a measured 72 NO including five fours and a six. For the second time this season Jason Barton and Chris Wollerton both added to the duck tally (perhaps they're having a private competition)

A good all round bowling performance with Chris 'cackhands' Sabin removing the top three batsmen for 27 and the new skipper Simon Chard cleaning up the tail end to finish up with 4 for 12. A good end to a close game with two wickets in the 38th over to leave Warwick all out on 132

Sun 11th Ilmington home friendly

Probably the least said the better as we were soundly thrashed being bowled out for 84 runs, with only Simon Chard who was chanting 'beer match, beer match' holding up proceedings with an at times painfully slow 25 before he eventually dollied up an easy catch. The Sunday duck hat had a busy day being passed on four times before coming to rest on Henry Taylors head.

A valiant effort by seven different bowlers only resulted in two wickets. Better luck on the away trip we hope.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Annual Village Fayre - SATURDAY 21ST JUNE 2003 from 1 p.m. The Fancy Dress has 2 classes with a small gift and rosette to all, this year kindly judged by Judith Marshall. The Fun Dog Show, kindly sponsored by Mrs Vera Jones, has 6 classes each with rosettes 1st to 6th plus an extra Challenge Trophy in class 1 kindly donated by Mrs Virginia Bennett (Young Handlers class). The Sibford Top Dog Championship has 2 challenge trophies plus championship rosettes and Countrywide Stores have kindly donated a bag of dog food to the winner. All the children's activities, competitions, games etc as in the May Sibford Scene. BBQ, teas, with cakes kindly donated by Sibford Friends School (we would very much appreciate help on our Teas table on the day for short periods of time), and a licensed bar. The Grand Raffle has prizes of £200 kindly donated by Swan Hill plc, £100 kindly donated by Roger Brown of RJB Contract Services Ltd from Tadmarton, a Dinner for Two kindly donated by The Wykham Arms, £10 voucher from Red Horse Fuels plus many more. Why not join a team in the Tug of War - senior & junior - talk to Ian O'Hare or ring 780025. We hope our young residents are working on their paintings for the Art Competition, with this year's theme "Your Pet" - no larger than A4 size please. Three age groups - the under 5's, 5 to 8 years and 9-14. Please bring your masterpieces to the Hall for display by 1 p.m. on the Fayre Day, to be judged by our own local artist Nigel Fletcher. Programmes and Raffle Tickets on sale shortly via our Sibford Stores.

Table Top/Car Boot Sale is on Sunday 1st June at 12 noon onwards, followed by one on Sunday, 6th July. To book a table ring 01295 251339. If anyone has items they would like to donate for sale in aid of Hall funds please ring 780025. The Village Lottery Game got underway again in May, raising £168 for Village Hall funds, the same amount being allocated to monthly prizes. Thanks to all who have supported this and a further nine have now joined, increasing the monthly prize money and raising another £49.50 for hall funds. May winners were Mr Tom Pratt (£8); Mrs Judith Byrne (£4); Mr & Mrs Warden (£2). If you would like to join in the fun please ring either Muriel (780025) or Ginny (780373).

Not too good a response to our Cherwell DC Arts @ Large 2003/4 Menu but thanks to all who did. The following have been booked for this season, all mentioned by those who did ring, so we hope we can look forward to good support at these performances:

Thursday, 23rd October '03 - The Watermill Theatre Company present "Gigolo" - hilarious new comedy.. Licensed Bar.

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W.I. RESOLUTIONS Meeting.

May 13th, 2003

Glennis opened the meeting with a lively account of the North Oxfordshire F.W.I. A.G.M. at Oxford Town Hall. 700 Members attended and we sent a group of six.

It was interesting to hear about the Women's Library, started about 150 years ago and which now houses the W.I. archives. The star attraction of the meeting was a talk by Kate Adie about her wartime experiences.

Brenda went with some of us to a Group Meeting at Wigginton. She said it was very enjoyable, but they were given too much to eat!!

Lynda then took over to explain about the three resolutions on which we would be required to vote. Many took part in the discussion that followed and the resolutions were subsequently agreed upon.

The competition for 'Best Garden Bloom' produced a number of quite beautiful entries, which made it hard work for the judges. However, Jean was the worthy winner, Gaynor 2nd and Gilian 3rd.

The raffle prize was won by Jane Martin.

Our tea hostesses were Brenda and Gilian, Kay stepped in when Gilian had to leave early.

Next meeting: June 10th.

Speaker: Mrs Underwood - "Easy Cookery"

Competition: Six plain scones.


Newcomers welcomed.

Sibford Group Gardens: June 28th.

Visits to Vera Jones' and Sarah Smith's gardens.

Teas at the Village Hall.

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Sibford Gower Parish Council

A meeting of the Council was held on 16th May 2003 in the Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School. Eric Payne and Robin Spicer were elected to be Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively for the coming year. Since the previous meeting, the Councillors had considered seven planning applications. The Clerk was able to provide details received from Oxfordshire County Council's Department of Environment & Economy as to remedial work promised following matters raised at the Annual Parish Meeting on 1st May. At the meeting under report, Councillors raised subjects which had been referred to them by local residents. These included a footpath where access is being impeded by protruding conifer branches, rainwater escaping from Colony Road into a resident's garden, damage to a resident's car tyre by a kerb stone at the Cross and a weed problem on a grass bank near to the village pond. The Clerk was instructed to contact the relevant Authorities to take the required action. The Clerk's salary was discussed and it was brought into line with the scale recommended by the National Association of Local Councils. The resiting of the Council's notice board was a topic and whilst it is in the most central position, access is not the easiest over grass, particularly when it is long and wet. The Clerk will investigate to ascertain whether some paving may be possible. The Village Pond had the Council's attention and the cleaning out will take place in August and research is to be undertaken as to the installation of plants, water snails and suitable fish in an attempt to keep the water clearer. The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.30pm thanking those who had been present. The next Meeting will be on Friday, 11th July 2003 at 8pm in the Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School.

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will be served afterwards.

The Funeral Address for John the Tramp.

My dear friend John Peter Gregory passed away on Tuesday 29th of April and died of natural causes. I was fortunate enough to have seen him the evening before and he was in great form both physically and mentally, so his passing came as quite a shock to me and my boys less than 24 hours later.

Over the past few weeks I have gained much comfort finding out the number of friends who cared and supported John in so many ways. Some I have spoken to, others through evidence I have seen of gifts left at his home after his passing. I think John has made an imprint on all our hearts. I know how special he was to me and I hope I can accurately portray a true picture of John and his life through what I was told by him and from his friends.

John was born in Blackpool on May 19th 1933 and he lived in a boarding house for many years. He was to celebrate his 70th birthday on Monday and thankfully the boys and I had discussed with him the evening before his passing our birthday plans. We had decided it was going to be a big chocolate cake and a belting rendition of happy birthday! And of course loads of candles, the works for such a special occasion.

You understand John loved music and song! His little radios he so meticulously looked after gave him so much joy. He loved classic FM. One day I came knocking he opened his door and he said did you hear it? And I said no John what? The planet suite! It was fantastic! 10 minutes it went on for. He was delighted. John never ceased to fascinate me.

The next part of his life (circa 1963) and for years after that he drove a frozen food delivery truck. What happened after this period is a blur, and he ended up living in a bus shelter in Tamworth in a syndicate? For 5 years. He told me he decided to leave because someone had been pilfering his money and food.

How did he end up here? I will try to get this right but if not 100% it is very close to how it happened. Well John was seen in September time trundling up Sun rising hill on the Stratford to Banbury road pushing his large trolley when he was first spotted by a future friend. John had then stopped in front of Sun rising house and was rummaging through a large dustbin. Later his friend spotted John sat on the verge reading a large broadsheet (like the Sunday times) with all the one hundred and one supplements neatly laid out in piles all around him. This was John and he also loved reading and crossword puzzles.

His friend asked him where he was going and he was heading for a hostel he had heard of in Enstone. Thankfully his friend the carpenter as John always called him when he spoke to me enquired about this hostel and it didn't exist so John ended up traveling to Sibford and there he stayed. He had a beautiful spot where he lived and thanks to the carpenter fresh water, wood and provisions. This friend the carpenter meant so much to John and he always spoke of him with such fondness. He would say the carpenter came to see me yesterday and they would discuss their mutual love of football John being a Blackpool supporter. John would also share his fruit with the carpenter if he had any spare. I can only thank the carpenter from the bottom of my heart for all he did for John.

Another important family in John's life let him have his tin hut where he set up his home. I am sure without his tin hut he would not have survived the winter as it

kept him warm and dry. This also showed another side of John he was meticulous about how he kept his possessions and in his own funny little way he was very house-proud. Once again I can only say thank you to all of you who made such a difference to John's life in so many ways. I would also like to thank Vicar Timothy Wimbush and Rebecca from Cherwell District Council for making today so special.

John used to open up his door and say Hello love! I adored him and he knew it. I think it happened when I said do you need any new shirts and he replied, oh yes a 17-½ collar please!

I don't know if you know but he was 6 foot 2 and had a size 12 shoes, he was a very tall graceful man. Another day he asked me if I liked to dance! Well this was my passion in life and what was John's? It was ballroom dancing he loved to waltz and to fox-trot! He was truly a gentleman.

There was one thing I did give John. He would say bye-bye love with a wink and a nod and then I would blow him a kiss bye-bye... love you. I adored him.

So let's dance...

I'm Alright.

In memory of John.

"I'm alright," you told us when we asked
And stopped to talk, on our way past.
We didn't like to pry or interfere
For freedom is a thing we all hold dear.

It seemed your right to choose which way to live,
But it challenged us, in what we had to give.
We were safe inside, comfortable and warm,
While you sat in your tin hut, braving the storm.

Your large tin candle and your radio,
Were all the worldly goods you had on show,
To give you company in the long dark night.
Yet still you smiled and told us, 'I'm alright.'

You chose our village as your stopping place,
And thanked us for our offerings with grace.
How right the term, 'A Gentleman of the Road,'
For in your quietness, that quality showed.

We're sad you've gone, but I think it's fair to state
That in our village history, we'll call your place John's Gate.
May you walk Heaven's roads now, in the warmth of Angel light.
You touched our hearts, John. Be more than just 'alright'.

Jo Huckvale. May 03

Sibford Horticultural Society

We were given a most enjoyable evening by Chris Brown at our May meeting. He showed us slides of his plant hunting trip to Patagonia. We were all quite envious but probably would not be able to keep up with their long days, we now wait to be able to buy some of the plants that Chris is propagating from his trip.

June 14th is our plant sale and coffee morning and garden visit at Gowers Close we hope to see many of you there with plants to sell and buy.

June 18th Radway gardening club are coming to visit us and we hope many of you will join us to show them round our gardens followed by refreshments. meet 7pm by the primary school.

June 21st Village fete we have been asked to do the plant stall so contributions will be gratefully received.

July 9th Evening outing to Kiftsgate and August 23rd is the show so plenty for everyone to enjoy.



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Last meditation at 2.45pm

Bring-and-share lunch

The focus of our meditations on Wednesday 11th June will be Julian of Norwich, whose famous words 'All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well' are known to many. Little is known about her personal life, but we shall be exploring some of the meditations of this fourteenth century mystic. As a female visionary at a time when the Church was male-dominated, she lived for twenty years in a cell attached to St Julian's Church in Norwich. She carefully recorded her revelations in the English vernacular of the day, bringing out the more womanly side of the Christian faith.

Quiet days are not study days, but opportunities for appreciating stillness and silence in lovely surroundings. Anyone of any faith or none is welcome, and attendance at the short talks is not obligatory: the subject of the day is simply a point of focus.

Future plans for quiet days are as follows:

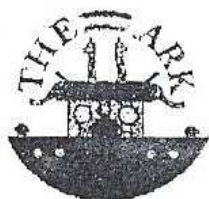
Tuesday 8th July Thomas Merton (1915 - 68), American Trappist monk

Tuesday 9th September The inspiration of the Eastern Orthodox tradition

Tuesday 7th October Desert Spirituality: The Rev. John Stroyan will Base his meditations on his experiences of leading a retreat in the Sinai Desert.

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THE MAY LEO MEETING

The May meeting was spent at the Rectory, where we had a very lively evening watching videos and passing round photos, while listening to an animated commentary by Erica and Timothy. It was obvious that they had thoroughly enjoyed their last year's holiday in Cyprus, when they also managed to fit in a very long day trip to Egypt. This was their first holiday abroad for many years and so was extra special. The time flew by and it was after eleven before we settled down to coffee.

The next Leo meeting will be on June 17th at Mary Bristow's, (Long View, Back Lane, Sibford Ferris), when Kathy Yorke will talk to us about bereavement. I hope lots of you will be able to come.

MW.

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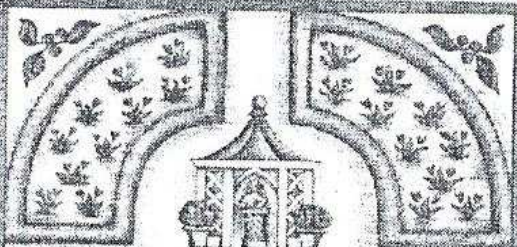
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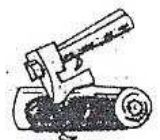
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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

A Parochial Church Council meeting was held recently and amongst the matters discussed were numerous activities to be held during the summer and autumn. Dates for your diaries are as follows:

Thursday June 26th at 7.30 pm Cheese and Wine evening at the home of Tom and Doreen Pratt (opposite the Church). Entry Price £3.50

Saturday 5th July at 2.30pm. The Church Fete in the Rectory Garden, Acreditch. Children are invited to attend in Fancy Dress.

Sunday 10th August Bring & Share lunch.

Friday 29th August. Cheese and Wine at Robin and Anne Spicer's home at 7 High Meadow. Time to be announced later.

Saturday October 4th. Harvest Supper in the Village Hall after the Harvest Festival which will be held in Church.

Saturday 15th November Christmas Bazaar in the Village Hall at 2.30 pm.

Saturday 20th December Christmas Bingo in the Village Hall

It is very much hoped that these events will be well supported by villagers as they are intended to help with the ever increasing costs of running your church.

The next Family Service (with Communion) will be held at 10.00 am on Pentecost **Sunday 8th June**



The Simon Weatherby Garden Trust

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Church Services

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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.		

June

Sun 1st Young at Heart service 10 am

Sun 8th Family Service and Communion 10 am

Sun 15th Holy Communion 9.30 am

Sun 22nd Holy Communion 9.30 am

Sun 29th Holy Communion 9.30 am

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Sibford Gower	9.55 am	1.55 pm
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Bloxham	10.35 am	1.15 pm
Banbury	10.50 am	1.00 pm

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Calendar of Events

June

- Sun 1st Table Top & Car Boot Sale 12 noon Village Hall p12
Tue 3rd Handywater Garden open every Tuesday
Tue 3rd Friendship Club Talk. V. Hall 2 pm p8
Tue 3rd Methodist Chapel Anniversary Service 7.30 pm p15
Wed 4th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)
Sun 8th Hospice Open Gardens p21
Sun 8th Wykham Arms Launch Party 7 pm.
Tue 10th W.I. Meeting. 'Easy Cookery' p14
Wed 11th Quiet Garden at Handywater. p19
Sat 14th Horticultural Society Plant Sale & Coffee Morning. p18
Tue 17th Spinners & Weavers Craft Sales tables (251088 for details)
Tue 17th LEO Meeting. p20
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Wed 18th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)
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Tue 24th Friendship Club Trip to Highgrove. P8
Thu 26th Cheese and Wine Party in aid of Church Funds. p21
Sat 21st Annual Village Fayre 1pm p12
Sat 28th W.I. Group Gardens p14
Sun 29th Sibford Gower Open Gardens p6

July (part)

- Wed 2nd Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)
Sat 5th Church Fete at the Rectory. P21
Sun 6th Table Top & Car Boot Sale 12 noon Village Hall p12
Mon 7th Garden & Coffee Morning in aid of British Lung Foundation
Holly Tree House, Tadmarton - Details in next issue.
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