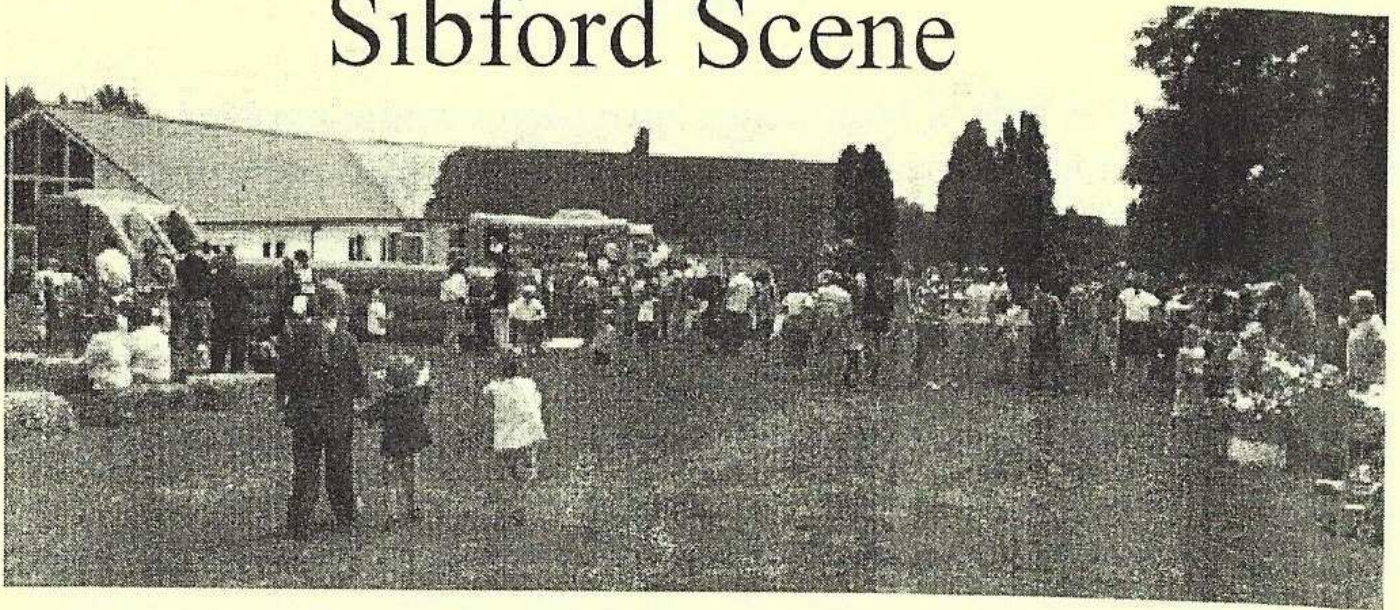
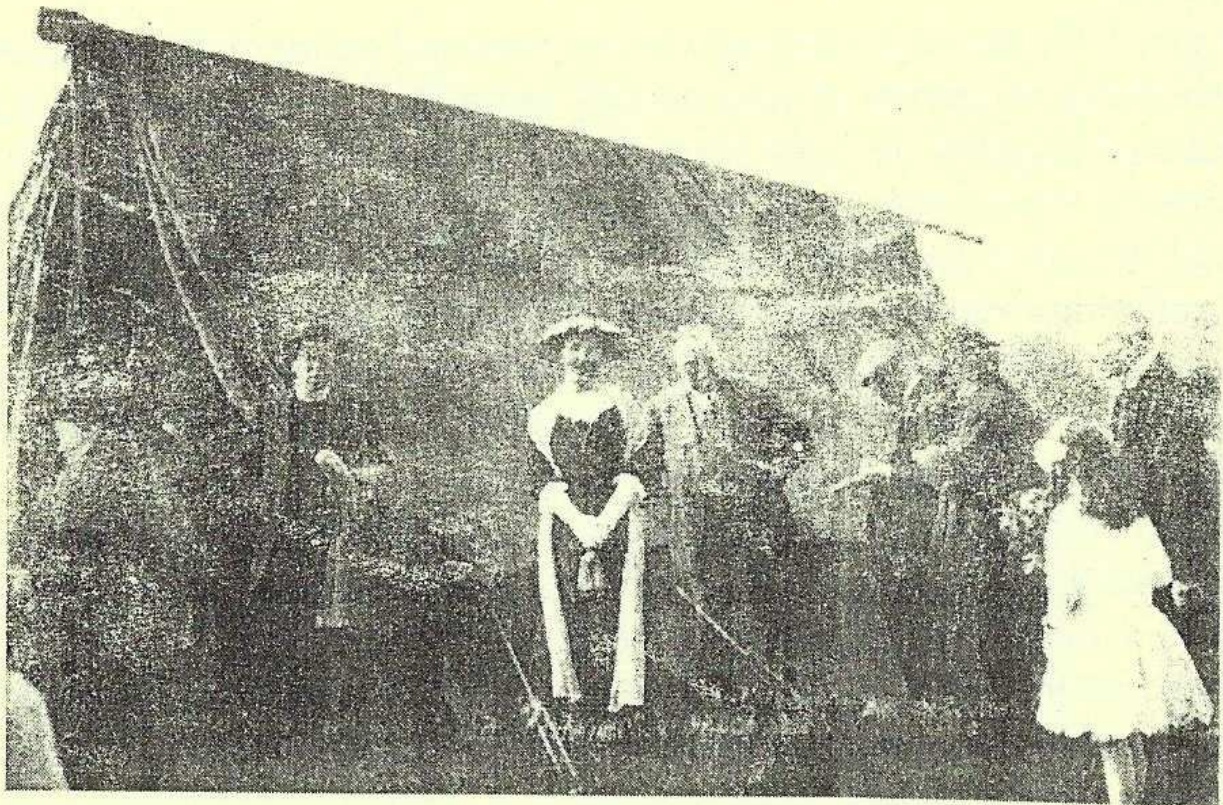


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Holy Trinity Church Fete

Saturday 5th July. 2.30 pm in the Rectory Garden

Sibfords Society Evening Walk

Thursday 17th July at 7 pm from the Bishop Blaize

Nature Notes

June 3rd. A pair of bullfinches have been visiting our bird table most days but today there were two pairs at the same time which probably means that neither pair has reared a brood.

June. 10th While cycling this evening we found the flattened body of a buzzard on the road near Great Tew. Much of it was so flat that it could have passed for a hen pheasant but the great talons put its identity beyond doubt. This is the first buzzard that I have seen as a road casualty.

June. 13th The nesting times for wild birds have advanced by about ten days over the last 25 years and scientists believe that even this has not kept up with the pace of climate change which is still speeding up.

June. 14th About a week ago it was reported on the radio that there was a big migration of painted lady butterflies coming into the South East of England. Judging from the speed that the last big migration crossed the country in 1996 they should have been here by now. On that occasion the main front of millions if not billions of butterflies stretching from Cornwall to here and beyond passed over in one day leaving behind enough stragglers to outnumber any of our own native species. Since it is now 10 days later than that influx was, I doubt whether this will be a very big invasion.

June. 16th A song thrush that nested in the pyracantha that grows against the wall of our house seemed to be feeding its young one for ages. I looked at the empty nest today as we have not seen any young ones around but there is nothing to indicate that they did not fledge successfully. A young jackdaw was hopping round the lawn today. At one time it settled down in a patch of wild thyme that was in full bloom as though it was going to have a snooze. I think it is too trusting to survive for long although it can fly quite well when it wants to.

June. 17th A neighbour tells me that blackbirds nested in wall shrubs on either side of his window. The two nests being only a few paces apart. When feeding young, the parents came to the nest from their respective sides so that their flight paths did not cross which probably avoided territorial squabbles.

Badgers' Song

Rank upon rank the broad beans grow,
Prank upon prank, we badgers know;
and next best things are the tender peas,
not quite so big but we're easy to please.
then carrots come after, a good second course!
we make no apologies, show no remorse,
anyhow, gardeners are not allowed force
to keep us from eating - their only resource
is to hedge them around with super thick gorse,
I can't think, quite frankly, of anything worse
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Flower Show, August 23rd.

Entries on Wednesday 20th August. Please read your schedule (delivered with this Scene) and have a go.

Please would all cup holders from last year return them as soon as possible to Gill Soden so that they can be engraved.

The show committee would be grateful for helpers on the day, also gifts of cakes, bottles and raffle prizes.

We hope to see you all on the day.

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At our meeting in the Village Hall we were given a most interesting talk with slides on National Trust properties given by Mrs Sylvia Perks and her husband John. The afternoon concluded with the raffle and refreshments.

We meet again in the Village Hall on **Tuesday 1st July** at 2 pm when the Rev. John Whitwell will be the speaker.

On **Tuesday July 15th** we are hoping to arrange a visit to Gloucester Docks. Nothing has been arranged for August but **Sept 2nd** we meet in the Village Hall to hear about the History of Hats.



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The Sibfords Society

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For anyone who would like a gentle, summer's evening walk, come and join Robin Spicer at the Bishop Blaize on **Thursday 17th July**. The walk starts at 7 p.m. and will be in the general direction of Blenheim Farm and the distance is about 5 miles. Non-members are very welcome to come along and there is the added enticement of refreshment at the Bishop at the end of the walk.



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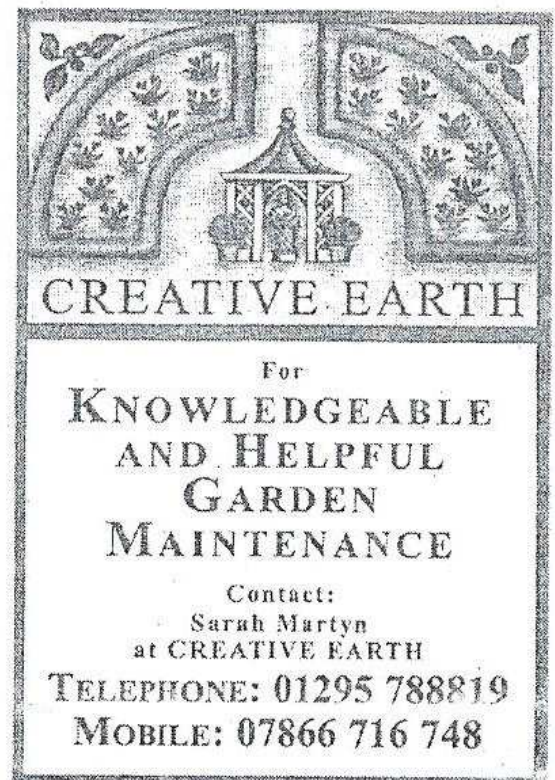
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Spare a thought for Percy

After reading the cricket news in last months Scene I thought I must put pen to paper.

Being groundsman at Wardington CC, I paid a visit in March to Sibfords ground and found that we were both suffering from that dreaded lurgy called moss. I thought "Sibford wont play on that ground this year". I was lucky, I had several willing players that spent 2 separate weekends raking, weeding and sowing. Percy was not so lucky, he was on his own, 80% in his own time.

So come on lads give him his fair dues as sarcasm is the lowest form of wit.

David Baker

Apologies from the cricket club

We hope you have been enjoying our new style cricket reports in the scene, which are intended to be less stuffy than the traditional reports which I myself have from time to time written. However, unfortunately, in May's issue a comment appeared which may, to some readers, have appeared to question the professionalism of the ground staff at Sibford School.

I wish to take this opportunity to state that the club is immensely grateful to the ground staff at the school, without whose support and professional expertise, the cricket club would be unable to play within the Sibfords.

As such, on behalf of me cricket club I apologise for any embarrassment and offence last month's article may have caused. I am sure that it was never the intention of anyone at the club to imply a lack of professionalism, and we continue to value your support.

Simon Chard Captain Sibford Cricket Club

Opinion offered with regard to Sleeping Policemen

This is the hamlet of Burdrop not Birmingham or Battersea and sleeping policemen would therefore be totally out of keeping with this choice part of our lovely village.

Enough pollution by way of signage has sprung up recently as it is. What would be next? Mini roundabouts, speed cameras, zebra crossings, pelican crossings or heaven forbid, pedestrianisation. Should we go the whole hog and go for compulsory purchase to enable the construction of kerbs and pavements where ancient cottages once stood.

There has and hopefully always will be families with children living in Burdrop and in 20 years of my residency, thank God there has never been an accident involving a child with a car.

Maybe in the first instance ask Sam at the Blaize and Dr. Spackman at the surgery if they would be in agreement to put up signs appealing to their customers and patients, if arrivals and departures could be made at very slow speed.

Peter Duggins.

The June LEO Meeting

We met at Mary Bristows house to hear Kathy Yorke talk to us about her work as a Bereavement Councillor. Kathy trained and later became a supervisor at Westminster funded by an independent charity. Apart from seeing clients in their own homes, she would also assess volunteer councillors. Kathy found this work very rewarding and quite a change from her previous job in publishing.

Her talk was frequently broken up by our questions which she enjoyed answering. It proved to be a most thought provoking evening.

The next LEO event will be our summer meeting. This will be on **Tuesday 15th July**. Dinner at The Manor, Long Compton 8.00 pm.

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WI Report

We were welcomed by Glennis on a lovely sunny afternoon. Brenda had been to a Group Committee Meeting to make arrangements for the forthcoming Group Meeting hosted by Hook Norton W.I. at the Memorial Hall.

Our own Group Meeting, 22nd April 2004 will have Bob Jones with lots of anecdotes about 'Laughter in the Village'. It should be an amusing evening.

Yorkshire Tea kindly sent us a gift parcel of tea bags and a box of biscuits the latter being raffled and won by Gwen.

N.F.W.I. sent surveys for each of us to fill in and return. Hopefully some of us will remember to do this.

Glennis introduced our speaker, Mrs Underwood who had promised to give a cookery demonstration now that we have our wonderful new kitchen. Since we had such a great turnout we couldn't use the kitchen but without any fuss Mrs. Underwood turned the Hall into a temporary one making the odd run now and again to the oven. No disasters, far from it, as everything was superb. Lemon and almond roulade, herb rolls, haddock & cheddar soup, mandarin honeycomb and more, all looked perfect.

Rosalind thanked her and the applause for Mrs. Underwood was deafening - hands clapped and tummies rumbled!! soon put to rights by a nice tea served by Greta and Gaynor.

Competition; 6 scones, Kathleen 1st, Ann 2nd, Brenda 3rd. The raffle was won by Norma.

Next Meetings: **June 28th; Sibford Group Event.** Garden visits, walks, teas at Village Hall.

8th July Summer garden meeting at Pat Horsleys House - please bring a chair.

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The choice of Thomas Merton (1915 - 1968) as the focus for the quiet day on July 8th, was inspired by hearing a selection from his writing one evening on Radio 4's *Something Understood*. As a Trappist monk Merton seemed a somewhat appropriate subject for attention on a quiet day. He spent most of his adult life at a Trappist abbey in Kentucky, and is considered the most important monastic writer of the twentieth century. His writing has inspired millions, and a selection of his works will be available for perusal on July 8th.

Although quiet days are not meant to be study days, the work of St Augustine and Julian of Norwich engendered enthusiastic interest and lively discussion at our last two meetings. Even so, attendance at the short talks is not necessary: anyone of any faith or none is welcome to come and enjoy the garden in stillness and peace.

After the August break, there will be two further quiet days as follows:

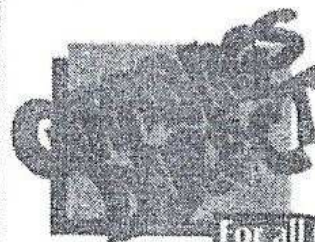
Tuesday 9th September: exploring the Eastern Orthodox tradition.

Tuesday 7th October: The Rev John Stroyan from Bloxham will lead on the theme of 'desert' in our spiritual lives, following his experiences of leading a retreat in the Sinai Desert.

Would you be interested in a quiet evening, or more detailed information about quiet days, or directions on how to find Handywater Farm? If so, ring Sue on 01295 788770.

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SIBFORD CRICKET CLUB 'CONTROVERSIAL' MATCH REPORTS

24TH May Wootton away

After last years game it must be said that Wootton are not our favourite opposition. At least this season all of their players did at least seem to know which team they were playing for. Not a good day to be a bowler, as a strong batting side they set us a mammoth target of 281 with only Jason 'Midas' Barton taking any wickets, 3 for 82. It must be said there were some dropped catches mainly from skipper Chard from his own bowling! The skipper then led from the front during the run chase opening the batting with a second ball duck. The only other batsmen to make a dent was Midas with 44 as we were all out for 159.

Wardington home

An evening cup game in damp overcast conditions. Wardington batted first and some lively and vibrant fielding and a good all round bowling performance saw them restricted to 71 after their 20 overs with mssrs Barton, Chard and Sabin sharing seven wickets. Sibford then picked off the runs with nine overs to spare with in form Midas scoring 42 NO. Mr Peachey the only duck scorer!

30th May Preston Capes away

Another 20 over evening game. Our second visit to PC saw us batting first with Simon Chard again staking his claim as an opener only to be bowled in the second over for 2 (one of which we think was a leg bye). We used up our 15 eight ball overs to score 113. Leathers Wollerton being main contributor with 60 despite breaking his bat! Mr Sabin the only duck scorer (dash and blast it!)

PC failed to reach their target, With the pick of Sibfords bowlers being Chris Wollerton, ressurecting his bowling career as his batting form (average 3.5 so far) seems to have deserted him (have you tried not hitting it in the air someone suggested after he complained he was always getting caught) finishing with 2 for 11 off three miserly overs.

31st May Deanshanger home

A lively home wicket saw Sibford batting first, and despite Deanshanger losing their keeper with a dislocated finger being dismissed for a paltry 122 with that man Jason Barton the only decent scorer with 43, the next highest being extras with a tidy 18. A valiant rear guard action by Sibfords bowlers saw Deanshanger take 34 overs to reach the target, It may have taken a little longer were it not for Dave Prickett having a blow out in his third over and getting spanked for 18 runs off it ,but reach it they did.

1st June Long Compton home

Our first Sunday game against the local rivals who it must be said have been getting the upper hand over us in recent

years, but this time we had some new squad members to give us a surprise element and when Matt 'boundary' Bridgewater struck with a wicket maiden in his 2nd over things seemed to be going to plan. With some tidy bowling and some debatable fielding namely the worst drop with the gloves on by Matt Simms we restricted Long com to 151, a reasonably simple target one may think? Well think again! The term 'hot knife through butter' springs to mind.

Six wickets down with 35 runs on the board we brought out our secret weapon. Making his club debut at the sprightly age of 33 Adam 'Prince of Darkness' Leyburn didn't disappoint, thrilling the spectators with an effortlessly fluent, beautifully crafted and at times dazzling.....0! yes I said 0! Zero, none, diddly, zip!. Luckily we had Chris Sabin to come who had spent the previous 20 mins poncing about showing off in front of his girlfriend running through his vast array of shots, unfortunately his second ball was totally unplayable and he was bowled also for 0! (ok so it was a dross long hop and I was swinging wildly across the line but I write the article) The high point of our batting was a young Ben Carty who scored a valiant 9 runs as those around him dropped like flies, a batsman for the future we all agree, oh and apparently Lee Gilbert scored a few before we were all out for 67. Don't panic we'll beat them at their place.

14th June Afro Caribbean away

Well, Sibford 144 all out in 39 overs.....Afro Caribbean 145 for 3 in 24 overs. I know it's a short write up but after getting a golden duck and being taken out of the bowling attack after 4 overs what do you want me to write!

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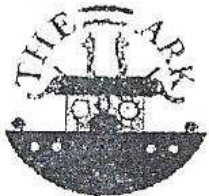
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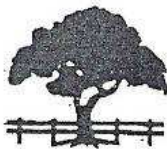
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Those who attended last year recall a delightful event when we were blest with wonderful weather

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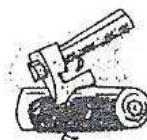
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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

Sibford members of the Benefice Choir were well represented at the Royal School of Church Music (Thames and Chiltern area) North Oxfordshire Summer Festival held on June 14th at Deddington Church. This is an annual event and was organised by Timothy Wimbush. Conducted by Peter Smith, an old friend at these events, the service contained some very interesting music by Stanford, Tallis and Tchaikovsky and was well supported by choirs throughout the area.

The funeral took place at Sibford recently of Dr Sydney Agnew, a much loved and respected resident of many years and Doctor in the Sibford practice.

Parish 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

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The next Family Service will be held at 10.00 am on **Sunday 13th July.**

Church Services

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.		

July

Sun 6th Young at Heart service 10 am at Swalcliffe

Sun 13th Family Service 10 am

Sun 20th Holy Communion 9.30 am

Sun 27th Holy Communion 9.30 am

August

Sun 3rd Benefice Eucharist 10 am at Epwell

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Banbury Bus Station	10.30	12.30	12.30	14.40	15.10	18.00	
S Ferris School	10.57	12.57	12.57	15.07	15.37	18.27	
S Gower Crossroads	11.00	13.00	13.00	15.10	15.40	18.30	
Shipston			13.25				

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Calendar of Events

June. Mon 30th Sibford Ferris Parish Council meeting. 7.45 pm
(upstairs in the Sibford School sports hall)

July

- Tue 1st Friendship Club Talk. 2pm Village Hall p5
Wed 2nd Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)
Sat 5th Church Fete at the Rectory. P17
Sun 6th Table Top & Car Boot Sale 12 noon Village Hall
Mon 7th Garden & Coffee Morning in aid of British Lung Foundation
Holly Tree House, Tadmarton p15
Tue 8th Quiet Garden at Handywater p11
Wed 9th Horticultural Society Kiftsgate Visit p4
Tue 15th Friendship Club Outing. P5
Tue 8th WI Summer Meeting p9
Tue 15th Spinners & Weavers Wool Spinning Forum (251088 for details)
Tue 15th LEO Club Summer Meeting p8
Wed 16th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)
Thu 17th Sibfords Society Walk. 7 pm from the Blaize p6
Tue 22nd Deadline for contributions to the Aug & Sept Scene p6
Wed 30th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)

August (part)

- Sun 3rd Senior Citizens Tea Party at Temple Close p16
Sun 3rd Table Top & Car Boot Sale 12 noon Village Hall
Wed 6th A Midsummer Night's Dream - Leasowe House - 780569
Sun 10th Church Bring and Share lunch. p17
Tue 12th Recycling Roadshow at the Village Hall p10
Wed 13th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)
Wed 20th Horticultural Society Show Entries - see schedule
Sat 23rd Horticultural Society Annual Show p4

Sibford Scene

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