

Sibford Scene



October 2003

No. 257

Harvest Festival & Supper

Saturday 4th October

5.30pm and afterwards in the Village Hall

Jumble Sale

In aid of Holy Trinity Church

Saturday 18th October 2pm in the Village Hall

The Watermill Touring Theatre Company perform

Gigolo

Thursday 23rd October. 8pm. Village Hall

Coffee Morning

In aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind

Wednesday 29th October 10 - 12 noon at
Weterways, Sibford Ferris.

Nature Notes

July 29th. A group of 12 buzzards were seen passing over at a great height so they were probably not local ones.

Aug. 5th What a year for butterflies. We are now seeing quite a few painted ladies. Not traveling migrants but ones in pristine condition which have hatched in this country. I have not seen any very unusual ones although there were two common blues, which don't come every year, in the garden today.

Aug. 6th When cutting our hornbeam hedge this morning I cut through a bullfinches nest taking the top off one of the three eggs. When I examined the eggs more closely I found that they all had holes in them and they only contained some dried up yolk so the nest probably belonged to the birds that sat close by the bird table for a few days last month.

Aug. 7th A beautiful oak bush-cricket came into the bedroom last night.

Aug. 8th In this heat and at this time of the year the birds are mostly quiet except for the cooing of wood pigeons and the laugh of the green woodpecker, both sounds evocative of high summer. I expect the next birdsong we hear will be the rather sad little autumn song of the robin.

Aug. 25th I was called to see a huge brightly coloured caterpillar of the death's-head hawkmoth. It was first seen crawling across a mown lawn probably having dropped from the chilian potato tree that was growing on a wall close by. At about 4 inches long and not slim it was the biggest caterpillar that I have seen. I would think that it dropped off its food plant because it was full grown and was looking for somewhere to pupate. Once when a hand came near to it, it swung round sharply with a click like a dog snapping. My book says that death's-head hawkmoths sometimes come into southern England in late summer but the one that laid this egg must have come quite early in the year. I understand that in some years the caterpillars are an agricultural pest in southern Europe which I can well believe as they must have good appetites to grow to that size.

Aug. 30th. Two more reports of death's-head hawkmoth caterpillars. One in Sibford Ferris was found when dogs were barking at it nervously and this evening my brother rang to say that someone near him had found several of them on his potatoes.

Sept. 2nd. My son who lives in Culworth had a shock when he was woken in the night by a mole trying to burrow under his knee. As it was a warm night the bedroom door and window were open to get a through draught and his cat brought the mole in to show them.

Sept. 15th. My brother rang to say that he had seen hornets feeding on ivy flowers. They were buzzing the red admirals to move them so that they could take over the flowers. We have looked on several ivy bushes without finding any although I hear there is a hornets nest in the village.

Sept. 16th. There are still plenty of butterflies around. Some of the peacocks have already gone into hibernation giving way to tortoiseshells and red admirals

with a few painted ladies and commas. Earlier in the month we had two small coppers on our wildflower area for a few days. Dragonflies are also plentiful and hardly a day has gone by in the last month without seeing humming-bird hawk-moths. Once we saw three on the same bush. I am a bit worried though, by the lack of wasps. We started the summer with 2 nests in the garden both of which have gone and I have heard of another nest that has died out. I wonder whether they are being affected by disease or by one of many parasites that are introduced so freely these days as biological control of pests.

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There are lots of new people and one returner to welcome at Playgroup this month, so, big hello's to Cameron, Ellie & Joe, Josh, Lily, Reuben, Sarah, Victoria and William and welcome back to Michelle Knapman who rejoins us as Assistant Supervisor (the lure of painting, sticking and cutting was obviously too much to resist!) The topics for the term are 'what I look like

and where I live' including a somewhat aspirational (maybe) session recently when we all made pictures of castles. There is now even more time for fun and rushing about as we now open for five mornings per week. If you would like further information about Playgroup please contact Julie on 780998.

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I know that there are a number of others in our villages who walk each day and previous letters in *The Scene* have drawn attention to the litter problem, I hope to hear from many new prospective members of *The Sibford Wombles*. The litterpicker is very light and most handy. I hope that we may remove this litter scourge from these villages for ever.

Your sincerely
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The Sibfords Society

Our autumn programme of speaker meetings is now under way. Mike Hallam illustrated his talk 'Before the Age of Plastic' with a collection of hand tools used in the past by domestic staff, craftsmen, farm labourers and gardeners. The skill of the Victorian engineers in producing simple but accurate tools of measurement were something we now take for granted in our everyday lives. Many similar items probably remain hidden in garden sheds and barns here in the Sibfords. How about looking them out and telling us the stories about them and their use? Perhaps we could start our own collection. He also told us that the Coombe Mill Cornish Boiler and Piggott Beam engine will be run up and used for the last time on Sunday 19 October from 10am - 4pm. The Blenheim Estate Wood Yard has been sold for development so this will be the last opportunity to see this working steam engine together with many museum period artefacts.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday **16th October, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall**, when members of the Sealed Knot, in costume, will tell us 'A Soldier's Story'. Do come along and visitors or new members are always welcome.



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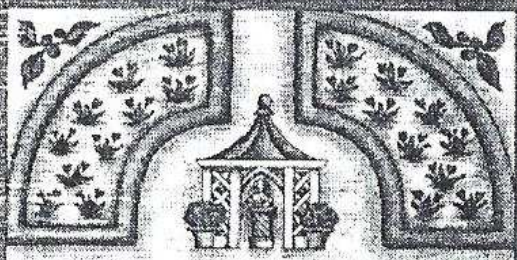
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Sibford Horticultural Society

The Flower show was a great success and it was brilliant to see so many entries this year. Everyone who came commented on how good it all looked. We should like to thank everyone who gave us so much help to get it all ready and on the day and clearing up afterwards. It was much appreciated and helped to make it all run smoothly. Thank you all.

The cups and trophies were awarded as follows;

Banksian Medal	Kate Randall
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The Junior Cup	Florence Layer
Keith Hicks Cup	Kit Lamb
S.J. Sabin Cup	Tamara Moon
Committee Cup	Jack Layer

A small group turned out to listen to Mrs Hillman give an entertaining and very informative talk on fuchsias. Presumably people had forgotten that the Horticultural Society meetings had started, which was a shame as this lady certainly knows her fuchsias. She showed us how easy it is to grow standards, half-standards and brought flowers of a few of the several hundred that she has in her garden. A very good evening.

The next meeting (which will of course be another very good evening) is on **October 8th at 8 pm** in the Village Hall when the AGM will be followed by a talk on 'Clematis' by Mike Brown.

It would be nice to see many members and new faces at the AGM so you can put forward your views and suggest any changes that should be made to the Society and the committee which runs it.

Friendship Club

We would like to thank Mrs. Jones for her invitation to her garden party. It was a glorious afternoon and enjoyed by everyone.

At our September meeting we had a most interesting afternoon with Hilary, who gave a talk on the 'History of Hats'. She brought a wonderful collection of hats going back from the 1920's to the present day and even gave us an insight into next years fashions. Afterwards we were allowed to try on some of the hats which was quite hilarious. Refreshments were supplied by Bob and Jean Lamb and we would like to thank them for their lovely home cooking. We were a little disappointed when we visited Conkers because it was the end of their busy season and not everything was open but it was very interesting and would be worth another visit maybe in a few years when the trees have grown taller.

Diary Dates -

Tuesday 7th October. Meet in the Village Hall at 2 pm when Mrs Jones will be talking about dolls.

Tuesday 21st October. Trip to Gloucester Docks. If anyone would like to join us on this outing please contact Eveline Tel; 263460

Tuesday 4th November. Meet in the Village Hall at 2pm when Mr. Keith Hicks will be showing slides on 'Not so Old Sibford'.

Sibford Scribes

Would anyone like to join a writing circle?

It will be a relaxed and informal group to provide feedback and encouragement. Any level welcome and any age. Fact, fiction, fantasy, poetry - anything goes.

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Its Jumble Sale time again
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Dear Editor,

I should like to support my neighbour, Alison Smith who has drawn attention to a difficult problem.

I recently had an experience, unfortunately rather typical. A car came fairly slowly round the corner in Burdrop by my house as I was a few yards away from the road. Obviously seeing a clear road ahead, he put his foot down, sounding like the start of a Formula 1 race. The few steps I needed to take to see his number or where he was going were inadequate for he had already disappeared.

The problem is in this part of the road. From the Surgery to the corner there are usually so many parked cars that speeding is impossible, indeed sometimes the rubbish lorry has a job to get through.

I dislike traffic obstructions as much as anyone else but I have seen some near misses and there are many more children in Burdrop than when I came here 17 years ago.

Personally I would rather have anything to deter speeding cars than have even one child hurt and I feel sure that on reflection, villagers will think the same. I have written to the Council supporting action in this area and very much hope that steps can be taken in the not too distant future.

Yours sincerely, Norman Nash

(I regard this subject as closed unless the Parish council reports any action. Ed)

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The Sunday Markets are thankfully getting a little busier and are still raising funds for the Village Hall. In October we will be running these Markets on Sunday 5th and Sunday 19th, then two in November. We are now selling local produce of vegetables, fruit, eggs, etc as well as the usual wide ranging array of new and second hand items plus homemade cakes, pies, jams and marmalade. Refreshments are served using the small Hall as our tea room. Although we 'officially' open at 1 p.m., buyers drift in from around 12 noon onwards and it is usually all over by 3.30 p.m. Please support these days to keep the sellers interested in taking a space, which definitely helps make improvements to the Hall. To book a table for £5 please ring Josie Marshall on 01295 251339. Our thanks to everyone who donates items for sale in aid of the Hall - to do this please ring Muriel on 01295 780025.

The Cherwell Arts @ Large programme will be starting again in October, this is where professional touring companies come to our rural locations and is in partnership with Cherwell District Council, who supply posters, fliers and tickets for each event in the programme. The first evening is **THURSDAY, 23rd OCTOBER at 8 p.m.** in the Village Hall, when The Water-

mill Touring Theatre Company perform "Gigolo", a laugh-out-loud hilarious comedy about two ordinary lads - a bit thin, a bit bald, a bit too close to 40 - become two chancers and decide to be gigolos! Suitable for children aged 14 years plus. Ticket prices have had to be increased slightly this year, as costs have increased but are still only £7 for adults and £5 concessions. Tickets now on sale at our Village Shop or ring Muriel on 780025. Licensed Bar and bar snacks available. Continued over page



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The children's theatre 'A Christmas Carol' performed by the Booster Cushion Theatre will be on SATURDAY, 17th JANUARY, 2004, at 6.30 p.m., suitable for children 5 to adult. A comical version of Dickens' classic tale using a large pop-up book, audience participation, humbugs and snow - performance length 45 minutes. Tickets £6 adults/£4 children & concessions - family tickets of £12 (1 adult and 2 children), or £17 (2 adults, 2 children). Soft drinks and snacks available.

On SATURDAY, 20th MARCH, 2004, we are self promoting Derek Tatam and the Chicagoans, a 6 piece Jazz Band, with classic Chicago style music from the 1920's and 1930's. Licensed Bar. Tickets £6/£4.

COMPUTER COURSES are starting again in the Village Hall on Monday, 22nd September although, at the time of writing, it appears only the Introduction to the Internet and Email course has sufficient class numbers to get underway for the 5 weeks, with not enough response to the Introduction to Desktop Publishing. Further 5 week courses will run in November, 2003, and again in January, February, April and June of next year if there is the demand - from Word Processing to The Next Step Internet & Email, etc. For any of these courses please ring Bancec on 01295 266763, leaving a message for Mr Peter Titman, the course tutor, or you can ring 780025 and messages can be passed to him.

Bookings for the Hall can be made by ringing Kathleen Winter on 01295 780461. The present Chairman is Mark Darvill (01295 780052) and the Secretary is Muriel Chandler (01295 780025).

It is pleasing to see the Hall regularly used by so many different groups, plus the occasional bookings, and the feedback is good. We are shortly refurbishing the front lobby of the main Hall and apologise in advance for any inconvenience which may be caused but which will be kept to a minimum. It will, however, be great to have updated toilet facilities. We have replaced the one set of fire doors inside the main Hall, and work will shortly be carried out on the roof of the old kitchen.

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This month we say **WELCOME** to a record number of people to Sibford, as follows:- Julian Ransom, who has moved into Fairview in Main Street. Sibford Gower. He has come here from Somerton, having previously lived in London for some time. Julian is a property developer and is working locally, in Banbury, and also in south east London. His hobbies are playing golf, cards and soccer, though he won't really have much spare time for hobbies, as he is also working hard on alterations to his house. He has lots of plans for it. Julian hadn't been to Sibford Gower before he found the house, but seems very happy to have landed here. We wish him well.

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Rebecca and John Skinner, who have come to live in High Meadow. They have a small son called Charlie, who is 15 months old. They have previously lived in Banbury. John is a partner in a firm of accountants and Rebecca is a full-time mother. John is keen on field sports, such as falconry and beagling, but Rebecca is too busy looking after Charlie to have time for hobbies at present.

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Kay and Tony Harries, who now live in The Leys, Backside Lane. They have two grown-up daughters - Sarah aged 25, and Mary aged 24. Sarah is shortly coming home to live with her parents for a while. Kay and Tony last lived in Welford on Avon and are used to village life. Tony has retired but still does consultancy work as a design engineer. Kay used to be a manager for social services in Worcester. They are both keen cyclists and Kay also runs to keep fit. They are looking forward to working in their garden.

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Hugh Jones and Gordon Bream, who have moved into Vine Cottage, Bonds End Lane. They most recently lived in Chester. Gordon is a Chartered Surveyor and Hugh is an airline training captain. As for hobbies, Hugh plays golf and is interested in politics, while Gordon loves gardening and to travel. They moved to Sibford because of their jobs and are looking forward to living in a village and joining local groups.

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Cheryl and Steve Matthews are now living in Barley Close, together with their daughter Lucinda. Lucinda is 23 and has recently been to university in Australia. She is now looking for a job. Her sister Samantha, who is 22, has just graduated and is living in London, working for a publishing company. Cheryl and Steve last lived in Sultan, Surrey, and couldn't wait to get out to the country. They are so delighted

with the village, the house and the Close, and have already done lots of local walks. Cheryl is South African and they have both spent a great deal of their married life going backwards and forwards to the Middle East, so are pleased to be settled at last. Steve is an accountant, now based in Banbury, and Cheryl is a legal secretary. They both play tennis and love swimming and walking. Steve also likes making wine.

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Sally and William Gray, who have moved into Barnes Cottage, Main Street. They have lively twins, Joseph and Eleanor, who are almost three. They previously lived in Bloxham, but wanted to get back to the village atmosphere and have had their eye on Sibford for a while. Sally used to be a teacher, but is now an educational writer and editor. William is a travel writer and editor of "Travel Africa" magazine, based south of Oxford. They are both walkers and gardeners. William travels a lot with his work but they also travel a lot together. They too expressed great delight that they have landed in this lovely village among so many friendly people.

BLUE PLAQUE FOR FRANK LASCELLES

After nearly two years of negotiations, the Oxfordshire Blue Plaques Board has agreed that a plaque should be erected to commemorate the life and work of Frank Lascelles - "The man who staged the Empire". The unveiling ceremony will take place at the Manor House in Sibford Gower, which Frank Lascelles built and lived in for much of his life.

Frank Lascelles was probably one of the Sibfords most famous sons, staging his pageants in Canada, India, South Africa and throughout the United Kingdom. He entertained friends such as Ivor Novello lavishly, and put on plays for the villagers in his gardens. He was passionately attached to Sibford and the beautiful house that he created. He was also a prominent member of the local community, serving on the Parish Council and the Town Estate Trustees.

The plaque has been funded by the Sibfords Millennium Pageant Committee under the auspices of the Sibford Gower Parish Council. The ceremony will take place at **11.30am on Friday 24 October** and will be attended by Hugo Brunner, Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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Sibford Gower Parish Council

A Parish Council Meeting took place on Friday, 5th September 2003 and, as usual, various topics were discussed. Amongst them, some of which had been raised by residents prior to the Meeting, were the following.

Parking on Highway Verges: Discussions had been held with the Enforcement Officer, Cherwell District Council, who advised that this is a police matter to whom complaints should be addressed preferably in person by the complainant. Colony Road: Oxfordshire CC has inspected and noted where remedial work is needed to deal with a rain water problem. Parish Council Notice board: Enquiries are to be made of Oxfordshire CC and the land owner as to whether the Council be allowed to put in paving slabs across the verge to facilitate easier viewing of notices. Keep Clear Signs in Main Street: Oxfordshire CC has agreed to paint these on the road at two places where problems occur. Land bequeathed to the Parish Council by the late Miriam Tebbs: Residents views are sought as to its future use. Village Pond: An initial clearance took place recently and thanks are extended to all who were involved. Draining and sweeping of the base is scheduled for 18th October. Following this, oxygenating plants and water snails are to be introduced and at a later date suitable fish will be added. Sibford Manor Development: The matter has been referred by Cherwell DC to the Secretary of State and his decision concerning the paddock and land adjacent is awaited. 50 mph Speed Limits shortly to be introduced in some local roads: The Councillors found no objection to this.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School starting at 8pm on 14th November 2003.

Suggestions sought for use of land on the east side of Hawk's Lane

In 2002, Sibford Gower Parish Council received a bequest under the terms of the will of the late Miriam Tebbs. She generously left to the Council the plot of land which is located to the front of the house in which she lived with the wish that it should be for the use and enjoyment of the residents of the village. Miriam Tebbs purposely had the land created into a sanctuary for wildlife and, consequently, it was overgrown to the extent that entry into the plot was quite impossible. Last year, the Parish Council arranged for the undergrowth to be cut back to ascertain the potential usage but already the land is once more very overgrown. Already situated on the land was a wooden bench and a plaque commemorating Miriam Tebbs' bequest has been affixed to it. The Parish Council invites residents of the village to put forward suggestions and thoughts as what would best serve to fulfil Miriam Tebbs' wish that the land should provide enjoyment. To this end, the Parish Councillors would welcome readers' views and the Clerk to the Parish Council (Peter Hardman Tel: 780391) stands ready to receive them or the Councillors may be contacted direct.

W.I. NEWS.

On August 12th we had our summer outing, and this time to Cerney House in Gloucestershire, stopping off first at Cirencester, where we wandered around for about an hour and a half, to look at the shops and find some lunch. Cirencester is a very interesting old town and the day was warm and sunny, but not too warm.

The coach then returned to take us to our nearby destination. Cerney House is owned by Sir Michael and Lady Angus and they both busied themselves making us welcome, even to the extent of ferrying around the less able members.

We didn't go inside the house, but it was very large and impressive, apparently remodelled in 1791 by Decimus Burton. Lady Angus and her daughter also replanned the garden, which we walked all round and visited the small craft place at the very top (the old buttery) .

Just when we were all practically on our knees (it was an extremely steep garden) we came upon the swimming pool area. Tables were arranged round it and we were served what was described as a "wicked tea". Lady Angus had made the scones herself and the cakes that followed. The many cups of tea were most welcome, as by now it had become very hot. The whole day went like clockwork and was ably organised by Glennis, for which she definitely deserves a pat on the back.

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At the next meeting, on September 9th, we were down to about half the usual number of members. There were various reasons for people being absent, but we were quite depleted, nonetheless. We started with the normal business matters. Final payments were made for the lunch at The Manor, Long Compton, which is a 75th anniversary celebration of Sibford W.I. Various Group Meetings were discussed and names taken.

For the Hook Norton evening on 23rd October at their Memorial Hall, the competition is for a greeting card with a flower theme, which should appeal to some of our (continued p18)



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talented members. On the 22nd April, 2004, we are holding our own Group Meeting, but details will be discussed later.

Then we came to our talk, the subject of which was "Interesting Plants to Grow" and was given by Mrs J. Croply. This lady had already given us a talk at Horti, so we knew we were in for something good. She stressed that she wanted to talk about plants that should be better known, because they are easy to grow and reasonably easy to get, and yet were not very often seen. She then showed us slides of the most attractive flowers, so lovely that we would all have been proud to have grown them in our gardens. The talk was lively and funny. At one point she mentioned a near neighbour, a Commander, who was always willing to pass on cuttings, advice and anything else, but only if he was allowed to pinch her bottom. (He has sadly since died, which is why this is able to be published!!)

Tea and cakes were then served by Ann and Norma, and the competition was won by Glennis, with Margaret second. The raffle was won by Lynda.

The next meeting will be on the the 14th **October**, when Mrs Yolanda Tappin will talk to us about Malaysian cuisine. The competition will be for an oriental item.

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On September 9th Jessica Rose gave us a glimpse of the Eastern Orthodox Church that made our September meeting the highlight of this year so far. The icons and choral liturgical music that she brought with her gave us an inspiring insight into orthodox spirituality, and the whole experience left us with an interest in attending a service at the Orthodox Church in Oxford where she directs the Russian choir.

Our next meeting will take place on

TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER

Coffee 9.30am before first meditation at 10am

Last meditation at 2.45pm

Bring-and-share lunch

Tuesday 7th October promises to be of equal interest: the Rev John Stroyan of Bloxham will just have returned from leading a retreat in the Sinai Desert, and he will be leading us on the theme of 'desert' in our spiritual lives.

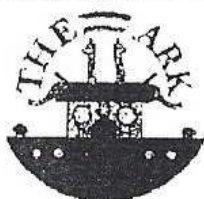
Anyone of any faith or none is invited to Handywater on these days: even if you do not wish to 'join in' you are welcome to come and enjoy a day of stillness and peace. With luck the weather will hold and the garden can be enjoyed as it has been on each of our quiet days during this gorgeous summer.

If you would like more detailed information, or directions on how to find Handywater Farm, please ring Sue on 01295 788770.

W.I. Visit to Harcourt Arboretum on 21st July 2003

Jane elected to drive Helen, Gaynor and Glennis to take part in an organised walk through Harcourt Arboretum. Equipped with waterproofs and sturdy boots, the light rain wasn't a problem. Escorted by Piers, the enthusiastic Head of Conservation, we were taken along the grassy pathways to see areas of pine, lime, magnolia, acer and gigantic redwoods, cedars and wellingtonias. The

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

A Cheese and Wine party at Robin and Anne Spicer's home at 7 High Meadow was held on **Friday 29th August** in aid of church funds. This was a very happy, enjoyable and successful occasion and thanks are due to Robin and Anne for organising this.

The old Benefice choir joined with the Broughton choir to sing a special Evensong on **Saturday 6th September** in Broughton Church for the members of The Prayer Book Society. They were joined by singers from the Society who included Iain Hicks-Mudd, the composer of the music to which the preces and responses were sung. There were numerous members of the Benefice present and over 100 members of the Prayer Book Society who had previously met for tea in Broughton Castle.

Members of the Benefice and Broughton choirs will be singing in the Royal School of Church Music, Oxfordshire Branch Annual Festival Service in Dorchester Abbey on 11th October. The event, at which our choirs have been represented for many years involves the choirs of many churches from all over the Oxfordshire Diocese.

There was held on Sunday 14th September another in the excellent series of Family Services, this one entitled *New Beginnings*. Led by Catherine Berks, this service had much participation by congregation members, young and old, and a most imaginative presentation of *Worrying* and *Happy* events from Helen Earle. There were more children than usual and it is hoped more still from the Sibfords will be given an opportunity by their parents to experience these happy and instructive services. The next will be held on **Sunday October 12th at 10.00 am** and will explore more about St Paul.

The remaining Parish events for the year are as follows:

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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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.		

October

Saturday October 4th Harvest Service at 5.30 and Supper afterwards

Sun 5th Benefice Eucharist

Sun 12th Family Service 10 am

Sun 19th Holy Communion 9.30 am

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Calendar of Events

September

Mon 29th Ferris Parish Council meeting 7.45pm Friends School Sports Hall

October

Sat 4th Harvest Festival & Supper p21

Sun 5th Village Hall Market 1 pm. P11

Tue 7th Quiet Garden at Handywater Farm p19

Tue 7th Friendship Club talk 'Dolls' Village Hall 2 pm p8

Wed 8th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)

Wed 8th Horticultural Society AGM & talk 'Clematis' p7

Tue 14th WI talk on Malaysian Cuisine. p18

Thu 16th Sibfords Society. 'A Soldiers Story' p6

Sat 18th Jumble Sale in aid of Church Funds. 2 pm Village Hall p9

Sun 19th Village Hall Market 1 pm. p11

Tue 21st Friendship Club trip to Gloucester Docks. p8

Tue 21st Spinners & Weavers 'Warping a Loom' (Tel 251088)

Tue 21st Deadline for contributions to the November Sibford Scene p6

Thu 23rd 'Gigolo' Theatre at the Village Hall. 8 pm p11

Fri 24th Blue Plaque at the Manor. 11.30 am. p15

24, 25 & 26 Cottage Crafts in Tadmarton. p13

Wed 29th Guide Dogs for the Blind Coffee Morning. 10 - 12 noon p3

Wed 29th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.25-4.20pm)

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Tue 4th Friendship Club Talk. 'Not so Old Sibford' p8

Fri 14th Gower Parish Council Meeting 8 pm Primary School p16

Mon 17th Ferris Parish Council meeting 7.45pm Friends School Sports Hall

Cover Picture - The Manor with Frank Lascelles in the gateway.

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