

July 2004

No. 265

Banbury Symphony Orchestra
Are playing at
Sibford School on
Saturday 10th July at 7.30 pm.

Sibfords Society Evening Ramble 'A Voyage of Discovery around the Sibfords' 7.00 pm from the Bishop Blaize

Holy Trinity Church
Annual Church Fete
Saturday 17th July 2.30 pm.
In the Rectory Garden

Nature Notes

May. 22nd. In South Wales we stopped by a ford where a healthy wych elm which was carrying a lot of seed overhung the stream and trout were rising to take the mayflies.

May. 23rd. We were very impressed by the beautifully restored gardens of Aberglassney which we had previously seen on TV. There were many unusual trees and plants, young moorhens on a pond and a pair of pied flycatchers nesting down by the stream. There are some well grown young buzzards in trees by Pantglas where we are staying. Like Aberglassney, Pantglas was one of the grand houses of the area but was burned down. I found moonwort growing in the walls of the old garden.

May. 24th To the National Botanic Gardens of Wales with its lakes, double walled garden, rock garden and its enormous glass dome covering areas devoted to plants from different parts of the world. Sadly it is not attracting enough visitors to be viable and is in danger of closing.

May. 26th Visited my nephews' 24 acre smallholding near Narberth. A beautiful spot planned to encourage wildlife. About half of it is woodland, the rest grass with so much of the semi-parasitic yellow hay rattle in some patches that it has nearly killed the grass.

May. 27th Visited a very good nature reserve and arboretum run by Carmarthen Council with rhododendrons and azaleas under the trees of the arboretum and a fine handkerchief tree. On one of the nature trails we saw fallow deer and a good range of plants of the area including yellow pimpernel. I also caught a glimpse of what I think was a lesser spotted woodpecker.

May. 28th Light rain this morning so we went for coffee to a farm that has diversified into a craft centre, tea room and a room for wedding receptions etc. When we commented on the rollover horse plough in the yard we were invited to look at their collection of old tools and machinery housed in the old longhouse, a single story building with living accommodation at one end, the rest housing the farm animals. Among the huge collection was an old threshing mill which consisted of a wooden drum and concave and a pair of straw walkers. The chaff and grain must have fallen to the floor to be win-

nowed later. It is probable that it was powered by a drive shaft driven by horse walking round a circle. I suppose that it was a step forward from the flail. As the family had farmed here for many generations, I expect that they once lived in that long house. We saw two red kites this evening.

June. 1st An eyed hawkmoth was seen in a Sibford Gower garden. I have never seen one.

June 2nd There were two pairs of bullfinches at the bird table at the same time today. I hope this does not mean that their nests have come to grief.

June 14th A small copper butterfly settled on our washing this morning. We are also seeing a few painted ladies.

June 15th I was given a leopard moth which I read has an unusual life cycle with the caterpillar burrowing in the wood beneath the bark of fruit or ornamental trees for two or three years before reaching maturity. They can become an orchard pest by killing off branches.

June 22nd A young great spotter woodpecker is coming to the nut tube. We are also getting young great and blue tits.





Village Hall News

Please note - The monthly market has been cancelled for Sunday July 4th and we appologise for any inconvenience. The next one will be on Sunday 1st August.

At the time of writing we have all the usual last minute worries about the Annual Village Fayre but we hope all will be well on the day and that everyone enjoyed this years event. We still only have a small band of workers to organise this annual event and we would like to hear from anyone who next year could design the programme and poster and let people know what is being offered a month before the date. Also from anyone who has ideas to offer. Please ring Muriel on 780025 or Ginny on 780373.

From the Arts At Large Touring Entertainment Scheme - the partnership between Cherwell District Council and local community organisations - we have booked Bruce Boardman's New York Cafe Band for **Saturday 16th October** and The Bluesy Susie Duo on **Saturday 26th February** 2005. Before the February evening we are organising a workshop for 4 to 11 year olds from 4 to 5 pm at £2 per child taken by this duo. Further details later.

The Village Lottery Game has restarted with 30 people participating, raising £178.50 for hall funds, with the same amount being paid out in monthly prizes, to join in the fun please ring Muriel or Ginny (numbers above)

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Friendship Club

Unfortunately I was unable to go to Turners of Northampton with the club in May, but I understand everyone had a lovely time. Such a pity they are closing to make way for a housing estate, I think they call it progress. We had an outing to Kew Gardens in June which, although tiring because it was so hot, everyone seemed to enjoy. There were plenty of seats to rest on and a little train which took you everywhere and you could stay on all day or get on and off wherever you wished so you could travel around at your leisure. Then on the way home we stopped at the Ice Cream Parlor at Weston-on-the-Green where we could have a cream tea or just ice cream and a very welcome cup of tea.

At our meeting in June we were entertained by Roger Powell who was a resident of the village but now lives in Armscote. He brought slides of flowers taken at unusual angles and we saw parts of flowers which would normally not be noticed. He also brought a few slides of Sheffield Park near where he lived in Kent and also a few of his garden in Sibford Gower. He didn't have any slides of his present garden but it was open to the public this last Sunday and I went to see it, an absolute riot of colour, it is amazing what he has achieved in just two years.

Tuesday 6th July - Rodney Marsden of Johnson and Gaunt will be talking about 'Making a Will'. 2.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Tuesday 20th July - Outing to Hampton Court.

Please note - No meeting or outing in August.



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With the themes of Summer fun and Our world to keep the children at playgroup busy it is no wonder that this half term is flying past. At the end of the term we will be saying farewell to eight children - Guiliana DeLuca, Megan Brown, Abbie Page, Georgia Tagg, Sophie Hopkins, Bethany Owen, Jack Bunce and Ethan Townley. We wish them lots of happiness as they move on to school. We are also

very sad to be saying goodbye to Julie Bruggenwirth. After seven years of cutting, sticking, painting and playing, Julie will be hanging up her painting apron and putting on a new head as she takes a position at the school. As well as her wealth of ideas, creative skills and enthusiasm, Julie's warm personality has won the hearts of many three and four year-olds during her time as Supervisor. Her commitment and energy have been boundless and she will be sorely missed by the staff, children and parents. Our only consolation is that we are keeping her in the village! On a happier note we would like to congratulate Michelle Knapman on her promotion to Supervisor from September. Michelle has also worked at the playgroup for several years. She will provide valuable continuity for the



group (along with Judith and Dawn) and we know that she is brimming with some wonderful ideas! We wish Julie and Michelle all the best. If you would like more information about playgroup, please contact us on 01295 780998.

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Our annual visit this year was a guided tour of Chipping Campden, led by the Cotswold Wardens and despite the bitterly cold evening, we enjoyed hearing about the long history of this lovely town. As well as leading town walks, the War-

dens look after the footpaths, repair stone walls and generally help to conserve the landscape of the Cotswolds.

The buildings in the town's main street date from the 14th century to the latest addition, a row of cottages built for the outside staff of the then vicar of Campden about 1850, the whole a wonderful blend of soft Cotswold stone. We heard about Baptist Hicks, who was a very rich merchant in the 17th century and built the Grammar School, Almshouses and Market Hall, plus a very grand Manor House for himself, which was burnt down by the Royalists in the Civil War only 30 years after it was finished.

On **Thursday 15th July** Robin Spicer will meet us at the Bishop Blaize 7.00 pm to take us for a gentle amble/ramble on a voyage of discovery, looking at interesting and, perhaps, forgotten corners in the Sibfords. Afterwards we shall gather at the Bishop Blaize for a welcome drink and chat.

The new walk leaflet has been delivered to every household in the Sibfords but if, for some reason, you have not received your copy, please ring either Maureen on 780259 or Ian on 788252 and they will arrange to let you have one. Swalcliffe Historical Society have informed us of their forthcoming programme, which is as follows:-

July 21st - A talk giving more details on the carts displayed in Swacliffe Barn. 15th September - A House Detective from the Oxfordshire Buildings Records

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W.I. Meeting - 8th June 2004



On this lovely summer's day, we had valiantly given up lazing in our gardens to come to W.I. A fact that was much appreciated by Glennis in her welcome. Our speaker, Miss Sylvia Brown, had arrived early and set up a table displaying interesting artefacts and photographs so we were looking forward to her talk later. Lynda read the record of our last

meeting and Barbara gave the Treasurer's report. Then, Glennis gave an amusing account of the Islip Circular Walk which she went on with Judith Weeks - and dogs, along the River Cherwell and back for a nice Village Hall Tea. We were so sorry to hear that Brenda had been in hospital again but is now recovering at home. Glennis had arranged a beautiful basket of flowers which she was taking to her after our meeting. It was nice to see two visitors, Ann Spicer and Maureen Hicks, whom we hope will come again and join our group. The programmes for the coming year were distributed. They were printed by Lynda's husband, Peter, and sized to fit the W.I. diaries. We look forward to varied and exciting meetings arranged for us by Greta. A gift from Coty had arrived, a box of perfume phials. Lynda told us to help ourselves to them and liberally sprayed herself! Glennis, sitting next to her, was almost knocked out. Good stuff! However, she recovered just in time to introduce our Speaker, "The Milk Lady". For thirty five years, Sylvia Brown had been doing a milk round delivering bottles on doorsteps at 6.00 am, seven days a week - at first for a wage of £4.00. This in an unheated float that she had to load up herself. Only once in all those years did the snow hold her up.

When she no longer had to work on a Saturday, she played cricket for the Oxfordshire Ladies Team. An energetic lady indeed, as Rosalind said when thanking her for a most interesting talk. Sylvia judged our competition for a "Milk jug" whilst some of us attempted to complete her Quiz. This was won jointly by Mary and Gaynor who received a bottle of milk and a packet of broken biscuits for their efforts!! Our competition was won by Gaynor, 2nd Gil and 3rd Rosalind. A welcome tea was provided by Margaret and Jean, assisted by her lovely granddaughter, Rebecca. Our hostess for the Summer Garden Meeting is Norma. She can accommodate us if wet but please bring chairs to Shenington on July 13th. The outing to Bowood House on August 10th will start at the Village Hall, meeting at 9.30am and leaving at 9.45am.



LEO NEWS

The June Leo meeting was held on the 15th, at Eileen's house in Burdrop. It promised to be a beautiful evening and Eileen had set out chairs and put lights in the garden. It was not to be, however, as there was a chilly breeze and, after we had enjoyed our drinks, we had to give in and go indoors. We all sat round Eileen's very large kitchen table and did a play reading. It was a very funny play and we spent all the evening in peals of laughter. (Perhaps it was a better idea that we held it indoors, as the whole of Burdrop would have been aware of our presence!). Glennis was given a part where she had to assume a "country" accent, which she did effortlessly. We shall bear that in mind on future occasions, if we repeat the exercise. The next event will be on the 20th July, when we are holding our Summer

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A page from the Past

Programme of Sports,

TO BE HELD AT THE

Show of the Tadmarton, Swalcliffe, and Sibford Horticultural Society, *To be held at SIBFORD GOWER*,

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Intending Competitors are requested to give their names to some Member of the Sports Committee before 2.30 p.m on the 14th instant.

DANCING to commence at 7 p.m. in the tent. In case of rain, arrangements have been made for the use of the Schoolroom.

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At our last meeting Mr. Sinclair from the Nursery Further Afield, Mixbury, came to talk to us about daylillies, of which he is a National Collection holder. In a humorous and detailed talk he spoke of the history of the daylilly and showed slides to show the plants from which all daylilies are bred. (it was interesting to note that one group of daylillies that he collected were from the plants bred by Mr. and Mrs. Brummitt from Banbury, who were also noted iris breeders).

The difficulty in obtaining correctly named cultivars is tremendous and virtually all the Banbury daylillies were obtained abroad particularly in France and Germany, but he hopes to find some still in this county. His Daylilly Days at the nursery are on Sundays July 11th and 18th 2 - 5 pm and well worth a visit.

Our July meeting is our trip to Clematis Corner on **July 7th.** Will all those going please be at the Village Hall at 5.45pm to leave at 6.00pm PROMPT.



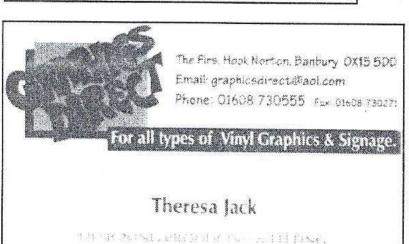
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Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting 24th May 2004 Cllr Peter Neighbour was elected as new Chairman when Cllr John Simms declined to stand for the forthcoming year. Cllr Barbara Crabtree was re-elected as Vice Chairman. The new Chairman thanked John Simms on behalf of the Parish for all his efforts and work over the last twenty or so years. Thanks to Sally Wass, the outgoing Clerk, were also recorded for her work over the past two years. A report was made that the roundabout removed from the play area due to vandalism was not economic to repair and a replacement or alternatives will be investigated. On the subject of litter control, a green "wheelie" bin has been acquired and this will be placed near to the shop. It will be emptied by Cherwell District Council. Efforts to achieve the removal of the wall in the field next to the Manor development in order to complete the new footpath are continuing. The Planning Department at CDC will be asked to ensure that purchasers of the new houses being built adjacent to the field are aware of the planning restrictions on the field. PC Gerry Doyle, the Rural Team Constable, (who can be contacted on 01869 338444), is continuing to monitor car parking around the Manor site following complaints from parishioners. The tree at the entrance to the site which was felled is to placed with a "green spire". Sibford School have advised that the containers in the drop off area alongside the Hook Norton road will be removed before the end of June. Information was received concerning the enlargement of the burial ground at the Holy Trinity Church, a cost to be shared between Sibfords Ferris and Gower Parish Councils. It was agreed that it is in the interests of the Parish to proceed and as early as possible in order to avoid cost increases.

The new Parish Clerk is Anita Spencer who can be contacted on 788557. The next meeting will be on **5th July 2004 at 7.45 pm** in the upstairs room at Sibford School Sports Hall.

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On 28th April the *Blaize* hosted a **St George's Day** feast including, of course, mighty Roast Beef and YP (but with a tcken wink at Europe in a Rhineland pudding!) Would Shakespeare's birth-same-day yield an evening rich in literature and nationhood?

Yes, but... a Latin (!) grace led on to temperate recitals from Housman, Keats and Lear (Edward, not King, so where was the Bard?). Then, sudden anarchy! From a treasonable quatrain on the Georges Rex, through The Chemistry of Womanhood, to rhyming couplets on farmyard behaviour! Literature? This? Fie! How much lower? - Scurrilous quotes about cricket! Heresy! What in England was going on? Investigations began:

"Your appreciation, please, of English traditions?... say, Morris Dancing?"

"What? Men prancing about together? Not quite, umm, masculine, you know."

"Nonsense! What about the wild dancing Cossacks? Fierce stamping Zulus? The Argyll and Suffering Highlanders?...." [Silence].

"Well then, how about folk songs?" [Silence again]. Alas, The Minstrel Boy has eloped with Sweet Polly Oliver. Traditions gone, all gone. Poor old England.

Or perhaps not. The Grand Toast of the evening managed to celebrate nationhood, sovereignty, faith, bard, and patron saint, all in one brief economical roar... "Cry 'God for Harry! England and Saint George!' ".......... Hooray! Up the cup!

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This month we say WELCOME to;

Ann and Piotr Murasik who are one of the first arrivals at the Sibford Manor development and are bearing up with great good humour under the strain of living on the unfinished building site!

Their address has been officially given as Walford Road, which, with thanks to the Sibfords Society and the Old Scholars, we are able to tell you the origin of that name.

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The last of the Walfords, 'Squire' Walford, left in about 1800 and the house passed through several hands, until being sold by Joseph Harris along with 25 acres of land, to the Society of Friends in 1842 for the sum of £1200!

Charlotte and Huw Jenkins, who have just moved into The Yews, Main Street, Sibford Gower. They have a dear little son called Samuel, who will soon be two and is full of beans. He was watching T. V. in the next room when I called, and you could hear him chortling happily away. They are both Welsh, but their recent move was from Mawsley, Northamptonshire. Charlotte is a full-time mother and seems to spend lots of her time decorat-

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QUIET DAY AT HANDYWATER FARM, SIBFORD GOWER THURSDAY 15TH JULY 2004

Monica Mills is a member of the Third Order of the Society of St Francis, and on July 15th she will be focusing our reflections around the life and work of St Francis. Do join us at 9.30am for a 10am start, bringing a contribution to a bring-and-share lunch. The day will end around 3.30pm.

The two quiet days in the autumn will take place on Thursday 23rd September and Wednesday 20th October.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS.

There was yet another wonderful Family Service on Sunday, 20th June, with the theme "My Father", to coincide with Fathers' Day. There were some excellent readings, including "Father", read by Polly Berks, Thomas Broe, Amy Spackman and Pippa Grimston, a very appropriate address from Canon John Whitwell and Peter Hardman, as usual, played the organ. All the fathers (and grandfathers) present were lined up and presented with beautiful carnation button-holes by Glennis Hardman. The next Family Service will be on July 11th "Sea Sunday" at 10 a.m.

The P.C.C. has decided to create a children's area at the back of the church. To collect some funds towards the necessary work, Matthew and Tina Spicer will be holding a coffee evening at 7 p.m. at their home at 4 Acreditch, Sibford Gower (three along from the Rectory) on Saturday 7th August, 2004. There will be additional functions in the autumn to help this collection; details will be given later.

Meanwhile, don't forget the Annual Church Fete in the Rectory gardens, Acreditch, Sibford Gower, on Saturday 17th July at 2,30 p.m. A great village occasion; not to be missed.

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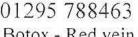
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Brailes Sunday at 11.30 am

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 4th Young at Heart Service at Broughton 10 am

Sun 11th Sea Sunday Family Service 10 am

Sun 18th No Service - see Wykeham News

Sun 25th Holy Communion 9.30 am

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Shipston. Pettifers Garage	09.31	11.36	12.31	14.31		16.56	17.56	18.56	

From Shipston towards Banbury

	Sats M-F									
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Shipston. Pettifers Garage		7.45	8.45		9.45	11.45	12.45	14.45	17.10	18.10
SIBFORD GOWER School	7.20	8.10	9.10	9.10	10.10	12.10	13.10	15.10	17.35	18.35
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Calendar of Events

July

Mon 5th Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting p12

Tue 6th Friendship Club Meeting in the Village Hall at 2.00 pm p5

Wed 7th Horticultural Society trip to Clematis Corner 6pm p11

Fri 9th Sibford Gower Parish Council Meeting p17

Tue 13th W.I. Meeting at Shenington p8

Sat 10th Banbury Symphony Orchestra at Sibford School p14

Sun 11th 'Sea Sunday' Family Service. 10am in the Church p17

Wed 14th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)

Thu 15th Quiet Day at Handywater p16

Thu 15th Sibfords Society Walk. 7.00 pm from the Bishop Blaize p7

Sat 17th Church Fete in the Rectory Garden p17

Tue 20th Friendship Club outing to Hampton Court. P5

Tue 20th LEO Dinner at Churchill p9

Tue 20th Deadline for contributions to the Aug & Sept Sibford Scene

Wed 21st Swalcliffe Society talk on the carts in the Tithe Barn p7

Wed 28th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)

August (part)

Sun 1st Village Hall Market p4

Sat 7th Coffee Evening in aid of Church at 4 Acreditch p17

Wed 11th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)

Wed 25th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)

Wed 25th Horticultural Society Show Entries Evening (see schedule)

Sat 28th Horticultural Society Annual Show p11

Cover picture - Woodway Road. Gate to West Town House on the right.

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