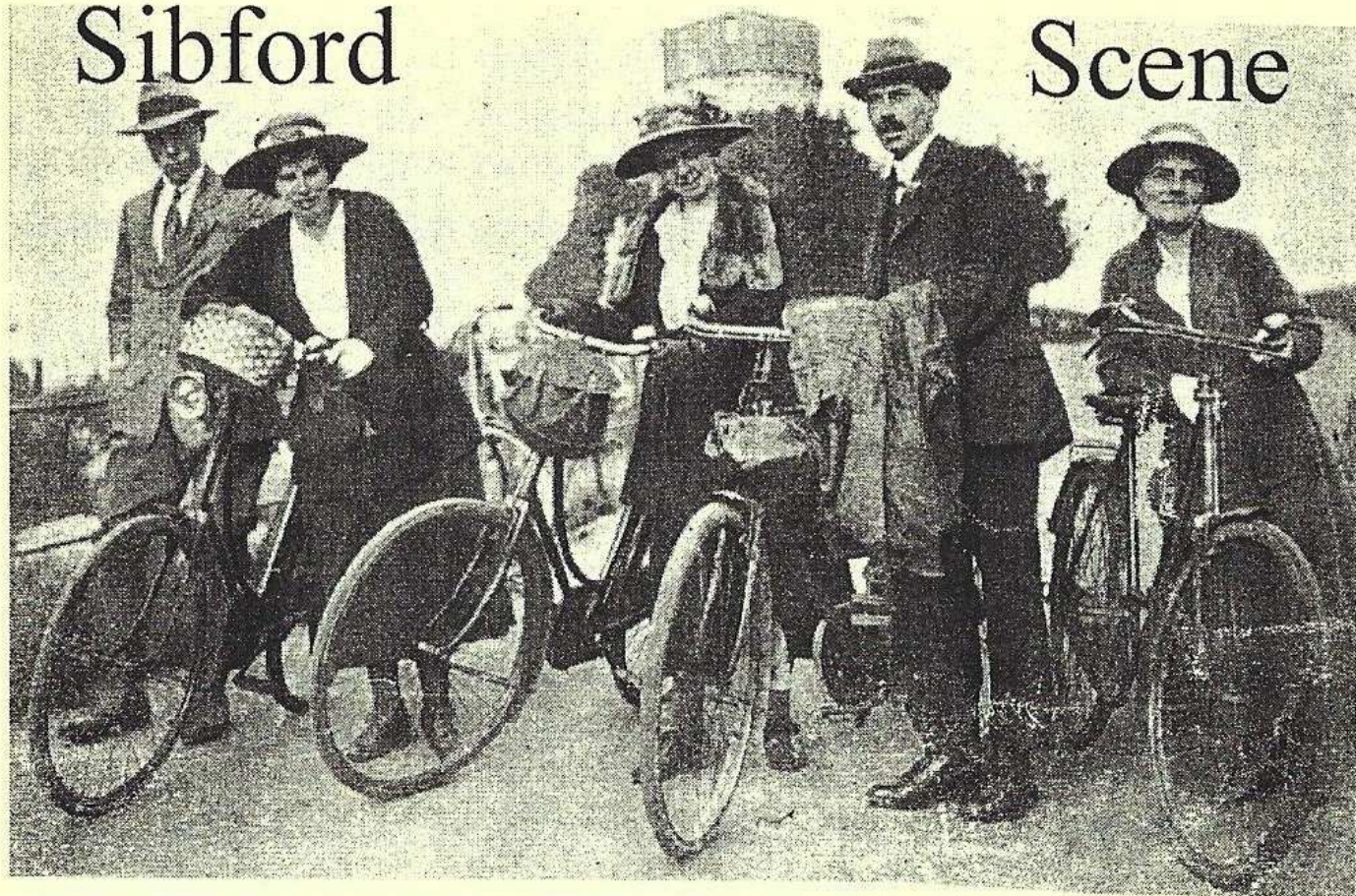


Sibford

Scene



August and September 2004

No. 266

Sibford Horticultural Society

Annual Flower and Produce Show

Saturday 28th August 2.30-4.30 pm

At the Village Hall

Entry Night - Wednesday 25th August 7 to 9 pm at the Surgery
(or in advance using the entry form in the schedule)

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Saturday 11th September

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Holy Trinity Church

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Nature Notes

June. 24th. I had a very interesting afternoon when I went to look at a bat that had been rescued from the driveway before predators found it. We decided that it was a long eared bat and were looking at it wondering whether it was healthy when it suddenly flew from the box and away up towards the roof of the house where there is a sizable colony. I was then taken to look at a garden pond built about 15 months ago. Already there was a nymph case of a big dragonfly on a plant and while we were looking at that a male broad bodied blue dragonfly came to patrol the pond and settle on a stone close to us where it would have made a nice photo. A few seconds later a female appeared; they mated and she started dipping to lay eggs. The next thing that happened was that the bat reappeared and twice flew down to skim a drink from the surface of the pond with amazing neatness and accuracy. It then landed on the garden and crawled around for a while and we decided that it might be safer if we put it back in the box to release at dusk, but before we could do that it took off and went into a clipped evergreen hedge where we hope it stayed till evening.

I was told that when the wind got up two days ago after a calm period, clouds of whitefly were blown from the beeches in the next garden and swallows came in great numbers to take them. There were also one, perhaps two, spotted flycatchers nesting in that lovely garden.

July 3rd. I was shown a beautiful elephant hawk-moth that had come into a neighbours house. A lovely moth that had hatched from one of the rather leathery grey caterpillars that we saw several of last autumn.

July. 13th I was played a recording of the distinctive "quick ma click" call of a quail which a neighbour made recently on Ditch Hedge Lane picking it up on his camera. Several summers have passed since I last heard one so I will go and listen for it.

July. 14th A young great spotted woodpecker is coming regularly to feed at our tube of peanuts while robins and a blackbird compete for the bits of nut that fall to the table.

July. 22nd I used to love to hear the rasping call of the native grey partridge when I lived on the farm and while I was over there this morning I heard it once more and managed to spot 2 birds running away across a grass field. I could not see whether they had a covey of young ones with them.

Re: 'England, that England?' In July's Scene:

Those in sympathy with the sentiments expressed by your anonymous writer might like to note that **Owlswick Morris Dancers** will be paying their annual summer visit to the Bishop Blaize, by kind permission of Sam and Sheila, on **Tuesday August 10th** at 8.15 ish, when there will be a chance to assess at close quarters the masculinity of our men so abominably impugned by the villager in the article. (Don't be fooled though: some of us are women.) Come and enjoy traditional Cotswold morris, a few tunes, and maybe some songs of the Minstrel Boy/Polly Oliver type (though necessarily confined to the higher register.)

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The next Horticultural event is the Annual Show. If you have not got a schedule (or lost it) there are a few spare copies at the surgery and the village shop, along with the pictures to be coloured in for the children. Please make a big effort to have a go at some of the classes. Whether it is a photograph, craft, cake, flower or vegetable, there is something everyone could enter so we look forward to seeing lots of entries.

The Entry Night is **Wednesday 25th August** from 7 - 9 pm at the Surgery (or in advance to any committee member) and the show is on **Saturday 28th August** from 2.30 to 4.30 pm.

We would be very grateful for donations of bottles, cakes and plants for the stalls. There will be a raffle, teas, childrens games and books, so a good afternoon is to be had at the Village Hall.

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 8th September** in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm. The speaker will be Mrs Cropley who will be talking about 'Unusual Bulbs'. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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The playgroup children ended the term with a party to remember. It was a magical experience for all, as the children enjoyed unlimited turns on a colourful carousel that was hired for the occasion. A party lunch, ice-creams, pass the parcel and mask-making completed the entertainment and made for an exciting end of term. Leaving gifts were bestowed to the children who will be going on

to school in September and the children presented Julie with a large bouquet and hand-made card.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to playgroup on September 2nd and wish all the children and their families a happy and safe summer. If you want to contact playgroup during the summer holidays then please call Sally Gray (secretary) on 780102.

LEO

On July 20th, we all went for our annual summer outing to Churchill, where we enjoyed a good meal and lots of laughs at the village pub there, called Chequers. We were given a room to ourselves for pre-dinner drinks and a dining room to ourselves for the meal. This was a relief, as sixteen ladies can generate a lot of noise and this proved to be the case! However, a good time was had by all.

There is no LEO meeting in August

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Our summer walk this year was more of a gentle amble/stroll as we followed directions and tried to find the answers to many cryptic clues along the way. Setting off in small groups, puzzled villagers, new and 'old', found their way around the Gower trying to unravel the thought processes of our Masterminds - Ann and Robin Spicer. Some steps had to be retraced to find missed clues but eventually we all returned to the Bishop Blaize where our efforts were scrutinized. Congratulations to Margaret and Paul Hobson and Eileen and Tony Haynes who managed to resolve all 28 clues successfully. At least in Sibford we had a dry St Swithin's day and we thank Ann and Robin for arranging a most enjoyable evening which rounded off most pleasantly in the Bishop's garden!

We now have a break until September when our autumn programme recommences on **Thursday September 16th** with a talk by Peter Noble on Steam in Agriculture. On **Wednesday 15th September**, Swalcliffe



Historical Society meets in Swalcliffe Village Hall at 8pm to 'hear a talk about 'How to date the age of your home'. So book these dates in your diary now, as we will meet before the next issue of the Sibford Scene. We look forward to seeing you again after a restful and rejuvenating summer break.



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W.I. NEWS.

The annual July garden meeting was held at the Shenington home of Norma Alien this year. We weren't very optimistic about the chances of sitting outside, but we were agreeably surprised to have a lovely sunny afternoon, so that we could all sit on the large patio and listen to the usual business matters, including Lynda's record of the last meeting. Then several members stood up and gave us reports on the various outings they had attended. One had been to Cambridge, some to Lower Heyford for a lecture on canals, accompanied by slides, some to a Tadmarton coffee morning, and some to a Cropredy tea, where there was a walk through the village and Miriam won a flower arrangement. Mention was made of the recent Village Fayre and members who had manned the refreshment stall and/or provided cakes were thanked. There were comments that we were very much down on the number of helpers this time and that we would have to reflect on ways of boosting them next year.

Arrangements for the outing to Bowood House on 10th August were finalised, and there are 50 people going. Please all meet at the Village Hall at 9.30.

A letter was read out from Jean's 11 year-old granddaughter, Rebecca, thanking W.I. members for allowing her to join her granny at some of the meetings. She will soon be going to the Warriner, and we shall miss her.

Then our eyes began to light up! The table suddenly began to fill with scones, fruit bread and delicious sponges. Everyone quietened down at this point, while cups of tea were passed round, and the food was consumed and much appreciated. Then Norma was thanked for her hospitality and presented with a very pretty table decoration, made by Glennis.

The afternoon finished up with a walk round Norma's beautiful garden, about an acre in extent, with lawns and an impressive array of colourful flowers. We all seemed reluctant to go home, having enjoyed ourselves so much.

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Sibford Ferris Play Area

You may have read in last month's Scene that unfortunately the roundabout at the Play Area in Cotswold Close was vandalised and had to be removed as it was unsafe. It will cost about £500 to repair and we are therefore looking for suggestions for a replacement item. Obviously, cost and space will be a deciding factor, but all suggestions will be considered. Also, if anyone is interested in resurrecting the Sibford Ferris Play Area Committee, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Please leave any suggestions or comments at the Village Shop, for my attention. Anita Spencer, Clerk, Sibford Ferris Parish Council.

New litter bin in the Ferris

A green wheelie bin has been installed near to the Green's shop in the Ferris which it is hoped will solve the problem of the overflowing small litter bin which has now been removed. The wheelie bin will be emptied by Cherwell District Council fortnightly as part of their normal domestic round. Many thanks go to Graphics Direct for kindly providing the large sticky label to identify the bin for litter.

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Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting

Many items were discussed at the meeting of 5th July, including notably the play area, footpaths and litter bins. The annual inspection of the Cotswold Close play area had been carried out by John Hicks, with no major defects found. The items identified in the report as requiring attention had been dealt with. The vandalised roundabout was discussed once more. A new roundabout would cost approximately £3000 (the old one will cost £500 to repair). £3000 was felt to be a very large sum to spend on one item and it was agreed to ask for suggestions for an alternative, via the Scene. Villagers would also be asked if anyone might be interested in reviving the Play Area Committee. (See separate item on page 9).

It was agreed to give the go-ahead for the construction of the footpath which will join together the existing path on Mannings Hill and the new path put in by Swan Hill Homes along the edge of the field next to the Manor development. Proposals by the Highways Department to enlarge the pavement at Lanes End to increase pedestrian safety were also discussed and there will be further contact with Highways in order to establish if any progress is being made.

The new green wheelie bin for litter, mentioned last month, would be installed near to the shop as soon as a slab had been laid to put it on, which Cllr Arnold Lamb kindly offered to do. (This is now in place.) It was noted that the containers were still at the Sibford School drop-off point on the Hook Norton road, but the meeting was assured that there are definite plans to remove them. There had been further correspondence between the Ferris and Gower Parish Councils concerning the extension of the burial ground. Discussions with the Gower concerning a new permissive footpath across Wheathills are also continuing.

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Sibford Gower Parish Council

A meeting was held on 9th July 2004 in Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School and in addition to the Parish Councillors and the Clerk, it was attended by County & District Councillor George Reynolds and two local electors. The Audit Commission Annual Return and the Account of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31.3.04 were approved. It was reported that Dr Pascale Nicolet, a Fresh Water Ecologist, from The Ponds Conservation Trust had been invited to visit the village pond which she did on the 8th July and met there with interested parties with a view to giving advice concerning the best way to both enhance the appearance of the pond and attract wildlife. She will return shortly to carry out a full survey and provide the Parish Council with her recommendations for consideration. The Clerk reported on a recent visit from Oxfordshire County Council's Deputy Engineer when a tour of the village was made to inspect those places where remedial work is required. Action was promised and the situation will be closely monitored by the Clerk. A pathway to make access easier to the Council's notice board has been completed. Other items on the Agenda were the need for acquiring additional church burial ground, the feasibility of a pathway through Upper Wheathills Field and the damaged seat at Burdrop corner. The next Meeting will be at 8pm on **Friday, 17th September** 2004 to which local residents are cordially invited.

Note: Please see separate notes in this issue of the Sibford Scene concerning the village pond.

Seat at Burdrop Comer

It may have been noticed that the seat at Burdrop corner is in a dreadful state of disrepair and it has been declared beyond salvation. The matter was discussed at the recent Sibford Gower Parish Council Meeting and a suggestion was made that someone may care to finance the cost of a replacement in, perhaps, memory of a loved one. Hence, this invitation to anybody who may be interested or who has thoughts on the subject to contact any Member of the Parish Council or the Clerk (Peter Hardman) on 01295 780391).



Ride or Stride

Saturday 11th September

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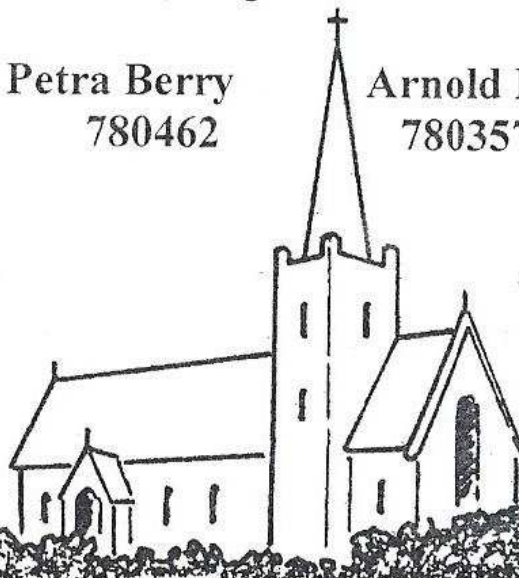
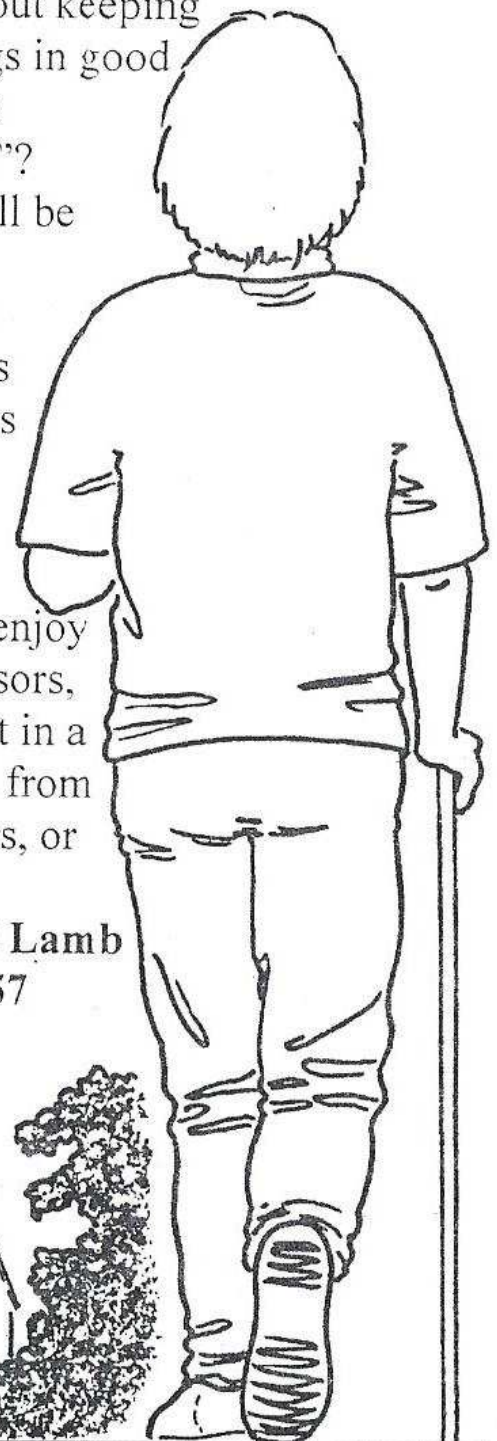
repair. How many times have you been given directions like "turn left just after the Church"? This event helps to ensure the Church will still be there to "turn left just after" in the future!

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Some have a reputation for their hospitality, it's no accident that Hempton gets so many cyclists at tea time! So come and join us and enjoy a great day out. If you don't like getting sponsors, come along, enjoy the day and put in a contribution to the funds. Details from The Tuesday Night Bike Riders, or

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AFRICAN ADVENTURE

Long before the first white man appeared on the scene, they were known as "Musi-Oa-Tunya" or the Smoke that Thunders. It was David Livingstone, the legendary missionary, who 'discovered' the Falls and named them after his Queen, Victoria. It must have been an awesome experience to come across such a natural wonder. He must have been puzzled by the appearance of what does look like smoke on the horizon and as you get closer to hear the roar of the water plunging into the gorge below.

It is still an unbelievable sight today as the mighty Zambezi river suddenly disappears into the abyss to surge along a narrow canyon. Our first glimpse was from the plane as it approached the town of Livingstone on the Zambian side on the Falls. The Falls and the river mark the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. Zambia has become the more popular side to visit since Mugabe has made it a bit unpredictable for foreign visitors. The hotels on the Zimbabwean side are sadly empty.

We spent five days in Zambia, staying at a hotel on the Zambezi river, just above the Falls. We could walk to the Falls, right to the edge and down across a narrow bridge to get a view from further below. The summer rains had been good this year so the water over the Falls was enormous, approximately 540 million litres (143 million gallons) every minute! It is seventeen hundred metres wide, which from the side was difficult to gauge because the spray obscures your view. A raincoat and hood are essential as it was like being in a very strong shower as the spray swirls around you. There's a constant rainbow or two over the Falls which also makes it very pretty.

The best view is probably from above and we decided to take a trip in a helicopter to get the full effect. Not only did we see the Falls from all angles but we plunged into the gorge below the Falls and skimmed the river between the cliffs - quite amazing.

So what else is there to do apart from gaze in wonder at one of the world's great sights! Well, for the really adventurous, there's wild river rafting, bungee jumping, flights in a microlight and jet boat riding. But being of more advanced years we decided on calmer pursuits. We had a trip up the river at sunset, otherwise known as the booze cruise, only you get to see crocodiles and hippos as well. Steve went fishing one morning for the legendary tiger fish - lots of bites but a case of the ones that got away! He did catch a nice river bream however, and has got a photo to

prove it. While he was doing that I went for a ride on an elephant - as you do! Now that was a wonderful experience and something I've always wanted to do. Not only did I get to ride one, I was able to feed 'my' elephant, sit on his leg, and listen to him 'talk'. They are the most remarkable creatures.

Our final excursion was a day trip to Chobe Game Reserve. Chobe is in Botswana but we were only an hours drive from the border, where we crossed the river, African style in a small boat, and then drove to Chobe which is only another half hour away. We had the morning on the Chobe river, followed by lunch at a riverside lodge, and a game drive in the afternoon. Well, we'd heard that Chobe was teaming with wildlife and we weren't disappointed. I have never seen so much game, so close, in such a short space of time. We saw so many elephants, lion, hippo, crocodiles, sable, and a python to name but a few. A truly memorable day.

So that was our African adventure which was a wonderful experience. Back in the Cape we've had some lovely warm winter days. We still need lots of rain though, otherwise we are definitely heading for water restrictions in the spring. We will be in the UK late August/ September so we look forward to seeing some of you then.

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All the school let off balloons and presented Jeff with a new bike as his leaving present (suitably covered with balloons, signs and other paraphernalia) on which he did a lap of the field.

Many people came to bid their farewells including past governors, pupils and staff, and all wished him a very happy retirement.

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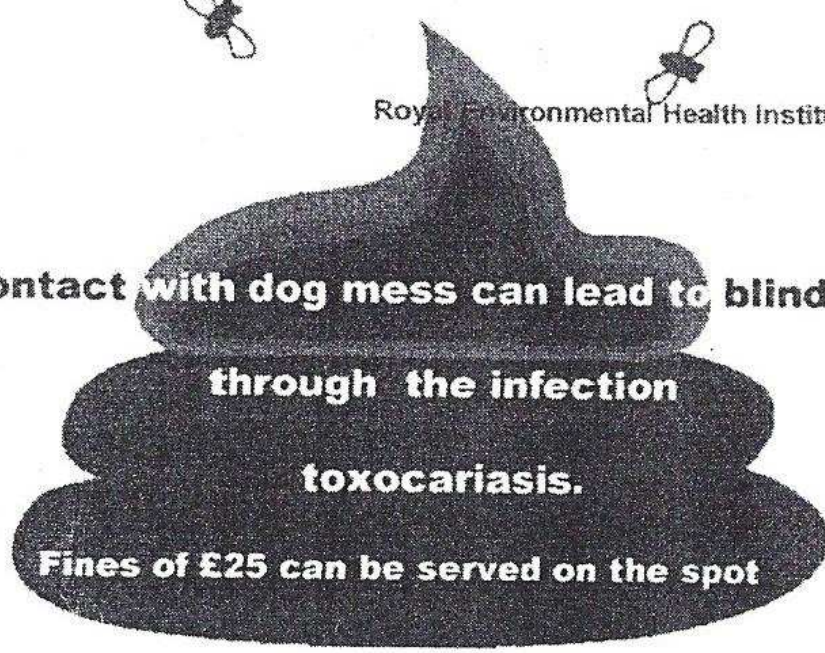
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This month we say WELCOME to:~

Joan Robinson, who has just moved into Staddle Stones, Bonds End Lane, Sibford Gower. Joan was born in Sibford Ferris and lived there for three years, before moving to the Gower, until she got married and moved to Swalcliffe. Her house and garden there became much too big for her, and she was thrilled to find a smaller property - a chalet bungalow with a smaller garden - quite near to her brother and sister-in-law. Joan was the headmaster's secretary at our primary school for 28 years; retiring in 1998, and so knows a lot of people in the two villages. She also helps out with the elderly at the Fielding Day Centre. Having lived on the main road in Swalcliffe, Joan is enjoying the peace and quiet in Bonds End Lane. All she can hear when she wakes in the morning are the birds.

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Next, we welcome Victoria and Mark Pougatch, who have moved into Temple Close, Colony Road, Sibford Gower. They have three children: Sam 6, Isobel 4 and Saskia 2. They also have a Jack Russell puppy, called Poppy.

They moved here from London (Hammersmith), where they had been very happy, with friendly neighbours, etc. I think they are finding there are friendly neighbours here too! Victoria is a full-time mother, and Mark is a sports journalist for the B.B.C. Mark likes to play cricket and enjoys gardening (he will have lots of scope at Temple Close!). Victoria enjoys reading and playing tennis. They are both very excited to be here and already love the village.

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Anna and David Simpkins have moved into Folly Cottage in the Ferris. They are accompanied by their Old English Sheepdog, Biscuit who was very happy to welcome the welcomer. Anna and David have moved here for work from Lancashire and are keen to get to know everyone and explore the area.

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Village Pond

Sibford Gower Parish Council recently made contact with The Ponds Conservation Trust with a view to seeking advice regarding the village pond and on 8th July 2004 a visit was received from Dr Pascale Nicolet, a Freshwater Ecologist. She met by the pond with representatives from the Pond Committee and the Parish Council together with other interested parties. She asked what was sought and she was given to understand that we were looking not only to making the pond visually attractive but also to enhance the aspects of pondlife. Dr Nicolet said that she would return shortly and make a detailed study of the pond and then provide her written recommendations for consideration. She made the point that only recommended water plants should be installed and highlighted the fact that there are plants already in the pond which should not be there and ought to be removed as their impact is not at all beneficial. So, whatever the very kind thoughts and intent of residents may be, it is important that plants and pondlife should not be put into the pond. The Parish Council and the Pond Committee will carefully weigh up, in due course, Dr Nicolet's views and consider a planting programme under her guidance

The Ponds Conservation Trust has a website which those with the availability may wish to access and it is www.pondstrust.org.uk

Once more, an appeal is made that vehicles should not be parked on the verge to the pond. They divert from the beauty of the area which is well visited and so, drivers, please find alternative parking spaces especially in the cases where availability is known to exist.



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QUIET DAY AT HANDYWATER FARM, SIBFORD GOWER THURSDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2004

There is no quiet day at Handywater during August: the next meeting is after the holiday on Thursday 23rd September. The centre of our reflections will be Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German pastor and theologian, whose involvement with anti-Hitler conspirators led to his imprisonment and execution. His radical theological writings continue to be influential today.

People arrive at 9.30am for a 10am start, with a contribution to a bring-and-share lunch, and the day usually ends around 3.30pm.

The final quiet day for this year will take place on Wednesday 20th October, and will be led by the Rev. John Stroyan on the theme 'Praying with the mind in the heart'.

If you would like further information, or directions to Handywater Farm, please telephone Sue on 01295 788770.

Jumble Sale

In aid of Katharine House Hospice
Saturday 23rd October 12-2 pm
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Should the inclination arise over the next couple of months to have a 'sort out' please feel free to dispose of any unwanted (saleable) jumble, books, bric-a-brac cakes etc. with Bernie Jones (780343). Offers of help on the day would be greatly appreciated.

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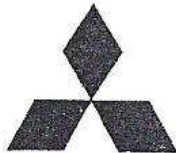
Friendship Club

At our July meeting we had Mr Rodney Marsh from Johnson and Gaunt to talk about 'Making a Will' but he concentrated more on the reasons why you should make a will and also entertained us by telling us some of the strange requests which had been put to him during his years in the will making department. He also explained what a 'living will' is which was something quite new to many of us. The afternoon was concluded with tea and cakes provided by Eileen and Daisy and served by Jean and Marian.

We have no meeting or outing in August but Mrs Bea Tanner with the help of Sandra is having a Garden Party at 3 Acre Ditch, Sibford Gower on **Tuesday 17th August at 2.00 pm.** Various stalls will be there and any help which anyone can give in erecting tables and setting out chairs etc. would be greatly appreciated.

Our next meeting in the Village Hall will be on **Tuesday 7th September at 2.00 pm.** The September outing will be to Waterperry Gardens on **Tuesday 21st September.** Coach details at our meeting.

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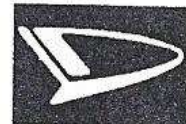
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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

There was a most happy and successful Annual Church Fete held on Saturday 17th July at the Sibford Village Hall. Perhaps not quite so good an attendance as in prior years but certainly well supported in the goods donated for resale, not least in the new Children's Toys stall. Though rain threatened all day, which made us change from the Rectory gardens, in fact it turned out to be a fine afternoon and at least the cake stall did not suffer from the occasional hot sunshine. A total of £1,035.54 was collected and thanks are offered to both those who helped with stalls, teas, setting up and clearing up as well as those who generously bought and donated.

All are invited to the Harvest Festival service will be held in Sibford Church on **Saturday 18th September 2004 at 5.30 pm** followed by the Harvest Bring and Share Supper in the Village Hall.

"Sea Sunday" proved a popular Family Service for adults and children most of whom participated in some way. The next such

service will be on **Sunday 8th August at 10.00 am**. Another happy occasion occurred recently in Broughton Church when a celebration of the Rector's significant birthday took place, organized by Eveline Boughton.

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Roman Catholic Mass	Wroxton	Sunday at 8.30 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.

August

Sun 1st Young at Heart Service Epwell 10am
 Sun 8th Family Service 10 am
 Sun 15th Holy Communion 9.30 am
 Sun 22nd Holy Communion 9.30 am
 Sun 29th Holy Communion 9.30 am

September

Sun 5th Benefice Service. Shutford 10.30am
 Sun 12th Family Service 10.00 am
 Sat 18th Harvest Festival 5.30 pm
 Sun 19th Holy Communion 9.30 am
 Sun 24th Holy Communion 9.30 am
 Sun 31st Holy Communion 9.30 am



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Banbury	10.50 am	1.00 pm

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Banbury Bus Station dep.	08.45	10.50	11.45	13.45	14.45	16.10	17.10	18.10
SIBFORD GOWER School	09.10	11.15	12.10	14.10	15.10	16.35	17.35	18.35
Shipston. Pettifers Garage	09.31	11.36	12.31	14.31	-----	16.56	17.56	18.56

From Shipston towards Banbury

	Sats		M-F							
	CH	GA	CH	CH	GA	CH	GA	GA	GA	CH
Shipston. Pettifers Garage	6.55	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
Banbury Bus Station	7.45	8.35	9.35	9.35	10.35	12.35	13.35	15.35	18.00	19.00

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Calendar of Events

August

- Sun 1st Village Hall Market (see insert)
- Sat 7th Coffee Evening in aid of Church at 4 Acreditch
- Wed 11th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)
- Tue 17th Garden Party for the Friendship Club p20
- Mon 23rd Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm (Sports Hall)
- Wed 25th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)
- Wed 25th Horticultural Society Show Entries 7 - 9 pm at the Surgery p5
- Sat 28th Horticultural Society Annual Show p5

September

- Sat 4th to Sun 12th Art Exhibition in Tysoe p15
- Sun 5th Village Hall Market (see insert)
- Tue 7th Friendship Club meeting in the Village Hall p20
- Wed 8th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)
- Wed 8th Horticultural Society talk - 'Unusual Bulbs' V. Hall 8 pm p5
- Thu 9th Electric Blanket testing in Banbury p16
- Sat 11th Historic Churches Trust Ride or Stride p12
- Wed 15th Swalcliffe Society talk 'How to date your home' p7
- Thu 16th Sibfords Society talk 'Steam in Agriculture' p7
- Fri 17th Sibford Gower Parish Council Meeting 8 pm Primary School p11
- Sat 18th Harvest Festival and Bring and Share supper p21
- Sun 19th Village Hall Market (see insert)
- Tue 21st Friendship Club Outing p20
- Tue 21st Deadline for contributions to the October Sibford Scene p6
- Wed 22nd Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)
- Thu 23rd Quiet Day at Handywater p19

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Sibford Scene

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