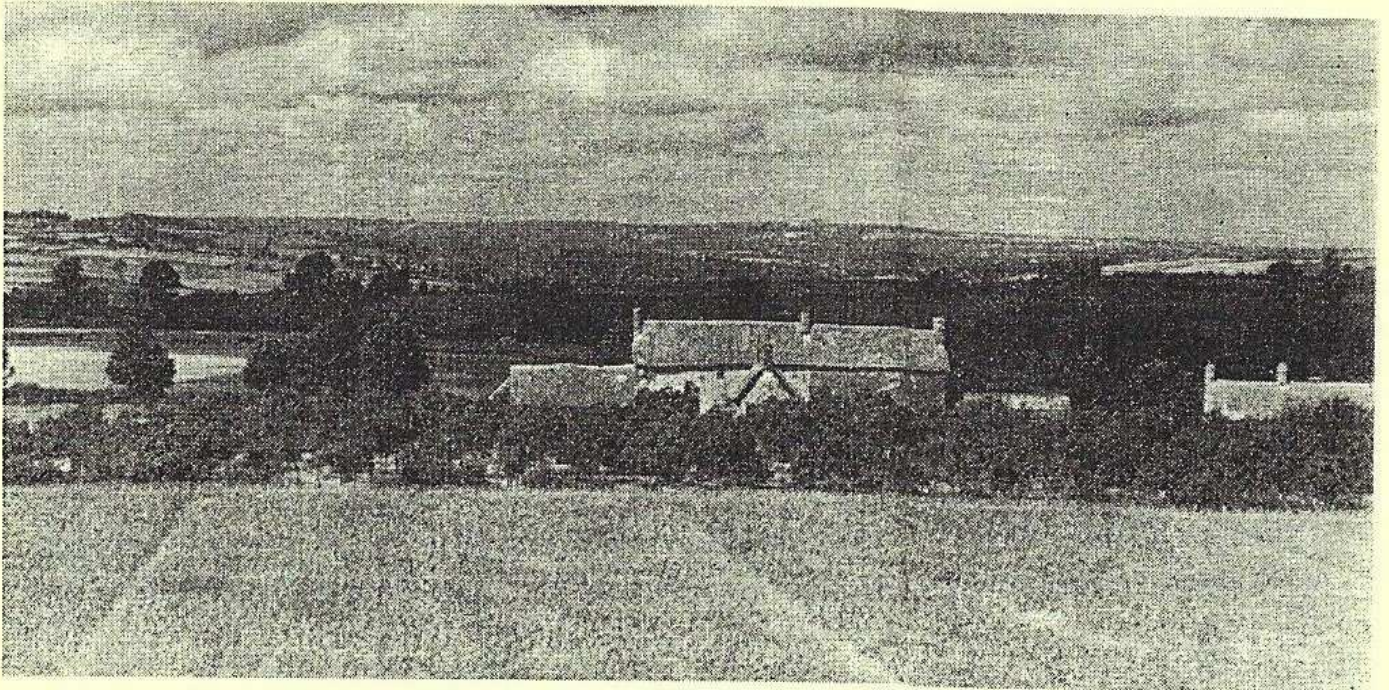


Sibford Scene



November 2004

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Friday 5th November Bonfire and Fireworks

Primary School Field from 6.00 pm

Warriner Choral Society

Autumn Concert

St. Mary's Church, Bloxham 7.30 pm

Holy Trinity Church

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 20th November, 2.30pm
in the Village Hall

Sibford School Christmas Fair

Friday 26th November 3.30 - 6.00 pm
in the School Dinning Hall

Sibford Playgroup Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 27th November 2.00 - 4.00 pm
in the Village Hall

Nature Notes

Sept. 29th. A friend wrote saying that she had recently been to Rose Castle, a National Trust cottage in the Lake District which she has been visiting for 55 years and she had never seen so much water around. When they got there it was possible to walk round the Tarn but when they came away the path was under 3 feet of water and the road to the cottage was washing away.

Oct. 8th. There were a surprising number of rabbits on the freshly cultivated soil by the farm road tonight. When we stopped the car with the headlights on we could see a little owl amongst a group of them. It was probably finding grubs turned up by the cultivations but there did not seem to be anything to attract the rabbits.

Oct. 10th After seeing so many humming-bird hawk moths last year it is only now that we have seen our first and probably only one this year. It was again collecting nectar from the red salvia bush that they favoured last year.

Oct. 11th A group of redwings dropped briefly into the trees by our house. It is a bit earlier than I have usually seen them here so does this mean that we shall have a proper winter this year?

Oct. 19th The tawny owls are, as usual, becoming more vocal as nights lengthen. They must have more time to talk in what must be an easy time of the year with plenty of mice and voles, after their breeding season and enough hours of darkness for hunting them

I have heard that a hatch of swallows were still in a nest in the Gower on October 11th but flew during the week. It will be a job for them to gain enough strength to carry them to South Africa.

Sibford Stores & Post Office

November 2004

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Finding out the transport needs of the local community

The Parish Councils of Sibford Ferris and Sibford Gower thank all those who completed the Transport questionnaires. They have been forwarded to the Rural Community Transport Advisor to the Oxfordshire Rural Community Service who will analyse the data and prepare a report for Oxfordshire County Council in connection with its forthcoming review and award of new contracts.

The questionnaires were distributed with the previous issue of the Sibford Scene to some 425 household in the two Parishes. 47 forms were completed and returned and they encompassed 147 people taking into account where there are more than one in a household.

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Cook the blackberries without any extra liquid in a saucepan with a tight fitting lid until the juices start to run. Sieve the blackberries, add the sugar and allow to cool. Whip the cream and white wine together. Fold the purée into the cream and divide the mixture between four glasses.

Jane Holliday 780500

To whom it may concern.

Women Drivers!!!!

I would like to thank Maureen & Ian, Erica & Tim, Helen & Richard and Kathy for their help on that fateful evening in October. Also special thanks to Tracey and Richard, THEY WERE THE ONES WITH THE JACK.

Need I say more, Oh Yes, Sorry Uncle Eric.

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It's been an exciting start to the school year for the children of the playgroup. Following our successful recent OFSTED inspection, Michelle and the team have been introducing lots of new activities with a technological twist. Toy tills that really scan bar codes; torches in the woodland play house; sound lotto; electronic toys and now we are awaiting the arrival of our new computer. We are hoping to raise plenty of funds towards the cost of this at our annual CHRISTMAS BAZAAR (this year on 27th

November). But we haven't forgotten all our usual traditional activities in amongst the excitement and this half term the children will be learning all about fire safety, Winter, Divali and Christmas. The School photographer is coming to visit us on Tuesday 16 November at 10am. All are welcome.

There are a few places available at our OFSTED registered playgroup. We accept nursery vouchers, or if you prefer the cost of a three hour session (Monday to Friday: 9-12 during term time) will cost £5.50 per child. We are registered to provide care for three to five and a half-year-olds (you may also bring your child along and stay with them each session from the age of 2½). Call us on 01295 780998 to find out more and to secure your child a place.

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At our last meeting, Mike Hallam made a welcome return visit, this time to tell us about the history of the village he lives in, Wootton, near Woodstock. He came to live in the village 34 years ago and upon talking to another resident, Sir Charles Ponsonby, who was then in his nineties and had made a study of the village over a number of years, he was asked if he would carry on this work. Some time later, Mike received a tape recorder and realised that he could record the memories of the villagers and since then has amassed a large archive of recordings and photographs. He showed some of these slides and discussed the changes that have occurred in the village. The main industry in Wootton was in the glove trade, with glove cutters and many women sewing them, often only by candle light, which must have been very difficult.

On Thursday, 18 November Dusty Roades is speaking to us on Country Customs. This will be held, as usual, in the Village Hall at 8.00pm and we are always pleased to welcome non-members to our meetings.

John Loggins Charity

The Trustees of the Charity will soon be meeting and the annual distribution of funds will be considered. As in previous years, those people, older or younger, who feel themselves in need of the financial assistance offered, please write to;

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W.I. NEWS

Although there were a number of apologies for absence at our meeting on the 12th October, the President still welcomed fifteen members plus one guest, Joan Robinson, who has recently come to live in Sibford Gower. The record of our September meeting was read by Gaynor, standing in for Lynda.

After the general business was discussed, including the taking of names for the forthcoming Group meeting at Tadmarton on the 28th October, Glennis introduced our speaker, Miss Shirley Smith. She spoke without a single reminder card in sight and members sat entranced as they heard about her experiences over fifty two years as a nanny. She began her training in London with sixteen babies in her care. Once qualified, she secured a post as a nanny to a two and a half year old in Edenbridge followed by a new baby. Her second position took her to Gerrards Cross, where the mother was an ex-model who liked everything smart and matching and her baby's clothes were purchased from Harrods. Miss Smith found herself being transported around in a chauffeur driven Bentley and spending a month during the summertime in a five-star hotel in Bournemouth. Her career took her to many parts of the world including spells of three months in Australia (where she met the queen of Tonga!), St. Moritz, Cannes, New York and a small castle in Ireland. At fifty five, when her latest charges had left for boarding school, she retired to a flat in Oxford. The parents gave her a wonderful send-off by presenting her with three C.Ds and a brand new car in which to play them! Tea and delectable cakes were served by Maureen, assisted by Norma and Ann. The raffle was won by Gilian and the competition results for an old toy were: Glennis first, Rosemary second and Jane third. We meet again on **Thursday, 9th November** at 2 p.m. at the Village Hall, when our speaker will be Mr. G. Holden on Scandinavian and Baltic capitals. The competition will be a holiday souvenir. Visitors are always welcome.

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CAPE SPRING

I'm bringing you a bit of Cape sunshine as you brace yourself for those gloomy days before Christmas. Firstly, let me say how lucky we were when we visited the UK in early September. We had the most wonderful weather and the weekend we spent in Sibford was glorious! Thank you to everyone who came to see us and a special thanks to our hosts, Petra and John Berry and Gaynor and Mike Harper-Tarr. We still love Sibford and we will be coming back one day.

When we got back to the Cape, spring was already with us. It is the best time for flowers as everything bursts into life after the winter rains. When the heat of the summer arrives, the plants go into hibernation until the autumn rains when we get another display. The fynbos - the native vegetation unique to the Western Cape - is a riot of colour. Our back garden has mainly indigenous plants and it's a wonderful sight at the moment. The garden doesn't have a fence but blends into the fynbos, which goes all the way up the Helderberg Mountain. The dominant colour is pink from the watsonias, a type of native gladioli.

Spring also means that the wildlife is breeding. We have two families of Cape francolin who visit our garden every day. One family has five chicks and one has seven. The bontebok - a type of deer- in the Nature Reserve next to Erinvale have had about five foals. They're a light brown in colour, only changing to the lovely mix of browns, black and white when they mature. The Blacksmith plovers that make their nests on the ground all over the golf course have also been busy producing young. They make a great deal of noise when you get too near to the nests but it doesn't seem to deter them from positioning them next to a green or a tee!

We still have the problem of the Egyptian geese which breed prolifically all year round. The latest deterrent being tried is black swans. Four pairs have been introduced on four of the dams on the golf course. The idea is that the swans are very territorial and will chase the geese off their piece of water. If the geese can't get access to water they eventually go somewhere else - that's the theory! We will see how successful this one is. All I can say at the moment is that the swans look very nice!

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We are having typical spring weather, one day it's as hot as summer, the next we are back to wearing fleeces. We are still getting some rain although more is desperately needed.

Finally, we have once again enjoyed watching the Southern Right whales that come to this coast to have their young at this time of year. On a recent visit to Paternoster on the west coast we spent most of one day watching several whales frolicking in the waves. I'm glad to report that their numbers are increasing every year and this part of the Cape is becoming well known for its whale watching.

Pat and Steve Bates

Sibford Ferris Parish Council

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Planning Aid provides free, independent advice to those who cannot afford to pay for such assistance from a planning consultant. They have sent details of their services to the Parish Council and if any resident wishes to know more about this organisation please contact the clerk, Anita Spencer, on 788557, or contact Planning Aid south on 01235 760433, e-mail socp2@planningaid.rtpi.org.uk



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We had a most enjoyable day at Waterperry Gardens in September. We were able to experience all the different colours of the beautiful michaelmass daisies plus the other flowers which were in bloom at this time of year. We were also lucky with the weather which makes all the difference.

At our October meeting we were disappointed because our speaker was unable to come but once again Evelyn came up trumps and after the usual business we had a few games of bingo and then sat down to some lovely refreshments which were provided by Bob and Jean. Many thanks for their lovely cooking.

We next meet in the Village Hall on **Tuesday November 2nd** at 2.00pm when Rosalie is going to demonstrate painting on goose eggs. Some members are also going to try their hands at decorating spoons. On **Tuesday 16th November** we are going by car to the Antelope Inn at Lighthorne for lunch. Traveling arrangements to be decided on Nov. 2nd. **Tuesday 7th December** will be our Christmas lunch at Melbickes.



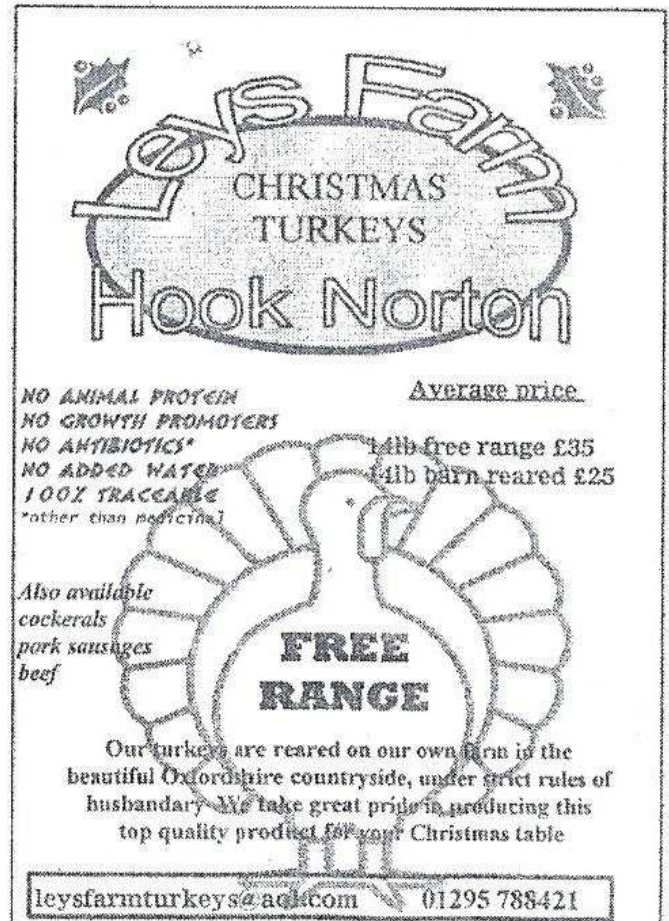
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The partnership between the Village Hall and Cherwell Arts@Large scheme, this year also supported by Hook Norton Brewery, continues to bring high quality performances to our Village Halls. Sadly Bruce Boardman's New York Café Band was poorly supported with just 48 people attending. To see such a multi-talented professional band at a large city venue would cost a great deal and our ticket price was just £7 and £5 right on our own doorstep. Fortunately we covered our costs making a very small profit of just under £20. Thank you to everyone who supported the evening. We hope the evening of Saturday 26th February, when Bluesy Susie performs, will be better supported. In the afternoon she will be doing a workshop for children aged from 4 to 11 at a cost of only £2 - it would be good to see a lot of children taking part. Tickets for the evening's performance will only be £6, concessions £4, and are available now by ringing 780025 and will be at the Village Shop later.

You will now have seen the new notice board has been erected in the car park. Thanks to the Town Estates Charity and Sibford Gower Parish Council. Please leave your posters at the Hall or at 2 Pound Lane and they will be immediately displayed.

To book the hall please ring Mrs Kathleen Winter on 780461. At our next committee meeting, date to be arranged, we hope to make a decision about how will use this years annual fayre proceeds to improve the Hall. We are always open to receiving your ideas.

LEO NEWS

The October meeting was held on the 19th and was at Gaynor's. We were all looking forward to Glennis's talk and we were not disappointed. She told us about her holiday last year, with her husband Peter, to Australia. They went first of all to Sydney where they stayed on the 25th floor of a hotel. There was a huge picture window and the view to one side was the Sydney Bridge and the Opera House on the other. From there, they made daily trips to Ayres Rock Resort, Kings Canyon and Alice Springs. We were first shown a video of the general area and then were given a talk, accompanied by slides. In all, it was a very interesting evening and was much enjoyed.

The next meeting will be on the 16th November. This will be our food evening at Mary B's where we are asked to take Christmas readings and poems. Look forward to seeing you all then.

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You can help by donating bottles of wine, raffle prizes, buying raffle tickets or coming along on the day and enjoying the fun - Saturday 27th November 2-4pm Sibford Village Hall. Here are a few of the things we have planned

Raffle - 1st Prize £100, 2nd Prize Helicopter Flight, 3rd Prize Garden Pots, many more prizes including A Portrait, A Meal Out at The Old Mill Hotel at Shipston, Flowers, and Hamper.

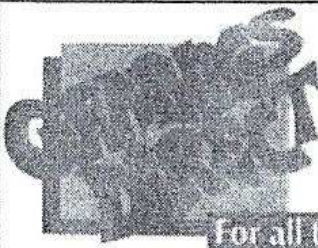
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Wine or Water Stall, Tombola, Games for all ages, Cake by Jill Judd, Old Fashioned sweets, Magic Reindeer Food, Tea Towels for stocking fillers. Craft Stalls - including handmade cards, books, wooden toys, chutneys and jams.

The all important Santa's Grotto (better than Selfridges). All this washed down by tea, coffee, beer, mulled wine, roasted chestnuts, cakes, biscuits and live music. So even if you are too old to sit on Santa's knee there is still something for you.

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Sibford Horticultural Society

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We then listened to Tony Clear give a talk on Plants for Winter Colour. He brought along various examples of foliage to show good autumn colour, evergreens and plants with seed heads to last all winter. He also reminded us not to be too tidy in the garden as skeletal forms of plants can look stunning with a frost on them as well as providing shelter for many beneficial insects.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday November 10th at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall when Chris Scotter will be coming to talk on Fungi and if people could bring examples of fungi he will identify them and talk about them.

We hope to see as many people (and toadstools) as possible!

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Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting, 4th October 2004

The purchase of the new roundabout for the play area will be delayed pending the first meeting of the Play Area Liaison Group. There was no response from the village concerning the provision of a roof for the play area, and this has not been taken any further. The construction of the new section of footpath at the top of Mannings Hill is anticipated for mid-October, weather permitting. Oxfordshire County Council intends to inspect the work as they will be adopting the footpath. The Campaign for the Protection of Rural England has been contacted regarding the village's concerns that the two fields adjacent to the Manor Development should be maintained as agricultural land, consistent with the fields around it, in order to preserve the beauty of the valley between the two Sibfords for the benefit of all residents. The fields are to be divided between the new houses on Walford Road, but it is not clear at present what arrangements are in place to enforce the agricultural restriction placed on them. The Parish Council has offered suggestions to the District Council for an alternative to the "green spire" cypress tree to be planted at the Manor entrance, these being ginkgo biloba, sorbus, red may or tulip tree. Discussions are continuing with both the District Council and County Council about the proposal for the junction at Lanes End, adjacent to the Manor development. The proposal is to build out from the pavement on the Manor side a curved section made from concrete conservations setts. The intention is to slow down the traffic turning left into New Road from Main Street by creating a rumble effect. The Parish Councillors believe the setts, having a rough surface, would be awkward for those in wheelchairs or with walking difficulties. In addition, the County Council will be asked as a matter of urgency to address the safety of those waiting at the "bus stop", on the east side of the junction, by providing a safe area on that side. It is hoped that a meeting with all interested parties will have taken place before the next Parish Council meeting.

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Unfortunately, the postal address of the old Manor building will be staying as Sibford Grange. Although it emerged that the name was applied unintentionally due to an administrative error in 2002, it seems that it is not now possible to change it back to "The Manor". A meeting was arranged with the affordable housing officer from the District Council, Roger Brown, who asked to view possible sites in both Sibfords. Peter Hardman, Clerk to Sibford Gower Parish Council, would attend for the Gower. The annual accounts and annual return to 31 March 2004 were approved and signed by the Chairman at the meeting. The next Parish Council Meeting will be on **Monday, 15 November** 2004 at 7.45pm in the top floor room of the Sports Hall, Sibford School. The new Headmaster of Sibford School, Michael Goodwin, and the new Business Manager, Peter Robinson, have kindly agreed to attend the meeting in order to answer questions about the School. Members of the public are most welcome to attend.

Anita Spencer, Clerk

Cherwell Villager

Banburyshire Community Transport Association, who provide the Wednesday Cherwell Villager bus service, are reviewing their rural services. They have noted that the Cherwell Villager is not used by Sibford residents and they are proposing to withdraw the service in order to make better use of their resources. If anyone wants to make any representations on this matter, please contact Anita Spencer, either on 788557 or in writing via the Shop, and your views will be passed on to BCTA.

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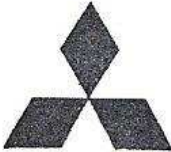
Help sought with the "Welcome to Sibford" visits

Maureen Warden has carried out the "Welcome to Sibford" visits to newcomers to Burdrop and Sibford Gower and, with the permission of each individual, has written a brief personal background for publication in the Sibford Scene. On each welcoming visit, Maureen supplies informative local literature which she finds is very much appreciated. Having carried out this work, which she has enjoyed very much, for a period of over seven years she is finding herself not quite as mobile and nimble as she used to be and feels that the time has come to hand over to someone a little more agile and who may be willing to call on and express a warm welcome to those joining our community. Grateful thanks go to Maureen for all that she has done.

So, this is a plea that somebody, amongst the Sibford Scene readers may be willing to take over from Maureen. She will be delighted to hear from anyone interested and will answer any questions or queries. Her phone number is 01295 788252.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

The Church Christmas Bazaar will be held on **Saturday 20th November at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall**. There will be the usual stalls, which are a good start for the Christmas shopping and for which gifts and donations would be gratefully received. There will be a separate leaflet giving details of the stallholders but general enquiries should be addressed to Tom Pratt whose telephone number is **780489**

The Family Service on 10th October was still on the Harvest theme *From Seed to Harvest* and featured harvest hymns, readings and stories. Some energetic arm movements, to the danger of our neighbours, reminded us how Oats and Beans and Barley grow and were conducted by Erica Wimbush. (The antics of the farmer portrayed in the song were later hotly denied by at least one farmer present). Robin Spicer gave us an excellent talk; Eveline Boughton conducted the service and there were stirring contributions from the many children present.

Arrangements for building the Children's Corner are going ahead and a faculty application is in hand. The plans for this are relatively simple and will only require the re-arrangement of a number of pews at the back by the font and leaving the rather important central heating radiator where it is.

Other dates are as follows:

Remembrance Service: Sunday 14th November at 10.55 am

Traditional Carol Service (with Mince Pies and Mulled wine)

Friday 17th December at 7 pm

Christingle Service with carols: Wednesday 22nd December at 6.30pm

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Church Services

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Methodist		Sunday at 11.00 am
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.

November. Sunday 7th Young at Heart at Sibford 10.30 am
 Sunday 14th 10.55am Remembrance Service
 Sunday 21st Holy Communion 9.30 am
 Sunday 28th Holy Communion 9.30 am



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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

November

- Tue 2nd Friendship Club meeting in the Village Hall p12
Wed 3rd Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)
Fri 5th Bonfire and Fireworks at the Primary School 6 pm. P8
Sat 6th Warriner Choral Society concert 7.30 pm p14
Sun 7th Village Hall Market p13
Tue 9th W.I. Scandinavian and Baltic Capitals p8
Wed 10th Horticultural Society talk on Fungi. V. Hall 8 pm p17
Mon 15th Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm p18
Tue 16th Friendship Club Lunch at Lighthorne p12
Tue 16th LEO Club Christmas Readings p14
Tue 16th Deadline for contributions to the December & January Scene p6
Wed 17th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)
Thu 18th Sibfords Society talk 'Country Customs' 8pm V.Hall p7
Sat 20th Church Christmas Bazaar, Village Hall 2.30pm pp 9&21
Sun 21st Village Hall Market p13
Fri 26th Sibford School Christmas Fair 3.30 - 6.00 pm p3
Sat 27th Sibford Playgroup Christmas Bazaar 2.00 - 4.00 pm pp 6&15

December (part)

- Sat 4th Methodist Chapel Christmas Coffee Morning 10 - 12 noon p4
Sun 5th Village Hall Market p13
Tue 7th Friendship Club Christmas Lunch p 12
Sun 12th Village Hall Market p13
Fri 17th Traditional Church Carol Service. 7.00 pm p21
Wed 22nd Christingle Service. 6.30 pm in the Church p21

Cover picture - Looking west from the top of the Hill building (Friends School) in about 1930, showing the houses on Hook Norton Road pulled down to make way for the council houses.

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