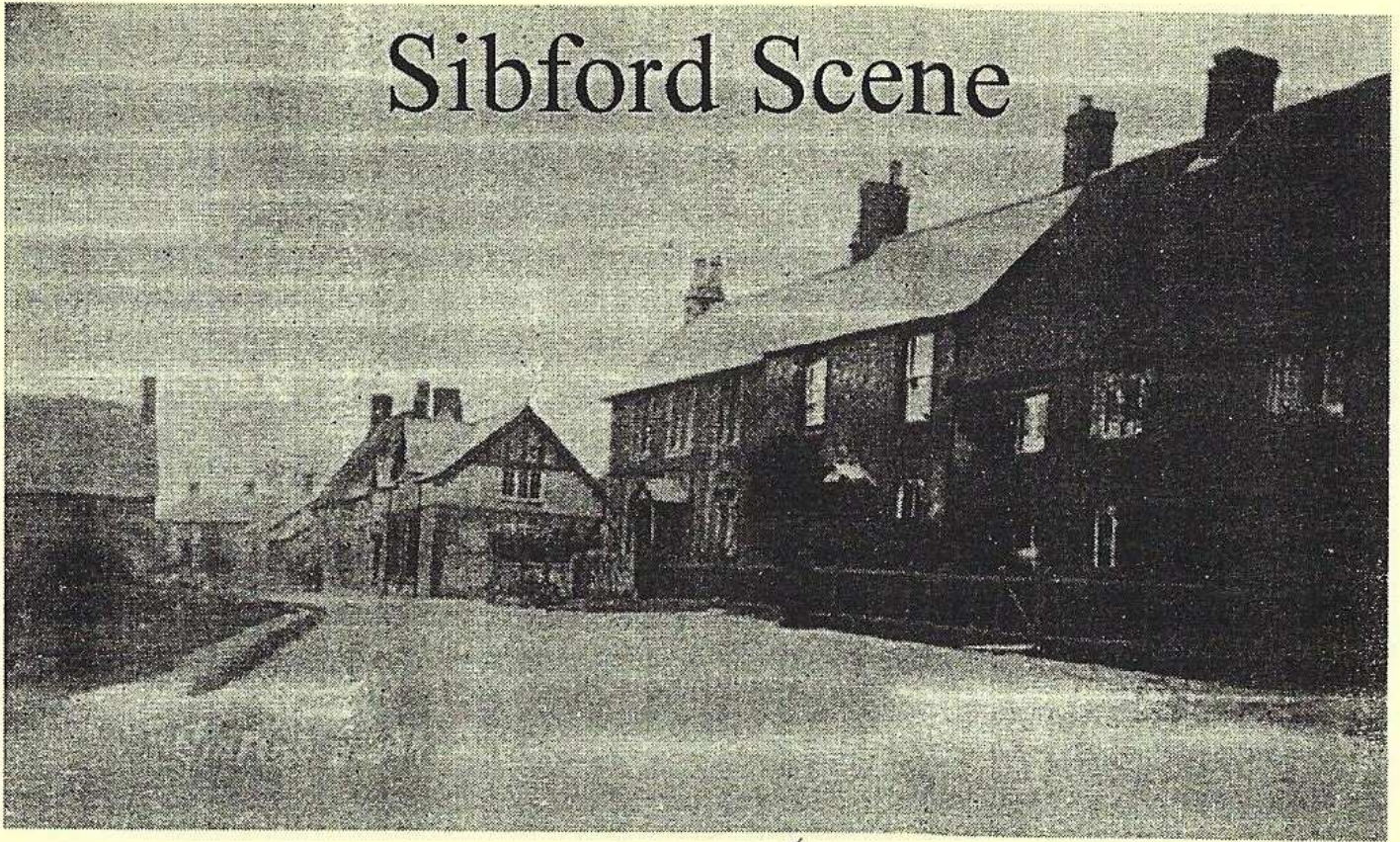


# Sibford Scene



March 2005

No. 271

## The Sibfords Society Walk

Leaving 'The Brambles', Woodway Road  
at 10am on Saturday 5th March

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## Easter Fayre

At the Village Hall  
12 noon - 3 pm on Saturday 5th March

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## Scouts Tsunami Coffee Morning

Saturday 12th March from 10.00 am  
In the Village Hall

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## Sibford Gower Primary School Art Exhibition & Craft Fair

Preview Night Friday 18th - by ticket only 7.30 pm  
Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th 10.30 am - 4.30 pm



## Nature Notes

Jan. 30th. Behind my sons house at Culworth we saw a flock of more than a thousand fieldfares along with a few redwings, starlings and rooks spread out over the grass field where they seemed to be finding plenty to eat. Gilbert White wrote that if fieldfares could not get food from the soil, because of frost or snow and had to rely on hedge fruit they quickly became so thin that they were not worth shooting. We got home at dusk to hear two buzzards calling overhead as they drifted away toward Tyne Hill.

Feb. 4th. A letter from a Canadian cousin contained an article from a local paper about the ten thousand very noisy crows that have taken to roosting in a park near the middle of Kitchener. Probably because it is not quite as cold there as out in the country; even so at  $-23^{\circ}\text{C}$  it is amazing that they can survive nights in a tree top. In the photograph they looked much like our crows and were collecting in deciduous trees which would give little protection.

Feb. 8th A queen bumble bee seemed to be seriously seeking a nesting site amongst the dead grass of our wild flower area and a chaffinch has been singing for the last few days.

Feb. 9th The tables were decorated with daffodils cut from some of the guests gardens and a blackbird was singing when we attended a 90th birthday party at Evesham. I suppose at three days per hundred feet and being 400 feet lower than us they should be twelve days ahead of us.

Feb. 12th I read today of the trouble caused by hares biting through live electric fences of the modern plastic type that has a metal filament woven into it I presume. The hares will apparently stand on their hind legs so that they can reach to bite it in two. Perhaps they just do it for kicks.

Sibford Cricket Club

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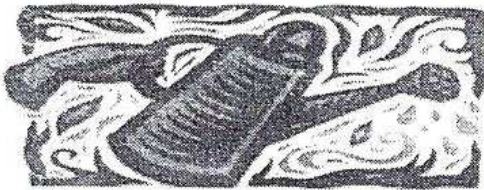
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### Sibford Scene Brown Envelope Campaign

Once again a small brown envelope has arrived with your Sibford Scene this month. Please make your contribution (we suggest £3) to your parish magazine and return the envelope to the collection box in the Post Office. Please feel free to enclose comments or suggestions of what you would like to see included in the Sibford Scene in the future.

Funding for the Sibford Scene comes from the Brown Envelopes, the advertisers and donations from the clubs, societies and parish councils who contribute items for inclusion. Our costs are for printing the 430 copies 10 times a year. The people involved (about 25 in all) are all volunteers - no one receives anything but out of pocket expenses - and in general the Sibford Scene does achieve its objective of being delivered free to every household in the Ferris, Gower and Burdrop before the start of the month. We feel that we must try to achieve this to ensure that all events planned can be certain of their publicity.

As Editor I try to include everything that comes to me for inclusion but I will not use articles submitted anonymously, so please put your contact details on them somewhere.

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The  
*Sibfords*  
Society

We have arranged our annual walk in aid of Katharine House Hospice on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March** meeting at The Brambles, Woodway Road at 10 am. Robin Spicer will be leading our walk which will be about 5 miles in length (no more than that!) Stout shoes are advisable as paths can be very muddy at this time of year. Hot soup and bread will be served on our return to the barn.

Our Annual General Meeting will be on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March** when we will present the survey of our local churchyard, the programme for the forthcoming year will also be announced. We look forward to seeing you then.


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## ADVANCE WARNING

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## WI News



On 8<sup>th</sup> February, we had a large gathering including a guest, Mrs Sheila Lilley from Hook Norton. Good wishes were sent to Mary who is recovering from a leg operation. In the absence of Lynda, Gaynor deputised as secretary. The President read out Lynda's report on the Resolutions Selection Meeting which took place at Chipping Norton in January. The Resolutions for 2005 are 1) Care of the Environment 2) Pensions for Women, 3) Is Prison the only Option?, 4) Farm Gate Milk Prices and 5) Tuberculosis Treatment - Free Prescriptions for All. There will be further Briefing Meetings in April. The votes from all the WI's countrywide will go to National and we will find out which are to be voted on at the Albert Hall AGM in June when the final agenda is issued.

With the business over, Members settled down to hear Mrs May Parker's talk entitled "Other People's Gardens". With clear colourful slides, she took us to the gardens of Geoff Hamilton, Rosemary Verey and Beth Chatto. Also featured were the stunning rhododendrons of Castle Drogo in Cornwall and Pewsey in Wiltshire with its elegant parkland and lake densely covered with water lilies. She ended with pictures of her own "chocolate box" cottage near Oxford which she shares with her husband. The land surrounding the cottage was originally a rough site containing tumbled down buildings and pigsties. Mrs Parker designed stunning cottage-style gardens to the back and front. Such is their glory that touring coach drivers often slow down so that passengers may admire. Soon, masses of mauve and white crocuses will be the attraction. Pat, a keen plants-woman who has recently created her own beautiful garden at Chacombe, enthusiastically thanked Mrs Parker for her delightful slide show.

Instead of the usual raffle, coins were collected for ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World). Norma and Ann served refreshing cups of tea and excellent chocolate and fruit cakes. Glennis won the competition for a garden posy with Jean second and Greta third.

  
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Please bring a friend on March 8<sup>th</sup> which promises to be an entertaining afternoon with Mr and Mrs P Cook giving "Light Hearted Monologues". An amusing short poem is needed for the competition.

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# EASTER FAYRE

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## CAPE COLLECTION

Happy New Year from a very hot, dry and windy Cape. While the rest of the world and indeed, other parts of South Africa, are suffering from storms and floods we are experiencing a water shortage. Poor winter rains followed by a fairly dry spring and an even dryer summer has meant that the dams are now very low. We are not allowed to water the gardens except for half an hour a week with a hosepipe, which really doesn't do very much. The gardens are looking very sad as the lawns have gone brown and the shrubs are wilting.

We have also had very high temperatures already and on top of that; the south-easter has blown a gale for weeks! The fire risk is exceptionally high and several fires have already broken out. The hardest hit as usual, are the people in the informal settlements i.e. shacks, as they burn quickly being so close together.

Meanwhile, the rest of the country, and particularly, Johannesburg has had lots of rain. Typically, Johannesburg gets summer rain in the form of thunderstorms and some of these storms have washed away properties and people. Just before Christmas, places along the Garden Route, like Knysna and Wilderness had flash floods, which did an enormous amount of damage.

However, this all pales into insignificance if we think about the tragedy in South East Asia with the tsunamis. The horror and scale of that disaster almost defies belief. Lots of people have stories of friends or relatives who were either caught up in it all or had a near miss. Our landlord, who is sailing his yacht around the world, was due in Thailand for Christmas where his one daughter and son-in-law were joining them. We e-mailed in panic and after a week of no news decided to phone the daughter to see if they had arrived home. We're pleased to say that all is well. They were due to spend Christmas on Phi Phi Island, which was completely devastated. However, they damaged their dingy coming out of a harbour and sailed north to get it repaired. They then decided to have a quiet Christmas on the boat as a family. They never felt a thing when the tsunamis hit! They are undecided what to do next as the original plan was to sail to Sri Lanka which of course suffered badly.

The forces of nature certainly surprise us from time to time with devastating effect.

Reflecting back on the state of South Africa and particularly the Western Cape over the past year we're glad to say that it continues to grow and develop at an

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outstanding pace. Houses are being built all over the place and the value of property went up by about 30% last year. In Somerset West there are lots of new shopping malls going up to support the new estates. The only worry is whether the infrastructure will support this development. So once again, we're back to the water shortage! In spite of the strong Rand, we're still getting lots of tourists who seem to want to return having experienced the beauty and hospitality of South Africa. Some are still buying houses here even though the government has threatened to stop foreigners owning property.

On a personal note, we had a quiet Christmas and New Year. We went to Franshoek for a few days over Christmas, staying at a wine farm where they have a very good restaurant. The accommodation was delightful comprising a small cottage with its own plunge pool next to the vines and a wonderful view across the valley. Franshoek is only a 45-minute drive from here but we felt as if we were on holiday all the same. The rest of the time was spent with friends and playing some golf.

Next week our visitors start to arrive and in February we have a family wedding on a wine farm. We're going on a few excursions, up the west coast to Paternoster and up the Garden Route to Knysna. We also have some Sibfordians visiting in March! We're busy planning our holidays for the rest of the year. We've already booked to go to Mauritius again in July on the same golfing holiday that we did last year but this time we're staying for two weeks. It's a hard life!

From a very warm Cape Town, we wish you all the best for 2005.

Pat and Steve Bates

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## Village Hall News

Sunday Markets will take place on 6th March and 3rd April in the Village Hall from 12 noon (set up from 11am). To book a table for £5 please ring 01295 251339. To donate items for sale in aid of hall funds please ring 780025

Hiring of Village Hall: We would ask that all people hiring the Hall do please sweep the floors after use, clean the kitchen work tops and the cooker if used, and turn all lights out and lock all doors on leaving. We have had complaints recently from hirers leaving the floodlights on - please read the notice under the timing button and avoid upsetting our neighbours.

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The Annual Village Fayre is scheduled to take place on **SATURDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE** Again anyone interested in helping on the day or attending meetings to organise this event please telephone Ginny on 780373.

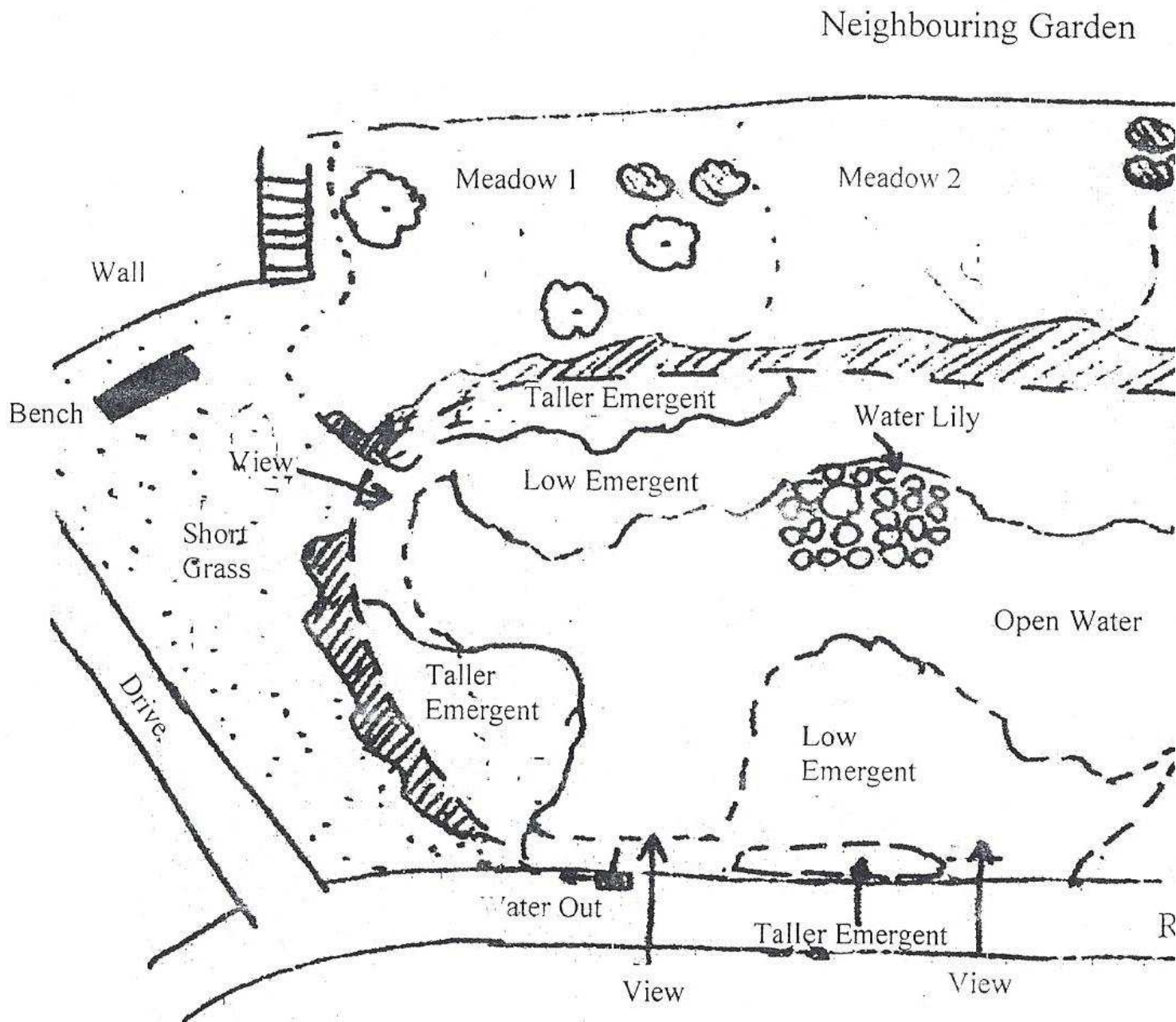
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## Sibford Gower Village Pond

Readers of the Sibford Scene will know that Sibford Gower Parish Council arranged with *The Ponds Conservation Trust* for a survey of the village pond to be undertaken.

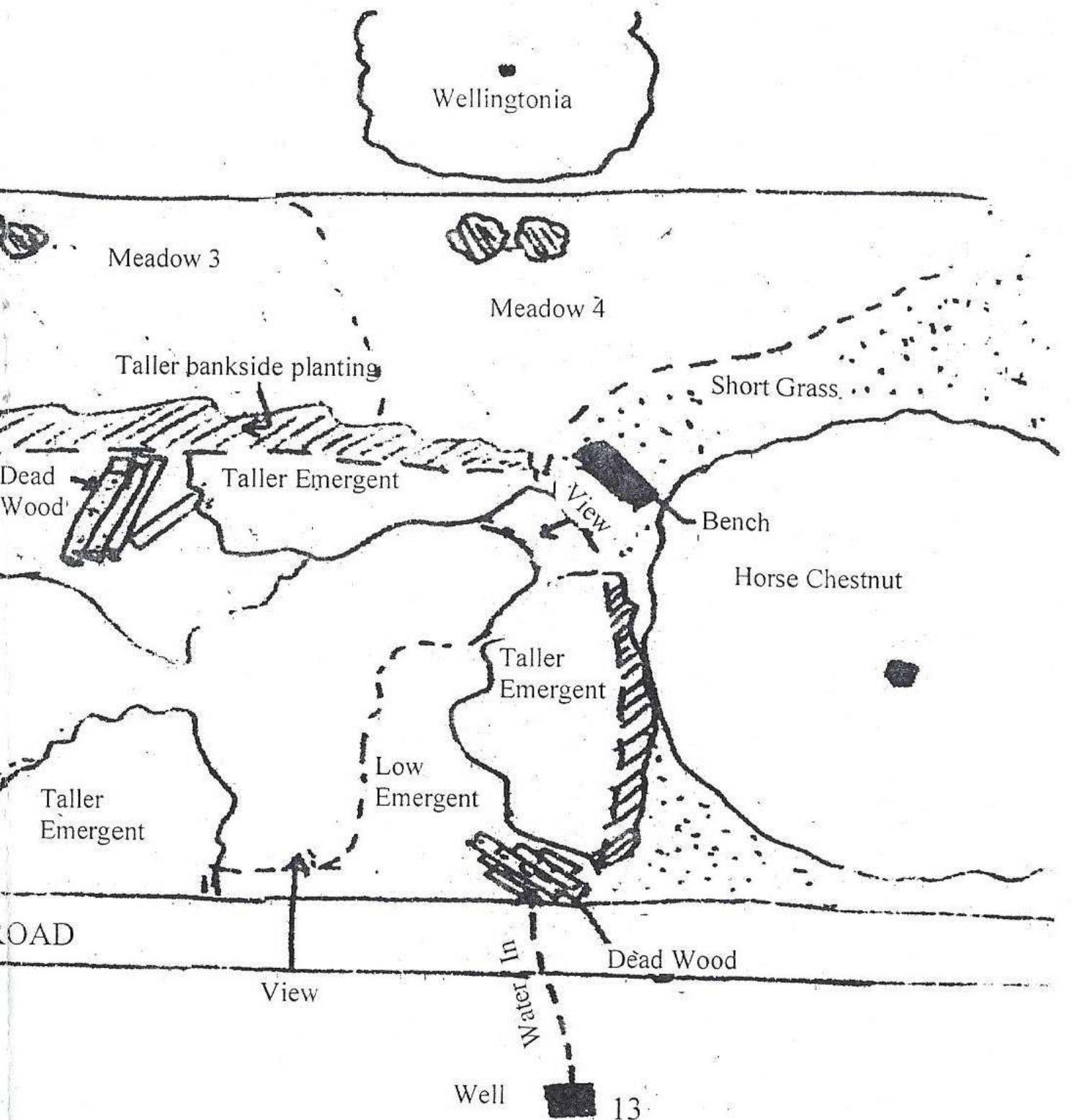
This was with a view to future maintenance, to help enhance its appeal to wildlife and to make it attractive to residents and visitors alike. A





member of the Trust, Mr. Rod D'Ayala, carried out the survey and his report is currently being considered by members of the Pond Committee and the Parish Council. His suggested pond lay-out which, when fully implemented, should mature into an attractive feature rich in interest and biodiversity.

Obviously preparatory work will have to be carried out and if any readers of the Sibford Scene would like to help with this rewarding project please phone the Clerk, Peter Hardman (01295 780391) and he will be pleased to register your interest.





## A New Years Day To Remember

Sixty years on I still remember New Years Day 1945. At that time I was a Royal Signals radio mechanic attached to B Squadron of the 22nd Dragoons, a flail tank regiment. At the beginning of December we moved into Holland from one of the many forts around Antwerp which had been our base while the Dutch islands on the north side of the river Scheldt estuary were cleared of German troops so that the port could be used for allied shipping. The new base for our squadron was the village of Casteren with the school as our HQ, and I, with two others were billeted in a farmhouse. Regimental HQ was at Wintelre on the edge of Eindhoven airport, then in use by the RAF.

At that time we were beginning to be allotted short leaves to places like Paris, Brussels or smaller places, our first leave since the 24 hour passes home which were all given in May 1944, before our D-Day camp at Petworth House, Sussex was sealed for briefing to begin and we found which of us were to accompany the tanks on D-Day and which, like myself, would follow later. When my turn for leave came it was to the town of Sottegem in Belgium starting on New Years Day which was bright and frosty. We donned best battledress and boarded a lorry and all our weapons were stacked at the front, ready to be handed in to the armoury at regimental HQ.

As we reached Wintelre there was a sudden sound of low flying aircraft and gunfire, the lorry stopped suddenly and there was a shout from the cab. "Get out quick and into the ditch". The planes were German Focke Wulf 190's which were attacking the airfield at tree top height. I was not very happy with our position as both we and our lorry, were in full view of the planes which were coming in singly over us to shoot up the airfield. I spotted the concrete base of what had probably been a milking shed with a drainage channel about nine inches deep and an upright slab of concrete on its far side. In a quiet moment I nipped across and laid in the channel where I could peer round the slab to see the incoming planes. There were also some twin engined jet fighters zooming around the sky high up but I could not identify them at that time. It was not until the following March when I got a home leave from Germany and I was able to consult my fathers Royal Observer Corps silhouettes that I found that they were Messerschmitt 262a's.

When the action ended I lay where I was for a while because in a previous (friendly?) bombing raid back in August I had thought it was over and got out of my trench too soon. A dragoons officer shouted to me to




get back under cover as there was still one more wave of bombers to come and their 'sticks of twelve' started to fall all over again. On that occasion we listened to the news report later but it just said that in a daylight raid by seven hundred Lancaster,s, four thousand tons of bombs had been dropped on German forces escaping from the Falaise pocket, but we knew where a lot of them had fallen. The long line of red cross vehicles, ambulances and three-stretcher jeeps up on the Caen - Falaise road to the West of us told its own story.

When the Dutch people came out of their houses they started pointing in my direction so I lay still for a little while longer and then pretended to wake up, yawn and stretch and get up which caused a laugh. Then we carried on to HQ, handed in our weapons and carried on to Sottegem where we had a very enjoyable break. We were billeted on volunteer Belgian families who made us very welcome and the lorry took us on trips to Bruges and Ghent.

We later learned that other airfields had been attacked that day by the Luftwaffe in support of their winter offensive aimed at splitting the allied armies and driving a wedge right through to Antwerp. However the US paratroops, although surrounded, held on to the communications centre of Bastogne and the offensive became the 'Battle of the Bulge'. An ex RAF friend of mine from Moreton in Marsh, whose airfield near Brussels was also attacked that day, told me that the Messerschmitt 109's which attacked his airfield were preceded by thirteen Spitfires with black crosses on them. He said there were 180 Spitfires on the airfield and not one was serviceable after the raid. The friend with whom he joined up at the outbreak of war was among the dead and he helped carry him to his grave.

We enjoyed the rest of our winter stay in Casteren and then in February we were off to the mud of Mijmegen to support the push by the Canadian army down through the Reichwald Forest into Germany and then I had my home leave while preparations were going on for the Rhine crossing.

Bob Lamb



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## Sibford Gower Parish Council

A Meeting took place on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2005. Four Parish Councillors, County and District Cllr George Reynolds, two local residents and the Clerk were in attendance. Cllr Eric Payne (Chairman) welcomed those present. He signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true and correct record. The agenda was a full one and matters discussed included the steps leading to 1 -6 Pound Lane - ownership is still to be established so that repairs may be put in hand. Costings are to be sought with regard to the erection of a light to assist those using the steps at night. Village pond - having received recommendations from The Ponds Conservation Trust, Oxford for planting and maintenance to benefit wildlife and combine a visually attractive appearance, implementation is now to be thought through by interested parties. (Please see the separate article in this issue of the Sibford Scene.) Cllr Peter Abbott, as a result of a ballot, had been appointed to the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and he has been requested to report any relevant matters to the Parish Council as and when they occur. The Clerk referred to the Review of Subsidised Bus Services following his attendance with Mr Mike Harper-Tarr (representing Sibford Ferris PC) at a presentation by Oxfordshire CC concerning the forthcoming awarding of public transport contracts. A full report on this matter was included in the previous issue of the Sibford Scene. As to the future of the land in Burdrop bequeathed to the Parish Council by the late Miriam Tebbs, it was decided to advertise locally to ascertain whether any resident may care to put it to some use. (please refer to the separate article printed in this issue.) No planning applications for consideration had been received since the previous Meeting. There remain several highway matters where remedial work is still required and the Clerk is in correspondence with Oxfordshire CC but the Council had been advised by the Assistant Area Engineer that he is trying to do what he can within the resources available but some of our local matters are very low priority. Nevertheless, the Parish Council will persist in its efforts to have the works carried out. With regard to financial matters, the Council gave consideration to the setting the precept for the financial year 2005/2006 and having taken into account the known outgoings (including costs in connection with a contribution towards additional church burial ground) and possible expenditure. a



figure of £3,875 was submitted to Cherwell District Council. Turning to The Freedom of Information Act - General Right of Access - January 2005, enquiries may be made of the Clerk (Peter Hardman - Tel. 01295 780391). Depending upon the nature of an enquiry, an appropriate charge may become applicable. The Council discussed the South East Plan in respect of which every household will receive, in due course, information. Cllr Martin Layer indicated his willingness to attend a meeting organised by Oxfordshire CC where the implications of the Plan will be set out. He will provide feedback from that meeting when the Parish Council next meets. The date of the Annual Parish Meeting was set for Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2005 and it will commence at 7.30pm

in the main hall of Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School. The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2005 in the usual room at the School starting at 8pm. The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm after thanking all who had been present.

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

The Annual Meeting of the church has been postponed and will now take place on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** in the Church at **7.30 pm**.

The coffee morning held at 7 High Meadow on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February in aid of the Children's' Corner in the church was a great success and raised well over £100.

The series of Wykeham Benefice lunches in this year's Lent Austerity Lunch started on 14<sup>th</sup> February at Swalcliffe Grange and on 21<sup>st</sup> at The Red House, Burdrop. Future lunches will be held each Monday in Lent in Tadmarton, Epwell, Broughton and Shutford.

The Lent Groups have also started at Wyatt's End, Sibford Gower on Tuesdays from 7.30 to 9.00 pm and 32 Danvers Close, Broughton on Thursdays from 10.30 am to noon.

There will be a Coffee Morning and Lunch in the Sibford Village Hall on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March** in aid of the Tsunami Appeal.

The Family Service on February 13<sup>th</sup>, St Valentine's Eve, was not surprisingly, on the theme of Love. It was taken by John Tattersall from Swalcliffe. John, well known to us all in the benefice, is a student on the Non-Stipendiary Clergy course and was taking the service as part of his training. He was supported by the presence of a fellow student from London and was greatly complemented on all aspects of his performance. He is in the early stages of his studies but will be awaited with enthusiasm as an ordained member of the Benefice Team.

(Apologies for failing to print last months Church News in the Sibford Scene - Editors mistake!)

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# Church Services

Society of Friends		Sunday at 10.30 am
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.		

## March

Every Friday in Lent 7.30 am Holy Communion  
 Sun 6th Mothering Sunday Family Service 10 am.  
 Sun 13th 8.00 am & 9.30 am Holy Communion  
 Sun 20th Young at Heart for Palm Sunday. Epwell 10.00 am  
 Mon 21st to Sat 26th Holy Week. Matins 7.30 am every day  
 Thu 24th Eucharist for the Last Supper 8.00 pm  
 Fri 25th Good Friday 1.30 pm Tadmarton & Words and Music for Good Friday at Broughton 7.00pm  
 Sat 26th Easter Vigil 11.00 pm  
 Sun 27th 8.00 am Holy Communion & Family Service at 10.00 am



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### Cherwell Villager 55 Sibford ~ Banbury

Wednesdays Only	Outward	Return
Sibford Gower	9.55 am	The bus leaves
Sibford Ferris	9.57 am	Banbury at 12.30
Hook Norton	10.05 am	but arrival home
Milcome	10.15 am	is variable due to
Banbury	10.30 am	drop-off needs.

Cost £1.40 each way (National Bus Cards and Bus Tokens are accepted)

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### BUS 480 - Times from 13 April 2004 - Mondays to Saturdays

#### *From Banbury towards Shipston*

	GA	CH	GA	GA	CH	GA	CH	GA
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

Sat 26th February "Bluesy Susie" at the Village Hall 8.00 pm

### March

Wed 2nd Church AGM. 7.30 pm in the Church. p21

Sat 5th Sibfords Society Walk. 10 am from The Brambles p7

Sat 5th Easter Fayre. Village Hall 12.00 - 3.00 pm p9

Sun 6th Village Hall Market p11

Mon 7th Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm p14

Tue 8th WI "Light Hearted Monologues" p8

Wed 9th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)

Wed 9th Horticultural Society "Glories of the Garden" 8 pm p5

Sat 12th Scouts Tsunami Coffee Morning 10 am p4

Mon 14th Cricket Club AGM. 8.00 pm in the Bishop Blaize p2

Tue 15th Deadline for contributions to the April Sibford Scene p6

Thu 17th Sibfords Society AGM p7

Fri 18th Gower Parish Council Meeting. 8pm p18

Fri 18th Primary School Art Exhibition Preview Night. 7.30-9.30 p20

Sat 18 and Sun 19 Primary School Art Exhibition 10.30-4.30 p20

Wed 23rd Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)

### April (part)

Sun 3rd Village Hall Market p11

Mon 4th to Fri 8th ROAD CLOSED ACROSS THE HILLS

Wed 6th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)

Wed 20th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)

Wed 27th Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting

Cover picture - Sibford Gower looking west from the School

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