

# Sibford Scene

July 2005

No. 275

Village Hall Annual General Meeting  
Monday 11th July at 8.00 pm

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Sibfords Society Walk and Treasure Hunt  
Thursday 21st July 7 pm  
from the Bishop Blaize

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Holy Trinity Church Fete  
Saturday 30th July 2.30 pm  
in and around the Village Hall



## Nature Notes

May. 21st. A jay settled on our bird table today but it left before I could get a photograph.

May. 30th. I am puzzled by a birds nest that was lying on the bridle way in The Piece. It was probably a blue tits nest; the outside which had square corners showed that it had been built in a bird nesting box but what could have extracted it from a box and left it there in one piece I don't know.

June. 7th Last night was the coldest June night recorded at Benson in the South of the county with the temperature falling to -1°C. I did not see any sign of frost here although it was very cold.

June. 12th. We are getting a bit worried about a young great spotted woodpecker that spends much of the day feeding from our peanuts, sometimes stopping while it rests hanging on to the feeder. We wonder whether it will ever learn to feed naturally and whether it will suffer from a mainly peanut diet. It looks pretty fat already. Another youngster seems to go round with its father who reaches down from the feeder to give it peanuts as it begs from the table below.

June. 14th. We walked on to the Southern end of the Malvern Hills today. The foxgloves were at their best with big drifts of dark ones and a few pure white ones without the throat spotting that most of our garden ones have.

June 19th. Very hot. Two young grass snakes were cooling off in our garden pond with only their heads above water. There seem to be quite a lot of grass snakes about this summer. My grand daughter saw one sunning itself on the road which is very risky judging by the very flat one I saw last week.

June 22nd. On the way back from Oxford we stopped by the single track road from Deddington to Milton where we saw a very good selection of damsel flies by the rather sluggish section of the river Swere that borders the wood. They included 10 or 12 black winged damselflies that always seem to stay very near the water.






With summer finally here the children at playgroup are enjoying the seasonal themes of under the sea, pirates, holidays and travel! Fish and chips are on the menu in the playhouse, shark hand puppets make for some hair raising imaginative play and the children are all looking forward to an outing to the Sea Life centre at the end of term.

As the term draws to a close many of the children are preparing to move on to the school. We say goodbye to, Lottie Gale, Ellie Gray, Abigail Luke, Victoria Oestreich, Gabrielle Spooner, Cameron Childs, Joe Gray, Xander Meredith and Reuben Trotter and we wish them a very happy start at school.

Playgroup breaks up on 22 July and we start back on 5 September. For information about playgroup or to secure your child a place for September, please contact us on 01295 788998. During school holidays please call the supervisor, Michelle Knapman on 01295 810038.



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It was a lovely June evening when 20 members met at the garden of Janet Copley. Along with members of Barford Horticultural Society we were treated to a look round a great garden, full of unusual shrubs, trees and perennials. We saw the bearded irises at their best and they provided a kaleidoscope of colour around the tennis court. There were lots of areas to discover with superb planting and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening. There is no meeting in July.

### Annual Show - Saturday 27th August 2.30 - 4.30 pm

With this Scene you should have received the Annual Show Schedule. (if not there are spare copies at the Surgery) Please have a look through to see what you can enter (note the elder flower cordial - there's still time to make some!) The Show is a fun event and everyone enjoys coming to see the exhibits but this only happens if everyone has a go at something!!

The entry night is at the Surgery on Wednesday 24th August from 7-9pm or in advance to any committee member using the form in the schedule.

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## SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**The Parish Council Meeting, held on 8 June 2005**, was attended by three Councillors, the Clerk and Cherwell District Councillor, George Reynolds. Peter Neighbour was re-elected as Chairman, and Barbara Crabtree as Vice-Chairman, with Peter Neighbour agreeing to take on the role of Responsible Financial Officer once again.

David Bennett having kindly undertaken the internal audit of the accounts to 31 March 2005, the Annual Return and Statement of Assurance were approved and signed. Information concerning their availability for inspection is displayed at the Shop.

The Clerk, for the Play Area Liaison Group, reported that one quotation/proposal had been received for the Cotswold Close site, and three more were awaited.

Concerning the fields adjacent to the Manor Development, a letter from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister had been circulated which states that equine use would not be permitted under the agricultural restriction placed on the fields.

The Clerk was asked to chase Oxfordshire County Council on the long overdue removal of the diseased horse chestnut tree on the Hook Norton Road.

Discussions were still ongoing with Sibford Gower Parish Council on the best way forward to procure and administer the extension to the burial ground.

The results of the traffic speed survey on the Hook Norton Road had been received and showed that around 40% of traffic was travelling at over 30 mph, including around 5% travelling at over 40 mph. According to the accepted standards of the County Council, these figures do not show a serious speeding problem. However, in view of villagers' concerns about vehicle speeds, it was agreed that the Parish Council would apply to borrow advisory signs and also to request from the Community Police Officer a mobile speed camera operation in the village. NB Further to the meeting, it has now been arranged with the local police that mobile speed checks will be carried out at some point in the next few weeks.

A response has been sent to the County Council on a planning application at Ferris Hill Farm to put up a new building to house a recycling operation for waste from building sites. As is now required practice in other areas of local government, the County Council is preparing a Statement of Community Involvement on planning matters, including the Minerals and Waste development framework, and this has given the Parish Council the opportunity formally to request involvement in all County planning applications within the vicinity of the Parish.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7.45 pm in the top floor room of Sibford School Sports Hall.

Contributions for the  
August & September  
Sibford Scene  
to the Shop or Editor  
by  
July 19th





Sulgrave Manor, the venue of our June visit this year, is set in a pretty village with good views of the surrounding countryside and has a beautiful garden surrounding it. Our speaker of the previous month, Mr. Sirot Smith had filled us in with the history of the Manor, which was built in 1539 and our guide for the evening was excellent, explaining how the rooms and artifacts of Tudor times were used. If you haven't visited Sulgrave Manor, I would urge you to make the trip, as there is so much to see, including references, documents and some personal items belonging to George Washington, whose ancestors lived at the Manor until 1656.

For our July meeting, Robin and Ann Spicer will lead a gentle amble around the Sibfords, looking for clues in a Treasure Hunt.

We will meet at the Bishop Blaize at 7.00 pm on **Thursday, 21 July** and finish back at the Blaize for some welcome refreshment.

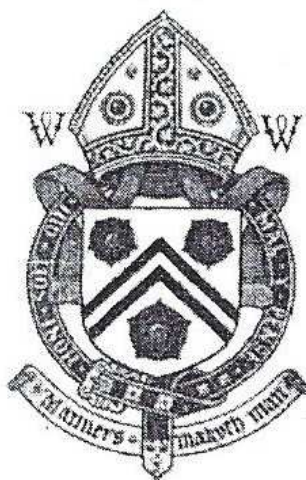
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Due to holidays and illness, our June Meeting attendance was reduced to half strength but we still had an enjoyable and interesting meeting. Lynda gave a full report of her attendance, with Glennis, at the National AGM at the Royal Albert Hall on the 8<sup>th</sup> June. Having left Chipping Norton at 7am in order to arrive in good time for the start at 10.30am, the coach, unfortunately, became held up for one and a half hours on the motorway due to an accident. A half hour late arrival meant that they, sadly, missed the singing of Jerusalem with 5,500 voices and the Chairman's address. However, they did not lose out entirely because at the time Jerusalem was being sung in the Albert Hall, all the ladies in the coach struck up with their own rendering!! What was left of the rest of the day turned out to be an exciting and thrilling experience, highlighted by brilliant speakers, Jane Fonda and Bill Bryson.

Glennis told us about the lovely walk on 6<sup>th</sup> June when she and Gaynor joined eighty other ladies for a four mile riverside amble at Appleton, finishing with a delectable tea in the local village hall.

Deposits were taken for the outing to Rockingham Castle on 9<sup>th</sup> August and Glennis announced a second coach trip to Highgrove on 30<sup>th</sup> August.

Our speaker, Bridgette Brown, talked to us on the values of Aloe Vera products explaining the benefits of drinking gels and the use of the vast range of creams particularly Aloe Propolis, superb for the relief of "itchy" skin conditions. Judging by the number of sales bags being taken home, she had obviously been convincing!

The competition for a health tip was won by Greta with Rosemary second and Margaret third. It was Rosemary's lucky day as she also won the raffle!

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On **July 12<sup>th</sup>**, our Meeting will be in Gilian's garden. It is hoped that the weather will be kind but, if wet, she can accommodate us all in the house.

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**Ref: Article "Save our Trees" by Suzy Straw.**

**June 2005 edition of the Sibford Scene.**

I read with some dismay Suzy Straw's article entitled "Save our Trees." Her article appears to be a thinly veiled criticism of the fact that the Friends School at Sibford Ferris had to fell some trees recently. As an old scholar and former member of staff, I feel her article requires a factual response.

I fully support every attempt to save mature trees, but I have to say that in general terms, tree husbandry in the general Sibford area has been very positive, and from my schoolboy days, I can still pinpoint trees that have survived, that I used to climb back in the early 1950's. The School itself has an excellent record of looking after its mature trees, which didn't just happen.

When the Hill complex was opened in 1930, it was a bare windswept place. The then headmaster's wife, Jessie Johnstone, carried out most of the planning and planting of the now mature trees which adorn the place. The meticulous care of the School Campus has continued ever since, and its beauty and wellbeing is a credit to the current groundstaff as the inheritors.

It is also a fact that there have probably been less than twenty trees that have had to be felled in the last twenty years. I myself can share some satisfaction to note that in the time I worked there as Estate Manager, I was involved with planting over 500 hundred trees which have matured and are there for all to see. In the mid eighties the School also planted a large conservation area at the back of the Manor House, which covered a derelict landfill site. It is now an area of great beauty. In recent years, further extensive tree planting has taken place to enhance the new buildings. I also know that all the developments that have taken place have been carried out with great care to avoid destroying the environment. It is also School policy to plant a tree for every child who enters the School.

The felled trees in question were done out of necessity. One of the

Beeches had fallen over in a storm, and the mature tree next to it had to be felled, along with some smaller species because they were diseased. The School uses the expertise of one of the foremost authorities on trees in the Country, who I introduced to Sibford. Trees do have their 'sell-by date' like any other living organism on our planet.

Incidentally, I think I am correct in mentioning that the only surviving Elm in the area is the one at the Elm crossroads, which was planted in 1982 when the original 400 year Elm tree succumbed to Dutch Elm disease. It is of course, in the Elm garden, created by Old Scholars of Sibford School.

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## Save Our Trees

While I support Suzy Straw's plea for us to save as many of our mature and beautiful trees as possible, I am responding to her letter in the June edition of Sibford Scene, as I was responsible - and still feel miserable about it - for the felling of our wonderful beech last Autumn.


For nearly a year I lived with the words of the Cherwell District Council tree specialist ringing in my ears ("Beech trees can just fall with no warning"; "If I lived over there, I would move to a tent to the far end of the garden" etc.,) whilst I tried to find someone to reassure me that the tree would not be a hazard to the families living opposite Malvern House.

The beech, which was growing on the edge of a wall and had only 50% of the normal space for its roots, had apparently been planted as part of a hedge and then allowed to mature into its extraordinary shape. We miss the beautiful canopied arch of the beech over Main Street, Sibford Ferris as much as anyone and we certainly miss the privacy it provided.

Our majestic lime tree, however, similarly situated in a wall, will remain, as we are told it is more secure, and if it did fall, it would probably land on our house or in Arnold and Ina's wild flower meadow - not quite such a worry as the consequences of the beech falling on the houses opposite.

One of the specialists whose advice we sought, explained that the beech and the lime were fine trees for a meadow, but with the meadow long gone and the building in the village increasing at such an extraordinary rate, it is best to plant trees more suited to smaller garden spaces.

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## Clinical Execution of Swallows

Please do not reach for the Animal Defence League telephone hot line.

This is about village cricket and the recent game between the Swalcliffe Swallows and the Sibford Invitation team. Until the Gentlemen of Tadmarton hone their organisational skills and get a team together, the Sibford Inviters are the preferred opposition of the Swallows for what has become the annual inter village Derby game.

As usual, the game was played in the idyllic surroundings of the Sibford Quaker School top pitch in the most glorious of weather. The wicket was in good condition and required only a minor touch up with some white spray paint before the game could commence.

As with all local teams there is a thread that bonds them, and the Inviters were no exception, being well endowed with members of the local medical mafia and their nearest and dearest. The government initiative to reduce doctors' hours has allowed more time in the nets and this clearly showed as Sibford went into bat achieving a most commendable 127 all out in 30 or so overs.

The Swallows, as usual, sensed victory. They took to the field and an initial high run rate suggested that it might be all over before the Bishop Blaize opened. However, that anxiety quickly faded as did the hopes and aspirations of the middle batting order which suddenly started falling apart. It was left to 'Parkie' Parkinson and Justin Ransom (admittedly a member of a village just to the west of Swalcliffe) to keep the Swallows' hopes alive with a last ditch partnership. In the end, however, Swalcliffe managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory and finished on 100 all out.

Through gritted teeth, any Swallow or Cottager will tell you that it's not about winning; it's about taking part, having fun and being part of a happy community. And it was in this spirit that this particular game was played. Everyone had a bat, there were loads of catches and even the Umpire got some exercise raising his finger to the odd appeal for LBW every now and then. It was also memorable for the influx of youth and the wonderful sight of dads and sons playing together; how fitting that the game was held on Fathers day.

Many thanks to the Swalcliffe ladies who organised, made and served a superb tea. Despite the 5 choices of raw vegetables available, the medicos more than willingly contributed to the demolition of excellent cakes available to those less influenced by government targets.

By the way, those of you who did get through to the Animal Defence League should be reassured that the area covered by the Link seems to be enjoying an unusually high influx of birds this year both in terms of species and numbers. Personally, I attribute it to the decline in the cat population. As one villager so succinctly observed 'I love my cat dearly. But I know that if it were twice the size it would eat me!' Stuart Ralph

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Dear Sibford Scene,

I am writing to thank you for letting me spread the word about my World Challenge campaigning. Many delivered the contents of their lofts and garages, which we then sold at the local boot fairs, raising about £150. The Easter Fayre was a great success and we managed to raise about £600. Together with other fundraising activities, this means I have now raised my required total and I will be flying off to Bolivia on the 20th of July, to help with a school building programme, and have some fun!

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## SIBFORD CRICKET CLUB MATCH REPORTS

### 23<sup>rd</sup> May Wardington cup away:

A quickfire twenty over evening game against the very team the cup is named after. Sibford opted to bat whilst there was still some daylight and thanks to Jason Barton 52NO and Ian Wollerton 44NO we set a competitive total of 117. Wardington came in to bat and struggled to keep up with the run rate limping to 42 without loss at the 10 over stage. We then unleashed Jason Barton, who in semi darkness having recovered from his batting tore through Wardington taking 7 for 21 from 4.3 overs to bowl them out for 67.

### 28<sup>th</sup> May Hinton at home:

Trying for four victories in a row we were put in to bat for the first time having not yet set a total. Never fear for some Welsh grit from Ian Davies plundering 51 being ably backed by Simon Chard with 39 and Ian Wollerton batting himself into form with 45 gave us 179 runs to play with. The formidable sight of Simon "big man" Chard steaming down the hill from the sports hall end was too much for Hinton's main man Paul Turvey who was dismissed cheaply for 18. The rest soon crumbled under the pressure of high quality Sibford fielding and were all out for a piffling 87. Sibford march on undefeated.



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### 4<sup>th</sup> June Finmere away:

Unexplored territory for Sibford with a trip to Finmere a team promoted last season. Finmere batted first and were exposed to the in form Simon Chard who proved to be a real handful taking 4 for 17 from his 12 over spell leaving them five wickets down at the halfway stage with only 50 on the board. Then just when they thought things couldn't get any worse Tom Holliday came bounding in with his niggling short of a length missiles and took 5 for 10 from only 5.3 overs which should have included a hat trick but Tom didn't fancy buying a jug so he chucked a wide one down.



After tea chasing 91 Sibford set about what looked a simple task, but talk about making a meal out of it!! Having scored only 34 runs from 20 overs and then losing two more quick wickets to leave us on 39 for 5 after 23 the ship was rocking, step forward able seaman Richard Morbey flailing his trusty old bat like a Viking sword to steer us home with one over to spare unbeaten on 27.

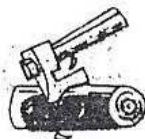
### **11<sup>th</sup> June Byfield home:**

Where do I begin with this game, you really couldn't have made it up. We were asked to bat for the second time, could we match our 179.....of course we could Ian Wollerton with 83 backed by Captain Peachey, 32 and Gavin "young and lively" Bedward, 24 left us with a most satisfying 199 for 7 after our 40 overs.

After tea things seemed to be going swimmingly as we strangled the run flow and pegged them back to only 61 runs at the 20 over stage but then a wicket fell and in came a new batsman with other ideas. He proceeded to smash 56 runs in about 30 balls, we got him out but our usually calm calculated fielding began to wobble and singles were being pinched like candy from a baby. Things were getting tense when it came down to the last two overs they needed 24 to win, we still had to be bookies favourites, surely? but then disaster the usually fail safe Midas Barton bowled a wide on the last ball of the penultimate over which was then punished with a six from the extra ball. 13 needed from the last over. Step forward muggins Chris Sabin to bowl it. First ball down and another mistake, a wandering South African fielder called Keith with an un-spellable surname is caught in no mans land.....4 runs! No this is not happening, four balls later 3 to win from the last delivery, straight to Kevin Peachey at long on a piercing throw back to the bowler the bails are off. DRAW. Oh well at least we're still unbeaten.



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## Compost bin offer

Oxfordshire County Council are offering composting bins for £10.00 and £15.00, which can either be delivered at an additional cost of £5.00 or collected from one

of four participating garden centres. Phone 0870 8443006 to arrange delivery or, if you have any queries, or you would like to arrange a talk on composting for your group or society, phone Katie Zabel, OCC's Waste Reduction Officer on 01865 815908/07776 455803.

## Temporary Road Closure - Epwell Road, Shenington

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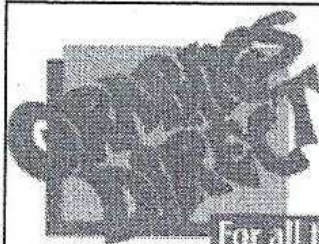
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**The evening of Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 6.30pm**

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Everyone is welcome, from any denomination, or indeed any faith, or none.

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## **SIBFORD FUN RUN-SUNDAY, the 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2005**

*On a very hot day, a number of determined individuals of all ages participated in the Fun Run over a course starting by the Cricket Pavilion in Sibford School, passing through Grounds Farm, watched by some interested sheep, down Hillbottom, over the stream (very little mud this year!), to pick up the track leading to Swacliffe Grange, climbing up the Gated Road and left turn towards Folly Field, descending to Main Street for 50 yards and a left turn to Small House and back into Sibford School for the final push for the line.*

*First home was Sibford Gower "regular runner", Paul Hobson; in seventh place came the first lady, Megan Gilkes who were presented with their trophies, kindly donated by Terry Young, All the runners received a medal for their efforts which were handed over by our two of the junior runners, Lydia Kitchen and Naomi Spencer, who had earlier won the Girl's run, finishing only yards behind the Boy's winner Clinton Brown.*

*Everyone, whilst exhausted by their efforts, pledged to return in 2006 when it is hoped that many more from the local community will take part in the event. For some it was an opportunity to conclude their training prior to taking part in "The Race for Life", whilst for others it was a first occasion to savour the unique scenery of the Sibford Fun Run.*

*Our grateful thanks are extended to the Headmaster of Sibford School, Michael Goodwin, the Business Manager, Peter Robinson and Jane & Percy Turner for the use of the facilities and preparation of the course. To Minuteman Press, Banbury, for the printing of direction markers and race numbers, as well as sponsorship of the medals, to Keith Hicks for starting the race and providing the commentary, to the Gilkes, Lamb & Taylor Families for allowing us to run over their land, to the Administrators, Ginny Bennett & Muriel Chandler and our first class team of Course Marshals, Graydon Kitchen, Joanna Gilkes, Paul Saunders and Mike Clarke. Come and join in the fun in 2006.*

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18.00 – 24.00	Large or Small Hall	£8.00	Both Halls	£16.00

Bookings: Kathleen Winter, Cels Bield, Backside Lane, Sibford Gower - 780461

**Annual General Meeting** Monday 11 July 8 pm – All residents welcome  
The hall is run by villagers for the benefit of our community. Our meetings are open for all residents to attend. The 2 main items for the AGM are:  
Election of committee members  
Review of the 2004/5 accounts

At the time of writing, no new committee members have been proposed. All existing committee members are willing to be re-elected and these are:

Terry Young	Chairman	Sheila Job	Co-opted/Horti
Nicki Kitchen	Treasurer	Anita Spencer	Co-opted
Muriel Chandler	Secretary	Keith Hicks	Scouts/Fielding Centre
Ginny Bennett	Asst. Secretary	Don Harvey	Sibfords Society
Kathleen Winter	Bookings Secretary	Becky Skinner	Playgroup/Tots&Babes

Anyone interested in joining the committee, please contact Terry Young (Chairman), Highfield, Main Street, Sibford Gower, 01295 780386 or [t-p-young@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:t-p-young@tiscali.co.uk).

Diary Dates: AGM Monday 11 July 8 pm  
Heart of England Jazz Band Saturday October 22

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

A big Thank You to the great number of people who turned up to spring clean the Church, which enabled a huge, cleaning, scrubbing and polishing to take place, inside and out. From them, there were two new volunteers for the weekly cleaning rota. Who says that the Church of England is dying? It certainly isn't in Sibford!

As if to prove it, there was another big turn out for the Fathers' Day Family Service on June 19<sup>th</sup>. There was much participation from fathers (and grandfathers), some of whom had to be especially on the ball when lively minded youngsters asked questions about their readings. Perhaps we should put more preachers and readers to the test with questions at the regular services.

The Annual Church Fete will be held in the Village Hall/Grounds on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30 pm**. There will be stalls for Books, Bottles (separate children and adults), China Glass & Cutlery, Good Food, Plants, White Elephant, Toys, a Raffle and Hampers to win; delicious teas, ice creams and lots of games and prizes. Gifts for the various stalls would be greatly appreciated and a separate slip shows where these may be left. Any questions to Mary Nash 780275.

There will be a Harvest Festival Service in Church on **Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 am** shared jointly with members of the Methodist Church. Afterwards there will be a Bring and Share lunch in the Village Hall. Members of our congregation shared with the Methodists their Anniversary Service in the Chapel on June 7<sup>th</sup> when the preacher was Rev. Philip Bevzeual, a retired superintendent minister of the Oxford Circuit.

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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 9.00 am
	Brailes	Sunday at 11.30 am
Baptist	Hook Norton	Sunday at 10.30 am
Church of the Firstborn (Bridleways S.Gower)		Sunday at 10.30 am
Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower.		

### July

Sun 3rd Benefice Service at Sibford at 10.30 am  
 Sun 10th Family Service at 10.00 am  
 Sun 17th Holy Communion at 9.30 am  
 Sun 24th Holy Communion at 9.30 am  
 Sun 31st Matins and Holy Communion at 9.30 am



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## BUS 480 - Times from 5th June 2005 - Mondays to Saturdays

### *From Banbury towards Shipston*

Banbury Bus Station dep.	09.00	11.00	12.30	13.30	15.30	17.10	18.10
SIBFORD GOWER School	09.25	11.25	12.55	13.55	15.55	17.35	18.35
Shipston, Tilemans Lane	09.47	11.47	13.17	14.17	16.17	17.57	18.57

### *From Shipston towards Banbury*

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Shipston, Tilemans Lane	06.50	07.45	08.50	.....	09.50	11.50	13.20	17.10
SIBFORD GOWER School	07.12	08.07	09.12	09.12	10.12	12.12	13.42	17.32
Banbury Bus Station	07.37	08.35	09.37	09.37	10.37	12.37	14.07	17.57

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Notes: S = Saturdays only, NS = Not Saturdays.

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**Family ticket (2 Adults = up to 3 children) £5.00      Monthly ticket £55.00**



# Calendar of Events

## July

Sun 3rd Village Hall Market

Sun 3rd Cherrington Open Gardens p18.

Mon 11th Village Hall AGM 8 pm p20

Tue 12th W.I. Meeting p8

Wed 13th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)

Wed 13th Quiet Evening at Handywater from 6.30pm p18

Fri 15th Gower parish Council meeting p20

Tue 19th Deadline for contribution to the August & September Scene p6

Wed 20th Ferris Parish Council Meeting 7.45 top floor, Sibford School Sports Hall

Thu 21st Sibfords Society Walk 7.00 pm from the Blaize p 7

Wed 27th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)

Sat 30th Church Fete in the Village Hall 2.30 pm p21

## August (part)

Sun 7th Village Hall Market

Wed 10th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)

Wed 24th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)

Wed 24th Horticultural Show entries evening 7 - 9 pm at the Surgery p5

Sat 27th Horticultural and Produce Show 2.30-4.30pm Village Hall p5

## Horticultural and Produce Show Saturday August 27th at the Village Hall What will YOU be entering?

Cover picture - Aerial Photograph from summer 1959 showing Shrubby Cottage and the Small House along with the farm buildings which were demolished to make way for Folly Court.

### Sibford Scene

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