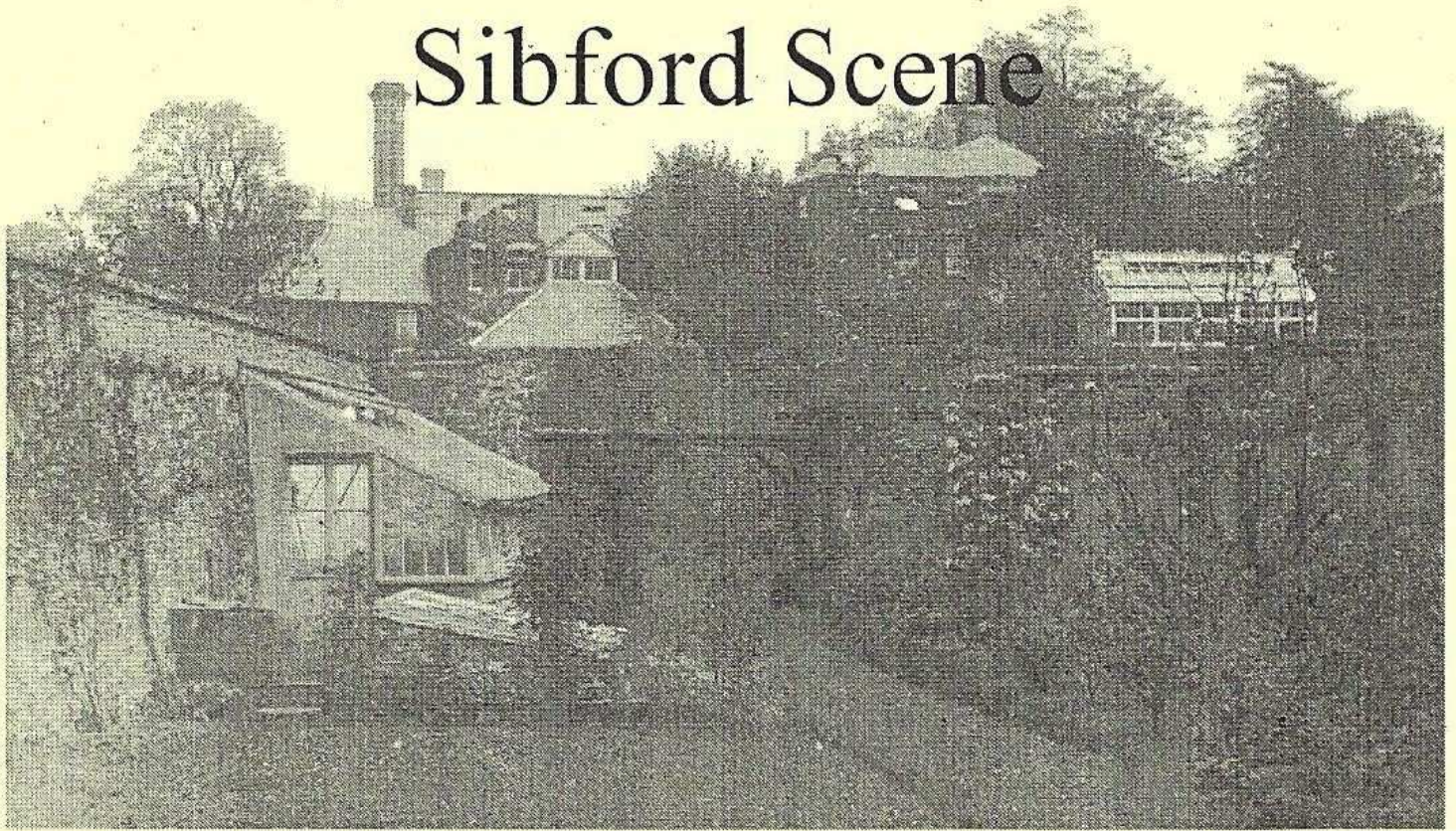


Sibford Scene



November 2005

No. 278

Primary School Fireworks & Bonfire
Friday 4th November on the Playing Field
(Monday 7th if wet)

Sibford Stores 7th Anniversary
Open Evening
Thursday 10th November from 7.00 pm

Holy Trinity Church Christmas Feté
Saturday 19th November 2.30 pm, Village Hall

Sibford School PSFA Christmas Fair
Friday 25th November from 3.30 pm

Sibford Playgroup Christmas Bazaar
Saturday 26th November 2 - 4 pm, Village Hall

Nature Notes

Sept. 25th. There were two humming-bird hawk-moths on our salvia today so it is not always the same one that I see.

Sept. 26th. The flowers on our shrub salvia are carried on the ends of slender shoots and in today's stiff breeze were waving about quite vigorously. Bees steal most of their nectar by puncturing the side of the flower which enables them to reach it. The humming-bird hawk-moths have feeding tubes that can easily reach it and today one put on an unbelievable flying display when, having found a flower that had not had its nectar plundered, hovered in front of it moving exactly to match the erratic movements of the flower and not even bending the connected feeding tube. Fancy being born with such a skill.

Sept. 27th Two very smart grey wagtails spent a while by our garden pond where they were still finding a few insects.

Sept. 30th. I have often seen rooks or crows mobbing birds of prey but not viciously as was witnessed by my neighbours recently when a kestrel was attacked and killed.

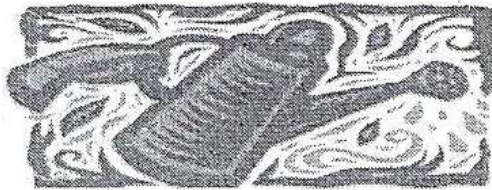
Oct. 1st. A crow has been pecking our blenheim apples and today I saw one eating the ones on the lovely old tree on the bank behind the Bishop Blaize. It might well be the same bird and it only likes blenheims!

Oct. 12th. A song thrush was stunned when it hit our window but eventually recovered and flew away.

Oct. 13th. After hearing nuthatches around for some time they are now coming to our bird table. Today one attacked a blue tit and they dropped together into the nettles below. The tit flew away immediately and the nuthatch a minute or two later so it may have come off worst and hopefully learned a lesson.

It was a nice surprise to see shots of Hook Norton and Traitors Ford in "A year at Kew" on TV tonight. They finished up at Whichford Pottery where Jim Keeling was putting the finishing touches to a big pot to hold a special plant for the entrance of the temperate house at Kew.

Oct. 17th. Another, or the same, song thrush flew into one of our windows and this time it died. As there are so few song thrushes around it is strange that they, more than any other species, come to grief in this way which must be a major cause of their declining numbers.



Sibford Horticultural Society

Our last meeting started off with the AGM with the last minutes read, the Treasurer giving a report of a healthy bank balance and the

president giving a resumé of the last years speakers and events.

After everything was agreed on we then welcomed Mr Nicholson from Nicholson's Nurseries to talk about trees for small gardens. He showed a wide variety of species and gave detailed cultivation requirements for them as well as his own personal recommendations. With the onset of global warming his trials of acacias and other borderline trees may prove beneficial. A very interesting talk. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 9th November** at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall, when Sarah Walker will be showing us how to decorate the house at Christmas.

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Friendship Club

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Diary Dates

Tuesday 1st November We meet in the Village Hall at 2 pm when Mr. Meredith will be showing slides of 'Gardens Through the Year'. He was formerly the Head Gardener at Little Compton Manor.

Blackberry Time

Once again it has been a bumper crop of blackberries this year, so if any elderly people who have been unable to gather any and would like some, I have plenty in my freezer.

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As well as the traditional Tombola, there will be a Jam Jar Jamboree, along with many games for both the young and old and also a grand prize draw.

Grand prize draw tickets along with our Christmas Quiz sheets will be available from playgroup, any Committee Member, The Bishops Blaize or Sibford Stores, (we thank Sam and Shelia and Terry and Judith for agreeing to help sell our tickets and quiz sheets)

All donations of prizes, bottles for Tombola, empty (or full) jam jars, or even help on the day would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Claire Inns on 01295 780035.

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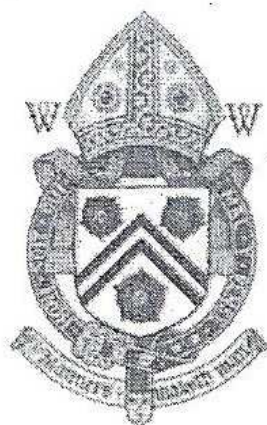
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Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting 28 September 2005

With one apology for absence from the Vice Chairman, Barbara Crabtree, all other Councillors, and also the District Councillor, George Reynolds, attended the meeting.


Amongst the matters arising were several highways issues which had been put to the County Council Engineer, Steve Bowden, and the following responses were reported. Concerning the junction re-alignment at Lanes End, which is to be undertaken at the same time as the completion of the Manor development roadways and footpaths, it has now been agreed that OCC will provide a raised area at the "bus stop" on the eastern side of the junction. Mr Bowden advised that this will not be designed as a crossing point for pedestrians due to the poor visibility towards Burdrop. On the subject of speed monitoring within the village, it was reported that OCC would be obtaining new equipment that will enable them to carry out another survey. On the matter of the gap in the wall on New Road, Mr Bowden has promised action on installing suspended rails as a safety measure. He advised that funds for drain repairs in Main Street have been allocated for the next financial year. Mr Bowden was also asked when the southern verge between Lanes End and Malvern House -would be cleared, and the weed growth removed from the northern verge, and he has confirmed that the work should be carried out in November.

The appeal in the last Sibford Scene for volunteers to carry out a lorry count produced one response up to the date of the meeting (*several more have now been received - thank you to those respondents*).

The Clerk was asked to enquire about the position with the promised police speed check, and also to chase up Speedwatch again on the provision of speed reduction signs and equipment.

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A meeting with members of Sibford Gower Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council was arranged for 3 October to discuss the extension of the burial ground and the administration of the new area.

Following a reminder from Cherwell District Council that registers of interests need to be up to date, the Clerk confirmed that the register for Sibford Ferris Parish Council had been updated during the year. The Chairman reminded Councillors to declare any interests in the course of the meeting.

Since the last meeting four planning applications have been received and considered, including the Parish Council's own application for a freestanding noticeboard on the footpath outside Bank Cottage. Notification was received that Ferris Hill Farm has been given planning permission to carry out a recycling operation and construct a new building in which to house it. The routing agreement that prohibits vehicles operating to or from the site from coming through the village, (excluding those requiring access), will apply to the recycling operation.

The Annual Return to 31 March 2005 has been audited. Two issues arising were noted, one of which had been addressed in the previous financial year and was included in the audit as a formality only. The second concerned the recommendation that the Responsible Financial Officer should not also be a Councillor. The meeting therefore agreed to transfer the office of RFO from the Chairman to the Clerk, with immediate effect.

Under Any Other Business, the Clerk was asked to write to Swan Hill asking for the thistles along the new footpath to be cut back, and also to ask the School if their staff could cut back the low growth on the two trees opposite the Manor.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

The date of the next meeting is

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To all friends of Jessie Richards

Jessie Richards is currently at the Glebefields Nursing Home in Drayton near Banbury. She has recently moved there from the Mulberry Ward at the Horton in Banbury where she was staying since the beginning of August. She loves having visitors and if you would like to visit the best times are between 9am and 8pm. If you would like to phone her the number is 01295 738133.

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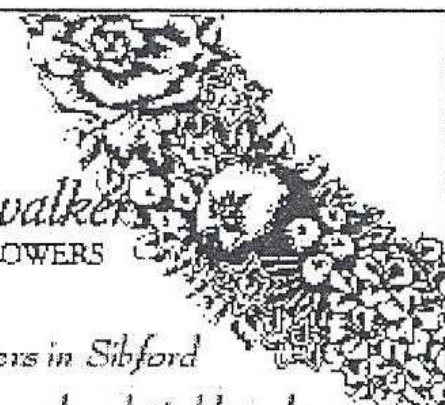
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Lynda thanked our speaker for a very entertaining talk and slide show.

Caroline was the winner of the competition for a Chinese article, second Gaynor and third Gill. The raffle was won by Kathleen Winter. Lovely cakes and tea were served by Mary and Greta.

Joan and Geoff Todd are unable to attend our next Meeting as planned, so on 8th November Mick West will talk, and show beautiful slides, on 'British Wild Orchids'. Competition - A Pearl Button. Gaynor

Katharine House Hospice Jumble Sale

The amount raised on the day was an astounding £674.27. Once all monies have been gathered in, the total amount raised will be in the region of £ 750.00, incredible!

Very many thanks must go to all the generous people who contributed in their different ways, from the PA & Advertising dept to the last 2 souls sweeping the village hall floor! Without all their efforts this event wouldn't happen.

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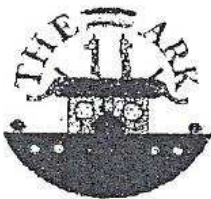
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Jason and Julie Harris have now settled into Jessamine Cottage, Bonds End Lane, They have moved to Sibford from Coventry. Jason still works in Coventry as a Contract Manager and Julie works for Barnardoes.

This month we welcome two new families to the Ferris. At the Manor development, the Reed family have moved into Sibford Grange, which is number 5 Walford Road and occupies the site of the old school swimming pool and walled garden. The family, Valerie, Mark and their daughters Alysia and Imogen (not forgetting Hector and Hermione the dogs) have moved here from Stratford where the girls still attend the Croft School.

Nicky and Chris Cullen have moved to The Shieling with their baby son Cameron. This family joined us during August Bank holiday, but the quiet location of their new home allowed them to escape the attentions of the welcomer until now! Nicky and Chris have lived in Australia, France, and most recently in London, but Chris was raised in Radway and was pleased to return to country life.

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The purpose of this note is not only to inform about the current situation but to acknowledge with thanks those residents who, at the outset, volunteered to become involved with what will need to be done when the recommendations are received.

PH

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Our Carol Service will be on **Sunday 18th December** at 11am. The service will be led by Sue Barnes who is a local preacher from Foscot. Hope to see you at both of these events.

Neighbourhood Watch

People are being contacted by phone to arrange a visit to sell alarms by a firm unknown to the police. Police advice is not to buy any thing at the door from an unknown company or person. Any information regarding these calls phone 08458 505505.

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The men were trained at Coleshill House which was a large country house situated in large grounds near Uffington. There they met the other members of their cell, about 10-12 men and were trained to use weapons, carry out sabotage and use any terrorist method possible to cause maximum disruption. Canadian Army Engineers built deep underground hides for each cell, which were positioned in woods or scrub, with an entrance and escape tunnel and were equipped with bunks, cooking and lavatory facilities.

Training for the women was carried out at a nearby country house and their job was to carry messages, listen and report any useful information, often working in bars or on buses.

Everyone had to sign the Official Secrets Act and even their families were not to be told what they were doing and they had to make up stories of where they were each weekend whilst they were training and living in their hideouts. Some wives thought husbands were having affairs in the next village with these unexplained absences! Even at the end of the war, their story was not told and all they received from the Government was a letter of thanks. A really fascinating story and one which will be told on TV in the New Year.

Mr. Sutherland will talk on a local family, the Lucy's of Charlcote and their Grand Tours of Europe, in the Village Hall on Thursday, 17 November at 8.00pm. Non-members of the Society are very welcome to join the members for an interesting evening.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

The annual Church Christmas Fete will be held in the Sibford Village Hall on Saturday 19th November 2005 at 2.30 pm. There will be many exciting attractions, some familiar, others less so and it is a great place to start to think about Christmas presents. It is always a popular event and a chance to meet many fellow villagers and others from farther afield so we hope the church can count on your support. Full details will be found elsewhere in this magazine.

The recent Family Service with the theme of *Autumn* was very well attended with many children, some of the younger ones much enjoying the new *Children's Corner*. The November Family service will not occur as Remembrance Sunday will take its place. The next service for particular interest to our younger members will be the *Christingle Service* on ~~Friday 23rd~~ ^{WED 23} December at 6.30 pm. This will incorporate a Nativity play which youthful actors please note.

A number of members of the choir recently took part in the annual Oxfordshire Royal School of Church Music festival in Dorchester Abbey. Choirs from all over Oxfordshire took part and Andrew Nethsingha, the Director of Music, Gloucester Cathedral was an inspiring conductor. Another very interesting event for choir members was an evening of singing with Malcolm Archer, Director of Music at St Paul's Cathedral who was introducing a recently published book of anthems. New singers are always welcome to join the choir. Rehearsals are on most Fridays at 8 pm in the church and last an hour, but please check before attending with one of the existing choir members or Timothy Wimbush, our indefatigable conductor. This is advance warning that the annual Carol Service will take place in church on Friday 16th December. This year there really will be mulled wine and mince pies afterwards and a very warm welcome. The entire congregation will sing traditional carols and there will be a few choir items, one of which is hoped to be a World Premiere by a local composer.

The Church Council is eagerly awaiting the installation of a loop system to enhance the sound for all, especially those with hearing impairment. The estimate has been accepted and funds earmarked for the purpose.

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Church Services

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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.		

November

Wed 2nd Holy Communion and requiem
 Sun 6th Benefice service at Tadmarton 10.30
 Sun 13th Remembrance Service 10.55
 Sun 20th Holy Communion 9.30
 Sun 27th Holy Communion 9.30



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 Pick up points are; The Colony, High Meadow, Cross Roads, Village Hall.

Cherwell Rural Dial-A-Ride Scheme

A mini bus with tail-lift to take **elderly or disabled people** and escort to Banbury (max fare £1.60) Door-to-Door service. Book at least one day in advance. Operates on Wednesdays & Thursdays. Phone 263777 for details. BCTA also takes bookings for groups of 8 or more on a weekly/monthly basis (Wednesdays & Thursdays) to and from Banbury. Tel; 263777

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

Buses serve Sibford Ferris two minutes before the times shown at Sibford Gower towards Shipston and two minutes after the time shown at Sibford Gower towards Banbury.

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

Most journeys, where possible, will operate low floor wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Sorry, No services on Sundays or Public Holidays

For complete times at all of the intermediate places that are served by 480 please see new timetables available from bus drivers and in the Village Shop.

The Fare structure has changed: Adult Fare £1.70 each way Child (5-16yrs) £0.85

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

Calendar of Events

November

- Tue 1st Friendship Club. Gardens through the Year. V. Hall 2.00pm p5
Wed 2nd Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)
Wed 2nd Ferris Parish Council 7.45pm upstairs in the Sports Hall, Sibford School
Fri 4th Primary School Fireworks. 6pm (Mon 7th if wet)
Sun 6th Village Hall Market
Tue 8th W.I. 'British Wild Orchids'. P15 & 16
Wed 9th Horticultural Society. Flowers for Christmas 8 pm p3
Thu 10th Village Shop Open Evening 7pm onwards p4
Fri 11th Gower Parish Council Meeting, Primary School p20
Sat 12th Warriner Choral Society Concert, Deddington. 7.30 pm p12
Tue 15th Deadline for contributions to the December & January Scene p6
Wed 16th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)
Thu 17th Sibfords Society 'The Lucy's of Charlote' 8pm V. Hall p20
Sat 19th Church Christmas Feté Village Hall 2.30 pm p21
Fri 25th Sibford School Christmas Fair. p20
Sat 26th Playgroup Christmas Bazaar 2 - 4 pm. V. Hall. p6
Wed 30th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)

December (part)

- Sat 3rd Methodist Chapel Coffee Morning 10 - 12 noon. P19
Sun 4th Village Hall Market
Wed 14th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)
Sun 18th Methodist Chapel Carol Service 11 am. P19
Fri 23rd Church Christingle Service 6.30 pm p21
Wed 28th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)

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Sibford Scene

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