

Sibford Scene

December 2005 and January 2006

No. 279

Sibford Methodist Church invite you to a

Coffee Morning

Saturday 3rd December 10 am - 12 noon

Carol Services

Holy Trinity Church - Friday 16th December 7.00 pm

Methodist Church - Sunday 18th December 11.00 am

Holy Trinity Church - Christingle Service Wednesday 21st 6.30 pm

“Carnavalesque”

The Carnival Band playing at

Sibford School on Friday 27th January 8 pm

Village Hall Quiz Night

Saturday 4th February 7.00 pm

Entries by January 28th

Nature Notes

Oct. 27th. Today's exceptionally warm weather brought out some yellow brimstone and red admiral butterflies. One red admiral was in perfect condition as though newly hatched.

Oct. 30th. Wood pigeons are already taking our holly berries. This is nearly a month earlier than usual and I cannot understand why they should be short of food when the weather has been so mild.

Nov 1st. Our holly tree that was red with berries last week now only has a few round the bottom where the pigeons have a job to settle and those will not feed the redwings and blackbirds for very long. I am wondering whether the declining number of mistle thrushes, that usually try to keep other birds off, may have something to do with it. A few of the pigeons have even started to take berries from the yellow pyracantha that grows against the wall of our bungalow.

Nov 4th. My brother tells me that already there is a huge flock of pigeons feeding on oil seed rape near Stow-on-the-Wold. There are so many that he thinks they may have come over from the continent.

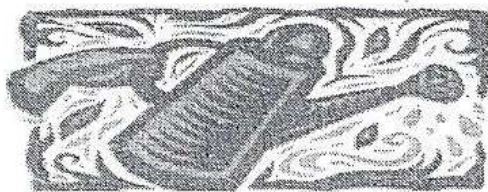
Nov 5th. There was only a tap as a goldcrest, which weighs about the same as a 5p coin, hit the window, but it took nearly half an hour to recover enough to fly away.

Nov 11th. Sparrows are picking the flowers off a very early mahonia by our drive entrance. Tits often do the same to ours when it blooms in early Spring. I wonder whether they get nectar from the flowers. I suppose the prime example of a bird that feeds on nectar is the humming bird but here sparrows also pick flowers from primroses and tits, bullfinches and wood pigeons can make a nuisance of themselves taking flowers from plum and ornamental prunus trees, which could all be for the nectar.

Nov 14th. Despite this morning's frost there was still a tortoiseshell butterfly and a few queen bumble bees around that have not yet gone into hibernation.

Nov 16th. There are quite a lot of redwings around but as yet I have seen very few field fares.

Nov 17th. We are getting some exceptionally cold nights for November. Our thermometer has been down to -4°C but with little wind the frost hollows round us will have been colder. As yet we have not had fog but glorious sunshine by day. An old rhyme goes ice in November to bear a duck and all the rest is slush and muck.



Sibford Horticultural Society

Our last meeting saw Sarah Walker demonstrate how to make a table decoration, a door wreath and a mantelpiece arrangement. They

were much appreciated by the large audience that came.

Our next meeting will be our Christmas Social at 8 o'clock in the Village Hall on Wednesday 14th December. All welcome. There will be no meeting in January so details of the next meeting in the next Scene.

Below are the Handicraft and photography classes for the Horticultural Show 2006 - so get to work!

1. An Item of Costume Jewellery
2. A dried or pressed flower exhibit
3. A Toy - any medium
4. An item of cross stitch
5. An example of embroidery - not cross stitch
6. A greetings card - any medium excluding computer generated
7. A handicraft exhibit
8. "The Spirit was Willing"- craft item started but not finished
9. Photograph - A flower / Flowers
10. Photograph - "Reflections"
11. Photograph - Taken within the parishes of Sibford and Epwell
12. Photograph - Clouds
13. Photographic portrait - People at Play
14. Photographic portrait - Animal or Animals
15. Photographs - 4 related views (mounted on one sheet and named)
16. A black and white Photograph
17. Most amusing mistake - Photograph not as intended
18. An amateur painting or drawing

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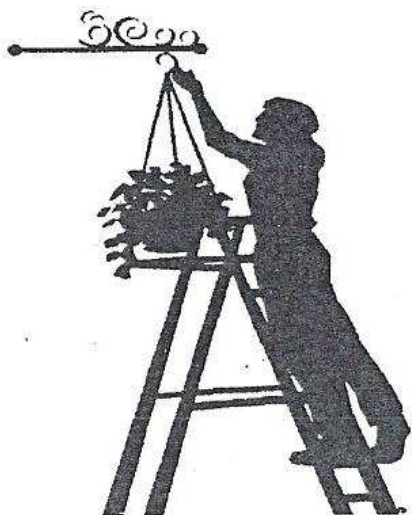


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We finish for Christmas on Tuesday 13th December and start back on Tuesday 10th January

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Well, here we are again, Christmas fast approaching!!! This Term, we will be saying "Goodbye" and "Good luck" to William Wealsby, Joshua Lovesey, Georgia Darvill, Sarah Spencer and Kilian Norris-Aston who are all moving up to 'big school', and, Archie Beardsley who is moving away as well as moving up to school. We would like to take this opportunity to thank their parents who have helped out either on the Committee or through the Rota.

At the same time, we also have a new family at playgroup. Amelia Springate-Drew, her mum Annabel and father, Richard, and we wish them a warm welcome.

We currently have vacancies for our playgroup which runs Monday-Friday mornings, 9.00 am - 12.00 pm and for more information, please call Michelle or Judith on 01295 780998.

Well, what a busy time we're having. Our topics have covered *Divali*, *fire* and *people who help us*. The Hook Norton Fire service visited on Thurs-

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day 3rd November bringing five Fire-officers and their big red engine (much to the delight of the children and the adults present!!) We even got to turn the siren and the flashing lights on and sit in the driver's seat!!!

Sue has been extending the children's knowledge and understanding of her other job-being a paediatric nurse; and playgroup has had its very own General Hospital. The children have been talking and learning about crossing the road safely and have thoroughly enjoyed Mandy dressing up as a lollypop lady.

On Monday 21st November, our local police-man, PC Gerry Doyle has kindly agreed to visit with his special police car which the children will no doubt enjoy.

Finally a great big Thank you to all the children and their parents who make the playgroup such a lovely place to work.

With Christmas preparations on the way and only just a few weeks left till we break up for the holidays, let the festivities begin here.....

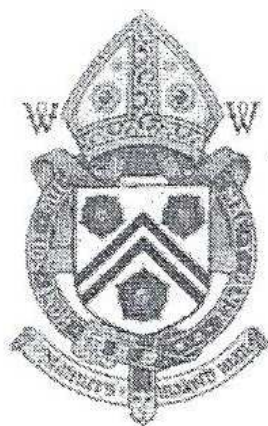
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At the Meeting held in Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School four Parish Councillors were present. Cllr Eric Payne was indisposed and unable to be there. The Meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman, Cllr Robin Spicer who welcomed all present. Also at the Meeting were County and District Councillor George Reynolds, whose presence and helpful input is always appreciated, and four Local Electors. Since the previous Meeting, four planning applications had been considered and the matter of a planning application for Wheathills Barn is ongoing. Local opinion is being sought by the Parish Councils of Sibford Ferris and Sibford Gower regarding Parish Action Plans (details are contained elsewhere within this copy of the Sibford Scene). The Clerk had prepared a financial budget for the year commencing 1st April 2006 for consideration by the Councillors and this will be discussed fully at the next Meeting prior to submitting the Precept request to Cherwell District Council. Included in the figure is a contingency for a Parish Council election and the maintenance of the churchyard of Holy Trinity Church - this latter cost will be shared with Sibford Ferris Parish Council. Cllr Spicer gave an account of his attendance, with the Clerk, at

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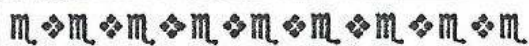
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the Annual Parish Liaison Meeting held at Bodicote House on the 3rd November. Turning to Highway Matters, Oxfordshire County Council has confirmed that the outstanding items calling for attention are in the "pipeline" but no timings could be given. As to Footpaths, there is one path where pruning back of the adjacent hedge is needed and the Clerk has this in hand. The Councillors sanctioned the payment of grants within the Parish, namely to Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School, the Village Hall and the



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Sibford Scene. The Survey Report in respect of the village pond is still awaited but promised quite soon. Enquiries are being continued into the possibility of having three street lights in High Meadow but this depends very much on Charter Community Housing. The Clerk's salary was reviewed and the Councillors brought it into line with the salary scale recommended by the National Association of Local Councils. The Clerk took the opportunity to remind Councillors of the Register of Interests and that should any one of them have a pecuniary interest in any matter under discussion at a Meeting of the Council it must be declared and no part should be taken in the discussion or vote on that matter. Cllr Muriel Chandler raised the subject of support for the Horton Hospital and it was agreed that she should formulate a letter to our MP for consideration by the Council. A car (untaxed) parked on a grass verge for some considerable time has given cause for concern and the Clerk is making appropriate enquiries. The Payphone in Main Street was reported as being out of action and the box in an extremely dirty condition. This has been reported to BT and action promised within forty eight hours. There being no further business, the Vice Chairman thanked all who were in attendance and closed the Meeting at 9.50pm. The next Meeting will be on

Friday, 13th January 2006 in the same venue commencing at 8pm.



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It's been a while since I wrote and I can only apologise for my laziness. My only excuse is that we've been doing some travelling over the winter and I've been getting more involved in charity work. I'll report on both and bring you up to date on what's happening in this part of the world.

After our usual influx of visitors last summer we had some really interesting breaks over the winter period. Our first was to Botswana where we revisited the Chobe Game Reserve. We stayed in a hotel on the banks of the Chobe River, just outside the game park, in a place called Kasane. Steve fished every day on the river amongst all the crocodiles and hippos and successfully caught lots of tiger fish. The one day I went with him we didn't have so much as a nibble, consequently I was labelled a Jonah and banned from subsequent trips! We had the most amazing game sightings, from the river or by land. The one that stood out for me was watching a small herd of elephants crossing the river, all in a line hanging on to each other's tails.

Our next trip was to Mauritius. This was our fifth visit to this wonderful island. It was mainly a golfing holiday for Steve but I managed a few rounds this time on a course, which was set on a spit of land going out to sea. Any wayward shots meant you landed up on the beach or in the palm trees! I also enjoyed the water skiing, which I can still manage to do at my advanced age!

Then we went to the Drakensberg Mountains in KwaZulu-Natal. More golf and fishing for Steve but we also did a bit of exploring in the area. We often used to visit the Drakensberg when we lived in Johannesburg so it was interesting to see how it had developed. We went to a wonderful concert one afternoon performed by the Drakensberg Boys Choir whose school was in the area. It was a lovely mixture of classic, folk and African music.

We drove back, a total of 1500 kilometres, taking three days to complete. It was a great trip, taking us through the Golden Gate National Park with its dramatic weathered rock formations which glow orange and red in the sun. We stopped at a small town called Clarence in the Free State, which has now become a Mecca for artists. We drove for miles along straight roads, only seeing the occasional car. We stayed one night in a place called Graaf Reinet, a small town in the middle of nowhere but with the most amazing rock and desert scenery. From a view-site above the town you can look down onto the Valley of Desolation, which speaks for itself. It was a treat to drive through part of South Africa for a change and once again marvel at its diversity and beauty.

Then we had our annual trip to the UK. We only stayed just over two weeks so we were limited in what we could do. As it was we went to a wedding - our neighbour's (in SA) daughter got married, and had a weekend in the Peak District. We did manage a quick trip to Sibford where the Bovils treated us to a lovely barbecue.

ECHO, the charity I work for, continues to thrive. I have got more involved this year organising workshops for our students, and heading a life skills project at one of the schools in a poor area. I also look after the students doing tertiary education with whatever they need help with which can be anything from form filling to getting them set up with accommodation. Going to University and living away from home is difficult for most youngsters but these students have little or no support from home. Sometimes they just want someone to talk to. We are now heading for our end of year celebrations; the first one is this week when we're doing a braai (barbecue) for our nine tertiary students. They want to bring their own music so I'd better warn the neighbours!

Some of our other news from the Cape is that we have had our water restrictions lifted after good rains this winter. We still can't be complacent however, as water shortages are still an issue here. Spring is with us in full force along with the usual fantastic display of flowers. We managed a trip up the west coast to see the wild flowers. Summer will be upon us soon although we are still getting some rain and big variations in temperature.

On the political front we seem to be getting more and more reports of corruption and incompetence. Jacob Zuma the ex Deputy President is awaiting trial for accepting bribes. The travel vouchers scandal has implicated about twenty MPs. Various people running Municipalities have been exposed for lining their pockets and not delivering the services they should do. They are also talking about recruiting people from India to work for various government departments as they say there's a skills shortage. What happened to all the people they got rid of a few years ago?

However, the economy continues to grow with building and development in evidence everywhere. The worry is that many people are still not benefiting from this expansion with families caught in the cycle of poverty. There is so much pressure for the youngsters to go out and earn money rather than stay on for further education. But when they do stay on, it's incredible how they blossom and grow as we have seen with the ECHO students.

Finally, Christmas is just around the corner and the festive lights are up in Somerset West (although not switched on). We still have Santa's sleigh being pulled by springbok and giraffe and hippos amongst the holly! We will be spending Christmas at home with a short break in Franschhoek. Some friends will be here from the UK and my second cousin, his wife and new baby, who now live in Cape Town, will probably be joining us at some stage. So we wish everyone in Sibford a Happy Christmas and New Year.

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The aristocratic and rich considered that, after attending university (where they enjoyed themselves as opposed to learning anything) young men should finish their education by visiting Paris. Families also went abroad having to cope with dreadful traveling conditions en route, from bed bugs and awful food to crossing the Alps where there were no roads and always with the risk of attacks from bandits. Despite all this, the vogue for travel continued and the legacy is all the priceless objects and pictures they brought back home.

On **19 January 2006** we are holding our Social evening which will commence at **7 pm in the Village Hall**. As usual, we ask you to bring a plate of food for our 'Bring and Share' supper, ready-to-serve (we can keep food hot) and a bottle of something to drink with your meal. We look forward to meeting you all again at what is always a very enjoyable evening.

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Sibford W.I. Meeting Tuesday, 8th November 2005

Our President welcomed sixteen Members. She then announced the sudden death of the National Chairman, Barbara Gill, aged sixty three, and spoke for us all when expressing her shock and regret at the sad news. Barbara was a warm, popular and humorous person and a dynamic leader. Her premature death is a great loss. The Record of the October Meeting was then read, agreed and signed. Glennis thanked all who had made cakes for the Katherine House Hospice event and passed on the thanks of Bernie Jones. She also reported that the Group Meeting at Shutford had been a very pleasant evening with Lady Saye and Sele proving an entertaining speaker. Disappointingly, Jean's beautifully crafted model of a castle did not win first prize. However, Lady Saye and Sele was much taken with it and asked Jean if she could have it to put on display in Broughton Castle. Glennis then reported on the Halloween Showcase at Exeter Hall, Kidlington, where there were lovely entries in all classes and from this end of the County, an attractive one from Hook Norton W.I. The trip to Solihull for shopping was voted a very good day by all who went. Thanks to Gwen and Hook Norton W.I. for organising this. Amongst the forthcoming events, five Members will be traveling to Oxford Town Hall on the 5th December for an evening of Christmas carols and seasonal readings. On the 8th December, four of us will be joining the coach trip to Bath to visit the Christmas Market and the American Museum at Claverton Manor. Details were finalised for our Christmas Meeting on the 13th December when our speaker will be Derek Parkes on "Being a Santa in Lapland". Competition - "A Christmas Tree Decoration". Members were reminded to bring their wrapped gifts for the tub. Items from News and Views were discussed and a letter from Lynda in Florida was read out. She and Peter have survived the recent hurricane with very little damage and the weather is back to normal. Treasurer Barbara reported on our Financial Affairs and Jane suggested a new money raising scheme which was accepted by Members. Glennis then welcomed our speaker, Mick West who talked to us about "British Wild Orchids", illustrated by superb slides. He was very knowledgeable and willingly answered all our questions. We were introduced to some wonderful plants, including Bee, Wasp, Fly, Frog, Serpent and Lady's Slipper orchids - all as strange and fascinating as their names suggest. Surprisingly, some are to be found in this area, if you know where to look! Kathleen Reid thanked him for his very interesting talk and we finished with tea and cakes served by Caroline and Kathleen Winter and baked by Gilian and Glennis. The competition for a Pearl Button was won by Rosemary, Jane and Jean being joint second. Barbara won the raffle.

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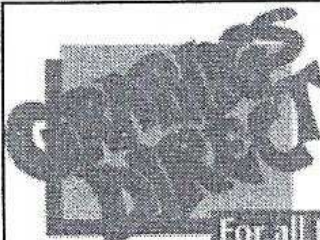
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Friendship Club

We had an enjoyable afternoon looking at slides of Little Compton Manor shown by Mr Meredith who was formerly the Head Gardener. Our outing to Beckitts later in the month was discussed and the afternoon was concluded with refreshments served by Val.

Tuesday 6th December. We shall be having our Christmas Lunch in the Village Hall 1.00 pm to sit down at 1.15pm.

Tuesday 20th December. We shall be having our Christmas Tea in the Village Hall. Sit down at 3.00 pm. This will be provided by the committee but if anyone would like to help we would be very grateful.

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A Parish Plan should cover everything of relevance to people who live in the Parish; social, economic and environmental issues. It should address the needs of the entire community and everyone should have the opportunity to participate in its preparation.

A Parish Plan must have broad community involvement at all stages; clubs, societies, the parish council, church, village hall and school - no one organisation should dominate the process.

Are you interested?

The first step is to bring together a representative cross section of the community to form a steering group with a wide variety of people, skills and attributes.

Although part funding is available from DEFRA through the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council the Parish Action Plan Process will involve time, effort and commitment.

Do you want to be involved in the steering group to debate the sort of issues and topics that should be consulted on as part of the Plan process?

Is there enough interest to set up a steering group? **Do YOU want to sign up and help?**

This initial phase of the Action Plan Process is being coordinated by Sibford Ferris and Sibford Gower Parish Councils. In the event that there is sufficient interest in forming a steering group another organisation or individual will take on the lead role.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

The annual Church Christmas Fete held in the Sibford Village Hall on Saturday 19th November 2005 at 2.30 pm. was the usual great success and much support was received from generous villagers who, it is hoped, were helped with their Christmas purchases and fortunate with the many chances for hampers, raffle prizes and bottles. Their willing participation in all the activities on offer created a wonderful atmosphere and a great financial contribution of £1105.25 which will help to continue the presence of a parish church in our midst. Many thanks also to all the many willing helpers.

The wrong date and time was last month advertised for the *Christingle Service* which will not be on Friday 23rd December at 6.30 pm. but on **Wednesday 21st December at 6.30 pm.** Apologies for this error and it is hoped that many young people will attend and take part in the Nativity play.

The annual Carol Service will take place in church on **Friday 16th December at 7.00 pm.** 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. On **18th December** there will be the Methodist Church Carol Service.

Commencing **22nd January 2006** will be the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the only service in the village for all Christians that day will be at **11.00 am at the Methodist Church.**

The traditional Remembrance Day service took place on November 13th. There was a parade by the uniformed organizations of Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. Poppy Wreaths were laid at the War memorial by Ben Davies for these organisations and by David Stewart on behalf of the villagers of Ferris, Gower and Burdrop. Bob Pritchard played *Last Post and Reveille* on the cornet. The service was taken by Canon John Whitwell assisted by Robin Spicer who read out the names of the Sibford dead of both World Wars, including the names of

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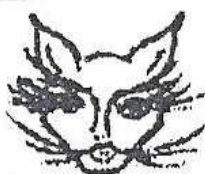
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the members of the Royal Canadian Air force crew whose aeroplane crashed near the village. Robin also read *In Flanders Fields*, by John McCrae. John Whitwell gave an excellent address on *Remembrance*, which kept the congregation, especially the members of the uniformed organisations, on their toes.

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.		

December

Sun 4th Holy Communion 9.30am
 Sun 11th Benefice service and confirmation renewal 10.30 at Swalcliffe
 Fri 16th Carol Service 7.00 pm
 Sun 18th No service. Please attend Carol Service at Methodist Church 11am
 Wed 21st Christingle Service 6.30 pm
 Sat 24th Midnight Mass at Swalcliffe and Shutford 11.30pm
 Sun 25th Holy Communion 10.00 am

January

Sun 1st Benefice Service 11.00am at Tadmarton
 Fri 6th Epiphany service 8pm at Swalcliffe

Sun 8th Holy Communion 8 am &
 Family Service 10 am

Sun 15th Holy Communion 9.30 am

Sun 22nd Christian Unity Service
 11.00 am at Methodist Church

Sun 29th Matins & Holy Communion
 9.30 am

February

Thu 2nd Candlemass at Tadmarton
 8pm

Sun 5th Broughton at 10.30 am

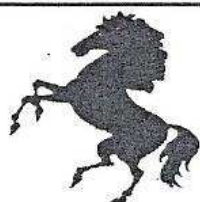
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Calendar of Events

December

- Sat 3rd Methodist Church Coffee Morning 10 - 12 noon. P19
Sun 4th Village Hall Market from 12 noon p12
Tue 6th Friendship Club Christmas Lunch 1 pm Village Hall p18
Sat 10th Christmastide Concert. St. Mary's Church, Chipping Norton p16
Sun 11th Village Hall Market from 12 noon p12
Wed 14th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)
Wed 14th Horticultural Society Christmas Social 8 pm Village Hall p3
Fri 16th Holy Trinity Church Carol Service 7 pm p21
Sun 18th Methodist Church Carol Service 11 am. P19
Tue 20th Friendship Club Christmas Tea 3 pm Village Hall p18
Wed 21st Christingle Church Service 6.30 pm p21
Wed 28th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)

January

- Wed 11th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)
Wed 11th Ferris Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm Sports Hall, Sibford School
Fri 13th Gower Parish Council Meeting 8 pm, Primary School p9
Tue 17th Deadline for contributions to the February Sibford Scene p6
Thu 19th Sibfords Society Social. 7 pm Village Hall p14
Sun 22nd Christian Unity Week Service. Methodist Church 11am p21
Wed 25th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)
Fri 27th "Carnavalesque" 8 pm at Sibford School p12
Sat 28th Village Hall Quiz entry deadline p12

February (part)

- Sat 4th Village Hall Quiz 7.00 pm p12
Sun 5th Village Hall Market from 12 noon p12

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