

May 2006 No. 283

Wednesday 3rd May Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting Upstairs room in Sibford School Sports Hall 7.45pm

Friday 12th May
Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting
Primary School Hall 7.30pm

Oxfordshire Artweeks Exhibitions
Saturday 13th to Sunday 28th
Art Exhibition at the Mission Room
Saturday 13th to Sunday 21st Furniture and
Textiles Exhibition, The Old Post Office

Both in Sibford Gower

Nature Notes

Mar. 23rd. Last month I heard that two red kites had been seen in Sibford Gower. Since then two were seen at Sibford Ferris and today I saw one over the playing field by Orchard Close which is the first that I have seen over Sibford.

Apr. 2nd. A very early swallow was seen down the Colony today and it is thought that it may have been there two days ago when a bird flew out of the same building as the owner went in.

Apr. 5th I am pleased to have heard a mistle thrush singing over the last few days. They seem to be faring much worse than the song thrushes in this area and I was beginning to think we had none left in the parishes. It could be due to their habit of nesting in very exposed situations where their nests are easily found by the increasing number of predators. This morning's hard frost must make those swallows wish they were back in Africa.

Apr. 12th. There was a blackcap singing in the garden this morning which always makes me think that spring has really come. It may be the same birds that come back each year and although they stay around for the summer I have never seen any young ones; even so blackcap numbers seem to be increasing.

Apr. 13th. It is only since rooks started nesting close by that I have realised how varied the noises are that they make when nesting. To-day there was a sound rather like a barking dog that I think came from up there.

Apr. 16th. I see today that the frog spawn in our garden pond has hatched in spite of its being frozen several times.

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Sibford Horticultural Society

The meeting on 12th April was well attended when Val Bourne gave a very interesting talk illustrated with slides and also sold copies of

her book The Natural Garden.

The next meeting is on May 10th when Timothy Walker will be talking on history of the Oxford Botanical Gardens. Every one is welcome to come and hear this interesting speaker.

Our annual Coffee and Plant Sale at Gowers Close will be held on Saturday 20th May. Please come and support this.

We have an outing to Bourton House Gardens 14th June, names and money for this will be taken on 10th May.

Don't forget to get your potato planted for the Plant a Potato class at the flower show in August. The rules are simple;

Plant one seed potato (second early or maincrop will do) in a 9 inch diameter flower pot. Water and feed it (talk to it if you wish) and bring the pot and its contents along to the show, undisturbed of course! The judge will turn out the pot and weigh the crop of potatoes. Heaviest wins - it's as simple as that.

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The Easter Tea was quite enjoyable especially since we didn't have to serve tea or do the washing up, a nice easy afternoon. Unfortunately several of our members were not able to join us due to illness, we hope they are now well on the way to recovery.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 2nd May. A.G.M. In the Village Hall at 2.00 pm.

Tuesday 16th May. Outing, destination to be decided.

Tuesday 20th June. We are planning to go to see the well dressings in Derbyshire if we can get enough support.

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The charity, which provides respite and end of life care for children and young adults, as well as support for their families in Oxfordshire and the surrounding regions, is hosting an afternoon of fun entertainment on Saturday 20th May in the grounds of Broughton Castle thanks to the generosity of Lord and Lady Saye and Sete and Foresters. Foresters provides financial services and supports nearly 100 charities across the UK, many of which are children's hospices.

The Jedi Knights, Storm Troopers and Lord of the Dark Side himself, Darth

Vader are provided by UK Garrison, a notfor-profit club who have worked alongside film companies such as Lucas Film and Fox. Youngsters (and adults!) can even receive lessons in Jedi master moves at the Jedi Training School!

But if Star Wars isn't your thing there is a whole host of other activities including a treasure hunt around the grounds, a bouncy castle, face painting, carriage rides through the grounds, Punch and Judy, fete games such as a Coconut Shy, cake stall and delicious cream teas. Wet weather provisions have also been made.

Day: Saturday 20th May

Time: From 1 pm.

Place: Broughton Castle.

Tickets: £3 adults, £1 children

Micks Sticks

Fire Lighting Wood For Sale £2 per big bag Call in anytime and ask for Mick Canning, at The Old Malt House, Sibford Ferris Tel; 01295 780321

Contributions for the
June
Sibford Scene
to the Shop or Editor
by
May 16th

THE TOWN ESTATE CHARITY SIBFORD GOWER AND BURDROP

The Bakers bus paid for by the above Charity will cease to operate to Banbury from 1 May 2006. It is now possible for those who are over 60 to use free bus passes after 9.00 am to take the service 480 bus operated by Jeff Amos Coaches at the times already published in the Sibford Scene.

The bus to Chipping Norton will continue to run on the first and third Wednesdays of the month and will be free to anyone who uses it.

To obtain a bus pass for the Banbury service it is necessary to:

- 1. Go in person to either the Cash Office at Cherwell District Council Offices, Bodicote House or Town Centre Office (by the bus station).
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The AGM was held during our April meeting and reported that we had a successful year, with interesting speakers, a visit to Sulgrave House and two walks. We also guided the Kidlington History Society around the Sibfords, which they enjoyed. Thanks were given

to Ian Warden, who has retired from the committee, where he held the position as the Archivist. He has served on the committee since the inception of the Society in 1992 and he will be much missed.

After the business part of the evening, we welcomed Martin Greenwood, who spoke about his newly published book titled 'The Villages of Banburyshire' (for sale at the Post Office). We learnt that the term Banburyshire was used during the late 18-19thC and then meant an area of a ten mile circuit from Banbury, which was then an important town. Martin discusses eleven villages in his book, with fascinating detail regarding carrier links with Banbury, agriculture and the weaving of plush fabric, among other information.

Our next meeting is on 18 May, when Mr. J. Steele will demonstrate making a chair before your very eyes, using old, traditional tools, so come and be amazed! The meeting will be in the Village Hall and will commence at 8.00pm and visitors are always very welcome.

A big Thank you to all who helped at the coffee morning in aid of Holy

Trinity Church on April 8th We raised £280-00 for church funds. and we will do it again on June 17th

Thank you again, Eveline

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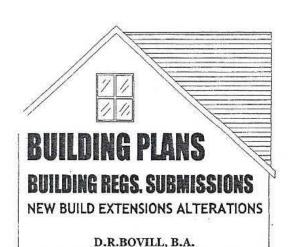
May 14^{th} , 21^{st} and 28^{th} June 11^{th} , 18^{th} and 25^{th}

For details phone Sue Sabin 01295 788421 Cost £2 per session A new activity for children ages 8 - 11.

The KHH Easter Bunny raffle drawn on Good Friday was won by a person by the name of Amelia Steane of Burdrop who collected the bunny from the shop on Easter Sunday.. Apologies to any of those who may be disappointed for not winning!!! The amount raised was £80 & thanks must go to all who supported the cause & an extra special thank

you to Terry & Judith who very generously promoted the sale of tickets by selling them from the shop.

BJ.



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or 01295 780543



SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Parish Meeting - Reminder

This will be held on Wednesday, 3 May at 7.45 pm in the first-floor classroom of the Sports Hall, Sibford School, Sibford Ferris. Residents of Sibford Ferris who would like to address the Parish Council on village matters, or are just interested in what has been happening in the past year, are most welcome to attend. Constable Gerry Doyle from Banbury Police and the Business Manager of Sibford School, Mr Peter Robinson, will also be attending and will be happy to answer queries. Please note that Affordable Housing for the villages will be discussed at the Sibford Gower Annual Meeting on 12th May at 7.30pm in the hall at Sibford Gower Primary School and will be the first item on the agenda.

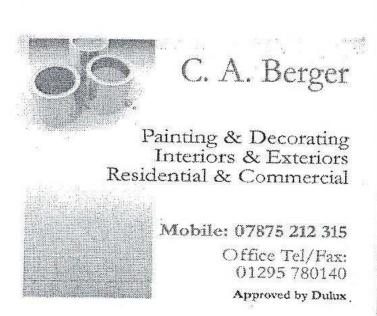
A big thank you to all those who turned out on 1st April to help with the Sibford Ferris Litter Blitz - your efforts are much appreciated. Perhaps this is a good opportunity to urge everyone to use the litter bins provided or take rubbish home so as to keep the village as litter free as possible

The Sibford Ferris Play Area Liaison Group and Parish Council would also like to thank Nigel Matthews for the kind donation of sand for the digger pit at the Cotswold Close play area.

The next parish council meeting will be on 17th May, 7.45 pm.

The Parish Council election was uncontested, with four candidates nominated and accepted. They are Chris Franklin, Maureen Hicks, Adrian Lamb and John Simms. The Parish Council must co-opt one further Councillor. The Clerk (788557) or any Councillor would be pleased to hear from any resident interested

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All children have an innate curiosity about the natural world, but all too often this is given no opportunity to express itself or else stifled.

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Whether at school or at home, there are many simple things you can do to build on your children's instinctive interest in nature. Here are just a few:

Start a compost heap or a wormery. Turning kitchen and garden waste, cardboard – and even the contents of you vacuum cleaner bag – into crumbly compost within 12 months or less seems like magic, whatever age you are!

Make a small pond. Even an old washing-up bowl sunk into the ground and filled with water will attract flying aquatic insects in no time. Measure how fast the water level goes down to show the effects of evaporation.

Put a bulb into an old glass, fill it with earth and watch the root system develop.

Hang up some bird feeders with different contents, near the house or classroom and get the children to record all the different species which visit. Make a note of which species prefer which foods.

Give your children their own garden patch to look after. Sow some seeds which have a high germination rate like sunflowers or tagetes.

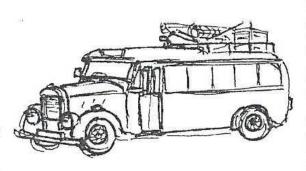
Go on a caterpillar hunt. Blue tits may give you a clue where to find them as they will be feeding them to their young. Collect a few and keep them in a plastic box, with air holes. Feed them with fresh leaves every day but take care to supply the leaves of the plant or tree you found them on. Some will only eat that species. Clean out the box regularly and watch them grow and – ultimately – pupate. If you're patient, you can eventually watch the adult moth or butterfly emerge from the chrysalis.

Extract from English Nature Magazine, March 2006

SIBFORD 1939 - THE WAR YEARS

Some more memories from Terry Cemm.

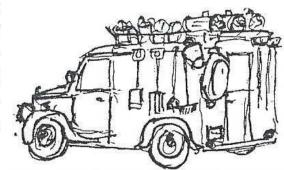
The Ferris had a post office which sold stationery, sweets, etc. and there was another farmhouse kitchen where you could buy sweets and chocolates. The Gower had a co-op shop near the school and another little shop down by the pond. Most people grew their own fruit and vegetables, kept chickens and bartered various items. There were occasional visits from an old van which was festooned with hardware items — this was a form of mobile shop. Other shopping was done in Banbury. There was a Midland Red bus which could be caught at the Elm. The best transport was Tanner's bus, a 1930's coach which called at the Ferris and returned with its large roof rack loaded with crates of chickens, rolls of lino, wire netting, large tin baths, etc. I enjoyed watching Jess driving. When he let go of the steering wheel to light his cigarette, the wheel jumped around. Then you could watch his hand groping back behind him for the gear stick which jiggled and jumped around in an alarming



fashion. When he stopped, he reached over to give a tug on a handle which opened a tolding door. One of my favourite jobs was taking shoes or boots to the cobbler at Burdrop. He was always happy to chat and I remember you stepped down into a small front room workshop where he sat in the middle surrounded by tools, bags of nails, hundreds of off-cuts of leather and racks of

shoes. A little way along the road was the doctor's house from which he also dispensed your medicines. The main children's complaints were nits, chaps, chilblains and a nasty skin complaint called impetigo. There were many characters

living in the village. Out on the Shipston road in some ramshackle old wooden huts surrounded by iron bedsteads, etc. lived Theodore Lamb, a recluse who dressed in old sacks and who pushed either a pram or an old bicycle around the villages. It was said that he was thwarted in love which caused him to adopt his way of life.



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SIBFORD W.I. NEWS

The AGM on Tuesday, 11th April was well attended. Glennis, the President, welcomed Lynda back to her post as Secretary; at the same time thanking Gaynor for taking over from Lynda during her absence. Caroline was congratulated on becoming a Member of the OFWI Board of Trustees and it will be good to have a link with County events.

Lynda gave a full report of the OFWI AGM at Oxford Town Hall on 22nd March. Caroline reported on the Heritage lectures that she had attended recently. Jane then told Members about the Speakers' Selection Meeting on 1st March. The subjects were excellent and varied and two in particular will be useful for future Meetings. Jane has finalised the programme for 2006/07 which she outlined. We can look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Congratulations were extended to Jane on her success in having two of her photographs selected for the OFWI calendar for 2007. One is of a bluebell wood near Milcombe and the other a butterfly taken in Sibford Ferris. This was Jane's first attempt at entering and we are all thrilled for her.

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Eight will be going on the forthcoming coach outing to Exbury Gardens on Sunday, 7th May when the azaleas should be at their best. A list was started for the outing to Whitchurch Silk Mill, near Newbury, on the 8th August.

The Financial Statement was explained by Barbara and adopted. Lynda then delivered her Annual Report and it was good to be re-

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minded of the enjoyable happenings over the past year. Next came the President's Address. Glennis thanked the Committee for its support and help. She also thanked Members who do the smaller but very important jobs. For the coming year, the Officers of the Committee will remain unchanged: Glennis (President), Linda (Secretary), Gaynor (Deputy Secretary), Barbara (Treasurer), Jane (Programme Secretary), plus Rosemary and the welcome addition of Caroline.

Prizes were presented for the total number of competition points throughout the year. First - Glennis, joint second - Greta and Jane.

With the business over, the laden Bring and Buy stall, manned by Rosemary and Gaynor, attracted much interest whilst Gwen and Audrey dispensed refreshing cups of tea and mouth-watering cakes.

At our next Meeting on 9th May, we shall be discussing and voting for the Resolutions to be carried forward to the National AGM at Cardiff in June. The competition will be "A Best Garden Bloom". There will be no in-house raffle as it is hoped that Members will support the purchase of National Federation raffle tickets.

Glennis

WELCOME TO SIBFORD

If you are a new resident of Sibford and have not yet received a copy of the "Welcome to Sibford" booklet, please telephone Pauleen Inns on 780702 (Gower or Burdrop) or Ann Bishop on 788188 (Ferris), and a copy will be delivered to you. The information will help to make you feel at home - by acquainting you with the services, schools, clubs and societies that are currently active in the villages.

Artweeks Invitation

A.S. Designs & Mollie Picken

Would like to invite you to their exhibition of Furniture & Textiles at The Old Post Office, Sibford Gower, Banbury. Tel: 01295 788822

The exhibition will run from Saturday 13th May 2006
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Ask officials for identification before you allow them to enter your property, if you are not expecting them close the door and check their identity with the authority concerned.

When neighbours are away keep an eye on their property, check that post or papers are not left sticking out of the letterbox and parcels are not left on the doorstep.

Police messages we have received have informed us of two separate burglaries in Sibford Gower requesting any sightings and/or information. A warning of pickpockets in Castle Quay, the advice is to look after your bag and purse at all times.

The entry of and theft from properties while the resident is watching televi sion. Conmen dressed as officials trying to gain entry to property.

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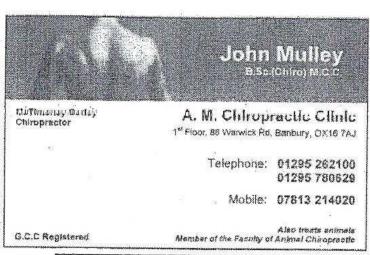
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Review of the Mobile Library Service - Sibford Gower

Oxfordshire County Council has advised Sibford Gower Parish Council that, following a comprehensive review of the Mobile Library Service and the reduction of the fleet by one vehicle, the opportunity has been taken to plan and implement more efficient routes for the mobile libraries. Services will continue to meet demand by the re-routing of the vehicles and the introduction of revised timetables as efficiently as possible. No community which requires a mobile library has lost its service but times and days may have changed.

From the week beginning 12th June 2006, the Mobile Library will be visiting Sibford Gower on a fortnightly basis, commencing Wednesday 14th, between 2.40 - 3.35pm and the venue will be Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School.







Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting Friday, 12th May 2006 To be held in the main hall of Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School commencing at 7.30pm

Residents are warmly invited to the above. They will hear reports from the Chairman of the Parish Council outlining what has been carried out by Council Members during the course of the year. The Clerk, in his capacity as Responsible Financial Officer, will also report. The Meeting will hear from The Town Estate Charity and Neighbourhood Watch. A short presentation on the subject of Affordable Housing will be made by Mr James Alcock, Rural Housing Enabler, Oxfordshire Rural Community Council. County and District Cllr George Reynolds will be present and PC Gerry Doyle, Thames Valley Police will also be there. An invitation was extended to Oxfordshire Highways but no representative is available for this particular date.

The occasion is an opportunity to raise matters of concern and local interest and also to question the Members of the Parish Council regarding decisions taken throughout the course of the year amongst which were those concerned with the acquisition of the new burial ground and the maintenance of the churchyard. Should any resident wish to raise in advance of the Meeting a question where some research may be desirable, contact should be made with the Clerk (Peter Hardman) on 01295780391.





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As ever we are very grateful for the donations from the Clubs and Societies who write for us and for the support from the Parish Councils.

If there are things you would like changed about the Scene or things which are not included but you feel should be, please let me know.

Adrian Lamb. Editor

Katharine House Hospice Jumble/Recycling Sale. Sat. Oct.14th 2pm Sibford Village Hall.

A reminder to all residents to please save your unwanted articles for the above fundraiser. Your support will be greatly appreciated.





HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

Easter is now over and all the Lenten activities in the past: the austerity lunches which raised many pounds for various charities; the discussion groups; the early 7.30 am Eucharist Services on Fridays; the 7.30 am Matins services during Holy Week; the services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, including Easter Anthems, Hymns and readings in Broughton Church and finally, all round the Benefice on Easter Day. For those regularly involved, especially of course our indefatigable Rector and his teams of assisting clergy, churchwardens, church floral decorators, refreshment providers, sidespersons, readers, singers and all the many others involved, it has been a hectic and rewarding time. It is always rewarding for those involved, especially when the numbers are so swelled as they normally are with great numbers of local and visiting friends on the Good Friday and Easter Day services particularly. Who says that the church is dying? The presence of many young families, young people and children as well as the older denies this and anyone wishing to question it should come along and witness the fellowship, friendliness and spiritual nurturing of our services, not only in Sibford but throughout the Benefice.

We are preparing for a unique "Traveling Choral Evensong" on Monday 1st May. The Benefice Choir meets in Deddington Church at 2.00 pm for rehearsal, then proceeds to Broughton Church for the opening of the service at 3.00 pm. A chartered coach, which is already fully booked, will then move the congregation to, in turn, Wroxton, Horley, Cropredy and Claydon churches. Finally a cream tea has already been fully booked in the Museum at Claydon for those lucky ones who got on to this before the rest of us. We, the latter less fortunate or maybe having more regard to our waistlines, will take our own tea with us to have together, hopefully in the sunshine. With no more room in the coach, or for the cream teas, a big welcome awaits anyone else prepared to travel by car, and join the more frugal self-service tea. If there is anyone from Sibford who would like a lift, please contact Norman Nash on 780275 who will try and arrange.

On Thursday 1st June there will be a celebration of Canon Timothy Wimbush's 30 years as Parish Priest and it is hoped that there will be many present from the villages.

On the Bank Holiday weekend of 27th to 29th May there will be a Flower Festival in Broughton Church with a special "Songs of Praise" service in the evening of 28th.

The first of our series of Saturday coffee mornings raised £280 for church funds to help our cash deficiency. Thank you for all the support we received. The next such event will be in June on a date yet to be fixed.

Church Services

Society of Friends Methodist

Sunday at 10.30 am 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.

May

Sun 7th Benefice Eucharist 10.30 am at Swalcliffe

Sun 14th Family Service at 10.00 am

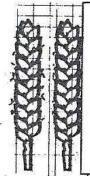
Sun 21st Holy Communion 9.30 am

Sun 28th Holy Communion 9.30 am

June

Thu 1st Celebration of Canon Timothy Wimbush's 30 years as Parish Priest at Broughton 8 pm

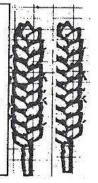
Sun 4th Benefice Eucharist 10.30 am at Swalcliffe



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Sibford Bus Services

Free Bus Service

To Chipping Norton Wednesday 3rd & 17th
Departs 10 am and Returns 12 noon
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

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Mon 1st Travelling Evensong p21

Tue 2nd Friendship Club AGM 2.00 pm Village Hall p5

Wed 3rd Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)

Wed 3rd Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting p11

Sun 7th Village Hall Market from 12 noon

Tue 9th W.I. Resolutions Meeting p14

Wed 10th Horticultural Society 'Oxford Botanical Gardens' 8pm VH. p3

Fri 12th Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting p19

Sat 13th to 28th Art Exhibition at the Mission Room p15

Sat 13th to 21st Furniture and Textiles Exhibition, The Old Post Office p16

Sun 14th Red Dog Theatre Company begins p9

Tue 16th Friendship Club Trip p5

Tue 16th Deadline for contributions to June Sibford Scene p6

Wed 17th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)

Wed 17th Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting p11

Wed 17th Sibford Gower Parish Council Meeting

Thu 18th Sibfords Society. Chair Making. Village Hall 8pm p8

Sat 20th Horticultural Society Coffee Morning and Plant Sale p3

Sat 20th 'Discover the Knights' at Broughton Castle. p6

Wed 31st Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)

June (part)

Thu 1st Celebration of Canon Timothy Wimbush's 30 years as Parish Priest p21

Sun 4th Village Hall Market from 12 noon

Sun 4th Hospice Open Gardens 2 - 5 pm p4

Wed 14th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)

Wed 14th Horticultural Society Trip to Bourton House garden p3

Sat 17th Yetties at the Village Hall p10

Tue 20th Friendship Club Derbyshire Trip p5

Cover picture - Sunnybank and what is now The Old Malt House

Sibford Scene

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