

Sibford Scene



June 2006

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The Simon Weatherby Garden at the
Katharine House Hospice will hold its

Annual Open Day

Sunday 4th June from 2 - 5 pm

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To the Village Hall on Saturday 17th June.

Sibford Village Fayre

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Gates open at 1pm.

Methodist Chapel Anniversary Service Tuesday 6th June

Trinity Sunday Communion Service for the Patronal Festival Sun 11th June

Nature Notes

Apr. 21st. A cock bullfinch died when it hit one of our windows. We have on occasions had 3 cocks and 2 hens at our bird table so I hope there are still 2 pairs.

May. 4th. A nice warm spell. Our thermometer went up to 75°F this afternoon which makes a nice change after the wintery weather that we had last month.

May. 5th Butterflies are making a good showing to start the summer. I have already seen red admiral, peacock, tortoiseshell, brimstone and holly blues which have over wintered and orange tip, green veined white, speckled wood and large white which have hatched this spring.

There are also a lot of queen wasps around. We have put one out of the bedroom a few times recently but when my wife opened the bed tonight one flew out and she found the first cell of a nest firmly attached to the top sheet. We thought it best to kill that one to stop it setting up home there.

When my daughter-in-law picked up some flower pots that were lying on the ground she found that the first one had a snake in it and another one a robins nest with eggs.

May. 14th. Yesterdays violent thunder storm produced .86 of an inch of rain in about an hour with most of it falling in 20 minutes and caused some flooding at the lower end of the Ferris.

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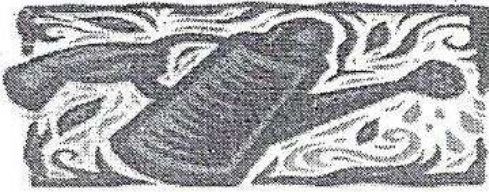
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Sibford Horticultural Society

At our last meeting Mr. Tim Walker came to talk to us on the history of Oxford Botanic Gardens, and what a great speaker he was. He talked through the history of the gardens; of how it came about, who were the heroes and villains and most importantly how it is being used in scientific research. Mr. Walker's enthusiasm for the garden (as he is the present curator / director) was obvious to all and his efforts to get more people to visit the garden are to be applauded (even if it does involve morris dancers!). Hopefully after listening to his very entertaining talk many people from Sibford will visit the gardens.

The next Horticultural Society event is the outing to Bourton House Gardens on Wednesday, June 14th leaving the Village Hall at 6 pm at a cost of £6.00. Lets hope for a fine evening!

Sibford Horticultural Society Annual Show. Saturday 26th August.

It's coming round to that time of year again so please can we have all the cups returned to be engraved. Please get them to Gill Soden or the Surgery a.s.a.p. The Show Schedule will be included in the next issue of the Sibford Scene but to get the budding David Baileys going the photographic section will be as follows;

Photograph - A Flower or Flowers. Photograph - Reflections.

Photograph - taken within the parishes of Sibford and Epwell.

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Topics this term, have included the Queen's birthday, we held our own party, which included playing lots of musical instruments, singing, and dressing up in red, white and blue, a great time was had by all, and we thank those parents who stayed to help. We are watching closely our tadpoles, who seem to be growing daily, we followed this up with a walk to the local pond, which the children really enjoyed, and have loved talking about mini "beasts" as well as their own bodies.

On May 26th we are holding our first ever "show", the story of the Hungry Caterpillar. The children are busy rehearsing their songs, and we are all looking forward to their performance.

Onto a more serious matter, at the end of term, we will be losing some valuable members of staff, and therefore we are currently advertising for a playgroup supervisor. For more information, please contact Claire Inns on 01295 780035 or 07974 569597.

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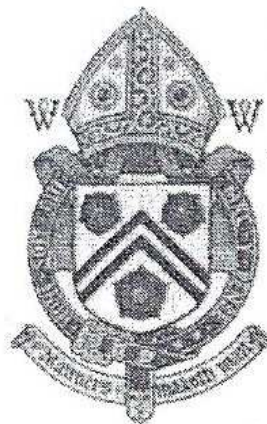
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He demonstrated how he trims a rough, green log into a working piece of wood with traditional tools and then turned the wood with a pole lathe into a chair leg. He mainly uses ash for legs and elm for the seats. Elm, surprisingly is still obtainable from an area around Brighton, where, so far, the ravages of Dutch elm disease has not reached. We watched with fascination, as he completed a dining chair, without any adhesive and then sat on it, to demonstrate how sturdy it was.

On 8 June, we have arranged a visit to Alscot Park and I would ask if members could gather in the car park at the Village Hall by 1.45pm to share cars, where directions to Alscot will be given to the drivers. If you are unable to come for any reason, could you please ring Jenny Barratt on 01386 438238 as soon as possible so that we can adjust numbers and refund your money. This visit takes the place of our normal meeting for June and on 20 July, we will meet for a stroll around Sibford Ferris. Details in the next Scene.

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REPORT OF SIBFORD GOWER ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FRIDAY, 12TH MAY 2006

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the hall of Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School and was attended by four of the Parish Councillors (with apologies having been received from Cllr Robin Spicer), County and District Councillor George Reynolds, Sgt Dave Hibbert (Thames Valley Police), Mr James Alcock (Oxfordshire Rural Community Council) and seventeen local residents.

Prior to the formal opening of the Meeting, a presentation was made by Mr Alcock (Rural Housing Enabler, Oxfordshire Rural Community Council) on the subject of Affordable Housing. This was attended by the Ferris Parish Councillors, the Clerk and two residents. Mr Alcock gave a background into his, and the ORCC's, involvement in seeking suitable land for acquisition for affordable housing. During the course of 2004, and with the agreement of Sibford Ferris and Sibford Gower Parish Councils, he arranged for survey and questionnaire forms to be circulated to every household seeking to establish whether there was a need for affordable housing. The results proved that there was and there followed a search by Mr Alcock for suitable land and which would be acceptable to Cherwell District Council Planning Department. One such plot of land was established in Sibford Gower but the price offered by the ORCC was not acceptable to the land owner and matters have not proceeded. A suitable area of land in Sibford Ferris was found and negotiations with the owner are ongoing. Mr Alcock will keep the Parish Councils advised. Those from Sibford Ferris then departed.

The Chairman (Cllr Eric Payne) then formally opened the Meeting. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday, 4th May 2005 were read, approved and signed. There were no matters arising.

The Meeting then heard from Sgt Dave Hibbert, the newly appointed Local Community Sergeant (Thames Valley Police) Unfortunately, Village PC Gerry Doyle was prevented by pressing police matters from joining the Meeting. Sgt Hibbert gave a personal career background leading to his present appointment. He told the Meeting that there are presently only himself and two constables to police the extremely large area of which Sibford Gower and Burdrop are part. In case of need, he has call on officers from other areas to assist. Because of the relatively low crime rate for the area the police staffing had been set by Thames Valley Police at a minimal level. However, it is hoped that two Community Officers will be joining Sgt Hibbert's team in due course. His intention is to become very much involved with each village within his area and to hold meetings for local residents from time to time.

Chairman's Report: He welcomed and thanked all present for attending. He regretted that no one from Oxfordshire Highways was available to join the meeting but that any matters raised would be duly reported to the Area Engineer. The result of the recent Parish Council election was that all five Parish Councillors were duly re-elected following an uncontested situation. The Parish Council had met 6 times since the 2005 Annual Parish Meeting. The Council had been represented by Cllr Robin Spicer and the Clerk at the Annual Parish Liaison Meeting organised by Cherwell District Council at Bodicote House on 3rd November 2005 when matters concerning Parish Councils were discussed and these were reported at the following Parish Council Meeting. The Council had considered 28 planning applications since the previous Annual Parish Meeting.

Regular contact had been maintained with both Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council with regard to matters which relate to Sibford Gower and Burdrop. The annual Litterblitz took place on 22nd April 2006 and grateful thanks were extended to Robin Spicer for spearheading the event and to all those who so willingly gave their time to take part. Thanks were extended to the Town Estates Charity for providing the weekly free bus service which is very much appreciated by those who use it. He said that the Meeting would be receiving a report from the Charity during the course of the Meeting. A Neighbourhood Watch Report would also be received later. He thanked the school for allowing the hall to be used for the meeting and for permitting the Parish Council to have the use of a room for its periodic meetings. He reminded all present that Parish Council meetings, always advertised, are open to all residents and a warm welcome to them was extended. Finally, he thanked the Parish Councillors for carrying out their duties especially in the knowledge that these are done in addition to their normal daily workloads.

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer's Report: He said that the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2006 had been prepared in draft form and awaited was the request from the external auditors (BDO Stoy Hayward LLP) for them to be submitted. The accounts would be displayed on the Parish Council's notice board as soon as the figures had been passed to the external auditor. The 2005 accounts had been audited by BDO Stoy Hayward LLP and passed as correct His thanks went to Mr David Soden for once again acting as internal auditor. During the past year grants had been made to the Village Hall £280, Sibford Scene £70 and Sibford Gower Endowed Primary £70. A precept of £5,803, as against £3,875 for the previous year, had been requested from Cherwell DC to facilitate anticipated expenditure during the current year. This included £2,100 in respect of anticipated costs towards the maintenance of Holy Trinity Churchyard. He thanked Ms Julie Goodlake and those interested neighbours for organising the maintenance of the Miriam Tebbs' land. He went on to remind residents that Parish Council elections, held every four years, are open to all. Finally, he thanked the Parish Councillors for their willing support.

Highway Matters: There were no specific matters to be reported on but the Clerk said that he had a subject raised with him prior to the Meeting by a resident (not present at the Meeting) concerning the yellow painting of stones on the grass verge in Colony Road which she felt were unsightly. This will be looked into. The Clerk continues to keep matters in progress well before him and press Oxfordshire Highways when necessary. County and District Councillor George Reynolds informed the Meeting that outstanding works where remedial action by Oxfordshire Highways had been promised may not come to fruition because of financial constraints. He urged that pressure be continued in an attempt to have such works carried out. Mr Fred Inns, present at the Meeting, raised some local matters and he was advised that the Clerk had already contacted Cherwell District Planning Department and Oxfordshire County Council who had been satisfied with the current situations. As to Footpath Matters, no specific matters were raised.

Town Estates Charity: A report was made by Mrs Jean White (Secretary to the Charity). She informed the Meeting that the Charity's income for the financial year under review amounted to £23,339 and the grants to the village totaled £19,573. Turning to the matter of the erection of the new barn at Wheathills, she expressed disappointment that the Parish Council had raised objections and thought that, bearing in mind the monies that the Charity makes available to the village, a more sympathetic view could have been taken. She conceded that development had taken place without planning permission but immediately the Trustees found this was needed, retrospective permission was sought. It was at that stage that three of the five Parish Councillors raised objections as to the increased size

and the colour of the roof. In the event, Cherwell District Council did not object to the new barn apart from stipulating that the colour of the roof be changed. On the grounds of cost, the Charity is appealing against this condition and the matter is ongoing. A local resident (Charlotte Bird), present at the Meeting, said that there was considerable local opposition to the new building and she deplored the fact that it had been erected without permission. Referring to the Parish Council's objections, Cllr Muriel Chandler strongly made the point that the objections were not personal but it had been the duty of each Parish Councillor to reflect locally held views.

Neighbourhood Watch: Mr John Mulley spoke in his capacity as local representative. He highlighted the fact that his cautionary notices regarding criminal activities and "scams" are published in the Sibford Scene. He again urged constant vigilance with regard to home, garage and shed security. Keeping an eye on the properties of absent neighbours is good. He was pleased to report the relatively low crime level in the Parish and hoped that with local goodwill and co-operation it would continue. In matters of extreme urgency, 999 is the number to dial. The Thames Valley Police Non Emergency number is 0845 8 505 505.

Church Burial Ground: The Clerk gave an update regarding the acquisition by the Parish Council of the land adjacent to the Holy Trinity Church graveyard. Matters are proceeding, albeit slowly and respective solicitors are handling the matter.

Maintenance of Churchyard: The Clerk was pleased to report that, for the time being, some very willing volunteers (from the Ferris and the Gower) are continuing to maintain the churchyard. By way of a contingency arrangement, Sibford Gower Parish Council had precept monies to engage a contractor should this prove necessary. These monies were to have been matched by the Sibford Ferris Parish Council (the Church serving both Parishes) but, in the event, it did not feel it financially prudent to proceed for the current financial year.

Village Pond: Cllr Martin Layer spoke on this subject as he felt a personal involvement in that he had introduced the Parish Council to the Pond Conservation Trust of Oxford. The Trust, in turn, passed the responsibility to one of their arms, Ponds for People, Thames Valley. A survey of the pond was carried out in July 2004 and in October 2004 a site meeting was held with their Mr Rod d'Ayala who promised a report and planting recommendations. He later provided initial thoughts and promised that a full report was to follow. Despite chasers from the Parish Council, nothing was forthcoming and recently Cllr Layer had been pressing Ponds for People for what had been promised. Apologies had been received with the assurance that the report was imminent.



Any Other Business: Under this heading Cllr Muriel Chandler spoke in her capacity as Secretary to the Village Hall Committee. She stressed that she excludes herself from any village hall discussions by the Parish Council bearing in mind her connection. She informed the meeting of the escalating costs (oil, electricity etc) and the loss of income after the folding of "Tots and Babies". Hire charges have had to be increased although very minimally. A grant of £3,065 has been approved by SITA to paint the interior of the hall to make it more attractive to potential hirers. A donation of £500 by a local resident was used to install under stage storage space. A grant application to Cherwell District Council has been made for the purpose of exterior fencing for safety reasons.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

The Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting was held on 3 May at Sibford School. There were no apologies and District Councillor George Reynolds, Rural Team Constable Gerry Doyle and six members of the public were present. The meeting opened with a presentation by PC Doyle of the plans to strengthen police links with the villages via parish council meetings. The rural team hope to learn about local issues in this way, which would then be dealt with by Community Police Officers. Although CPOs cannot deal directly with crime, they can carry out many police duties. PC Doyle reminded those present of the new centralised telephone number for non-emergency police matters - **0845 8 505 505**. PC Doyle can either be contacted on the 0845 number via his voice mail, or via the Deddington station on **01869 338444** (manned by volunteers). 999 should be reserved for emergency response calls. The Chairman thanked PC Doyle for attending the meeting.

The Chairman then gave her report for the year during which thanks were extended to her predecessor, Peter Neighbour, who resigned during the year due to new work commitments, with a welcome to the new co-opted member, Chris Franklin. The Chairman also thanked Adrian Lamb, Arnold Lamb and the Clerk for their assistance in preparing the new notice board for installation, with a grateful mention for the help provided by Frank, the Swan Hill contractor who kindly installed the frame. The Chairman reported that it was a relief to all that construction of the Manor site dwellings was now complete and noted with pleasure that nearly all the homes are now occupied. She expressed the hope that the occupants are settling into their homes and into the village, too. It was also a relief that the Lanes End build out was complete and those present were reminded that pedestrians should not treat it as an extension to the footpath. Although it was not possible to borrow traffic calming signs or electronic speed indicators during the year, Cllr Reynolds has promised to follow this up. The Chairman also reported on four outstanding highways matters on which the Parish Council are still chasing the Highways department. These are the construction of a raised platform on the eastern side of the junction at Lanes End, the replacement of the surface water drains in Main Street, kerbing to protect the verges along Main Street and finally the closing of the gap in the wall on New Road. The Chairman expressed thanks to Highways for clearing some of the verges in the village and advised that the diseased horse chestnuts on the Hook Norton Road will be replanted in the autumn with small-leafed limes. The Parish Council's thanks were also extended to George Sampford of Orchard End for

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tidying up the entrance to the footpath on Back Lane, and to all the villagers who turned out for the annual wobble on 1 April, working hard to pick up litter. The Chairman thanked Arnold Lamb for organising the wobblers once again. It was the turn of the Ferris to provide a representative to lay the Remembrance Day service wreath and the Chairman thanked David Stewart for doing this. Thanks were also expressed for the considerable amount of work done by the Clerk of Sibford Gower Parish Council, Peter Hardman, in connection with the acquisition from the Oxford Diocese of an extension to the burial ground at the Holy Trinity Church. The question of maintenance of the existing churchyard was resolved for the year and the Chairman extended thanks on behalf of the village to the volunteers who have kindly agreed to continue mowing: Tom Pratt and Cedric Brown from the Gower and Mick Clarke and Mike Clarke from the Ferris. The Chairman then reported that she, Arnold Lamb and Stephen Hopkins had not stood for re-election to the new Parish Council, but that Maureen Hicks and Adrian Lamb had been nominated and accepted without contest and would be joining the Parish Council from 4 May. She thanked Stephen for his valuable contribution over the past four years. Sincere thanks were also given to Arnold Lamb for his commitment to the Parish Council for more years than he can remember, for his invaluable knowledge of our village history and his guidance concerning trees. John Simms then thanked Barbara Crabtree for her many years' service, estimating that she had probably served for half of the life of the Parish Council since its inception in the 1950's.

The Clerk, in her capacity as Responsible Financial Officer, gave the Financial Report for the year and presented draft accounts to 31 March 2006. Receipts for the year were £4243.73, which included a VAT repayment of £517.63. Payments amounted to £2344.36. It was noted that a letter had been received from Oxfordshire Highways reporting on a revision to the way funds will be allocated for some highways improvements and that this may have budget implications for the future. The Clerk thanked David Bennett for kindly agreeing to carry out the internal audit once again.

The Clerk reported on progress with the play area. A wooden scheme for the Cotswold Close site has been selected by the Play Area Liaison Group as giving the most play value for primary age children. It was proposed that facilities for older children would be provided by shared-use of the tarmac games area on Back Lane with Sibford School. The School has kindly offered use of the land by the village subject to the terms of an access agreement (*see green insert page - Ferris households only*). It is proposed to refurbish the Back Lane site. Both projects would be undertaken using existing funds boosted, it is hoped, by grants.

The meeting was then opened to the floor and there was a discussion on the retrospective planning application for the barn at Wheathills, which had been granted subject to a condition that the blue colour must be repainted with grey. Concerns were voiced as to the expense involved in complying with this condition and that no meetings had been held by the Wheathills joint committee for the past two or three years.

The question of securing the gap in the wall alongside the footpath on New Road was also discussed.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm and the Chairman thanked all for attending.

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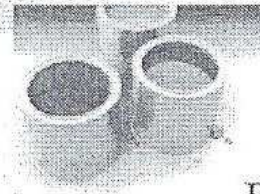
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Geoff Nuquet with his wife Jackie is the new Landlord at the Bishops Blaize. They have moved to Sibford from Berkshire and after a three year break from running a pub are now back in the business. They have an 11 year old daughter, Christabelle who is continuing her education in Berkshire. They have two small dogs and Jackie enjoys a game of tennis when she gets chance. (sorry - this one got lost - Ed)

No. 1 Colony Cottages has a new resident who I met recently. Sue Viveast is a Nursing Officer in the QARANC and has to spend quite a time away from home. She enjoys walking and local history and looks forward to her time in the village.

Sara and Richard Thomas have moved into the Old Court House from Virginia in America. They have 3 children, Henry (18) is having a year out in Budapest before going to university, Anna (14) is at school in Northamptonshire and Lydia (13) is at Sibford School. Thomas is a pilot, formerly with the Red Arrows and Sara is a teacher. They all enjoy a game of tennis and walking and look forward to being intergrated into the community.

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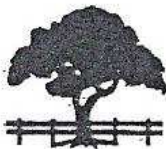
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Sibford W.I. Meeting - Tuesday, 9th May 2006

Members attending the Meeting were welcomed by the President. It was announced that Margaret Cox had now gone to live with her daughter in Bromley. A card of good wishes was signed by everyone to be sent to her. Glennis reported on the OFWI outing to Exbury Gardens in Hampshire on the 7th May. The weather was perfect and the azaleas were stunningly beautiful and in prime condition. The next County coach outing is "Legal London" on 5th July and nine of us will be going. We will start in the Aldwych tracing the history, traditions and peculiar practices of English Law. From the Inns of Court to the Middle Temple Hall, the Church of the Knights Templar (time to check the Da Vinci Code!) and the Royal Courts of Justice in the Strand. Members were informed of an alteration to our own outing on the 8th August when we are going to Whitchurch Silk Mill. It had been arranged to spend the morning in Newbury town but we shall now visit a large garden centre where there will be time to have a good look around and have lunch before going on to The Mill in readiness for the 2pm tour. The W.I. will be running the teas at the Village Hall Fete on the 24th June and volunteers were requested for baking and serving.

Then came the main part of our programme which Lynda presented:-

Resolutions-for 2006.

1. Renewable Energy: All levels of government to be urged to put in place legislation and policy requiring the use of renewable energy technologies in all new buildings, re-building and renovation.


2. Sport for a Healthy Population: The government to be urged to (a) recognise that participation in sport is an essential factor in the creation of a healthy population.

(b) ensure the re-establishment of competitive (main stream) sport in the curricula of all schools and (c) take such steps as are necessary to reverse the decline in the availability of sporting facilities for all citizens, particularly in the light of the 2012 Olympics being awarded to the City of London.

Both resolutions were approved and will be heard at the NFWI AGM in Cardiff in June. On a lighter note, Lynda had prepared a written quiz which was great fun and was won by Gaynor and Norma. Glennis won the competition for "Best Bloom in Garden" with Audrey second and Barbara third. A lovely tea was served by Jean and Joan and much enjoyed. NFWI raffle tickets were sold.

We meet again on Tuesday, 13th June when David Smith will be coming to give a talk entitled "A Shepherd's Tale". The competition is for a walking stick. Visitors are always welcome.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

On June 11th, being Trinity Sunday there will be a Communion Service for the Patronal Festival at 10.00 am. It is hoped that the regular congregation and others will be present to celebrate the annual "Birthday Service" of our village church.

The following Sunday June 18th is Father's Day, not an official item in the Church's calendar but it will, just the same, be celebrated at Family Service at 10.00 am. There will be a very special aspect to this service and, again, as many as could be present, could they please try and be there; the reason will be evident on the day.

The Annual Church Fete will be held on **Saturday 22nd July 2006 at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall**

There will be the second in our series of *Coffee Mornings in Church* on **Saturday 17th June from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon**. The first such event was a great success from social and financial points of view and the lucky buyers found a feast of good food and other interesting purchases. This is a date not to be missed.

On **Thursday 1st June at 8.00 pm in Broughton Church** there will be a celebration of Canon Timothy Wimbush's 30 years as Parish Priest, first in Sibford and subsequently, of the other 5 parishes making up the Benefice. It is hoped that there will be many present from the villages and the six Parishes. The preacher will be Bishop Colin, Bishop of Dorchester.

The unique "Traveling Choral Evensong" on Monday 1st May went extremely well with a big following from the Benefice Parishes. As reported before, all places in the coach and all the booked teas were taken up well in advance but those who had not booked were not disappointed and much enjoyment was had at picnic teas. It is hoped that there will be repeats of this interesting form of service in future years.

As this edition goes to press, the Parish and the Village deeply mourns the passing of our dear friend Roger Powell and our thoughts and prayers go out to Val and the family. Roger and Val were great supporters of the church when they lived in The Colony and Roger will be remembered and blessed for his many years on the Church Council, and especially the enormous help he gave in contacting villagers for donations when the major works were carried out to the church roof, organ and general decorations.

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.		

June

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

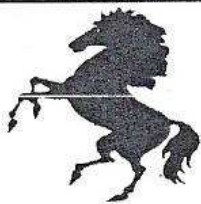
Sun 4th Benefice Eucharist 10.30 am at Swalcliffe

Sun 11th Trinity Sunday Patronal Festival ~~10.00 am~~ 9.30 AM.

Sun 18th Family service for Fathers Day 10.00 am

Sun 25th Holy Communion 9.30 am

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Shipston, Tilemans Lane	06.50	07.45	08.50	09.50	11.50	13.20	17.10
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June

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Sat 24th Sibford Village Fayre 1 pm at the Village Hall p4
Wed 28th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)

July (part)

- Sun 2nd Village Hall Market from 12 noon
Wed 12th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)
Mon 17th Village Hall A.G.M. 7.30 pm in the Hall
Thu 20th Sibfords Society Village Walk p8
Wed 26th Mobile Library in Sibfords and Burdrop (2.40 - 4.25pm)

Cover picture - Burdrop, viewed from below the Church

I apologise for being difficult to contact during the preparation of the June Sibford Scene as my phone has been out of order for nearly all of the last week. Ed.

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