



May 2007

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## Coffee Morning and Sculpture Exhibition

Wednesday 2nd May 10.30 - 12.30

At Holmby House, Sibford Ferris

## Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm Primary School Hall

Sibford Horticultural Society

## Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

Saturday 19th May 10.30-12 noon at Gower Close

Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School PTA

## Quiz Night Sunday

20th May 7.30pm at the Wykham Arms

## Club Day Re-enactment and Annual Village Fayre

Saturday 23rd June 12 noon

## Nature Notes

Apr. 5th. Having had a very warm day to bring out the insects there were several bats flying this evening.

Apr. 6th. At 7 o'clock this morning a cock pheasant's alarm call alerted us to see that there was a fox close by. The hen pheasant who was feeding under the bird table at the time just kept absolutely still and apparently was not seen by the fox although it was less than ten yards away.

Apr. 8th. This afternoon we walked in Edge Hill woods which were beautifully carpeted with wood anemones and celendines. Sadly two trees have fallen on to the ancient yew, stripping it of its remaining branches. I doubt whether such an old stump can regrow but you never know.

Apr. 9th. Went on a family trip to the Cotswolds stopping on the way to look at a restored sheep wash where the sheep used to be washed in the stream before shearing. We went first to Sherborne water meadows where there were probably quite a lot of birds, but only a heron and a few ducks were visible among the rushes. Megan's keen young eyes saw the flash of a kingfisher as it sped downstream. We then went on to Gawcombe where our walk took us to a point where we were looking down on a pond in a valley. I don't know whether the Canada geese, mallard and tufted ducks realised that a fox was creeping along the other side of the fringe of rushes that lined the water's edge. Farther on we came to a rough field that was dotted with clumps of green hellebore. Plenty of buzzards overhead, some of them just specks in the sky. The owners of Gawcombe looked to be doing their bit for the environment with a big boiler fuelled by wood from the estate which we thought must be providing heat for the big house, although it was some way away.

Apr. 10th. Having seen that miner bees were digging their burrows at the edge of a path yesterday we walked up to Folly Farm and found several groups of mines at the top end of the footpath that crosses the old allotment field by Little London. Some of them must be quite deep as the colour of the grains of soil extracted showed that they were down to subsoil.

Apr. 16th. On these sunny days we have been seeing a lot of overwintered peacock, tortoiseshell and brimstone butterflies, also a comma, but now this year they are emerging. A few days ago I saw my first orangetip and today a couple of speckled woods and a holly blue.

Apr. 17th. Yesterday I heard a blackcap singing which to me indicates the arrival of birds from the south that intend to nest here. I am told that the blackcaps that winter here move north to nest and sing up there. This morning we saw a pair at the sunny end of our hornbeam hedge. I had not seen a swallow until today but I am told that they have been around for a few days.

## Post Office Stores Official Re-opening

Over 200 people witnessed our MP Tony Baldry cutting the ribbon on Friday 30th March, bringing the village to a standstill with the bus being delayed on its journey through. The sun arrived just in time for our celebrations, and after a fanfare played by Peter Newbold, Mr Baldry declared our refurbished store officially open.

The officials from Post Office Ltd were delighted and somewhat surprised that we had such support. Lets hope that the message gets back to the powers that be who decide the both our future, and that of the village Post Office.

Guy Woolfenden came on as a last minute substitute to judge the children's Art Competition, thanks for being there when we needed you Guy! The results were:

Five and Under 1<sup>st</sup> Henry Moon (Neat & tidy) 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Lovegrove 3<sup>rd</sup> Isobel Earl

Six to Eight 1<sup>st</sup> Gemma Kirk (Vibrant colours) 2<sup>nd</sup> Joseph Duffield 3<sup>rd</sup> Bethany Owen

Nine and Over 1<sup>st</sup> Rosie Gulbis (Amazing colours) 2<sup>nd</sup> Kit Lamb 3<sup>rd</sup> Megan Owen

Well done to every one who entered. The standard was very high and I know that Guy found it difficult to decide on the winners.

We hope that Nigel Fletcher, who was unable to judge for us, as planned, is now feeling much better.

After the official business was over everyone enjoyed the wine and beer tasting sessions provided courtesy of Vitis Wines and Hook Norton Brewery together with a few savoury nibbles. The event was then rounded off by the cutting of the official cake which was enjoyed by all who were still around at that time.

Many thanks to you all for your support when it was most needed. We believe that the message that the community wishes to retain their Post Office was received loud and clear by Tony Baldry and the Post Office representatives. We must now continue to show the need for the Post Office in the village so please do use us for every possible transaction you can. As soon as we hear any news we will keep you informed.

Once again thanks for your support not only on 30<sup>th</sup> March but every day.

Terry & Judith

Sibford Gower and Burdrop Litterblitz - Saturday, 31st March 2007

Sixteen local residents took part in the Litterblitz whilst others, who were not able to be present on the day, had previously carried out litter clearing. Cllr Robin Spicer allocated the areas to receive attention and some twenty black sacks of rubbish, three car tyres and one car wheel were collected by a very willing team from the roads and verges of the Parish. In addition to those items, Hugh and Fiona Pidgeon filled their estate car with a very assorted collection of carelessly and thoughtlessly discarded items collected from the Traitor's Ford area which was particularly badly and sadly affected.

The Parish Council is grateful to and thank those involved, including two youngsters, for all that they did and for so freely giving of their time.

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We started this term with French week, welcoming each other in French and cooking croissants for snack time! The children then spent the next few weeks following mini beasts, finding different creatures in their habitats to see how they moved, what they ate and how they changed

from eggs to adults. After the May Bank holiday, we will swim under the sea to look at the many animals and plants living there, before ending the term as pirates!

If you know of any 2 1/2 to 5 year olds, who would like to meet other children of their own age and join in our fun, then enrol them into Playgroup. We also run a successful lunch club from 12 noon to 12.45pm on Monday, Thursday and Friday. Please contact Emma or Nikki 01295 780998 during playgroup hours.




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## Sibford W.I. Meeting — Tuesday, 10th April 2007



Women's  
Institute

The AGM commenced with the singing of Jerusalem accompanied on the piano by the President's husband, Peter Hardman. There was an excellent attendance and Secretary, Lynda, was welcomed back after her two months away. Gaynor and Rosemary had coped admirably during her absence. The Annual Report was delivered by Lynda and Members were happily reminded of meetings, outings and events over the past year. The President then gave her address in which she thanked her Committee for its unfailing support and the Members for their contributions in different ways, all adding up to the enjoyable and smooth running of Sibford W.I. For the coming year the Officers are unchanged – President – Glennis, Secretary – Lynda and Treasurer – Barbara. Also on the Committee are Jane and Rosemary plus newcomers, Norma, Valerie and Margaret. Gaynor has retired and was warmly thanked for her service over a long period as Deputy Secretary and Sibford Scene Report Writer. Rosemary will now take her place. Barbara explained the Financial Statement which was adopted.

Lynda gave a full report on the OFWI AGM which was held at Oxford Town Hall on the 21<sup>st</sup> March. She also read out Gilian's account of her outing with husband, David, to The Royal Hospital, Chelsea and the National Army Museum on 20<sup>th</sup> March. Glennis described her visit to The Exeter Hall, Kidlington to view the Easter Showcase with a very high standard of entries in flower arranging and cookery. This was W.I. at its best. Details of forthcoming events were discussed such as the Group Meeting at Hook Norton on the 26th April, Speakers' Selection on the 2nd May and Kew Gardens on the 23rd May. Greta announced the results of the Monthly Meeting Competition and presented prizes to 1st – Glennis, second - Jane and joint third – Barbara and Rosemary.

Jane and Glennis have been successful in each having a photograph selected for inclusion in the OF WI 2008 calendar. The theme is "Double Take" and Jane's two ladybirds grace the front cover whilst Glennis' picture for October is of a pair of Shetland ponies, Harrods and Sherman, owned by Eileen and Tony Haynes, looking out over their stable door.

With the lengthy business over, everyone made a bee-line for the tea trolley where Gwen and Audrey were dispensing cups of tea and delicious cakes. The bring and buy stall was a big attraction and helped to boost our funds.

On the 8th May, Lynda will tell us about the National Resolution "The Closure of Community Hospitals" The resolution urges HM Government to stop the closure of Community Hospitals which provide essential services to local people. This will be dealt with and voted upon at the NFWI AGM at the Albert Hall on the 6th June. At our Meeting, the competition will be for the Best Flowering Stem and the usual raffle will take place.



At our April meeting our speaker, Liz Young took us on a journey through country churchyards for an interesting look at the many and various types of monuments and gravestones. Pope Gregory in the 7th century introduced the siting of graveyards near to churches so that those visiting or attending

the churches would constantly remember the departed. Many of the epitaphs and quotations gave us an insight into the social history throughout the centuries and a degree of humour made for an interesting and enjoyable evening. At our next meeting on Thursday 17 May Deborah Hayter will be talking on 'Ridge and Furrow - What's it all about' - all welcome at 8pm.

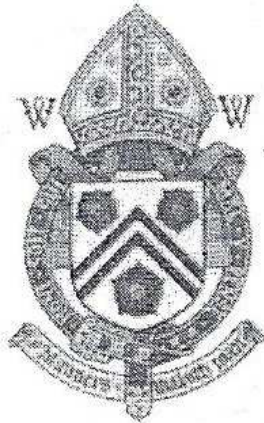
Holly and Peter Mcgee (who used to live in Sibford Ferris) have kindly agreed to lead a walk from their farm in Enstone. This is arranged for Saturday morning 2 June - we shall walk for just over 4 miles and return for refreshment there before coming back to the Sibfords. Everyone who is interested in joining with us will be welcome - details of arrangements available from Maureen Hicks (780259).

We are delighted to have received a grant from Cherwell District Council to carry out a modern day re-enactment of Sibford Club Day as part of Oxfordshire Inspires - 1000 years of Oxfordshire. There is more about the history of this event in this edition of the Scene. We do hope you will join with us on 23 June to celebrate (in costume) this special day in the life in the village at the turn of the last century.

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**Report of the Sibford Gower Special Parish Meeting  
for the purpose of discussing Street Lighting in High Meadow  
held in Sibford Village Hall on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2007**

**Present**

Parish Cllrs Peter Abbott (Chairing the Meeting), Muriel Chandler, Eric Payne and Robin Spicer. County & District Councillor George Reynolds, Ms Jaz Kundi (Resident Involvement Manager, Charter Community Housing Ltd)

One hundred and seven local residents, One Resident from Shenington (present as an observer) Peter Hardman (Clerk to the Parish Council) and Mr David Lumb (Banbury Guardian Reporter)

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Martin Layer who should have taken the Chair but at the time of the Meeting was at the John Radcliffe Hospital awaiting the results of tests following injuries suffered by his son in a road accident.

**Purpose of the Meeting**

**To debate a request by Mr Alf Mulliss (a local resident) that Street Lighting be installed in High Meadow.**

The Chairman introduced the two main speakers, Mr Alf Mulliss to speak in favour of the Street Lighting and Mr Bruce Woodall who was to oppose the proposal. He said that there would follow an opportunity for those present to be able to express views and opinions.

**Mr Mulliss** gave an extensive and well researched presentation providing background statistics and his reasons why three street lights should be installed in High Meadow. The cost of the lights and installation would be financed by Charter Community Housing Ltd and ongoing maintenance would be met by Oxfordshire County Council. The main purpose was to ensure the

health and safety of the elderly residents who feared venturing outside on dark nights. He deplored the fact that the Parish Council had taken what he considered to be an undue time in the consideration of the lighting and he felt that the majority of the Council was opposed to the lights. (This view had been previously rejected by the Parish Council on the basis that Parish Councillors had expressed personal opinions but were very willing to seek the views of all Parish Residents and abide by the majority view - hence this Special Parish Meeting). He said that he failed to un-

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derstand how the Parish Council could have approved the installation of the light at the steps from Pound Lane to High Meadow without having consulted the public and then hesitate over the introduction of the additional three lights. Mr Mullis indicated that in the event that the lights were not approved, the Parish Council would be reported to the Standards Board.

**Mr Woodall**, opposing the proposition, said that he had lived in the Parish for thirty one years and valued the dark skies at night and the charm of a rural community. Amongst other grounds for his opposition were the facts that statistics showed that the number of burglaries was greater in areas with street lighting, emissions should be a consideration and although initial costs would be met by -Charter, the maintenance costs and electricity supply would be sourced from residents' Council Tax.

The Chairman thanked the two speakers and opened the Meeting for general discussion requesting that speakers should be as concise and limit what needed to be said to five minutes.

The Meeting then heard views and opinions expressed by twelve local residents, mainly in opposition, giving reasons, and some with alternative suggestions such as security lights affixed to the properties and lower level lights to illuminate the pathways.

The Chairman then called for a proposer and seconder that Street Lighting be installed in High Meadow. This was proposed by Mr Alf Mullis and seconded by Mr Gordon Fowler. A show of hands was called for with the following result:-

For:	9
Against	53

The Chairman declared the motion defeated by an overwhelming majority.

Mr Mullis then demanded a Poll to be administered by Cherwell District Council. The Chairman called for a show of hands of those in support. Those in favour numbered nine but, in accordance with rule, as ten local electors or one third of those present at a meeting (whichever is the lesser) are required to carry the request forward, the demand was declined.

The Chairman declared the Special Parish Meeting -closed at 8.40pm after thanking all who had attended and those who had spoken.

Full details of the Meeting are set out in the Minutes and copies are available from the Clerk (780391).

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Musical Director Martin Quinn shall be conducting, with soloists Sara Ronsson (Soprano), Jeanette Ager (Contralto), Brendon McBride (Tenor) and Adam Green (Bass).

The concert shall be at the church of St Peter & St Paul, Deddington, at 7.30 pm on Saturday 12th May. Refreshments shall be served during the evening, and tickets £8 (£7 concessions) are obtainable from Hayward White (Deddington), *One Man Band* (Banbury), Bloxham Post Office, Jenny on 01295 721224, or on the door.

There is now strong choral representation from the Sibfords, and we invite you come and enjoy with us an evening of grand music.

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## 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.*

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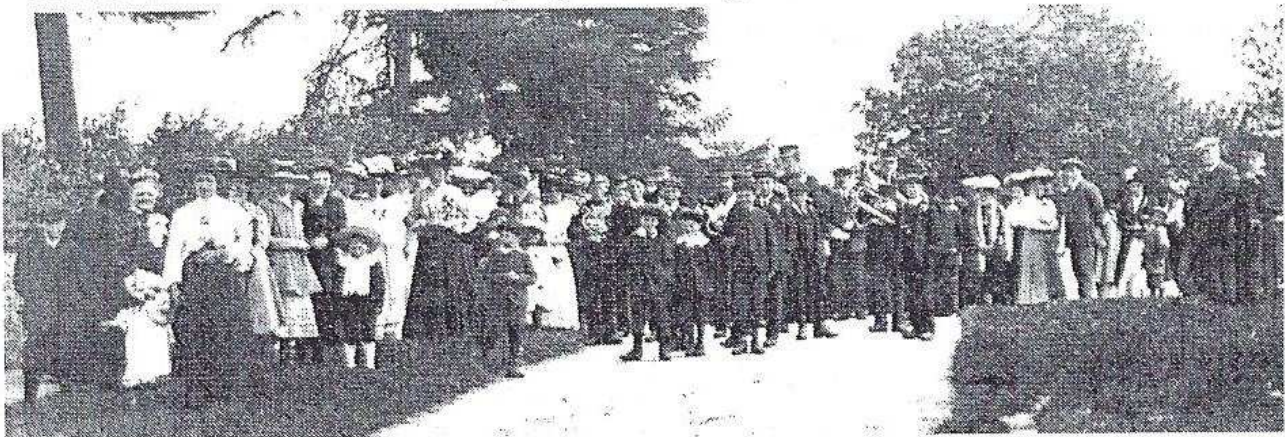
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Club Day was the highlight of the village calendar during the late 1800's and early 1900's. The 'Club' was a Friendly Benefit Society formed, so we are told by the Rev Stevens in his diary, in the same year as the Church was built, 1840. Members paid a small but regular quarterly amount of money to the Club Secretary and the resulting funds were used to help villagers and their family in times of illness and need. Once the doctor had provided a sickness certificate monies could be paid out to the member and this often made all the difference enabling the family to stay together and provide meals for their children when the breadwinner was unable to work.

Once a year on the first Monday in June the Club held a day of celebration for the male members of the Society, who were later joined in the afternoon by their families, all dressed in their Sunday best clothes. The day started with a meeting of the Society in the village school and this was followed by the first refreshment of the day – local ale! The Sibford Brass Band joined the members and they all gathered with the Vicar, Church Choir and village dignitaries, by the village pond outside the Rectory. They processed, led by the band following the Friendly Society banner, which had been painted by Frank Lascelles. A service was held in Church and they returned to the school for a hot lunch, roast beef, Yorkshire pudding and vegetables with plenty of beer to wash it down. During the afternoon the ladies and children were invited to join in all the fun of the fair – skittles, squibs, bowling for the pig, swing boats and roundabouts on the field opposite the church where the village hall is now. A cricket match between the Gower and Ferris was also played during the afternoon.





By 8 o'clock the men returned to the school for a supper of cold meats, ham, cheese and more beer! The children were put to bed and by 10.30pm everyone adjourned to the Old Village Hall (behind the Wykham Arms Pub) until 2am! They certainly had stamina in those days but if Club Day was your only day's holiday other than Christmas Day I guess they made the most of the whole day.

1000 year's of Oxfordshire is being celebrated during 2007 and to mark the significance of the villages in the life of rural Oxfordshire Cherwell District Council have awarded grants to fund celebrations in the villages. The Sibfords Society has been successful in an application to carry out a modern day re-enactment of Sibford Club Day. A marching band has been booked and we plan to process from the pond – after a short service of thanksgiving for village life led by our Rector, Canon Timothy Wimbush on Saturday 23 June.

We hope that everyone will join in, not just the men folk, although we might get them to go first! We hope that everyone will also try to dress in old-fashioned clothes – from Victorian times. The last Club Day was held in 1938 so there is quite a lot of scope for costume. Prizes will be awarded to the best-dressed family, best ladies hat etc and there will be separate classes for children.

The band and procession will form the start of the 50th Anniversary

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## Sibford's Cricket Season Finally Starts

The net practice is over and the real action begins. The aches in the joints have partly worn off and everyone is eager to take the field for their first match of the season. The April weather has again been good so that usually means that some of our early games will be rained off! As usual, the club has a good mix of league and friendly matches with a disproportionate number of home games in the first half of the season. All villagers are welcome to see village cricket at its best!!!!. The first matches are listed below and from the June edition of the Scene, highlights of many of these will be reported.

(Home) 5 May Dunchurch (League)  
(Away) 6 May Deddington (Friendly)  
(Home) 12 May Bodicote (League)  
(Home) 13 May Round of Gras (Friendly)  
(Away) 19 May Radway (League)  
(Home) 26 May Croughton (League)  
(Home) 27 May Long Compton (Friendly)  
(Home) 2 June Culworth (League)  
(Home) 3 June Steeple Aston (Friendly)

### Sibford Chapel Anniversary Service

Tuesday June 5th  
at 7.30 pm

The speaker will be  
Rev. Robin Jenkins  
Chairman, Mr. Miles Dixon  
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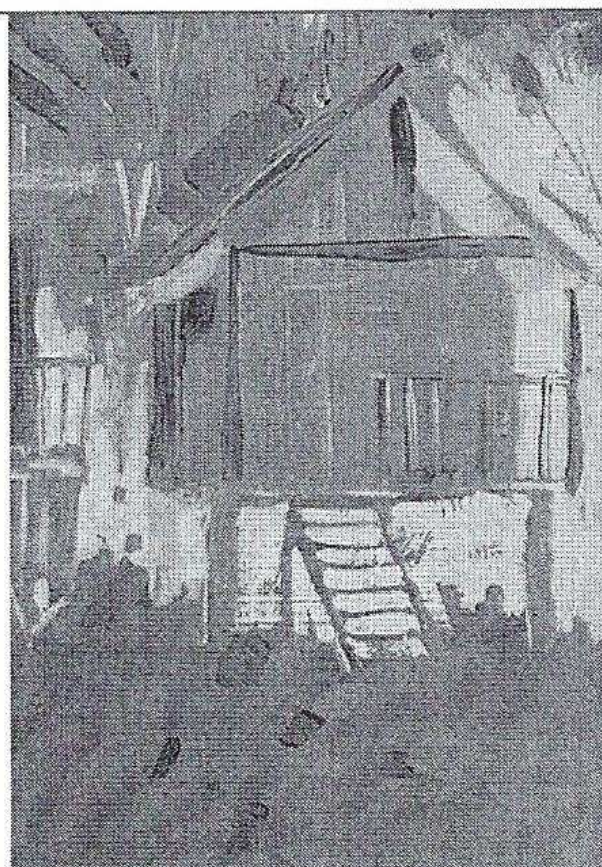
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Sibford Gower Primary School PTA are holding a  
**fund-raising quiz at The Wykham Arms**

on Sunday 20 May £2 per head

teams to be selected on the night from a hat, all starts at 7.30pm

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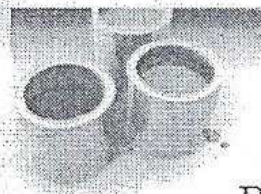
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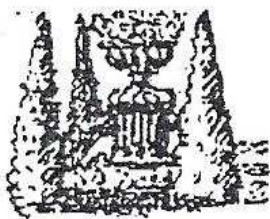
## Village Hall News

Sunday Markets will take place on 6th May and also on 3rd June but please note will start at the new time of 2pm to 4pm which we hope will enable more local residents to come and see what is on offer. Goods on offer include new, nearly new and secondhand. Lovely homemade food, handmade greetings cards, jewellery, babies clothes, scarves, gloves, hats etc. Aloe vera products, collectables, lots of books etc. Freshly made refreshments, only £5 to hire a table. Entry fee only 20p. Please support this fund raiser for your Village Hall. Further details 780025. To hire the Village Hall please ring out Booking Secretary, Mrs. Anne Spackman on 780734.

### Village fayre June 2007.

As this is the 50th year of the Village Hall we want to make it an extra special Fayre. Entry forms for Painting Competition and Dog Show will be available at the end of May, details in the next Sibford Scene. As we are re-enacting the Sibford Club Day we would like as many of the villagers as possible to dress in Victoriana. After a parade, anyone who wants to enter the Fancy Dress Competition will be judged in the arena. Age groups will be under 4yrs, 4 to 9yrs, 10 to 16yrs, and adult. There will also be a Family group, and Best Hat competition. Do read Maureen and Keith Hicks' article on Club Day. Why not let your hair down and get into the spirit of the day! There will be games, refreshments, bar, competitions and stalls.

I would also remind you to get painting and making those scarecrows. We welcome any gifts of prizes, plants, bottles, cakes etc for the stalls. If anyone can



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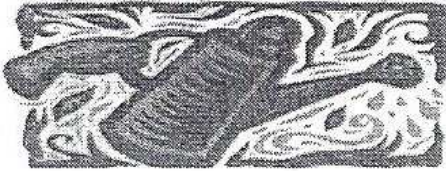
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## Sibford Horticultural Society

At our last meeting Rachael Myers gave a talk on how to give your garden the wow factor. As a garden designer and lecturer at the Chelsea Physic Garden she certainly gave us food for thought about what plants are the hard workers and which are the stars. I'm sure we all looked at our gardens in a new light after this interesting talk.

Our next meeting will be on May 16th at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker will be Wendy Dene talking about the garden at Mill Dene which we will be visiting in June. All very welcome.

There are still seats available on our trip to Wisley on Saturday 30th June. If anybody wishes to go please contact Ann Bishop on 788188.

On Saturday 19th May we will be holding our Plant Sale and Coffee Morning at Gower Close from 10.30 - 12 noon. Donations of plants to sell will be much appreciated and we hope to see lots of people come to enjoy Judith's garden (and to buy the plants of course)



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## The 'Bishop Blaize' - the latest

As most of you will know by now, thanks to the leaflet drop, the owners of the 'Bishop Blaize' have again submitted a planning application to change the use from - 'licenced premises into dwelling-house'.

Thank you to the hundreds of people who have signed the petitions, dropped leaflets, and promised their continued support. I am just trying to co-ordinate the support in the very short time-frame afforded to us. The first thing we must do is to stop the application going through.

I have been in touch with the planning dept. of Cherwell District Council, and they say **IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER YOUR OBJECTION.** Even if you have already signed the petition, please send a letter or e-mail a.s.a.p. The details are as follows:-

Please send letters to:- Shona King, Planning Dept, Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, Oxon.  
OX15 4AA.

quoting 'Bishop Blaize' - Ref. 07/00630/F

Or e-mails to:- [planning@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:planning@cherwell-dc.gov.uk) (quoting the above reference)

Thank you very much - letters and e-mails carry so much more weight with the planners. If the application goes through, we will have lost the pub forever - there is no going back.

I am witnessing a tremendous depth of feeling in the Sibfords and surrounding villages, so please let us use this to our advantage.

**WATCH THIS SPACE!**

Eileen Haynes (780083) Annie Skowronska (780490)

Footnote: a small working group has been formed to co-ordinate the village's fight to save the Bishop Blaize. It may be necessary to take legal advice at some stage.

To that end please let me know if you would be prepared to make a small donation to a fighting fund, if required.

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## Cotswold Close Play Area Announcement

Sibford Ferris Parish Council is pleased to advise that a grant of £5575 has been awarded by SITA Trust ([www.sitatrust.co.uk](http://www.sitatrust.co.uk)), through the Landfill Communities Fund, towards the cost of refurbishing the play area. The grant will provide a junior swing, a cradle swing, a playhouse, two springies, a sturdy litter bin and three seats and gives the project a huge boost. The remainder of the equipment, principally the very exciting multi-play unit, is being funded by the Section 106 monies from the Manor development agreement.

The go-ahead has now been given to the contractor to commence work on building the play equipment and the anticipated completion is in June, assuming he has no delays from his suppliers. As the safety surfacing will be grass mats and the grass will be seeded we will need to wait for it to be sufficiently established before the area can be used, but hopefully that won't take too long.

## Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, 16 May at 7.45 pm in the Sports Hall classroom at Sibford School. All welcome.

## Oxfordshire Children's Information Service

This is a phone and web based service giving free information and advice on Childcare; Sports, leisure and play; and Family services for parents, children and young people. Their phone number is 08452 26 26 36 and their website address is [www.oxoncis.org.uk](http://www.oxoncis.org.uk).

The same organisation also runs the **Oxfordshire Services Directory**, which aims to help parents, carers and people working with children, young people and families. This is purely web-based and areas covered are Play and leisure; Education, health and social care; Family and parenting support; Advice and information; Services for Disabled Children and Youth Information. The web address is [www.oxfordshireservicesdirectory.org.uk](http://www.oxfordshireservicesdirectory.org.uk).



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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

The first in a series of Saturday Coffee Mornings in Sibford Church is being held on **April 28<sup>th</sup>** from 10.00 am to mid-day. The next will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, same time, same place. These are rapidly becoming Village Occasions, with a wide variety of visitors, some good produce on offer, as well as providing much needed funds for the Church and to help keep a Church in the village. We hope there will be lots of support.

The next Family Service on the theme *Colours* will be held at **10.00 am on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May**. These services are becoming very popular with children and many parents too. A meeting is being held in the Village Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> April for a discussion on how best the Church can serve the children of the villages and will be reported on in the next issue.

Bishop James Johnson, formerly Bishop of St Helena returned to us to take our Easter Sunday Service and it was good to have him back with us. There was a large congregation present and the church was beautifully decorated with flowers. The Church Council would like to thank all those who contributed their time and flowers to make it all look so lovely. The Easter Garden, made by Ian Warden was as usual remarkably moving and colourful. Ian has been making these for many years now and we are all so grateful to him. It is still there in the church and anyone who has not seen it can yet do so.

The choir joined the Broughton choir for the usual Good Friday service in Broughton church and much Easter music was sung by them and by the congregation.

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	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 6th Benefice Eucharist at Shutford 10.30am  
Sun 13th Family Service, Theme - Colours. 10.00 am  
Thur 17th Ascension Day. Benefice Service 8.00 pm  
Sun 20th Holy Communion 9.30 am  
Sun 27th Holy Communion 9.30 am

June

Sun 3rd Trinity Sunday. Benefice Eucharist 10.30 am

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Open Garden at Katharine House Hospice  
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SIBFORD GOWER School	09.25	11.25	12.55	13.55	15.55	17.35	18.35
Shipston, Tilemans Lane	09.47	11.47	13.17	14.17	16.17	17.57	18.57

### *From Shipston towards Banbury*

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

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# Calendar of Events

## May

- Tue 1st Friendship Club Annual General Meeting  
Tuesday Bike Ride. 7pm every Tuesday  
Wed 2nd Coffee and Sculpture at Holmby House 10.30 - 12.30 p10  
Wed 2nd Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)  
Sat 6th Sibford Cricket Club first home game. p14  
Sun 6th Village Hall Table Top Sale 2 - 4 pm p16  
Tue 8th W.I. Resolutions meeting. p6  
Thu 10th Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting. 7.30pm Primary School  
Sat 12th Warriner Choral Society Concert at Deddington Church p11  
Tue 15th Friendship Club outing to Kew. P15  
Tue 15th Deadline for contributions to the June Sibford Scene p17  
Wed 16th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)  
Wed 16th Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm p20  
Wed 16th Horticultural Society talk, Mill Dene Garden. 8pm V.Hall p17  
Thu 17th Sibfords Society. 'Ridge and Furrow' Village Hall 8pm p7  
Sat 19th until June 3rd. Art Exhibition in the Mission Room. P14  
Sat 19th Horticultural Society Plant Sale. Gower Close 10.30-12 p17  
Sun 20th Primary School PTA Quiz Night. Wykham Arms 7.30pm p15  
Wed 30th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

## June (part)

- Sat 2nd Sibfords Society Farm Walk p7  
Sun 3rd Open Garden at Katharine House Hospice, Adderbury 2 - 5pm p22  
Sun 3rd Village Hall Table Top Sale 2 - 4 pm p16  
Tue 5th Chapel Anniversary Service 7.30pm p14  
Wed 13th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)  
Sat 23rd Club Day re-enactment and Village Fayre. p12, 13, 16  
Sat 30th Scouts Tea & Cakes and Sale. 2 - 4pm p15  
Wed 27th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Cover picture - Sibford Club Day

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