

Sibford Scene



July 2007

No. 295

Scout Group Treasure Hunt

Sun 1st July 3pm from the Village Hall

BARBECUE WITH MUSIC

7pm, SATURDAY 21st JULY AT
WOODWAY FARM, SIBFORD FERRIS
for the benefit of Sibford's Holy Trinity Church

Nature Notes

May. 23rd. My granddaughters keen eyes spotted a very young fawn, probably of a roe deer in Swalcliffe Common. It is amazing how well they are programmed to lie absolutely still until their mother returns. The only one I have seen was in Wychwood Forest when about 20 of us were being shown round and while we were admiring some orchids I noticed a fawn lying in a patch of long grass with members of the group all round it. Several people photographed it before we moved on but nobody touched it so I hope no harm was done. She also found a great spotted woodpeckers nest hole with young looking out.

May. 28th. A friend kindly listed all the butterflies that she saw on a walk recently. They were peacock, orange tip, small white, large white, green veined white, comma, dingy skipper, brown argus, brimstone, speckled wood and common blue. Quite a list for May and all except the common blue were seen within our parish boundaries. Today is not such a good butterfly day with the mid afternoon temperature of only 42°F (6°C).

May. 31st. In May I measured 5.33 inches (135mm) of rain which more than compensates for Aprils drought.

June 2nd. I was told today of a big sheep farmer who had more that a hundred ewes die when very cold rain came just after they had been sheared.

June 3rd. Badgers dug out a bumble bees nest from the long grass in our paddock last night.

June 4th. It is sad that the first young great spotted woodpecker that we have seen in our garden this year died when it flew into one of our windows.

June 6th. My granddaughter saw three deer cross a track in front of her. One black, one white and one brown.

June 11th. Badgers have dug out another bumble bees nest and made quite a mess in the garden in the process. I expect that in this age of tidyness as areas of rough grass favoured by nesting bumble bees get fewer and the number of badgers increases it is inevitable that they will find and destroy an ever greater percentage of bees nests. Perhaps the grass headlands being left round some arable fields will help.

June 18th. We frequently see two young great spotted woodpeckers with their mother at our peanut feeder. I expect they are siblings of the one that died.

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BARBECUE WITH MUSIC
SATURDAY 21st JULY AT
WOODWAY FARM, SIBFORD FERRIS

A Barbecue with Music, very kindly hosted by Sue and Guy Wilson and for the benefit of Sibford's Holy Trinity Church, is to take place at Woodway Farm, Sibford Ferris on Saturday, 21st July 2007 commencing at 7 pm, The cost of admission is £10 (free to accompanied children) which will include the first glass of wine, food and the enjoyment of live music. Tickets will be available from Sue Wilson (Tel: 780254), Norman Nash (Tel: 780980), Peter Hardman (Tel: 780391) and Sibford Stores. Those who attended last year's Barbecue with Music at the same venue will know what a great time was had by all and it is certain that this year's event will be just as enjoyable – so, please don't delay in buying your tickets.

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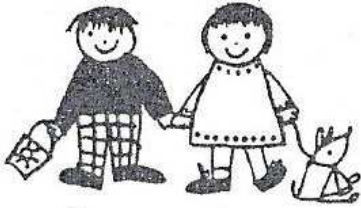
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Playgroup

This term the children have been talking about playing outside safely, where they will be going on their summer holiday and all the things they are hoping to fit! To end the year we will be having a teddy bears picnic, and a little bit of magic!

Playgroup will also be saying "Goodbye and Good Luck" to the girls and boys who will be starting School in September. We know they will have lots of fun at School.

Playgroup reopens after the summer break on 5th September 2007.

If you know of any 2½ 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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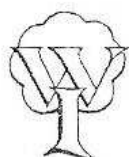
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Women's
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Sibford W.I. Meeting – Tuesday, 12th June 2007

The President expressed pleasure at the presence of two guests, Val Powell and Carol Evans. Glennis gave an account of the OF WI coach outing to Kew Gardens which was most enjoyable on a glorious sunny day. Lynda then reported on the NF WI AGM at the Albert Hall on the 6th June which she had attended with Glennis. The Resolution to halt the closure of Community Hospitals was carried with an overwhelming majority.

Chocolate, chocolate everywhere and quite a lot for us to eat as it turned out! Mervi Moyaert of Belflair Chocolates, Church Lane, Banbury, came to tell us all about chocolate. She told us how the cocoa bean originated in Central America and how it is thought that humans first tried them after watching monkeys crack open the pods. The trees are always grown in the shade of a much larger tree, liking it hot and humid but unable to stand hot sunshine. Trees bear up to 100,000 flowers which then turn into pods which are large and reddish brown in colour. They have to be cut down individually and opened with a large knife; there is no machinery which can do this job. Each pod contains thirty to forty beans about the size of a baked bean. They are removed and dried then shipped to Europe. 70% of the bean is skin and water and one kilo of dark chocolate needs 480 beans i.e. 14 pods. Most beans are shipped to Amsterdam where they are judged by their smell – if they're not good enough they have to be taken home. Only perfect beans are used for fine chocolate. They are roasted and pressed to extract cocoa butter and cocoa powder which are then mixed together again in a different ratio – the cocoa butter content determines the quality of the chocolate. Milk powder is added to produce milk chocolate and white chocolate is made of just cocoa butter, which is colourless, and sugar. Many manufacturers also add vegetable oil and other cheaper ingredients to their chocolate. Dark chocolate is much better for us but milk chocolate is the most popular but tastes are changing. The cocoa bean was brought to Spain by Christopher Columbus, where it was made into a drink which was only for the very rich. The beans were much prized and used like currency. When a princess was married into a foreign Royal Family, she would take cocoa beans as part of her dowry and so they gradually spread throughout Europe reaching England in 1667 but it was the nineteenth century before chocolate bars were first made by adding milk and sugar. Mervi showed us how Easter Eggs and Truffles are made and passed round samples of their lovely chocolate. She was thanked for her interesting and delicious talk by Gaynor.

We were refreshed by tea and delightful cakes served by Valerie and Margaret. Mervi judged the competition for a plate of chocolate goodies and awarded Glennis first, Rosemary second and Valerie third. Our Meeting on the 10th July will take place in Lynda's garden (in Village Hall, if wet). RVN



As a departure from our usual walks around Sibford, Holly and Peter McGee organised a walk from their farm at Radford Bridge, near Enstone. The weather was perfect and the countryside we walked through, very beautiful. Holly's family have farmed in the area

for some generations, so she was able to tell us about the history and the people who had lived and worked in the vicinity. We looked into an old watermill, attached to one of the farms, which had ceased working about 60 years ago and also at a dovecote belonging to the local grand house. After a delightful walk, we were regaled with welcome refreshments when we arrived back at their home.

Just to remind all those coming on the outing on Thursday, 19 July, please could you be at the Village Hall by 10.00am. The details are in the June Sibford Scene and any queries should be to Jenny Barratt on 01386 438 238.

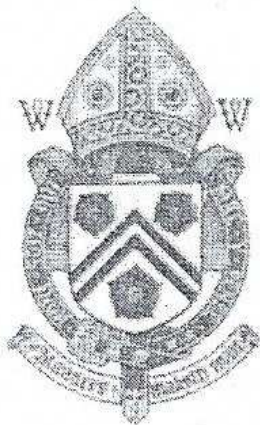
Road Closure - Oatley Hill from Monday, 9th July 2007

Oatley Hill - from the Firs to the crossroads at the top of the hill to the west of the Firs - will be closed for carriageway edge strengthening works. The estimated duration of the works is three weeks.

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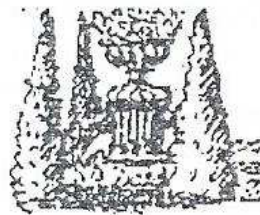
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THANK YOU

I would like to pass on our sincere thanks again to everyone in supporting the Cheese & Wine and Musical Evening at Tadmarton Manor on Saturday 2 June. Over 70 people attended and although a bit tight on seating I believe everyone managed to find a place for their excellent food and wine. Our thanks also go to Jane & Richard Asser in allowing us to use their wonderful barn which I think really made it special for us. Wendy Green and "The Impromptu Singers" did us proud with a great choice of musical entertainment, so quite an evening. I am very pleased to report that our profit on the evening was £721.87. As always the local Red Cross will certainly put this to good use. Thank you again for your support

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The Sports Roadshows will be bringing fun, games and multi sport activities to Sibford Village Hall this summer.

Activities include relays, team and skill games, soft ball, parachute games and much more.

The road show will be at Sibford Village Hall from
10 am to 12 noon on Tuesdays
from 31st July until 28th August.

Energize Roadshows are for 5 to 11 year-olds and cost £3.50 for the 2 hours (bring 3 children from the same family and pay for only 2)

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This month we say welcome to Holly Jones who has moved into Holy Well Cottage, Sibford Gower, which is near to completion but much work still to be done. When I visited I was made very welcome and we enjoyed a lovely evening looking over to Sibford Ferris - Bill Oddie would have been pleased to see the wildlife! She has four children, three girls and a boy and her main hobby is sailing and is already looking forward to a sailing holiday soon.

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Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Council Meeting of 16th May 2007

The meeting was attended by four Councillors, the Clerk and two members of the public. Apologies were received from John Simms. All officers were re-elected and the Clerk's role as Responsible Financial Officer was reconfirmed. Therefore, the Chairman will once again be Chris Franklin, with John Simms as Vice-Chairman. The first item on the agenda was the play area and the resolution to accept the terms of the new 25 year lease from Cherwell District Council. It was agreed that there would be an official opening ceremony for the play area. The Clerk was asked to write to the county council to determine why the replacement trees for the verge alongside Sibford School had not been planted this season. It was agreed to contribute one third of the cost of repairing the broken sections of the churchyard wall alongside the new burial ground land. On the matter of dog bins, the Clerk was asked to enquire of other parishes that have installed bins whether there had been a reduction in dog mess. On the question of installing fixing points for speed signs in the village, the Councillors were generally in favour but wanted to know how often the signs would be available and for how long in order to establish value for money. Under Finance, the Annual Return 2006/7 Sections 1 and 2 was approved and signed. Following discussion on the annual charity donations made from the precept, it was agreed that the 2008 donations to the Sibford Scene and Sibford Village Hall would be retained, that to the Warriner School Farm would be discontinued and that the remainder would be discussed when all members were present. It was also agreed that a sum to be decided would be set aside each year towards the next refurbishment of the Cotswold Close play area. It was resolved to join the Society of Local Council Clerks for one year and to monitor its usefulness during that time. The Councillors resolved to adopt the new Model Code of Conduct as from 1 July 2007. A letter of objection to the Bishop Blaize application for change of use had been drawn up and it was agreed that this would be sent to the District Council. Chris Franklin reported on a seminar to look at proposals for growth in Cherwell from which it became clear that there was significant pressure from powers above to pinpoint a location for expansion. There were two planning applications and five notices of decision since the last meeting, including permission for Ferris Hill Farm to extend their operational area and enlarge and relocate their materials recycling barn. Finally, it was agreed to approach the County Council once again to reduce the speed limit between Sibford

Ferris and Burdrop. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.10 pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 11 July at 7.45 pm in the Sports Hall classroom, Sibford School. All welcome.

Cotswold Close Play Area Update

Many thanks to David Stewart of H M Stewart & Sons and his driver for clearing the site ready for the contractor. It was a much bigger job than anticipated due to the surprisingly large quantities of concrete used to install the previous equipment, so we are all very grateful to David and Graham. Trevor Stewart, the contractor, believes he will have started on site by the time this edition goes to print, so we look forward to seeing progress very soon.

Check the electricity consumption of your gadgets with ClimateXChange

ClimateXChange is run by the Environmental Change Institute of the University of Oxford in partnership with other organisations. You can check out their website at www.climateX.org for services they offer, amongst which are a meter which tells you how much energy your gadgets consume and also a light bulb library for different types of low energy light bulbs so that you can try them out in the various fittings in your house before buying. For more information contact the co-ordinator, Jo Hamilton on 01865 275856 or jo.hamilton@ouce.ox.ac.uk.

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CRICKET CLUB

Firstly apologies for missing last month's match report, had computer problems!
Lets get on with it!

Sibford had a great start to the season with both Saturday and Sunday teams. The Saturday team only losing in the league for the first time in their sixth game, on 9 June, which knocked us back from joint 1st position with Bodicote to 2nd by 2 points.

This loss was a bit of a "spanking", due to some great batting from Stoneleigh's openers. E. Hodson 83 & P Smith 51 gave all our bowlers a hard day of it on a very hot afternoon. Even our new fielder, Wayne (shifty powers) Barton could not make any difference even by taking two catches off Lee (the claw) Gilbert, sending both openers back to the pavilion! Mind you, he did drop the third one!!! Stoneliagh made 248 for 4.

Sibford only managed 54 all out, with Dave Simms with 21 the only player into double figures. .Enough said!!!!

The following weeks game at Woodford Halse was rained off

Well that's poor I hear you say! Not so!!!!

Sibfords bowlers have come on leaps and bounds this year on both Sat & Sun. Lee Gilbert took 5 for 40 off his 10 overs in the very first League game of the season, and new skipper Jason Barton has been taking 3 wickets minimum every week. This has all been hotly followed up by some tight, wicket taking bowling by Chris (Swiss) Sabin and Keith (The Dentist) Oberascher. By the way, the later would just like to add that he is our under paid overseas resident player. (Small violin) !!

Our batsmen have been showing some good form with half century's from Jason Barton, Ian Wollerton and Chris Wollerton, not to mention some dogged performances at the tail at times, i.e. hanging on in there, but not scoring!

With the bowlers we can't forget our up and coming Sunday players, Ben Layer and Nick Pratt, openers, (bowling that is not bat) who have been taking wickets with some consistency every week, but have been showing some form with the bat as well this season.

We need more like them to keep our 131 year club history going!!

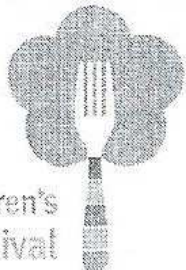
(No, I didn't know how old it was when I first played twenty years ago!)

Here are the forth-coming home matches: -

Sat 30 June Fenny Compton (L) Sun 1 July Pennard (Touring Side)

Sat 21 July Radway (L)

Please feel welcome to come and watch - the more the merrier



The Children's
Food Festival

THE UK'S FIRST EVER CHILDREN'S FOOD FESTIVAL Children are invited to discover the wonders of food and cooking at the UK's first ever food festival created especially for them. The Children's Food Festival, organised by the Northmoor

Trust, will take place over the weekend of 14 and 15 July 2007 on Abingdon Airfield in Oxfordshire. Its aim is to transform young people's approach to food by celebrating food and cooking. Celebrity chefs Raymond Blanc and Sophie Grigson are joint Patrons of the festival and they will be giving cookery demonstrations along with Prue Leith, Antonio Carluccio, best selling children's food writer Annabel Karmel and Nora Sands, from the TV programme, Jamie's School Dinners.

Raymond Blanc says: "I'll be there, cooking my heart out, and showing children the wonders of food, how exciting and fun it is, and how creative cooking can be."

As well as watching the pros, children will be able to taste all kinds of food and try out all kinds of hands-on activities, including smoothie blending, chapati rolling and pizza tossing. Themed tents will follow ingredients from field to fork, including: The Meat Tent, The Dairy Tent, The Bread Tent, The Fruit and Veg Tent, the Rowse Honey Tent and the Smell and Taste Experience offered by the Academy of Culinary Arts. Owing to generous support from sponsors and to enable as wide a participation as possible, entry to the festival will be free (parking £6). Cookery writer Amanda Grant and chefs from leading children's cookery schools will be running the Belling Kids' Kitchen. Children can make pasta in The Sacla Italian Tent and do fun things with spuds on the Potato Bus. 'Gastro-comedy' includes the live dinner table and the 30ft sleeping sow. Tastes from around the world will be there to try, including Mexican, Thai, Egyptian and Caribbean, as well as local, organic and fairtrade produce from the Farmers' Market. And there will be farm animals, as requested by children themselves.

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Variable message signs Road Safety Team Leader Steve, who lives in Barford St Michael, developed the first portable variable message sign used in the UK. The signs warn drivers who are spotted using their mobile phones, driving too fast, aren't wearing a seatbelt and other misdemeanours. Having been introduced in Oxfordshire, they are now being used elsewhere in the country.

Portable vehicle activated signs Steve has recently designed a battery-powered vehicle activated sign (VAS) - another UK first. He designed it for use on roads where funding is not available centrally or locally for a permanent VAS to be installed. This machine can operate in any speed limit. The VAS are mounted on poles which sit in a ground screw. When the VAS is moved to its next site the pole goes with it, helping cut down sign clutter, leaving the ground screw in place ready for the next visit. If a parish council wanted to fund a permanent VAS, the costs could be between £3,000 and £7,000. Funding the ground screw only costs around £350.

Innovation award As a result of his work Steve has been nominated for the innovation category of the Local Government Council Worker of the Year Awards. Because of his work with the county council (and the police beforehand), Steve has become a real advocate for reducing road casualties as well as the fears and concerns created by irresponsible driving in Oxfordshire's communities. As well as undertaking speed limit assessments, Steve also conducts fatal accident site reviews with police traffic management officers. Head of Transport Steve Howell said: "Steve is a dedicated professional who has worked exceptionally hard on behalf of Oxfordshire

County Council and the people we serve. His knowledge and innovative style have brought many benefits. I think he thoroughly deserves to be nominated for this award and I hope he wins." **Vote for Steve** To vote for Steve, text: **LGA 1 Steve** to 88600 or go to the [Local Government Channel website](#). [Steve's page on the LGC website](#)

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Sibford Horticultural Society

Our trip to Wisley is on Saturday 30th June.
Lets hope for a sunny day.


With this Sibford Scene you should have received a copy of the schedule for our Annual Show on August 25th at 2,30pm. If you have not received one spare copies are available from the Village Shop.

Please try to find the time to have a go. Everyone can find at least one class to enter. It's great fun to have a go and we have a great afternoon at the Village Hall.

Entry Night will be Wednesday 22nd August from 7 - 9pm in the Village Hall.

We will be running a Raffle, Bottle stall, Book stall, plant sale and serving teas so contributions of prizes, bottles, cakes etc would be most welcome.

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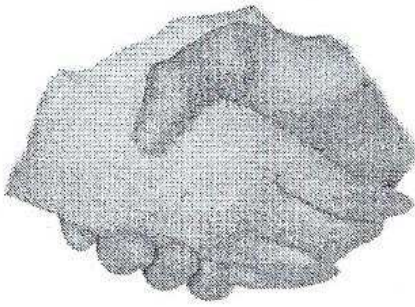
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July 3rd we have "Little Boxes", the surprise will be WHICH ONE.

July 24th Bourton on the Water, a visit to the perfumery there, and afterwards to Snowhill Lavender field for tea.

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Thanks for this months teas, goes to Erica {sorry it was such a muddle}

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

The next Coffee Morning will be held in the Church on **Saturday 7th July from 10am to 12 noon**. This has become a very sociable and useful occasion with some delicious cakes on offer both to eat there and buy, as well as other interesting offers.

On **21st July** there will be a **Barbecue** at **Woodway Farm**, the home of Guy and Sue Wilson to repeat the great success of last year. There is a separate advertisement for this giving full details.

The annual Church Fete will be held on **11th August** in the Village Hall; the annual Christmas Bazaar on **10th November** also in the Village Hall.

Best wishes to John Tattersall of Swalcliffe on his ordination which will take place on **July 1st** with a celebratory Benefice Eucharist in **Swalcliffe Church** that evening at **6.00 pm**

The Family Service held on 17th June celebrating Fathers' Day attracted a great number of Dads. It was a lovely and beautifully organized service, much appreciated by all ages. There were many appropriate stories, suitable hymns and a short address on the theme of God the Father.

On **July 8th** there will be a Pets Service of the type much appreciated in Tadmarton for some years. The Rector regretted that horses would have to remain outside the door, but most other pets will be accommodated.

When, a few years ago, the Church roof was replaced, a list of all the houses in the villages of Ferris, Gower and Burdrop was prepared and where they all are. This has been brought up to date and copies are available from The Vine House, Sibford Gower (780980) in return for a small donation to Church funds. They are invaluable in answering queries from such as delivery drivers and other visitors and quite helpful for those of us who live in the villages.

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.

July

Sun 1st. Benefice Eucharist at Swalcliffe 6.00pm

Sun 8th Family Pets Service 10.00am

Sun 15th Holy Communion 9.30am

Sun 22nd Holy Communion 9.30am

Sun 29th Matins and Holy Communion 9.30am

August

Sun 5th Benefice Eucharist at Epwell 10.30am

Sun 12th Holy Communion 8.00am and 9.30am

Sun 19th Holy Communion 9.30am

Sun 26th Holy Communion 9.30am



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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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The Fare structure has changed: Adult Fare £1.90 each way

Child (5-16yrs) £0.95

Family ticket (2 Adults + up to 3 children) £8.40 return

Calendar of Events

June

- Fri 29th Sibford Gower Annual Parish Council Meeting. p19
- Sat 30th Scouts Tea & Cakes and Sale. Village Hall 2 - 4pm
- Sat 30th Horticultural Society Trip to Wisley p17

July

- Sun 1st Scout Group Treasure Hunt 3pm
- Tue 3rd Friendship Club "Little Boxes" p20
- Sat 7th Church Coffee Morning 10 - 12 noon. P21
- Sat 7th Music for a Summers Evening in Bloxham Church. P18
- Sun 8th Church Pets Service - Bring your pet to Church p21
- Mon 9th Oatley Hill Closed for 3 weeks p7
- Tue 10th W.I. Summer Garden Meeting p6
- Wed 11th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
- Wed 11th Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm p13
- Sat/Sun 14 & 15th Childrens Food Festival at Abingdon p15
- Tue 17th Deadline for contributions to the August and September Scene p17
- Thu 19th Sibfords Society Outing p7
- Sat 21st Barbecue with Music in aid of the Church. Woodway Farm p4
- Tue 24th Friendship Club Outing to Bourton on the Water p20
- Wed 25th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
- Tue 31st Energize Sports Roadshow at the Village Hall 10-12 noon p10

August (part)

- Tuesdays in August, Energize Sports Roadshow at the Village Hall p10
- Wed 8th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
- Sat 11th Church Summer Feté
- Wed 22nd Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
- Wed 22nd Horticultural Show Entry Night 7 - 9pm in the Village Hall p17
- Sat 25th Sibford Horticultural and Produce Show 2.30pm, Village Hall p17
- Cover picture - Club Day Re-enactment Parade

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