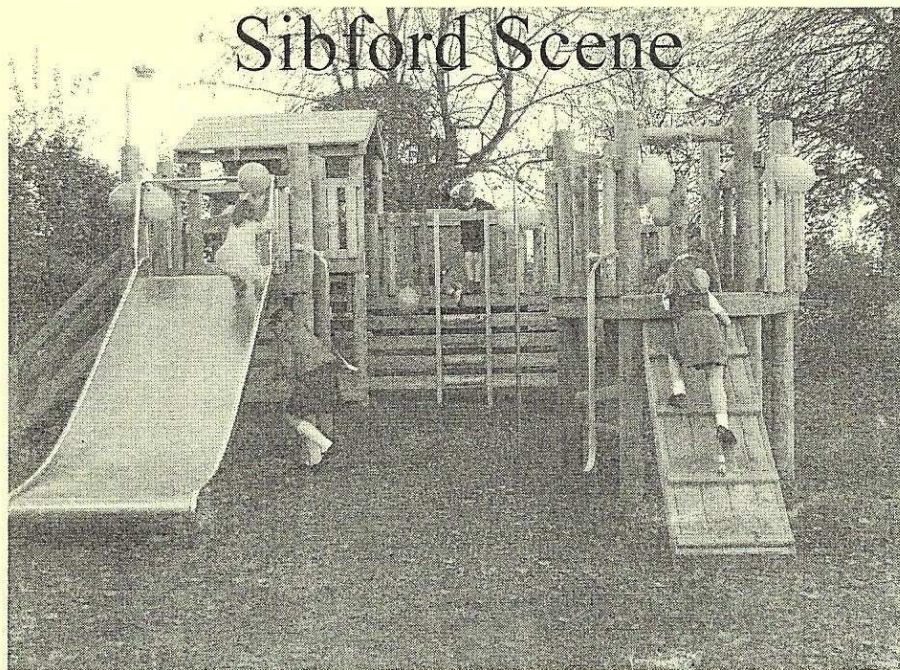


Sibford Scene



November 2007

No. 298

Jazz and Blues Concert

Wednesday 7th November 7.30 pm at Sibford School

Holy Trinity Church Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 10th November 2.00pm in the Village Hall

Sibford School Christmas Fayre

Friday 16th November 2.30 - 5.30pm

Playgroup Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 24th November 2.00 pm in the Village Hall

Christmas Bazaar for Katharine House Hospice

Saturday 24th November at
Rafters, Backside Lane, Sibford Gower 11.00 am until 6.00 pm

Wine Tasting Evening

Friday 30th November 7.30 pm at the Primary School

Nature Notes

Sept. 21st. While on a visit to see our granddaughter we went for a walk along the tops each side of Cheddar Gorge. Early in the walk we saw roe deer and after making our way down to cross the road just above the rocky part of the gorge, we had a steep climb to the top again where we came on the herd of goats that graze the gorge sides. Most of them seemed reasonably tame although two billies were fighting with noisy crashes of their huge horns a little way from the main herd. In spite of grazing by the goats there was still quite a selection of wild flowers to be seen including vervain, wild basil, wood sage, burnet saxifrage, harebell, salad burnet and a lot of devilsbit scabious which I have always associated with damper places. By the mix of plants I would think the soil is very variable.

Sept. 23rd. Today's Daily Telegraph tells of the amazing migration flight of a bar tailed godwit which was fitted with a satellite tracking device. After feeding so well that she doubled her body weight she set off from mudflats on the Kuskokwim River in Alaska to fly south and flapping her wings all the way flew for eight days and nights at heights of up to 6,500 feet finally touching down at the mouth of the Piako River 40 miles south of Auckland, New Zealand, which was a non-stop journey of 7,270 miles without food. New Zealanders had been following her progress and the bells of Christchurch Cathedral were rung when her arrival had been confirmed. I expect bar tailed godwits have always made such flights but it takes a flight recorder to prove it.

Oct. 4th. A beautiful sunny day so we got our bicycles out and while pushing up Mill Hill saw a dog rose with red hips but also one branch with 11 roses in full bloom. There were also knapweed and field scabious apparently enjoying the sunshine.

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To all of the people who pledged such wonderful and diverse "Promises" and to all who placed Sealed Bids or attended the very enjoyable evening
we thank you!

You helped us to raise £10,000 on the evening, towards the new Information and Technology suite and classrooms for the School.

We still have a little way to go in reaching our goal of £30,000 for the School and to that end we have arranged a Wine Tasting Evening to be held at
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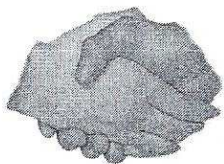
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Friendship Club News

As I write this piece we have just come home from our trip to Worcester Porcelain factory. We had a lovely day, apart from the RAIN. Our next Meeting is Nov 6th in the Village Hall and will be "Fun and Games" all round. The next trip out will on Nov 20th to Notcutts garden centre, leaving Sibford at 10.15. For other leaving times from the villages. Please ring Val. or Eveline.

We have to Thank Sandra for a lovely tea at our last meeting, to Celebrate Bea Tanner's Birthday [90 something!!!!] I believe??? Also, it was Bob Lambs birthday that week, so Happy Birthday to both of them.

With Bonfire Night coming up

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KHH Jumble/Recycling Sale.

Once again, a resounding result. About £1000 raised. All in all a splendid sum. Very special thanks must go to the Sale's very professional advertising dept, Jane & Guy Woolfenden & Joan & Jim Shields, all of Sibford Ferris. I think the addition of the word 'Grand' this year almost certainly brought the crowds in !! Of course the event would not have been as organised as it was without the fantastic teamwork before & on the day, our very grateful appreciation go to all the family & to all the many various (too many to mention) other helpers that helped make the day. Obviously the amount raised for KHH would not have been realised without the ardent buyers on the day, but also because of supporters who gave more than generously to this worthwhile cause. Thank you everyone,

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Cotswold Close Play Area Update

Sibford Ferris Parish Council is delighted to announce the completion of the newly refurbished play area which was formally opened last Friday. The new equipment is being well used already and we hope that more children will discover it and enjoy it in the coming months.

There are many people to thank for their assistance in bringing this project about. It would not have been possible without the commuted sum set aside for play facilities as part of the planning permission to convert the Sibford School Manor site into homes.

We are also grateful to SITA Trust UK Ltd for their generous grant of £5575 which paid for the playhouse, junior and cradle swings, two springies, three seats and the litter bin. SITA Trust provides funding through the Landfill Communities Fund. Funding is available for community and environmental groups to carry out a range of improvement projects.

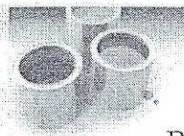
The Play Area Liaison Group much appreciated the help and advice given by the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association in the initial stages of the project.

Thanks also to all those of you who responded to the questionnaires on what you wanted from a local play area. As mentioned before, there has been fantastic support as well from the many individuals who have given their time and skills towards the project and in preparing the site, etc and we should like to repeat our thanks to them.

We would like to take the opportunity to stress to parents and carers that this junior play area has been designed to appeal to a range

of ages, and not all the equipment is suited to very small children. Close supervision of younger children at all times is therefore very important. We have very much hope, however, that everyone will find something there to enjoy.

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SIBFORD SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Sibford School is holding a Christmas Fayre on Friday 16 November. Organised by the Parents, Staff, Friends Association, the fayre will take place in the school hall from 2.30pm until 5.30pm. Attractions include hand-made leather bags, jewellery, ceramics, gifts from around the world and a host of other attractions including an early visit from Father Christmas! All welcome.

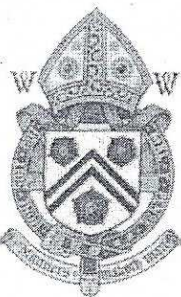
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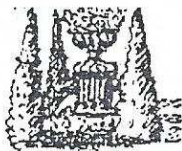
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The meeting on 15 November will be at the usual time of 8.00pm in the Village Hall, when Graham Sutherland will speak on 'Inn Signs and Drinking Customs'. Non-members are always very welcome to attend these meetings.



Sibford Horticultural Society

The Annual General Meeting started off our last meeting which was swiftly dealt with - Subscriptions are now due at the cost of £5 for the year. Then we got to the talk for the evening which was about Photographing your Garden and was given by Roger Smith. He is a professional garden photographer (having previously been a gardener) with a passion for texture and form in the garden. Having given lots of technical tips on cameras, films etc. he showed beautiful slides showing different ways of getting a great picture. Hopefully we should see the results of these tips in the photography section at the Show next year. Great things are expected! Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th November at 8 pm in the Village Hall where we will welcome back Janet Cropley who will be talking about Winter Gardening. New faces are always welcome. We are a small but enthusiastic group so please come and join us and enjoy the great speakers that we have (and coffee and biscuits afterwards!)



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The choir and soloists (Soprano, Keren Davis; Contralto, Jeanette Agar; Tenor, Brendon McBride; Bass, Robert Williams) shall be accompanied by Orchestra, and led by Martin Quinn, Musical Director. The Concert shall start at 7.30 pm and tickets shall become available from mid-October. There shall be refreshments during the evening, and the WCS (many of whose members are from the Sibfords area) are looking forward to giving a thrilling entertainment.

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Sibford W.I. Meeting – Tuesday, 9th October 2007

The President welcomed one guest, Virginia, from Santa Barbara USA, who is currently staying at Hook Norton. She was also delighted to announce that Valerie and Carol, who have been past guests, have now decided to become members. On 25th September, four members went to the Celebrity Evening in Oxford to hear a talk by Ben Fogle. Seen in many different roles on TV, he has travelled extensively and taken part in some strenuous sporting activities. On this occasion, he concentrated on his epic Atlantic rowing race covering 2,930 miles which he shared with James Cracknell and which they won in January 2006.

Sibford W.I. will host the Group Meeting on 25th October and detailed arrangements were discussed. Christine Harper will entertain the meeting with her live owls.

Our speaker this month was Alistair Lack who came to tell us about the History of Oxford and its University. There is evidence of Stone Age and Iron Age people in Oxford attracted to the site by its position between three rivers – the Thames, the Isis and the Cherwell and long before the Romans, some five hundred years before the establishment of the University, Oxford was a thriving place. After the Romans we have the Saxons who built the town on a Grid System and, amazingly, only two new roads have been added in the last two thousand years. The town was surrounded by a wall to keep out the Danes and there were four gates. Christianity arrived at about the same time and Oxford's St Frideswides established a Priory in the year 700. King Alfred had a Manor House in the town and many important meetings were held in Oxford long before London became a venue and even

before 1066 St Michaels, Northgate was attracting scholars from all over Europe. With the coming of the Normans, Oxford altered greatly, many important people moved in and many religious organisations thrived. In 1221, the Pope said "yes" to a University at Oxford and by 1222 Oxford was the third most important city after London and York. The University has always been made up of

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many Colleges and today there are thirty nine of them. Sadly though, as the University grew so the city declined and became a dormitory for the students. Up until 1820, the University controlled all prices in the City and acted as the Court. The City was a retreat for Charles 1 in the Civil War and became a garrison for three years, which is why so many battles were fought in the area. Oxford was not bombarded as many Parliamentarians had been to its University and didn't want the beautiful buildings destroyed – so Oxford was spared. It was spared again in the Second World War as Hitler planned to make it his ceremonial centre with London as his administrative centre. After the Civil War many beautiful buildings were erected and in Victorian times educational brilliance was established. Dons were allowed to marry and no longer needed to be clergymen and the first women's -Colleges were established. Oxford now has one hundred and thirty thousand inhabitants, Oxford and Brookes Universities provide thirty five thousand jobs and there are eighteen thousand -students and twelve thousand undergraduates. Students come from one hundred and forty three countries and the greatest change in recent times is that two out of three graduates come from abroad. Money is a big influence and science is now becoming more important than humanities – though this debate still goes on. Alistair was warmly thanked by Kathleen Winter.

Margaret and Jane served tea and excellent cakes. Mr Lack judged the competition for a leather bound book. He chose first Rosemary's old family bible, second Valerie's (Powell) Robinson Crusoe and third Barbara's book of birds. Tuesday, 13th November will be our next meeting when Amanda Wood will give a talk entitled "The Real Cuba". The competition is for an old map.

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Thank you to all those who have contributed towards the 'fighting fund', and may I tactfully remind those who have promised money, and have not yet paid, that I should be happy to receive the donations you pledged. Thank you very much. All contributions will be gratefully received, and receipts will be issued to everyone.

If Mr. Noquet goes to appeal over the previous decision, or files a new application for change of use we, as villagers, will need to decide the way forward. The Bishop Blaize Support Group will shortly be issuing a newsletter on this subject. Watch this space.

Eileen Haynes (780083) pp Bishop Blaize Support Group.

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The next Family Service on The Lord's Prayer will be held on Sunday 28th October at 10.00am, all are welcome.

Our next big event is the Church Christmas Bazaar on the 10th November in the Village Hall at 2.30pm. This is always a great afternoon full of fun and laughter so come along, spend your

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Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower.

November

Sun 4th Benefice Eucharist 10.30am at Swalecliffe

Sun 11th Remembrance Day Service 10.55am

Sun 18th Holy Communion 9.30am

Sun 25th Holy Communion 9.30am

December

Sun 2nd Holy Communion

8.00 am and Matins 10am

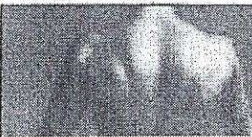
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BUS 480 - Times from 5th June 2005 - Mondays to Saturdays

From Banbury towards Shipston

Banbury Bus Station dep.	09.00	11.00	12.30	13.30	15.30	17.10	18.10
SIBFORD GOWER School	09.25	11.25	12.55	13.55	15.55	17.35	18.35
Shipston, Tilemans Lane	09.47	11.47	13.17	14.17	16.17	17.57	18.57

From Shipston towards Banbury

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

Buses serve Sibford Ferris two minutes before the times shown at Sibford Gower towards Shipston and two minutes after the time shown at Sibford Gower towards Banbury.

Notes: S = Saturdays only, NS = Not Saturdays.

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The Fare structure has changed: Adult Fare £2.00 each way

Child (5-16yrs) £1.00

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Calendar of Events

November

- Sun 4th Village Hall Market 2 - 4 pm p8
Tue 6th Friendship Club 'Fun and Games' Village Hall 2 pm p4
Wed 7th Jazz and Blues Concert, Sibford School 7.30 pm. p7
Sat 10th Church Christmas Bazaar in the Village Hall p9
Sat 10th Warriner Choral Society 'Samson' Deddington Church p11
Tue 13th W.I. 'The Real Cube' p13
Wed 14th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
Wed 14th Horticultural Society 'Winter Gardening' Village Hall 8pm p10
Thu 15th Sibfords Society 'Inn Signs & Drinking Customs' V Hall 8pm p9
Fri 16th Sibford School Christmas Fayre. 2.30 - 5.30 p7
Sun 18th Village Hall Market 2 - 4 pm p8
Tue 20th Friendship Club Outing p4
Wed 21st Ferris Parish Council Meeting. 7.45pm
Thu 22nd Gower Parish Council Meeting 8.00pm
Sat 24th Playgroup Christmas Bazaar in the Village Hall at 2pm p5
Sat 24th Christmas Bazaar for Katherine House Hospice. Rafters, Backside Lane, Sibford Gower 11.00am until 6.00pm. p11
Wed 28th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
Fri 30th Wine Tasting Evening. 7.30pm, in the Primary School p3

December(part)

- Sat 1st Salsa the Night Away at the Village Hall from 7.30pm Tickets £7 & £5 from 780025 p8
Thu 6th Village Store Open Day p16
Sat 8th Methodist Chapel Coffee Morning 10 - 12 noon
Sun 9th Village Hall Market 2 - 4 pm p8
Wed 12th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Cover Picture; The New Playarea in Cotswold Close after the formal opening
19th October 2007

Sibford Scene

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