

April 2008

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Tuesday 1st April
Tuesday Bike Rides Start Again 7pm

Saturday 5th April 10 am

Meet at the Village Hall and Lanes End Corner to be equipped and allocated your stretch to clean up

Tuesday 8th April
Sibford Cricket Club Net Practice Starts

Tuesday 29th April
Travelling Souk at Temple Close 9.30am - 3.30pm

Wednesday 30th April Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting

#### Nature Notes

Feb. 27th. Quite a few people in Sibford felt, and some heard the earthquake at one o'clock this morning. It was centred near Market Rasen in Lincolnshire and measured 5.2 on the Richter scale which was strong enough to cause some structural damage near the epicentre. I slept through it and so have still not felt an earthquake.

Mar. 12th. Neighbours on both sides of us have been seeing a flock of bramblings. We have only seen one or two at a time. I am told that they come to birdseed put out on the ground.

Mar. 13th. I spotted a tree creeper working its way up the trunk of our silver birch tree this morning. It is quite a while since I last

saw one.

Mar. 17th One of the pair of song thrushes that frequent our lawn was collecting nesting material this morning. My granddaughter saw a red kite fly over and away towards Swalcliffe. They seem reluctant to colonise our area as the buzzards have done although they are seen more often with each year that passes so they may be resident here in a few years time.

Mar. 19th Two hen pheasants are spending much of their time in our garden. If they do chose to nest in the wooded area the smell given off by the carpet of wild garlic might make it more difficult for the badgers to find their eggs. Otherwise I would think that the chances of nests on the ground remaining undetected until they hatch out must be slim in this area.

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### The Tuesday Bike Ride Is Back

The Tuesday evening bike rides will be starting again now the clocks have changed. We meet at Lanes End Corner in the Ferris (by the Manor) for a seven o'clock departure. All ages are welcome to join us. We normally split the group up based on ability, enthusiasm and experience so nobody gets left behind or left out. All children joining us must be accompanied by an adult responsible for that child.

If you are new to cycling we would like you to come along. The start of the season is a good time to come because there are many in the group who will not have been on the bike since last autumn!

If you need a bike please ask, as someone will probably be able to lend you one to get you going.

A number of parents with younger children (primary school age) have asked about an early evening ride for the younger children. I would be

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#### SIBFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

As you read this, we will have had our Easter Tea, which, I hope, everyone enjoyed. Thanks go to the Committee for their efforts.

It was lovely to see our friends from Tysoe.

Our next trip on **April 15th** is to Wyevale Garden Centre at Bicester. We have booked a lunch time. Please let Eveline know who will want to go. Leaving times will announced at the Easter Tea.

# PLEASE NOTE ALL MEMBERS.. THE A.G.M. IS ON MAY 6TH

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The new season is upon us and there is an expectation that weatherwise, it has to be better than last season's wash out. The club has appointed Chris Sabin as Saturday 'League' Captain and Dave Pratt as Sunday 'Friendlies' Captain and is pleased to announce the Wykham Arms in Sibford Gower as its new sponsor.

Pre season nets have been booked at Sibford School Sports Hall on 8 April from 7.00pm and outdoor nets at Bloxham School from 6.15 pm on 15,17, 22, 24 and 29 April and 1 May. All current and prospective new players are welcome. The club has a full fixture list from May to August which we will feature on a month by month in advance basis in future editions of the Scene along with some match highlights. New players irrespective of age or ability are sought, particularly youngsters from Sibford and the surrounding villages, as we occasionally find ourselves struggling to field a full team. Transport can be arranged if required. If anyone is interested in playing then please contact either Dave Pratt (07801 324894) or Chris Sabin (078164 94771) or Ian Davies (01926 640974).

#### Village Hall Fayre - June 21st

The Village Hall team is now planning the Annual Fayre which will be held on the afternoon of June 21st. If you have any great ideas or are willing to help plan or help on the day, please contact Ginny on 780373.

The Travelling Souk Comes To Sibford Gower

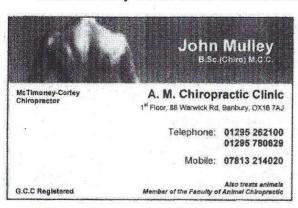
The Travelling Souk is a happy band of small businesses that travel to private houses in lovely locations selling their great products at excellent prices. The Souk includes designers, sourcers and marketers and the day raises money for chosen charities. It is a very different sort of charity event and on **April 29th from 9.30am to 3.30pm** Mark and Victoria Pougatch are hosting The Travelling Souk at Temple Close, Sibford Gower and all are very welcome to come. Entrance costs £5 with the money being divided between Helen and Douglas House in Oxford and Aspire, the charity which helps those who have suffered spinal cord injuries. We look forward to seeing lots of locals there.



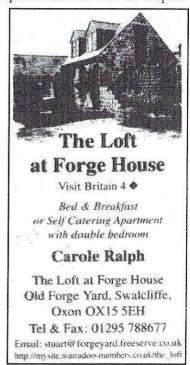
On a lovely sunny morning at the beginning of March, Robin and Ann led a delightful walk from Stratford upon Avon along the tow path and then returning by the Greenway, which used to be a railway line and is now much used by walkers and cyclists, back into the town.

Our AGM was completed as quickly as possible and then we welcomed Mike Finch, who was to talk about the history of Sibford School and also Michael Goodwin, the headmaster of the School, who kindly came along to show a film made in 1928. It documented the early days of the School and then showed the lessons and activiities of the children and the building of the new school buildings on what was then known as Windmill Field and is now the main site for the School since the Manor was sold. The film was made without sound and had sub-titles but this added to the atmosphere of the documentary. Mike said that there was probably a small Quaker School in the Sibfords by about the early 1800's but it was not until a decision had been made to

open a school with an empha-







sis on teaching agriculture for the boys and domestic skills for the girls, as well as basic academic studies, that the Manor was purchased for £1,200. The School was opened in 1842 to accommodate 50 children, with Richard Routh, as Superintendent at £50 per annum and Rebecca Thompson, as Mistress at £30. They eventually married each other and stayed at the School for 38 years. Robert Oddie was the next Superintendent, who upgraded the School, abandoning the agricultural bias, introducing mixed classes and sport. He spent money improving the buildings, although by 1904 the numbers had fallen to only 40 pupils, half of whom left before they reached 15. This was due to insufficient resources, human and material to cope with running a full school curriculum. The next Head, James Harrod and Sir Michael Sadler, a great educationalist devised a new scheme for the school and from then, the School has gone from strength to strength, with eleven Head's, the sale of the Manor and new buildings bringing the School into the modern age. The next meeting is on 17 April, in the Village Hall at 8.00pm, when we will be showing photos of the Club Day re-enactment so if you have any photos that could be included, please let Keith Hicks know on 780259. We will also show the activities of the Society over the years, so please come and join in with some village memories, non-members are always very welcome.

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# Sibford Gower Parish Council LITTERBLITZ

Saturday, 5th April 2008

Just a reminder (and as advertised in last month's Sibford Scene) that the Annual Litterblitz will take place on Saturday, 5th April 2008 and volunteers are sought to give an hour or so of their time to help with the work of clearing litter from where it may have gathered in Burdrop and Sibford Gower. We will meet at Sibford Village Hall at 10am when Robin Spicer will allocate the areas which require attention. Sacks and protective gloves will be provided. From Cherwell District Council we will get (on loan) only six litter pickers and six high visibility jackets so if you possess either of these items to bring along for your own use, it will be very helpful.

#### SIBFORD FERRIS LITTER BLITZ

The Annual Litter Blitz in the Ferris will take place on

## Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> April

meeting at Lanes End at 10.00~am Martin Thomas has kindly agreed to do the organising on the day.

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# Sibford Gower Primary School Marathon Fundraising Dynamic Duo!

A big thank you to all those who have been supporting our fund raising efforts for the new build at Sibford Gower Primary School, which has raised a fantastic £32000. We now have a fabulous new extension giving the much needed facilities for the children at the school. However, we are continuing our fund raising efforts to enable us to finish fitting out the interior of the remodelled building, and in particular to ensure we make full use of the facilities the build has provided. The key priorities are to complete the fit out of the new ICT suite and also to provide the capability to allow local community groups and local secondary school children access to the new facility (where they have no alternative facilities available to them), along with finishing the fitting out of a newly created library area. In addition the furniture in one of the remodelled classrooms is in need of replacement.

These challenges, amongst others, means the school still needs to raise an additional £5,000.

To help us achieve this two Sibford residents have committed to run a marathon (26.2 miles) during the month of April with the aim of raising money for the school, for which we are very grateful.

**Julie Harris** is running the London Marathon on April  $13^{th}$  and **Adrian Watts**, who has children at the school, is running the Stratford upon Avon Marathon on April  $27^{th}$  – I'm sure you will have seen them pounding the local roads in the last few weeks!

**Julie** ran the London marathon in 2001 and has been tempted back for another go by a friend! She tells us it will be easier to keep going if she has the support of the Sibfords behind her, in raising money for such a good cause.

**Adrian** is a marathon virgin which he is aiming to break in Stratford! Having returned to running recently he decided to go for the big one and, like Julie, is relying on us all to keep him going with the thought of your sponsorship.

So, a huge plea to all you out there to make a pledge and support this joint marathon effort, in aid of the primary School.

You can donate by emailing marathon\_donation@btinternet.com with your name, tel no and sponsorship amount or by calling Brian and Carolyn on 01295 780695, with the same information.

We will then contact you once Julie and Adrian have completed their challenges!

#### **Pre-School Announcement**

Following detailed reviews, the Pre-School Committee have concluded that Pre-School remains viable in the short term, despite the current low numbers!

However, to ensure the medium to long term future of this valuable village facility, we need to make the following appeal:-

If you or your friends and neighbours, have children between the ages of 2 ½ years and school age who would benefit from a stimulating and learning environment, please make contact and discuss the options available.

Please note that children are welcome for any number of regular morning sessions.

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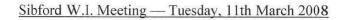
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Although there were a few apologies, the Meeting was well attended and commenced with the singing of Jerusalem. Rosemary, again, deputised for Lynda who was still away. Six Members are going to Oxford Town Hall on 19th March for the OFWI AGM.

Members were reminded of the Group Coffee Morning on 3rd April at Bloxham with tickets still available. There was no raffle this month. Instead, a collection was made for A.C.W.W. (Associated Country Women of the World).

Our speaker this month was Barbara Gray, an Oxfordshire Federation Trustee, who came to tell us all about Denman College. She explained that the College came into being in 1948 due to the influence of Lady Brunner. A property was purchased for around £1,600, every institute being asked to contribute £9, spread over three years. It was restored and furnished on a 'shoe string' because, not only was money in short supply in those post-war days, but rationing was still in force which meant that most items needed coupons for their purchase. The College was finally opened on 24th September 1948 and has been much developed over the years until now, in its Diamond year, it is a well equipped Teaching Centre. The main house has been refurbished and a new sixteen bed cottage, being constructed in the grounds, should be ready for August this year. Some five hundred courses are on offer covering a wide range of subjects. Daily Tours are very popular as are Taster Days and Workshops. Barbara stressed how fortunate we are in being so near to Denman; accessing all it offers is a very different matter for those living in the North of England or Cornwall, for instance. She gave us more details of the Denman Diamond Event due to take place from September 23rd to 28th inclusive and stressed what a wonderful occasion it should be: Some members hope to be able to attend. When asked how Denman came to be named, Barbara explained that it was named after Lady Denman who was the first National Chairman of the W.I.

Gwen gave a warm vote of thanks and Jane and Rosemary served a delicious tea of scones and butterfly cakes. The competition for six Easter biscuits was

Judged by the Members, each placing a coin against the plate of their choice. This boosted the collection for A.C.W.W. Margaret and Ann tied for first place with Valerie a well deserved third. Our next Meeting, the AGM, is on **8th April**. Members were asked to bring items (suitably priced) for the Bring and Buy stall. This will be instead of a raffle.

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#### SIBFORD FERRIS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at 7.45 pm in the first-floor room of the Sports Hall, Sibford School. This is not a parish council meeting but a village meeting, and is an opportunity to raise matters of interest to residents. Items on the agenda will include:

Parish Plans - Aimee Evans of the Oxfordshire Rural Communities Council will talk about parish plans and how they can assist a village in shaping its future, including matters such as affordable housing.

Banbury Police - a representative has been invited to attend the meeting to talk about crime reduction and we hope will be available to attend.

**Highways** - a representative of Oxfordshire Highways will, if possible, attend to speak about outstanding issues and answer any queries from residents.

**Sibford School** - the School has drawn up plans for its future and would like this opportunity to present them to the village and answer any queries.

**Town Estates Charity** - Jean Scouse, Secretary of the Charity will give a short annual report on the activities of the Charity in relation to Wheathills Farm, in which Sibford Ferris has joint interest with Sibford Gower.

**Bishop Blaize** - Eileen Haynes will report on the ongoing closure of the Bishop Blaize.

**Parish Council** - the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer will give their reports for the year.

Open Forum - there will then be an opportunity for residents to air

their views, raise and discuss any issues of concern or ask questions of the Parish Councillors. The issue of dog bins, for example, may be included at this point in the meeting if requested.

All residents are welcome to attend the meeting.





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#### Notes of Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting of 19 March

There were no apologies at the meeting, which was attended by one member of the public. It was recorded that N Kitchen had unfortunately been required to resign due to the 6 month rule. The Councillors gave a vote of thanks for her valuable contribution to the village during her membership of the Parish Council, particularly for her involvement in the two play area projects, with the successful completion of the refurbishment of the Cotswold Close site. The vacancy had not been filled at the time of the meeting.

Play Area The Clerk reported that unfortunately some graffiti had appeared, which has been removed, and that cigarette butts are regularly found under the tower unit. A sign has been put on the litter bin asking people not to use it for disposing of dog waste. Mr Knowles has kindly fixed two new signs to the gate and has also very kindly offered to keep the grass strimmed during the growing season. School MUGA It was agreed to apply for planning permission for change of use to permit public access. OPFA Roadshow It was agreed that one of the roadshows on maintenance and inspection of play areas would be attended. Tree Planting It was noted that all replacement trees had now been planted by OCC, including the small leafed limes along the Hook Norton road. Burial Ground Extension It was agreed to contribute pro-rata in line with electoral register numbers to the wall repairs associated with the extension of the church burial ground. Proposed Barriers on Back Lane The School was in correspondence with OCC on this matter. It was noted that the District Council has confirmed the weekly refuse collection could still be made from the properties on Back Lane if there were a barrier in place. Verge Erosion on Main Street A meeting was held in January with Simon Marsden of Oxfordshire Highways; a scheme will be prepared to kerb sections of the verge from Wade Lane near the Small House down to the telephone box, and that this will hopefully include some drainage to take rainwater off the road surface. Post Office Closures A letter in support of Sibford Post Office had been sent to the review body. Councillors were pleased to learn that Sibford Post Office is not earmarked for closure in the current review. Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action Workshop Keith Hicks had attended this workshop and M Hicks reported that the experience of those present

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was of difficulty in recruiting younger volunteers, and generally keeping everyone focused and enthused, and excessive demands on volunteers to complete forms and read paperwork. Primary School Review The Banbury pilot of the review of schools' capital expenditure needs has been completed but the review is still underway for the rest of Oxfordshire and a letter supporting small, successful rural primary schools (such as Sibford Gower) has been sent to OCC. Oxfordshire Partnership on Sustainable Community Strategy Briefings J Simms agreed to attend the briefing in April. Planning It was noted that there had been no appeal by the Noquets against the refusal to grant change of use for the Bishop Blaize. Any Other Business There were comments made about the School dumping area being visible from the Grounds Farm driveway and also about footpaths through the School being more clearly waymarked. The Clerk was asked to contact the School on these points. The meeting closed at 9.10 pm. Next meeting is on Wednesday, 21st May at 7.45 pm in the Sports Hall classroom at Sibford School. All welcome.

#### Sibford Scene Brown Envelope Campaign

Once again a small brown envelope has arrived with your Sibford Scene this month. Please make your contribution (we suggest £3) to your parish magazine and return the envelope to the collection box in the Post Office. Please feel free to enclose comments or suggestions of what you would like to see included in the Sibford Scene in the future.

Funding for the Sibford Scene comes from the Brown Envelopes, the advertisers and donations from the clubs, societies and parish councils who contribute items for inclusion. Our costs are for printing the 430 copies 10 times a year. The people involved (about 25 in all) are all volunteers - no one receives anything but out of pocket expenses - and in general the Sibford Scene does achieve its objective of being delivered free to every household in the Ferris, Gower and Burdrop before the start of the month. We feel that we must try to achieve this to ensure that all events planned can be certain of their publicity.

As Editor I try to include everything that comes to me for inclusion but I will not use articles submitted anonymously, so please put your contact details on them somewhere.

Thank you for your contribution. Adrian Lamb, editor.

#### "Bishop Blaize" - April update

The pub is still closed and empty, but thanks to the stand we have made, it IS still legally a pub and we must retain the hope that it will eventually be restored to us. There have been several rumours circulating around the villages recently that the pub is up for sale, but we have been unable to substantiate this in any way. If anyone has any information at all about the "Bishop Blaize", would they please contact myself, or any member of the Support Group.

Many thanks, and watch this space!

Sincerely, Eileen Haynes (780083) pp. Bishop Blaize Support Group.

Katharine House Hospice Jumble/Recycling Sale

Saturday October 11th 2pm Sibford Village Hall Adm 30p
If a Spring Clean is imminent, could we please ask that you may save
& store any items worth donating to the above cause.

We would also like to appeal to anyone who may be willing to donate a leak proof shed for this worthy cause.

Thank you to the villages on going support.
Bernie & Andrew Jones. (780343)





#### 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.

When I visited the new residents at Lowlands, The Colony, Sibford Gower they had both been very busy in the garden. Gill & Clive Evans have moved to Sibford from Shutford and are looking forward to moving in when they have completed some alterations. They both enjoy gardening walking and cycling and Clive takes part in marathon running. Gill also finds time to run a Cub scout pack in Banbury.

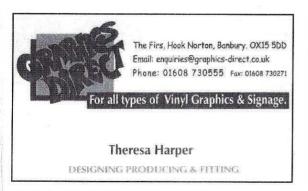


Sibford Horticultuiral Society At our first meeting of the year we welcomed Diane and Rob Cole who talked to us about how they built their dream nursery. I say they,

but it was all Diane who shifted tonnes of hardcore, sand and made nursery beds and laid paths. She deserved a medal!

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday April 9th** at 8 pm in the Village Hall, when Hilary Twigg will talk to us on pruning and making a knot garden.

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Ask officials for identification before you allow them to enter your property, if you are not expecting them close the door and check their identity with the authority concerned.

When neighbours are away keep an eye on their property, check that post and papers are not left sticking out of the letter box and parcels are not left on the door step.

Cold calling. Do not buy goods at the door or by phone. Never give personal information to anyone calling.

If you are bothered about strangers or unusual activities then contact the police with as much information as possible, a full detailed description of the person or people including number age, sex, hair colour, style and length, clothes colour and type. Information about their transport, the registration number, the type of vehicle and the colour, the direction in which it is travelling etc.

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There can be few people in western nations who have not heard of "The Barber of Seville" and fewer still, even without a musical background, who do not recognize the overture to "William Tell"!

The music of **Gioachino Rossini** remains as light, enjoyable and popular as ever. "I was born for comic opera" he said, but amongst his later compositions are a couple of sacred pieces in which his operatic style and romanticism persist.

The Warriner Choral Society shall be performing his 'Petite Messe Solennelle' on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May in Deddington, at the Church of St Peter & St Paul. Accompaniment shall include harmonium as, no doubt, Rossini would have wanted. His irrepressible sparkle is characterized in a comment of the time that the Petite Messe Solennelle was "neither little, nor solemn, nor particularly liturgical"!

The performance shall commence at 7.30 pm and there shall be refreshments during the evening. Tickets (£8 and £7 concs) are obtainable from Hayward White (Deddington), One Man Band (Banbury), Bloxham Post Office, Jenny on 01295 721224, or on the door.

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#### **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS**

As this report is being written on Easter Saturday, the only Benefice Easter services which have taken place so far are the Eucharist of Maundy Thursday at Swalcliffe with foot-washing and the Good Friday service of readings and music at Broughton Church with the combined choir. There was during Holy Week an interesting and inspiring innovation of a Silent Communion. We Anglicans have a lot to learn from our Quaker friends.

The Parish Annual Meeting was held after the morning service in church on Sunday 9th March. Mrs Eveline Boughton and Mrs Ann Spicer were re-elected as churchwardens. Mrs Kathy Yorke and Mrs Helen Earle retired as members of the Parochial Church Council with grateful thanks for their service. Those elected to the PCC were Cathy Cawley (later confirmed as Treasurer), Peter Hardman (later confirmed as PCC Secretary), Eileen Haynes, Mary Nash, Tom Pratt, Gladys Stevens, and Sue Wilson; Erica Wimbush was re-elected as Deanery Synod representative for the forthcoming three years.



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01295 788101 or 07733428220 Restorer for 25 yrs – portfolio available Thanks were extended to the many villagers who assist with cleaning, flowers, garden maintenance, publicity, clock winding, organizing, events, services and publicity. The Treasurer presented the Accounts, and these revealed a surplus of £1,184. Gift Aid and general contributions were up; Coffee mornings raised a useful £650, the Summer Fete and Christmas Bazaar £1,800 but it was noticed that the income from the Barbecue totalled over £1,000. A great many thanks are due to Sue and Guy Wilson, who once again ran this event at their home.

The Family Service was held on Mothering Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April and, needless to say, the emphasis was on Mothers. A point was made to include in this the Church itself and all present withdrew outside, which fortunately was welcoming, and stood in a circle to "hug" the building. A very large congregation with many children clearly greatly enjoyed the proceedings. The next Family Service will be on **Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 am.** It is hoped that the many families who attended for the first time on Mothering Sunday will visit us again. The group who organise these services are to be congratulated on their great success. It is sad that Helen Earle and Catherine Berks have found it necessary to withdraw and we owe them both a huge thank you for all they have done.





#### **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 England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower.

March

Sun 30th 10.30am Benefice Service at Shutford

April

Sun 6th 10.30am Benefice Service at Swalcliffe

Sun 13th Holy Communion 9.30am

Sun 20th Holy Communion 9.30am

Sun 27th Family Service 10.00am

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#### Cherwell Rural Dial-A-Ride Scheme

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

Child (5-16yrs) £1.00

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

#### Calendar of Events

#### March

Sat 29th Village Hall Quiz Night 7pm.

Sun 30th Vintage Ploughing Match at Sibford Heath Farm p22

## April

Tue 1st Friendship Club Easter Tea. P4

Tue 1st Tuesday Bike Rides Start. Lanes End Corner 7pm

Wed 2nd Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Sat 5th Sibford Gower and Sibford Ferris Litterblitz p8

Sun 6th Village Hall Market

Tue 8th W.I. Annual General Meeting p11

Tue 8th Cricket Nets Start p5

Wed 9th Horticultural Society Talk on Pruning. p17

Tue 15th Friendship Club outing to Bicester p4

Tue 15th Deadline for contributions to the April Sibford Scene p20

Wed 16th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Thu 17th Sibfords Society in the Village Hall 8pm p6

Tue 29th Travelling Souk at Temple Close p5

Wed 30th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Wed 30th Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting p12

## May (part)

Tue 6th Friendship Club Annual General Meeting p4

Sat 10th until 26th Art Exhibition in the Mission Room p13

Sat 10th Warriner Choral Society Concert in Deddington Church p19

Sat 17th Horticultural Society Plant Sale and Coffee Morning p17

Wed 21st Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Council Meeting p14

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#### Sibford Scene

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