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June 2008

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Nature Notes

Apr. 18th. Saw our first swallows of the year catching flies round the cattle near Gautherns Barn.

May. 10th. On arriving at Walberswick on the Suffolk coast we were greeted by the noise from a rookery in some scots pines behind the cottage which made us feel at home.

May. 11th. Found the sea pea in bloom on the seawall and birdsfoot, climbing corydalis and spring beauty on Walberswick Common. Having read in last weeks newspaper that the banks of the river Blyth will not be maintained in the future it was interesting to see where last November's breach had let in the sea water killing off the vegetation over a big area. It had also crept along some drainage ditches killing all the bushes and silver birch trees growing on the banks. The breach was repaired and the sea water pumped out.

May. 12th To Dunwich Heath, a National Trust owned reserve adjoining the R.S.P.B. reserve at Minsmere. Saw a bittern flying over the reeds, whitethroat, willow warblers and chiffchaff in the bushes and linnets, stonechats and dartford warblers on the extensive areas of heather. The three sculptures in the shape of curling waves were made from silver birch poles thatched with reeds and were placed to show where the coastline is expected to be in 25, 50 and 100 years time. They were well used by a kestrel as a look out perch. In the evening we went to Toby's Walks, an old overgrown sand pit, where we heard four nightingales and on to Westleton Heath hoping to see a nightjar. Although we stayed until a tawny owl flew over we did not see any nightjars although my son could hear one in the distance. I expect it was too much to hope for two successes in one evening.

May. 13th On the way to Minsmere we walked into the top end of the Walberswick reserve and found a dead adder by the track. At Minsmere the array of waders and seabirds seen from the hides was bewil-

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dering but included avocets, redshank, common sandpiper and a little stint. Some hobbies looked to be catching dragonflies while the marsh harriers spend most of their time searching the reed beds for an easy meal which could be one of the few bearded tits that we saw. The RSPB have also dug into a hillside to expose a vertical sand cliff in which a lot of sand martins are nesting.

May. 14th Walked across the Walberswick National Nature Reserve, which has the biggest area of reedbeds in Britain, on raised paths and boardwalks. Saw bitterns, bearded tits etc and saw quite a lot of deer tracks through the reeds. On the walk home we found burrowing clover, which plants its own seed.

May. 16th This afternoon we paid another visit to Dunwich Heath and saw some of the funnel shaped pits of ant lions which are insect larvae that feed on the ants etc which slip down the sides of their sandy pits into their jaws.

May. 17th The rookery at the back of our cottage is the only one we have seen and surprisingly we have seen no signs of badgers which may be why we saw two dead hedgehogs on the road on the first part of our homeward journey.

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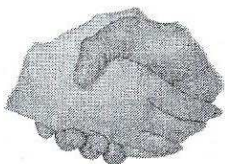
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We have had our A.G.M. and there are a few changes to be noted. Our New Chairperson is Marion Paice and our Secretary is Eveline Boughton (Tel 263460). After the main business of the Meeting we had a Birthday Party for Phyllis Webb, who was 90 on

May 11th and we Thank her two daughters Ann and Sue for the lovely tea. June 3rd we have a speaker Mr Alan Benjamin, he will be explaining the art of Morris Dancing.

June 17th we are going to Bourton on the Water. The day includes a conducted tour round the Perfumery. Please ring Eveline if you would like to join us.

John Mulley

Mollie, Peter and Dalvindar, Luke and Vanessa would like to thank all who sent John get well cards and messages during his illness.

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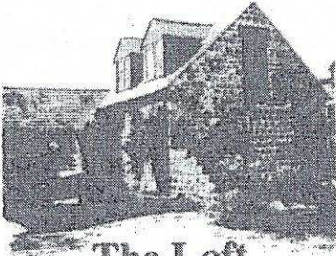
We learned in fascinating detail about the Wills and Probates of the inhabitants of Chipping Norton in the 16-17C, which are being researched by Dr. Adrienne Rosen and a group of people in Chipping Norton. In the 16C Chipping Norton was already a wealthy town. This wealth was generated by the

wool trade and the town had a population of between 800 and 900 people. Most Wills had to be dictated, often to the vicar and were very detailed, with bequests to the family and instructions for the funeral and burial and even what food and drink was to be served after the funeral.

The inventories listed all the contents of their houses, so a picture can be drawn up of how they furnished their homes and if they owned a shop or worked in a trade, everything there was also listed, so making a valuable social history for todays historians.

Our outside visit is to Oxford on the 19 June, where we shall have a Literary and Historical guided tour, then time for lunch, followed by a visit to The Oxford University Press, at a cost of £7.00pp. We have a few vacancies, so if anyone would like to join us, please ring Jenny Barratt on 01386 438238. We propose to meet at the Village Hall car park to car share at 9.00am and then drive to Park and Ride in Oxford. We have to be outside Blackwells in Broad Street for 10.45am to start the tour and Oxford maps will be handed out before leaving Sibford.

Maureen and Keith have now made a DVD of their presentation of photos both past and present of the re-enactment last year of Sibford Club Day, so if you took part or would like to learn more about the Sibford Club, which ran for over a hundred years and helped members in times of hardship, please order a copy, on 01295 780259 at a cost of £5.00.



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Village Hall News

SIBFORD VILLAGE FAYRE is on **June 21st**, commencing at 1pm. Entry forms for the **Painting competition** will soon be available in the Sibford Stores. The theme is 'Weddings' and pictures should be A4size. Classes are for; under 5yrs; 5 to 10yrs; 11 to 17yrs and adults. Competitors for the **fancy dress** (1.15pm prompt) can enter for free on the day, and classes are for under 4yrs-4 to 9yrs- 10 to 16yrs-family group-best ladies' hat- best gentlemen's waistcoat. The **Dog Show at 3.15pm**, includes classes for cross breed and pedigree, puppy and veteran. Entry forms from the shop or from Ginny 780373. We could do with more helpers, so if you would like to join the team for just an hour, on a stall, game, teas or bar then call Ginny. We will be trawling the villages for donations for the bottle tombola, etc. Look forward to seeing you on the day! **Sunday Market**. The next market will be held on **June 1st** from 12-30pm in the Village Hall. There will be things to buy and refreshments.



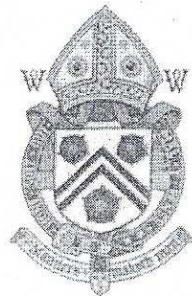
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SIBFORD GOWER ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday, 9th May 2008

The Meeting took place in the hall of Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School. Present were four Parish Councillors, PC Phil Morris (Thames Valley Police Neighbourhood Specialist Officer), Mr Ralph Grant (Area Engineer, Oxfordshire Highways), fourteen local electors and the Clerk. Apologies were received from County and District air George Reynolds, Parish Cllr Eric Payne and five local electors. The minutes of the 2007 Meeting were read, accepted and signed. The Chairman (Cllr Robin Spicer) introduced PC Phil Morris who gave a personal background, current police activities, details of local break-ins (relatively small in number but this should not lead to complacency) and the recent formation of the Neighbourhood Action Group that meets every two months in Banbury Police Station. Anyone requiring security advice is invited to contact the Crime Reduction Advisor at Banbury Police Station (Tel: 0845 3 505 505). Next to speak was Mr Ralph Grant, Area Engineer, Oxfordshire Highways who gave his personal professional background, the method of his departments operations and its responsibilities. He answered

various matters that were raised including the possibility of having kerbs in High Meadow lowered to facilitate the passage of walking frames, invalid car-

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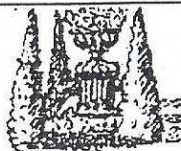
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matter will be placed on the agenda of the next Parish Council Meeting so that consideration may be given. The Chairman thanked PC Phil Morris and Mr Ralph Grant for being present and speaking. Cllr Robin Spicer then gave his Chairman's Report followed by reports on Highway and Footpath Matters. He thanked his fellow Councillors and the Clerk for their involvement and support. He extended sympathy and condolences to Mrs Mollie Mulley and family on the very recent death of her husband, John, who was the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. He reported the death of Col. Colin Frith who moved from the area some time ago but for many years was Clerk to the Parish Council. Condolences were extended to Mrs Tina Frith. There followed a report from the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer and reports concerning The Town Estates Charity, the Neighbourhood Watch with comments from Mr Ian Warden, the Village Hall, The Bishop Blaize, the new Burial Ground, Maintenance of Holy Trinity Churchyard, the Village Pond and Opportunities for Play and Children. The Chairman thanked those who had prepared the reports and those who presented them. He asked Mr Tony Haynes to convey thanks to his wife for the preparation of the report about the Bishop Blaize. Unfortunately, she was unable to present it personally due to a current mobility problem. The Meeting's best wishes for a speedy recovery were conveyed to her. The Chairman recognised the great deal of work that is expended by those involved in the various village activities. Copies of the Minutes and the reports are available from the Clerk (Peter Hardman, Tel: 01295 780391) on request. At the Any Other Business part of the Meeting, various matters were raised, including again the parking problem in the Village Pond area, and the Clerk will be making appropriate enquiries, reporting to the Parish Council in due course. The Meeting started at 7.30pm and the Chairman closed it at 9.35pm after thanking all the speakers and the local residents who were present.

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Sibford Horticultural Society

For our last meeting we visited Fibrex Nurseries at Pebworth, who are National Collection Holders of pelargoniums and iris. They also specialise in hellebores and ferns. We had a lovely and informative time looking at all the different species and how to get plants ready for shows (They had just done Malvern and were preparing for Chelsea). Coffee and cake was gratefully received at the end as it was getting rather chilly and most people came away with a good selection of plants. The plant sale was very well attended and over £200 was raised for Society funds. Many thanks to all who helped and donated plants, also to Diana Thompson for the use of her excellent garden.

The next meeting is an evening visit to Chevil Farm on Wednesday 18th June
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This month's speaker was Sibford W.I. Member, Valerie Taylor, who was once a social worker for the Soldiers, Sailors and Air Force Association (SSAFA). SSAFA was founded in 1885 by Major James Gildea of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment primarily for the purpose of providing assistance and support to the wives and dependants of serving members in the Second Egyptian Expeditionary Force. He went on to establish the Royal Homes for Officers' Widows and Daughters (unmarried) in 1986 which provided them with rent-free accommodation. SSAFA's first president was Queen Alexandra and her personal monogram was adopted as its official seal. Within a few years the Association's remit was widened to the care of families and dependants of all the Army, Navy — and eventually the Royal Air Force — personnel. With few exceptions anyone with a Service connection, even of only a few days, is eligible for a grant or assistance. Referrals may originate from family, friends, and neighbours and applications must always be submitted in writing. A social worker will visit the applicant within a few days with a view to establishing the validity of the application as well as the type of assistance required e.g. housing, financial, clothing, social etc. This information will be the basis of a written report to be made available to the relevant SSAFA committee for consideration. The only test is on need, not rank. Once the application has been approved, it will be the social worker's responsibility to put in place all that is required to meet the applicant's needs. An important aspect of the social worker's work is known as 'almonising'. This is knowledge of and liaison with other possible sources of assistance to the applicant which might be available from one of the other many voluntary organisations, for example perhaps gardening or decorating. Financial assistance might also be forthcoming from Regimental funds, the RAF Benevolent Fund or the Royal Naval Benevolent Fund. Valerie ended her talk by giving us some very interesting examples of casework. SSAFA has been in existence for well over one hundred years. Sadly, its work is still essential and relevant and we all agreed that Valerie's talk was not only interesting but enlightening and thought-provoking.

Val and Gaynor refreshed us with tea and a choice of three lovely cakes. The Best Bloom competition was won by Jane (1st), Barbara (2nd) and Glennis (3rd). On 10th June we meet at the Village Hall at 2pm when Christine Reeves will give a talk "The Connection between Health and Dinosaurs". Competition — A Health Tip. There are a few seats available for our coach outing to Coughton Court on 12th August. If interested, please phone Glennis (780391) or Barbara (780635).

SIBFORD CRICKET CLUB MATCH REPORT.

Sibford started the new season with a loss away to Gayton. We were done by some good bowling with Gavin Bedward top scoring with 25. Sibford losing by 103 runs but managed to get 3 bonus points for taking 6 wickets. Our next league match was away to Greens Norton who won their first match with ease. Chris Sabin being the new captain won the toss and elected to bat on a very warm day. A wise move! Losing 3 wickets with only 30 on the board, things looked bad until Nick Peters joined Ian Wollerton at the crease. Both played some excellent shots with several 6's and 4's. Nick got his 50 hitting a 6 straight into the seating area of his own team mates but was out soon after. Ian followed him but not before scoring a very important 33. Things now looked better as we got passed 100 with some batting to come. Matt Allan was going well before running himself out 14 and Matt Simms caught towards the boundary for 10. Even though Sibford was bowled out for 142 with 7 overs left, the damage had been done. Greens Norton started well but with some tight fielding, excellent catches and some great bowling from the likes of Keith Oberascher (3 wickets & 3 catches), managed to bowl them out for 72.

The friendly at home against Round of Gras was played on a very good wicket. RoG have been getting stronger and stronger these last few years. You can see where I'm going with this folks! RoG batted first making 190. The pick of Sibfords bowlers was Ben Davis taking 4 for 31 closely followed by Ben Layer who also took a great one handed catch. Sibford could only manage 74 with one of our Long Compton recruits (due to the clubs collapse), Ian Petty top scouring with 33 and Matt Simms 13.

Sibford next entertained Gawcott & Hillesdon in the league. Batting first we got off to a great start with openers Phil Shaw (Long Com) 44 and Rich Morbey 23 before Phil ran Rich out going for a quick single. By the time the rain came Sibford had put on 125 for 3 with 12 overs to go. Match abandoned, which was a shame as this was another good wicket. Credit needs to be given to Percy and his team for all their hard work on the square. We look forward to some more home matches. Top job fellas!!!

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ing the children to Whichford woods and back. This is an overview of my experiences as an evacuee in these parts of the country. The villages that I have loved since about 1940. I will remember those times for the rest of my life!!



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Report on Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting, 30 April 2008

The meeting, attended by six members of the public, was chaired by Chris Franklin, Chairman of the Parish Council. **Banbury Police** PC Phil Morris gave advice on crime reduction, such as keeping windows, doors, garages, sheds, etc. locked. Leaving keys in locks is not a good idea as it makes it easier for thieves to remove larger items. Items at particular risk of theft, such as garden items, can be postcode marked using a "smart water" technique, (contact Jane Taylor, Crime Reduction Officer at Banbury for details). PC Morris appealed for new members of the local Neighbourhood Action Group, set up to identify crime concerns in the villages, and particularly for someone to take on the role of Chairman. When asked about speeding in the village, he agreed to do a spot check. Banbury Police are planning to purchase a new speed camera for this purpose. There are three PCSO's (Police Community Service Officers) now working in the district. PC Morris can be contacted on 0845 8 505 505. **Wheathills Farm** Jean White, Secretary of the Town Estates Charity, then reported on the past year, when new hedging plants were put in alongside Acre Ditch and a minor boundary issue dealt with. **Highways** Ralph Grant, Area Engineer, was asked to respond to a number of issues. (1) A kerbing scheme, with some drainage, for the verge from the Small House down to the telephone box, has been drawn up and hopefully will be completed before the 31st March 2009. (2) Mr Grant took note of a request for the verge from Lanes End down to the Old House also to be kerbed, but could not give any assurances on a bid being successful. (3) Speed limit between the Ferris and Burdrop - Highways does not want to alter the speed limit because there is no data to support a change. Mr Grant cited the results of a speed check carried out on Mannings Hill in January 2005, which did not show speeding. However, he agreed to find out from the Speedwatch officer whether the check was made at the top of Mannings Hill or nearer to where pedestrians cross lower down, as this would have a bearing on the discussions. (4) Speed reduction in the village - on this topic, he recommended spot checks such as offered by PC Morris. 20mph limits are apparently not practical for villages because of the physical components required, such as speed bumps. (5) Road repairs - the condition of the roads was discussed. Mr Grant said that village roads are inspected 6-monthly, and other roads 12-monthly. They are only scheduled for re-surfacing when sufficiently "bad" and in the interim are "kept safe". Therefore, if anyone finds potholes, they should report them to Highways, who will repair within 24 hours if they are dangerous, or 28 days if not. **Parish Plans** Aimee Evans of ORCC then gave a very informative presentation on Parish Plans and their benefits to village communities. She would be happy to do another presentation, perhaps jointly with Sibford Gower, if required. **Sibford School** Michael Goodwin, Head of Sibford School, presented their plans for future development, which include the redevelopment of some of the older parts of the building stock. In the immediate future, new changing rooms will be built and a new school hall put in place of the existing. The School hopes by 2020 to have 450 pupils, which they want to be their maximum (they currently have 422), and a large part of this growth they expect to be in the Orchard Close primary school. The development plans are available for inspection in the School Office. **Bishop Blaize** Les Summerell read Eileen

Haynes' report on the Bishop Blaize, giving a summary of events since March last year. There are no practical steps the village can take to restore the pub to its former use, other than to keep a watchful eye on it and keep in touch with the Planners. It was confirmed there are still persons interested in purchasing and running the Blaize as a pub. **Sibford Ferris Parish Council** Parish Council business followed, with the Chairman's Report and the Financial Report for the year to 31 March 2008. **Open Forum** The meeting was then opened to the public and two issues were put to those present. Firstly, opinion was sought on the switching off for a period each night of the village street lights. There were no objections, but it was decided to canvas views via the Sibford Scene. Secondly, the idea of doing a "Swap Shop" where people can give away, rather than throw away, unwanted items (of reasonable quality and non-electrical) was discussed. This suggestion was generally approved and further information will be obtained. The meeting closed at 10.00 pm with thanks to all those attending. Copies of the full draft minutes can be obtained from Anita Spencer (788557).

Sibford Ferris will be offered, later in the year, the opportunity to switch street lights off for five hours after midnight, using light sensitive devices. The financial saving of doing this would be indirect as the cost of street lighting is borne by the County Council, although there would be environmental benefits also. If anyone has any views or comments on this idea, please let us know so that we can give feedback to Oxfordshire County Council. You can speak to one of the Councillors, speak to or telephone the Clerk, Anita Spencer, on 788557, or leave a note marked "Street Lighting" at Greens Shop. Thank you.

Sibford Ferris Parish Council

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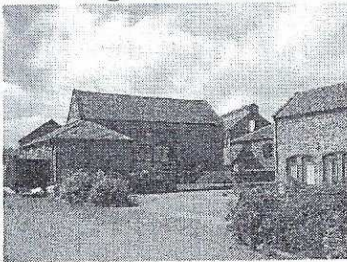


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I am pleased to report that they both have achieved their challenge....

Julie Harris completed the London Marathon on April 13th in a superb time of 4 hours 47minutes, with no problems to report other than bottlenecks on route due to the volume of runners! A great achievement given her last (and first) marathon was 7 years ago.

Adrian Watts, who has children at the school, completed the Stratford Upon Avon on April 27th in a fantastic 3 hours 33 minutes, especially as this was his first marathon and it was the warmest weekend of the year so far!

In the last article you will recall we had a target of £5,000 to enable the fitting out to be completed – **due to the fantastic efforts by Adrian and Julie so far we have raised £3500.**

So, a huge plea to everyone in Sibford to support Adrian and Julie by making a donation in aid of the School (and thanks to those who have already done so) – we have £1500 to go to hit the target.

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A series of *Coffee Mornings* in church have been arranged for Saturday 5th July, Saturday 2nd August and Saturday 6th September, all from 10.00 am to mid-day. These were very popular when held last year and will feature various stalls and a raffle.

Another date for your diaries: The Church Fete will be held in The Village Hall on Saturday July 19th organised by Catherine and Bruce Petter (Telephone: 788337) who would appreciate offers of help also bottles, books, bric a brac, plants, produce, cakes and good food for the usual stalls and hampers.

The Family Service held on Rogation Sunday left no one in doubt about the meaning of this annual event in the Church's calendar. A great attraction was the pen containing two ewes and numerous lambs outside the church door and, particularly, "Hand-reared Harry", the lamb who came into the service in the arms of Catherine Berks. May 18th was Trinity Sunday, the Birthday of our Church and was suitably celebrated, first by a short Eucharist then a birthday party much enjoyed by all ages with "pass the parcel" and a large Birthday Cake.

The Benefice choir will be well represented at the Radley School Chapel on Saturday 11th October at the annual Festival Choral Evensong arranged by the Oxfordshire branch of The Royal School of Church Music,

on the committee of which our Rector, Timothy Wimbush has been for some years. The Conductor this year will be Kerry Beaumont, Director of Music at Coventry Cathedral, the organist Jonathan White, Associate Organist of Magdalen College, Oxford and the preacher will be Rt Rev John Pritchard, Bishop of Oxford. Some interesting music has been selected and there is always room for non-choristers in the chapel.



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June

Sun 1st 10.30am Benefice Service at Sibford

Sun 8th 8.00am Holy Communion

Sun 15th Fathers Day family Service 10.00am

Sun 22nd Holy Communion 9.30am

Sun 29th Benefice Eucharist at Swalcliffe 6.00pm

July

Sun 6th Matins and Holy Communion 9.30am



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Calendar of Events

June

- Sun 1st Village Hall Market from 12.30pm p7
- Tue 3rd Friendship Club - Morris Dancing p4
- Tue 3rd Methodist Chapel Anniversary Service 7.30 pm p5
- Tue 10th W.I. Talk The connection between Health and Dinosaurs p11
- Wed 11th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
- Sat 14th Cantamus Chamber Choir and Threes Company in Church p20
- Sun 15th Sibford Gower Open Gardens 2 - 6 pm
- Tue 17th Friendship Club trip to Bourton on the Water p4
- Tue 17th Deadline for contributions to the July Sibford Scene. p20
- Wed 18th Horticultural Society visit to Chevil Farm 6.15pm p10
- Thu 19th Pre School Open Morning 10 - 11.30 am p7
- Thu 19th Sibfords Society visit to Oxford University Press p6
- Sat 21st Village Hall Fayre p7
- Sat 21st Embroiderers Guild Regional Day at Sibford School p19
- Wed 25th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

July (part)

- Sat 5th Coffee Morning in the Church p21
- Sat 5th Craft Fair at Chipping Norton p5
- Sat 5th Summer Spritzer! Warriner Choral Society in Bloxham Church p19
- Wed 9th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
- Sat 19th Church Fete p14
- Wed 23rd Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

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