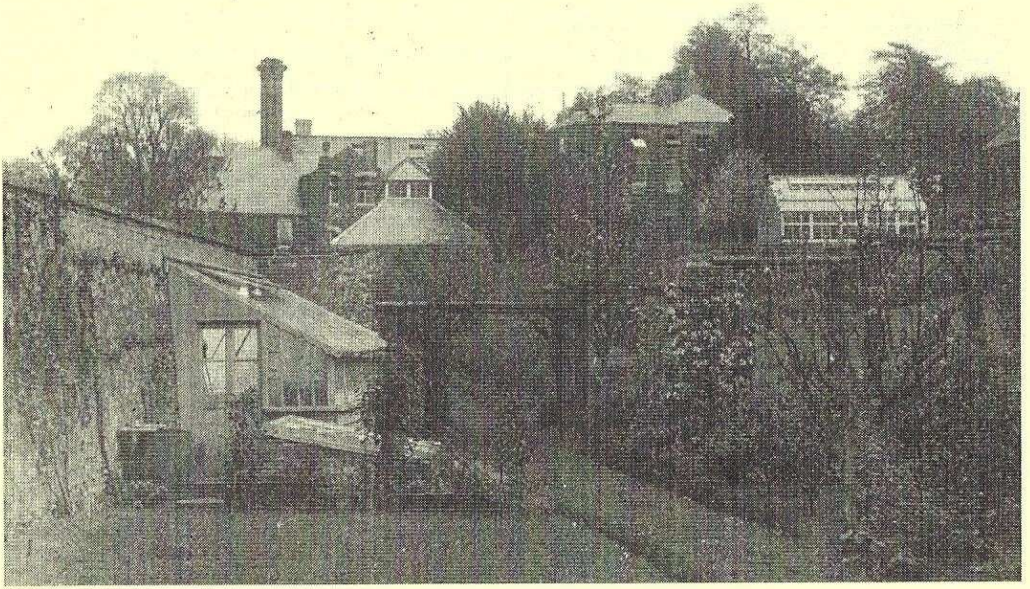


Sibford Scene



July 2008

No. 305

Coffee Morning at
Holy Trinity Church
Saturday 5th July 10 - 12 noon

Sibfords Society Summer Walk
From Orchard House, Sibford School
Thursday 17th July at 7 pm

Holy Trinity Church Fete
Saturday 19th July 2 pm at the Village Hall
Opening by James Fleet

Nature Notes

May 26th A bumble bees nest which was about 9 inches below ground level was dug out by badgers last night. As there were plenty of bees still around I have wedged some big stones into the hole and the bees seem happy to go in behind the stones which hopefully will allow them to rebuild the nest.

June 4th Last night badgers dug the bumble bees nest out again digging in at a different angle to bypass the stones. I have put in some more stones but that may not stop them. They are strong determined creatures.

June 9th My son-in-law rang me to say that he had 9 red kites circling over him at Stokenchurch in the Chilterns.

June 10th Today we walked in a very good wild flower meadow. As soon as we entered the field we spotted what we thought was an orchid away up the bank which on closer inspection turned out to be common broomrape but there were common spotted and bee orchids further on. Quaking grass predominated in places and there was a variety of flowers including fairy flax, dwarf thistle, bladder campion, crosswort, dropwort, thyme and rockroses. The butterflies included large and dingy skippers, small copper and common blue.

June 14th Although I have not seen any flycatchers this summer there are a few around. One was seen in the Ferris recently and I hear today that ones nesting in the Gower.

June 15th Badgers have dug out another bumble bees nest this time from under a pile of stones but as we still have some bees around there must be nests that they have yet to find. Many people are worried that in the future there may not be enough bumble bees to pollinate the crops that depend on them and give many reasons for declining numbers. As far as I know they have not included the high population of badgers which I think must be the main reason as I

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don't think there are many nests that they fail to find in the course of the summer.

June 19th 94mm (3.8") of rain fell at Capel Curig yesterday so the Angel Falls which only had a gentle flow when we saw them last autumn must now be a raging torrent.

Hello I am PC Phil Morris, Neighbourhood Specialist Officer for your village.

We are currently working with a Neighbourhood Action Group at solving problems identified by the community namely Speeding, Burglary and Groups of Youths. The main problem we are suffering from at the moment is theft of lead from buildings. If you have lead on your property you can take steps to secure it by;

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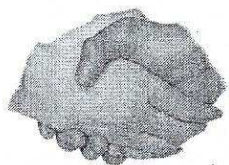
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Now to matters of the Club. On July 8th the speaker will be Margaret Rees, who plays the lute and know's about it's history. I understand she will be bringing other instruments to play and FOR US TO HAVE A GO!!!!!!!

PLEASE NOTE, THE CLUB DOES NOT MEET IN AUGUST. So our meeting on SEPT 2nd, we will be opening one of the "LITTLE BOXES". The Trip that month is on Sept 9th. Any queries about trips or the Club, please contact Eveline or Sandra. Our Thanks to Tim and Erica for the June Tea.

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The Parish Council is in contact with Oxford County Council with regard to measures that may be taken to prevent further grass verge erosion and, in due course, residents in the pond area will be invited to become involved in discussions so that an acceptable solution may be achieved.

Dear dog owners, We would like to remind you that it is an OFFENCE to let your dog foul and leave it behind. Just a small minority have no respect for the law and peoples property/public highways. Please put yourselves in your fellow villagers shoes, this is really not very nice of YOU to have left this for some other poor person to clean up. Just a-little respect and a little plastic bag to put it in is all that's required.

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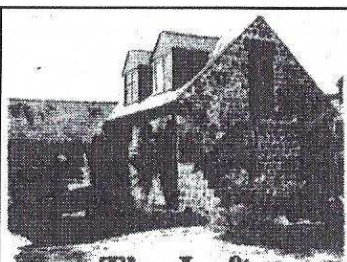
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The Sibfords Society

The weather was very kind to members on their visit to Oxford, where we enjoyed a Literary and Historical guided tour with Peter Berry, an extremely knowledgeable and interesting guide. We started the tour at Blackwells Bookshop, which commenced trading in 1879 in a room only 12 feet

square - three customers and the salesperson had to stand outside the back door! It now has over 200,000 books for sale. Then he took us around the central college area, explaining the history of the colleges and their illustrious undergraduates and fellows, many of the ones mentioned were authors, such as J.R.R. Tolkien and Evelyn Waugh. In the afternoon we visited the Oxford University Press and were shown a silent film made in 1920 about the process of printing books. One of the archivists explained in detail all the processes we were seeing in the film. It was very labour intensive, with many machines, each operated by one person, doing just one small repetitive part of the process and certainly without any regard to Health and Safety. We also had a guided tour of the Museum, which tells how printing first came to Oxford in 1468 and the eventual development of the OUP into the very successful business of today. The Museum is open daily but they would appreciate a phone call to book a time beforehand. On **17 July**, Robin and Ann will again lead one of their popular walks. This time an observation stroll around Sibford Ferris, in the opposite direction to last year. We will meet at Orchard House at Sibford School at 7.00pm and return there for refreshments at the end of the walk. If the weather is wet, we can meet in Orchard House for a social get-together. It is not too late to order a DVD of our Club Day re-enactment, which so many of you took part in last year. Ring Keith on 780259 to order your copy for £5. All the proceeds will go to the Society.



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3. If no such notice is given the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option.

Dated 23rd June 2008

Peter Hardman

Clerk to the Parish Council
The Mount, Main Street, Sib-
ford Gower OX15 5RT Tel:
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Sibford Gower Primary School PTA

Would like to thank all those who attended the Pub Quiz evening.

It was great to have so many taking part and £100 was raised.

Thank you.

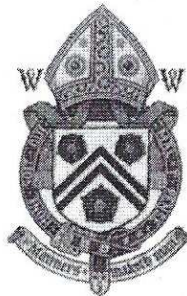
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Eric Payne

Eric Payne was Sibford! He was born in this small Oxfordshire village and lived here throughout his life. Having attended the village school and worked as a farm hand all his working life, he retained just a few sheep to keep him out of mischief! He was a familiar figure and was often seen with his crook and his beloved sheep dog at his heels, walking through the village stopping and talking to everyone he met. His duties and loyal service as Churchwarden for almost 40 years meant that he knew all the village families and was known and loved by everyone, old and young alike. He was Scoutmaster to the village Troop from 1943 to 1946, with his wife Mabel, ran the village post office and loyally served on the Parish Council, many years as Chairman. He was one of the kindest, caring, Christian men you could have the privilege to meet. His genuine understanding of people and of rural village life gave him a depth of wisdom that benefited all those who worked with him. He had a wealth of stories, which he was happy to

share at any time. He was loved and respected by all those who knew him - village life was enriched with Eric at its heart. He will be sorely missed by us all.

C.A. Berger

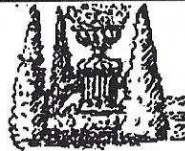
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Eric Payne

To write a eulogy to my father probably is unnecessary, as many of you will have known more about him and his accomplishments that I will ever know. He loved his village, its history and especially its people. 'Home is where the heart is' and this was definitely how Eric felt. He never wanted to be anywhere else! Now Eric has returned home to be laid to rest with his beloved wife Mabel, near to where their lives both began some 90 years ago.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for his or her companionship, care support and affection to Eric, something he cherished, and for your kind words of sympathy at his passing. He will be greatly missed.

Ruby Lawrence

GRANDDAD by Jennie Lawrence (aged 8)

He's tall and plump with body bent
 Sad eyes of pale blue,
 Grey hair grows on a balding head,
 A nose plonked just below.
 His smile shows off his ancient teeth
 With wrinkles furrowed deep.
 His rough hands show the years of work
 While country accent still he'll keep.

Down long lanes he travels
 Bow legged and pigeon toed.
 His dog a good companion
 As round the fields he roamed.
 Then walking through the village
 Up the hills and down
 Meeting with the locals
 Who've moved down from the town?

He's good and very thoughtful
 To people round about
 He collects and delivers pensions
 And I know you'll never doubt
 His kindness and his friendship
 But most of all you see
 He is my dear old Granddad
 And that's good enough for me!



Sibford Horticultural Society Annual Flower and Produce Show Saturday 23rd August 2.30pm

Your Show Schedule should be with this Sibford Scene. 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 20th August from 7 - 9pm in the Village Hall or in advance to a member of the show committee.

We will be running a Raffle, Bottle stall, Book stall, plant sale and serving teas. Members are expected to contribute to the bottle and cake stalls and contributions of prizes, bottles, cakes etc would be most welcome from everybody.

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Sibford W. I. Meeting — Tuesday, 10th June 2008

The President, Glennis Hardman, gave a special welcome to Caroline Jennings on leave from Hong Kong. She also warmly welcomed Teresa Forrest, President of Hook Norton W.I. Teresa had been the Group Delegate at the NF WI AGM in Liverpool on the 4th June. She gave an excellent account of the meeting. Of the two Resolutions, the one for "Inappropriate Imprisonment of the Severely Mentally Ill" was passed but the vote went against "Ban on Bottom Trawling".

At short notice, because the arranged speaker was unable to come, Mr Watson came to tell us about HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, a Christian non-denominational Charity dedicated to the elimination of sub-standard housing worldwide. 80% of the world's population lives in poor housing and ten thousand children die daily of malnutrition, malaria and aids a great tragedy. He showed slides demonstrating aspects of their work in South Africa, India and other parts of the world including Great Britain and the USA where there are great problems. The Charity aims to build houses large enough for the needs of families, with low-cost though quality materials, designed to cope with local climatic conditions, either very hot or very cold. The idea of the Charity is to HELP local people build their own houses not instruct them or do it for them, so even if you have no particular skill you can still be of great help. Whole families are involved in the building, making their own bricks and using -reeds as insulation. People repay the -cost of the building work sometimes in money and sometimes in kind — putting in hours of work or making bricks. Any money raised is ploughed back into building more houses. The Charity aims to give a 'Hand Up' not a 'Hand Out'. In villages where there are orphan children, a house will be built for them and the Village Elders will take on the care and welfare of the children. 80% of the work is voluntary and if you volunteer you get to go where tourists never do; you interact with the families and experience first hand how they live and you make a real difference in the World. Health & Safety concerns are taken very seriously and courses in First Aid etc are arranged, but almost anyone can take part. The people are very pleased and -proud of their new homes, furnishing and maintaining them to a high standard, so much so that toilet provision is always well away from the house as they consider it very unhygienic to have toilet facilities IN the house. When a-house is ready for occupation, a dedication ceremony is always held — a very grand occasion with everyone dressed in their Sunday -Best. We found Mr Watson's talk interesting, informative and inspiring. He was thanked by Lynda Conway.

Valerie Powell and Rosemary Neal served tea with a choice of delectable home baked cakes. The competition for "A Health Tip" was won by Barbara Crabtree with Valerie Taylor second and Rosemary Neal third.

Tuesday, 8th July will be a Garden Meeting at the home of Greta Baadsgaard. If wet, Greta is happy for us to be inside so there will be no-need to resort to the Village Hall.

Rosemary Neal

Sibford Gower Annual Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, 29th May 2008

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting, Cllrs Robin Spicer and Martin Layer were re-elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively. The death of Parish Cllr Eric Payne on the morning of the Meeting was announced with sadness and a two minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect. Eric had been a Parish Councillor since 21st May 1964 and was Chairman from 10th June 1983 to 17th May 2006. His guidance and invaluable lifetime knowledge of the locality and its history will be very sadly missed. The Clerk referred to the poor condition of the bench in the Miriam Tebbs' land. As it is so rarely used, some temporary repair work will be carried out by Mr Cedric Brown who will remove from it the memorial plaque and affix it in a more suitable position. Reference was made to the Code of Conduct Regime in respect of which with effect from 8th May 2008 matters are to be dealt with by the Standards Committee of Cherwell District Council and not the Standards Board for England. Following the sad passing of Mr John Mulley, Mrs Mollie Mulley has kindly undertaken to take on the role, for the time being, of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. Since the previous Meeting, the Parish Council has considered four planning applications and received four planning decisions. Three questions concerning Highway matters were raised at the recent Annual Parish Meeting and these have the Parish Council's attention with enquiries concerning them having been directed to Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council. Two of the situations are ongoing and the third has been resolved. Turning to Footpath matters, the responsibility for the hedge fronting 1 – 6 High Meadow remains unresolved and research continues. A complaint had been received about the excrement left by dogs being walked along the bridleway that extends from Backside Lane. Suitable warning notices are to be installed in the hope that all dog walkers will be duly considerate. Turning to Finance matters, it was resolved that the Annual Financial Return and the Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31st March 2008 be accepted as correct and they were duly signed off by the Chairman and the Clerk as Responsible Finance Officer. The Return will be submitted to the External Auditor and copies of both will be publicly displayed for the required period of time. The aspects of the Annual Governance Statement contained within the Audit Commission Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2008 received attention and all matters were considered to have been fulfilled and it was resolved that it be approved by the Council. A re-

view of the Council's Asset Register was undertaken and the Councillors were satisfied that it remains accurate and a true record. Next on the agenda was the Village Pond. Safe guarding the adjacent grass verges from vehicles is a major issue. The thought of creating a small lay-by with an equally small retaining wall to give a wider road has been rejected by Oxfordshire County Council. However, as the Parish Council already knew, wooden posts would be permitted and, in fact, had been organised some time ago but there was opposition from some residents. However, there now appears to have been a change of heart and the posts are, again, a possibility. Discussions are to take place to establish whether progress may be made. In an attempt to lessen the number of vehicles parked in the pond area, owners are to be asked to use other facilities where these are available to them although the Parish Council is very aware that a number of properties do not have parking accommodation. Mrs Glennis Hardman, as the request of the Parish Council, reported that the pond is in good condition although certain replanting is needed and this will take place shortly. She went on to say that there has been an extreme shortage of frogs this year but this was not uncommon in other ponds in the area. With regard to the new Burial Ground, it is expected that fencing in will start quite soon. Mr Cedric Brown is keeping the grass under control as he does that in the Churchyard, Mr & Mrs Alan Berk have said that they are willing to put -sheep into the Burial Ground to control grass growth and the gesture is very much appreciated. Mrs Evelyn Phillips has generously offered to provide a seat, in memory of her late husband, and its intended location is the subject of ongoing discussions. Having lost Eric Payne from the Council, his replacement will have attention. There is a correct and laid procedure to follow. The Meeting closed at 9.15 with the Chairman thanking all those who had attended.

The next Meeting will be on Tuesday, 29th July 2008 commencing at 8pm and take place, as usual, in the staff room of Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School



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Bernard Phillips

Bernard loved the village of Sibford Gower and those that live in it. He would often say how lucky that we are to live here and how much he enjoyed chatting to those he met on his walks. I have received so many cards and letters from you all and have been supported so much by the kindness expressed in them. My family and I would like to thank the Rev. Canon Timothy Wimbush for his guidance when we most needed it and also thank you all for your support.

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Tadmarton Fete Sunday 7th September

The organisers are looking for Tug-of-War teams for the competition at the Fete. Last year they had the rope but no contestants. Is there anybody who would be prepared to raise a team from Sibford to have a go? If so please contact Daisy Sadler. 780700 or email; (Joshsadler@lineone.net)

"Bishop Blaize" - July update.

It is such a shame to see the pub looking so forlorn, especially at this time of the year, however all is not lost as long as we can stick together, and keep the authorities informed as to any activity at the premises. Please let

me know if you notice any people or vehicles at any time - we need to keep a very close eye on the situation. Thank you very much.

Eileen Haynes (780083)
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Lieutenant Colonel COLIN FRITH OBE

Colin and Tina Frith lived in Burdrop from 1972 until they moved to Somerset in 2000 where Colin died on 30th April 2008.

Colin Frith was born in Plymouth in July 1926 into an army family, for both his father and grandfather served in the Somerset Light Infantry. He spent much of his early life in the care of his grandparents at Uphill Manor near Weston-super-Mare while his father, accompanied by his mother, served with his regiment in India. After attending Marlborough College, Colin immediately joined the army and after carrying out his training in Bangalore, was commissioned into his father's regiment when he was posted as a sniping instructor at the School of Infantry in Hythe, Kent. Here at a party given by Anne Stephens, at that time a senior WAAF officer and later to become Dame Anne as head of the WRAF, he met Dame Anne's niece Tina Phillips and they were married in 1951.

Colin saw active service in Malaya where he was mentioned in dispatches and after attending the Staff College in 1957 was appointed as Brigade Major in Northern Ireland. In 1961 he was posted as Company Commander with the newly amalgamated Somerset and Cornwall Light Infantry in Osnabrook in Germany. After serving in Gibraltar and Tobruk and with more staff training in the UK he was appointed successively to Military Operations branch at the War Office, as an instructor at Sandhurst and as Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion. This included winter warfare training in Canada and Norway and was followed, after more regimental amalgamations by a posting to Ballykinlar in Northern Ireland at the outbreak of "The Troubles" and he was soon patrolling the streets of Belfast. At the end of this tour of duty he was posted to the War Office when he was appointed OBE and after two years, decided to retire from the army, thus ending 97 years of continuous service by three generations of Frith, his father being Brigadier Sir Eric Frith.

Colin accepted appointment as Bursar at Magdalen College School in Oxford when he and Tina with their family, Sue, Anne, and Mark moved to Barn Close in Burdrop. He served as bursar for 14 years and on retirement

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from this, threw himself, with Tina, into village and charitable activities. At different times he was Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, Clerk to the Parish Council, Treasure of Holy Trinity Church, Treasurer of the newly formed Wykeham Benefice, a founding committee member and volunteer at the Fielding Day Centre, a founder member and tenor in the Benefice Choir. In most of the local activities Colin and Tina were to be found taking a leading part. He also acted as a visitor for the Soldiers, Sailors and Air Force Association (SSAFA) for 25 years.

Colin will be remembered by many in Sibford for his willingness to help wherever he could with humour, adaptability and resourcefulness, attributes described by his headmaster at Magdalen College School and which never left him. In the army he distinguished himself with his efficiency and military expertise and these followed him into civilian life. He spent much time and energy helping Tina's mother, Susannah Phillips and her aunt, Dame Anne Stephens, both of whom lived in the village and his aunt Marjorie at Uphill Manor for many years up to and her estate after her death. He rarely missed finishing the Daily Telegraph crossword puzzle and as a young man excelled in cricket as a wicket-keeper and batsman, playing whenever possible for his regiment, also at rugby for, amongst others, the Ashford Rugby Football Club when in Kent. He had an outstanding command of the English language, writing and speaking impeccably with a speedy answer to everything and much enjoying a pun. He was rarely faulted with quotations from Shakespeare, Gilbert and Sullivan and Flanders and Swann. He, Tina and the family have been greatly missed since they left the village but will always be lovingly remembered by their many friends. They have expressed great gratitude and wish to give their thanks to all those in the village who have sent messages of sympathy and support.

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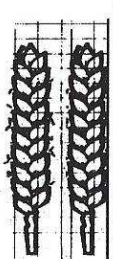
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Cancellation of "A Summer Evening of Magical Music"
which was to have taken
place in Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, 14th June 2008

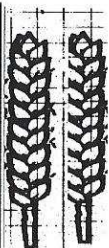
With great regret, the decision was taken to cancel the very special evening of music and readings and this was because of the very poor uptake of tickets. As at 8th June only eight tickets had been sold and to make the event financially viable the sale of one hundred was envisaged. The cost of hiring the performers and providing wine and canapes for the enjoyment of those attending in the absence of the benefit of the income from ticket sales caused the decision and, at the time of writing this, it is not known whether the performers may charge a cancellation fee.

Obviously, the lost opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Church is extremely disappointing and the Parochial Church Council is so sorry that tickets were not purchased in advance in order that the number of people intending to be present could be ascertained. Possibly, folk may have purchased tickets just before the event or even have arrived on the night to pay at the door, as often happens in Village events, but the Parochial Church Council could not take the chance.

Sincere apologies for the inconvenience caused by the cancellation are extended and refunds of the cost of tickets are available at the points of purchase.



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Sibford Pre-School



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However the Committee is also looking at alternative ways to secure the financial future of Pre-school exploring the options of grant aid. If you have any experience or knowledge of how to secure such funding, please can you contact Nicki Kitchen (tel: 01295 780633). Thank you.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

The first of a series of *Coffee Mornings* in church will be held on **Saturday 5th July**, from **10.00 am to mid-day**. The next will be on **Saturday 2nd August** and **Saturday 6th September**. These will feature various stalls and a raffle and have also, in the past, provided some enjoyable fellowship between busy people who do not meet all that often.

The Church Fete will be held in **The Village Hall** on **Saturday July 19th at 2pm** and will be formally opened by **James Fleet**, the well known actor of stage, screen, and radio. There is a separate advertisement in this publication about the fete. Every year it is very well supported by the village and following the probable financial loss experienced by the cancelled concert, it is hoped that it will have extra support.

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There was a great Family Service on Fathers' Day and the many fathers present received a very beautiful buttonhole generously made and presented by Glennis Hardman. The service was taken by the Rector with assistance from young and less young and was as usual, most memorable.

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.

July

Sun 6th Matins and Holy Communion 9.30am

Sun 13th Deanery Eucharist in Adderbury Church 10.30am

Sun 20th Family and Pets Service 10.00am

Sun 27th Holy Communion 9.30am

August

Sun 3rd Benefice Eucharist at Epwell 10.30am

Sun 10th Holy Communion 8.00am

Sun 17th Holy Communion 9.30am

Sun 24th Holy Communion 9.30am

Sun 31st Matins and Holy
Communion 9.30am



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SIBFORD GOWER School	09.25	11.25	12.55	13.55	15.55	17.35	18.35
Shipston, Tilemans Lane	09.47	11.47	13.17	14.17	16.17	17.57	18.57

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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
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Calendar of Events

July

- 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 p16
- Tue 8th Friendship Club, 'The Lute and its History' p4
- Tue 8th W.I. Garden Meeting p11
- Wed 9th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
- Thu 17th Sibfords Society Walk p6
- Sat 19th Church Fete p14
- Tue 22nd Deadline for contributions to the August&September Scene p20
- Wed 23rd Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
- Wed 23rd Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm Sibford School.
- Tue 29th Sports Roadshow at the Village Hall 10-12 noon 5 to 11 year olds.
- Tue 29th Sibford Gower Parish Council Meeting p12

August (part)

- Sat 2nd Coffee Morning in the Church p21
- Tue 5th Sports Roadshow at the Village Hall 10-12 noon 5 to 11 year olds.
- Wed 6th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
- Tue 12th Sports Roadshow at the Village Hall 10-12 noon 5 to 11 year olds.
- Tue 19th Sports Roadshow at the Village Hall 10-12 noon 5 to 11 year olds.
- Wed 20th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
- Wed 20th Horticultural Society Show Entries Night. 7 - 9 pm V.Hall p10
- Sat 23rd Horticultural Society Show at the Village Hall 2.30pm p10
- Tue 26th Sports Roadshow at the Village Hall 10-12 noon 5 to 11 year olds.

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