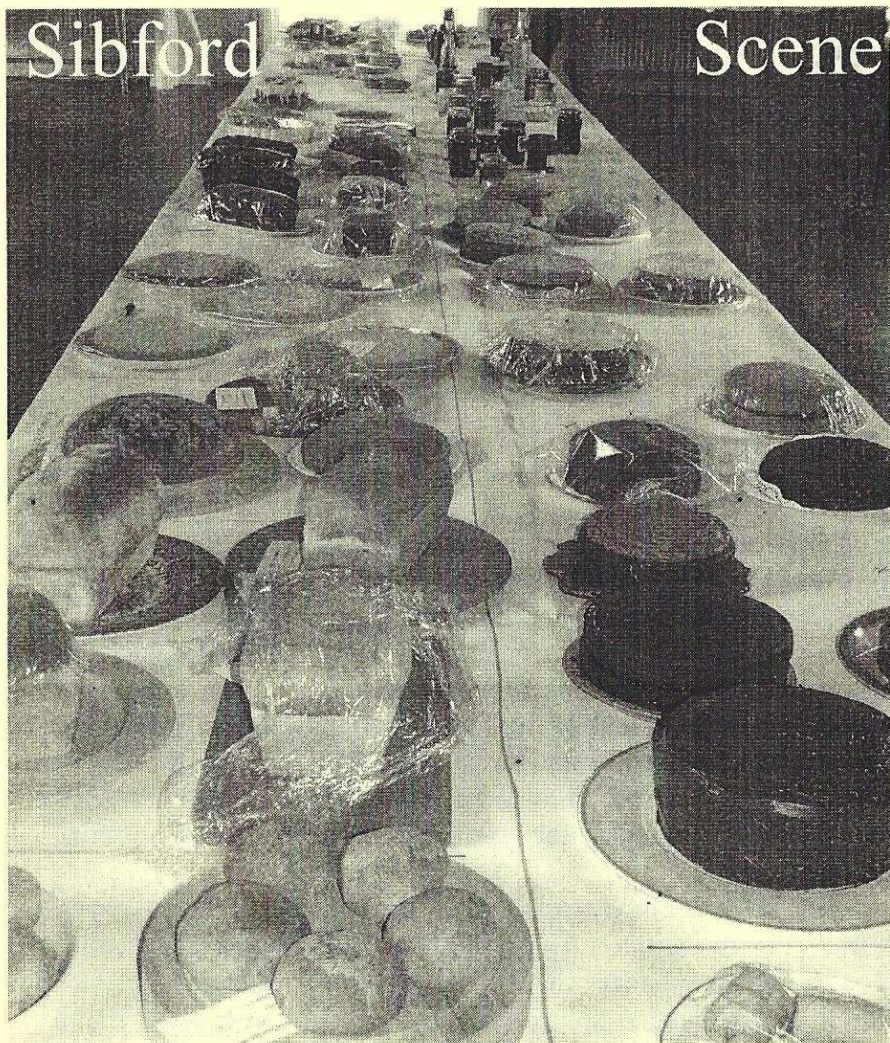


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August & September 2008

No. 305

Sibford Horticultural Society proudly presents it's
Annual Flower and Produce Show
Saturday 23rd August 2.30pm at the Village Hall
Entries Wednesday 20th 7-9pm at the Village Hall

Historic Churches Trust Annual Ride and Stride
Saturday 13th September 10am - 6pm

Nature Notes

July 6th. Having replanted the plants that a badger had dug up while trying to dig out a bumble bees nest out of our rockery, it was maddening to find that they had been dug out again during the night. I have now put sprigs of gorse over the area to discourage them.

July 11th. We usually have more newts than we want in our garden pond as they eat too many tadpoles. This year I have not seen any newts and the tadpoles disappeared soon after hatching, but I don't know why.

July 13th. Badgers have raided our strawberry bed on each of the last two nights. Luckily we had already picked the best of them.

July 15th. While walking though Swalcliffe Common we found a place where roman snail eggs were scattered around a patch of loose earth. They had been scratched or pecked out and much of their contents licked or pecked out leaving the outer skins.

July 19th. There are very few full pods on our broad beans this year although they had plenty of flowers and I am wondering whether there were enough bumble bees left to pollinate them after the badgers destroyed those two early nest in our garden.

July 20th. At Hook Norton a buzzard was gliding around above while a hare was feeding below. They must have seen each other but when we left the hare was still there and the buzzard had settled in the tree almost above it. I cannot think that a buzzard would tackle anything as big as a hare.

July 24th. Last evening I was shown a tawny owl that had just been cut free after flying into a chain link fence and trapping its head, which makes me wonder how well a tawny owl can see in the glare of daylight. It looked to be in a very bad way but today I hear that it is showing signs of recovery.

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Please remember when parking vehicles overnight that we farmers do work late into the evenings and, if we need to move large equipment, tend to do it very early in the morning when there is less traffic. Nothing seems to upset the residents quite as much as being woken up to move a car before 6 am!

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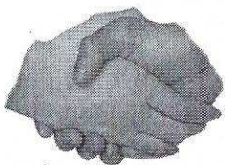
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Friendship Club

As I write this the Club is about to start it's Aug break, so it's to Sept's meeting that we go. The date in September is the 2nd and we are having one of the "Little Boxes" from Oxfordshire Museum, this time it's The Good Old Days. The monthly trip is to a carvery lunch and then on to Batsford Arboretum... the date is the 9th...more on that at the meeting on the 2nd. Or contact Eveline for any more info. If there is anyone in the Villages who is over 50 and would like to join the Club please contact Sandra [780638] or Eveline [263460]

Katharine House Hospice Jumble/Recycling Sale

Saturday October 11th Sibford Village Hall 2pm Adm. 30p.

A reminder to all villagers, asking you to please collect & save any donations for this worthwhile cause. Collections from Sept & look forward to seeing you all there! Many thanks for the villages ongoing support. Bernie & Andrew Jones 780343.

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Village Hall Fayre results

Winners of the Art competition; Under 5s Oliver Meadows, 4 from Shutford; 5-10's Jake Dew 9 from Chipping Norton; 11-17's James Paton, 11 from Little Kington. (All Sibford School Pupils) Adults class; Nick Durrant from Sibford Ferris.

Winners of Fancy Dress competition kindly judged by Mrs Vera Jones Under 4 years Tabitha Taylor, 2 as a butterfly from Banbury. 4 — 9's Megan Brown dressed as the bride and groom, from Burdrop.

Fun Dog Show kindly judged by Debbie Dancer, proved to be a highly competitive competition and some hard decisions for the judge. Best Young Handler — Lottie Gale, 7 with Lily, a boxer from the Ferris. Best Pedigree — Lola, a Cavalier shown by Joel Smith, 10 from the Gower. Best Cross Breed - Rim a 16 months old Lurcher shown by Guy Grasby, Gower. Most Handsome Dog — Ben, 11 months shown by Holly Wallington, 12 from the Gower, who also won the Best Puppy Class. Prettiest Bitch — Betty shown by Amelia Walker, 13 from the Gower. Veteran — Molly, 12 shown by Alison Jarvis from Hook Norton. Dog Most Like it's owner went to Molly shown by Tom Lovegrove, 5, from Epwell, as both of them had 'sticking-up hair' ! In the Championship Sibford Top Dog was Guy Grasby's Lurcher, Rim, receiving the lovely Challenge Trophy for 12 months, with the Reserve being Amelia Walker's Betty who also won a Challenge Trophy for 12 months, and 3rd was Holly Wallington's Ben. Very well done to everyone who entered and thank you for your support. A most amusing competition to watch!

"Guess the Weight of Terry" competition saw two people guessing the exact same weight and, as there was only one yummy chocolate cake to be won, both Doreen Pratt and Michael Owen's names had to be drawn from a hat — Michael won! Our thanks to Terry. Spot the Ball competition was won by Guy Grasby and the winning balloon was returned from Ufton, near Leamington Spa. The ticket number is 28653 but the name is missing. If you have this numbered ticket please ring 780025.

Profit should be approximately £1,200 so the Village Hall Committee extend their very grateful thanks to everyone who helped on the day and before, to the Companies and individuals who donated raffle and competition prizes and to all those who attended. We have a Hall Committee Meeting on July 22nd when a decision will be made about what at least part of the profit will go towards, some having to be spent on continuing repairs and running of the Hall.

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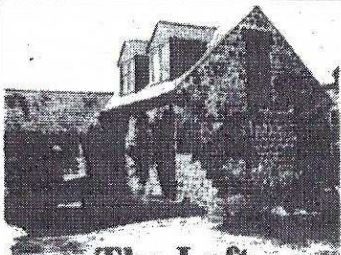
After a successful Village Hall Fayre and the "Damn Right I've Got The Blues" evening the committee have felt able to look at a number of projects that have had to wait for available funds. Regular users will be pleased to hear that we plan to replace the wooden trestle tables with aluminium tables that are lighter and more stable.

There are plans to enlarge and refurbish the chair storage/changing room that was the old kitchen so that is it friendlier to bands and touring groups that need dressing facilities. In the longer term the stage will be refurbished including curtains and stage lighting. Both of these projects will be reliant on obtaining the necessary grants to help us with the costs.

Costs, particularly heating and lighting, have taken up much committee time recently. Heating oil, electricity, water and sewage account for a nearly fifty percent of village hall costs. And these seem to rise with every committee meeting. Consequently, hire rates will rise from September 1st this year; generally £1 an hour across the board. At the same time the committee has taken the opportunity to iron out some anomalies that have arisen over the years. Anne Spackman, our bookings secretary, has all the details and regular users of the hall will receive full and detailed information.

The grounds have looked much tidier and well kept this year and this is due to regular grass cutting by David Baker and David Soden. We even spotted some people picnicking on the village hall field earlier this year!

Our search continues for two people to take on the roles of secretary and hall manager so that Muriel Chandler can take a well-earned rest. Interested parties should contact our chairman, Joan Broady - 01295 780410



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The Sibfords Society

A small group enjoyed a lovely evening stroll around Sibford Ferris looking for clues to answer the questions cleverly composed by Ann and Robin Spicer. We looked at familiar surroundings through new and enquiring eyes and marvelled at the wonderful views afforded from different vantage points – how fortunate we are to live here surrounded by such beautiful countryside. With completed answer sheets, we returned to Orchard Close at Sibford School for delicious refreshments kindly served and prepared by the Spicer family – sincere thanks to them for a most enjoyable evening.

Things are now quiet until the autumn when we next meet in the Village Hall at 8pm on Thursday 18 September when our speaker will be David Smith talking about Country Life Remembered. Do put the date in your diaries now before you go off to enjoy the rest of the 'summer'. We look forward to meeting up again in September – do bring along any visitors or friends – all will be welcome.

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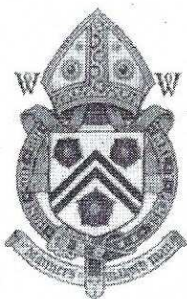
I would like to thank all the people who sent me cards, gifts and good wishes during my stay in hospital. In particular I would like to thank Jean and Neville for driving Gordon to the hospital, Muriel for all her delicious puddings and Rene for all her help, and also friends in Pound lane and High Meadow. My thanks also to Sibford Surgery. I'm pleased to say I am recovering slowly.

Alice

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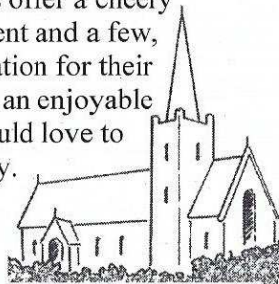
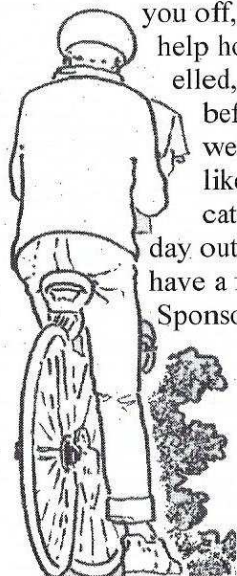
A number of our Tuesday Night Bike riders will be taking part, some (like your editor) with children, so if you are an occasional cyclist who would like to join in please get in touch. If having to raise sponsorship puts you off, come and join in and sponsor yourself - all contributions help however small. If you are worried about the distance travelled, remember that you only ride or stride to the next Church before the next break. Most Churches offer a cheery welcome and some form of refreshment and a few, like Hempton, have achieved a reputation for their catering! With kind weather it makes an enjoyable day out for all who participate and we would love to have a few more people with us on the day.

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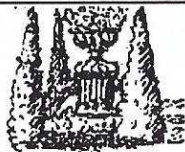
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Two captains sit glaring at each other over a pint of ale while the armies are drawn up! Finally they agree. Let battle commence! No, It's not Gulf War 3, just the Bert Gilbert Memorial match with Lee (Dirty) Gilbert and Adam (The Prince of Darkness) Leyburn as captains. With some new players in this years match the game began with Team PoD batting first and making good headway with the likes of Dave Pratt 43 not out, Rich (New Born) Morbey 30, Simon Chard 47 along with the skipper Adam 5, who was dropped on 0 by our captain Lee! Oh yes what a big fine that was! Team PoD made 199 for 9 with the pick of lee's bowlers being Chris Wollerton 1 for 14 off 6 overs and the star Jools (postman pat) Kirton who took 2 wickets in his first over (one was caught and bowled) ended on figures of 2 for 6 of 2 overs. Team Lee took to the crease to take this total apart! Alas to no avail. Only able to muster 139 all out with valiant efforts from Chris Wollerton 37 not out and Tom Pratt 26, oh and our captain making a massive DUCK! To be fair they did rip through us with their awesome bowling attack (just like the Windies did in the 80's) with Dan Cole 1 for 9 off 2, Simon Chard 2 for 22 off 6 and the dark horse Dan (Curtly Ambrose) Ward ending up with the best figures of the day with 4 for 12 off 4. Well bowled Dan!! We must thank all the supporters who came to watch and all the ladies who helped do an excellent tea and also to Dave Bennett and Nick Giles who umpired the match. Many thanks to you all!!

The league match at home against Greens Norton had Sibford batting first in a rain affected game. Reduced to 36 overs Sibford were 29 for 3 at 20 but with a valiant effort from the middle order like Matt Allen 26 and Wayne Barton 38 Sibford managed to post 123 for 8. We then managed to restrict Greens Norton to 100 for 5. Gawcott away looked like an easy 20 points for us with Ian Wollerton making a superb 94 (with an injured back) containing nine 4's and three 6's, Gavin Bedward 19, Wayne Barton 16 and Matt Simms 13 not out taking Sibford to 166 for 9 was not quite enough as Gawcott put up a good fight. Not even Nick Pratt (taking 2 wickets in 2 balls in the 2nd from last over) with figures of 3 for 25 off 8 and Skip-

per Chris Sabin with a solid 2 for 32 of 8.5 could stop Gawcott making 167 for 5 with 1 ball remaining! Absolutely Gutted!!!Forthcoming Home Matches.26 July Warwick Uni A (League), 3 Aug Ashorne (Friendly), 9 Aug Evenley A (League), 16 Aug Wardington (League) All League results and tables are posted in the Banbury Guardian every week. MS

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Sibford Horticultural Society It's Show Time Again!

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All members of the Horticultural Society are expected to contribute a bottle to the bottle stall but all donations will be gratefully received. (cakes, plants, books and raffle prizes) Will all holders of cups please make sure that they bring them to the Village Hall on entry night or to a committee member before then.

Lets hope for a sunny day and lots of entries.

The show can't happen unless you enter!

Our September meeting will be on Wednesday 10th at 8pm in the Village Hall. A talk on Late Summer Perennials will be given by Brian Sinclair. New members are always welcome.



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Sibford W.I. Meeting — Tuesday, 8th July 2008

Sandwiched between two very wet days, we were fortunate to have a fine afternoon for our Annual Garden Meeting — this year hosted by Greta Baadsgaard. President Glennis Hardman welcomed an almost full attendance.

Rosemary Neal gave an excellent report on the very enjoyable Oxfordshire Federation coach outing to London on 2nd July. Glennis gave an account of another OFWI outing on 12th June to Salisbury Cathedral and Wilton House. She then went on to remind everyone of the forthcoming coach outings that will be taking place this Summer. 10th July — Savill Garden, Windsor Great Park (Group event). 12th August — Coughton Court, leaving the Village Hall at 10am (Sibford WI). 19th August — Bath (Hook Norton W.I.).

With business matters over, we were free to explore Greta's glorious garden, each holding a glass of refreshing elderflower cordial — courtesy of Valerie Taylor. In the meantime, pots of tea and enticing cakes and scones decorated with strawberries and cream, baked by Norma Allen, Margaret Gardiner, Jane Martin and Val Powell, were set on an outside table. Members helped themselves and sat in groups on the sheltered patio. There was plenty of time for animated chat and a chance to wander into the summer house to admire Jane Pace's display of exquisite Goldwork and a look at Gaynor's lovely photos of Salisbury Cathedral and Wilton House. Enthusiastic thanks were given to Greta by Lynda Conway plus a presentation of a garden token in appreciation of her hospitality.

On 9th September, Gillian Hawtin will be giving a flower arranging demonstration. The competition will be for a miniature flower arrangement — max 4 inches by 4 inches. Visitors welcome — Village Hall 2pm.

Glennis Hardman

Loose Dogs

Once again we have increasing numbers of loose dogs in the area. We have asked dog owners to put dogs on leads in and around our livestock several times recently and on several occasions found the owners to be walking their dogs without taking a lead with them, one recently failing to understand why we didn't want their dog loose in our sheep! Please act responsibly when walking in the countryside with your dogs. Keep them on a lead near farm buildings and livestock and clean up behind your dog wherever you are.

Adrian Lamb

TREK TO SIERRA NEVADA

I recently took part in a trek to the Sierra Nevada in Spain, to raise money for research into Parkinson's disease. The target was to walk approximately 50 km in three days and to raise a minimum of a thousand pounds. Well, I'm pleased to report that not only did I manage the trek without any ill effects, apart from a few aching muscles, but I will have raised over three thousand pounds by the time I've finished. Here is a brief account of the trek.

We had an early start at Gatwick airport where we all gathered for our flight to Malaga. We stopped at a small coastal town where we had lunch at a beach restaurant. It would have been a pleasant start to the trek had it not been for one of our party having her handbag stolen. We had a delay while this was reported to the police and then we continued up into the mountains to our first hotel at the highest village of Trevelez at 1830 metres. We had a short walk when we got there to help acclimatise us to the area.

The next day we had to be up and ready to walk the longest distance of the trip. We mainly followed the GR7 route which is a hiking trail that runs from the coast in Spain all the way to Athens, approximately 4000 km. We walked about 19 km that day, the morning being the longest part before we had a late lunch in the square at a small village called Busquistar. Lunches, provided by the tour company, were always a mixture of salads, Spanish quiches and pates with melon and cake to follow – we had to keep our strength up! From Busquistar we walked to Pitres where we spent our second night. As we were such a large group, over 40 of us, we were in two different hotels.

The following day was not so long in distance, from Pitres to Capileira. We had some wonderful views of the snow covered mountains in one direction and the sea in another. The walking was varied, up and down hills, into river valleys, following the old Moorish waterways through pine woods. We also passed through chestnut and oak forests and some small holdings called cortijos, some of which are now abandoned. The flowers along the way were magnificent; many of them could be found in our English gardens. That evening we were glad to have a dip in the hotel pool although the temperature was a bit fresh!

The final walking day we went from Capileira to Soportujar where we passed through orchards of cherries and kiwis. Also, mulberry trees left over from the silk growing in the area and chestnuts which were used to build houses. There were some old mills which fed off the old Moorish irrigation channels and remnants of mines. We were welcomed in the square in Soportujar with a glass of bubbly and were given our medals. Then we were taken to Granada for our last night. There, some of us went round the Alhambra palace which is a marvel of Moorish architecture and had a celebration dinner that night.

Apart from the walking and the scenery, what made the trek so enjoyable was the people I walked with. We all had a common interest in that most of us had a relative or close friend with Parkinson's disease. It was good to talk to people who shared the trials and tribulations of this disease and of course we felt we were doing our bit to maybe finding the cause and eventually a cure for Parkinson's. Three of the people who did the walk had Parkinson's disease and I salute David who is in his 70's and walked quite slowly but managed to complete the trek.

The Parkinson's Disease Society Events team who organised the fund raising and got the people to do the trek did a great job, Rachel and Maria who did most of the work joined us on the walk. Tall Stories was the company who did the actual organising of the trip and liaised with the Spanish guides etc. They were very

supportive and even employed a couple of doctors (young and attractive!) to come with us and attend to any blisters etc.

So, to all the people who have sponsored me for this trek, THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your contributions. It was a truly wonderful experience and I'm grateful for your support and interest.

Pat Bates



Village Hall Lost Property

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Sibford WI. Outing to London with O.F.W.I — 2nd July 2008

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owed to them that they should be got rid of. He carried this out and decreed that all Jews should wear yellow armbands to identify them — a chilling reminder of more recent times. The Guild Hall itself was built around 1411. Its roof was burned in the Great Fire of London, restored, and then restored again after being destroyed in the blitz of 1940. When someone is made a Freeman of the City of London the ceremony takes place here and the Banners of the 12 Great Livery Companies hang around the Hall. Churchill was honoured in this way during the war, and his statue dominates the room, and a very large impressive memorial commemorates Nelson and his victories. The Guild Hall also served as a Court. Lady Jane Grey was tried here and sentenced to death, as was Thomas Cramner who was burnt at the stake and Anne Askew, tortured and executed for reading Protestant books. It is also the venue for State Banquets for visiting Statesmen. The City of London has been governed from this area for 800 years and it is now home to the City of London Corporation. At right angles to the Hall is the Guild Hall Art Gallery. When renovations to this building took place in the 1988, archaeologists were called in as is the norm in London. Roman walls were found, as expected, but it was soon realised that these were no ordinary walls. They were actually the walls of a Roman Amphitheatre. A huge construction able to accommodate 6000 people (the Albert Hall holds 5000) built in 120 AD replacing the original wooden structure of 70 AD. Remains of the Gladiators training ground have been found close by and it was quite a thought that under our feet many people would have been thrown to the lions and executed just for entertainment. When the Romans left in the 4th century the area was left derelict. The City itself was built between 2 hills — Ludgate and Cripplegate. It was sacked by the Danes and left derelict until Alfred the Great rebuilt it. We were able to go down under the Art Gallery to see the Roman walls and walk around them. The gallery houses many beautiful paintings. One immense

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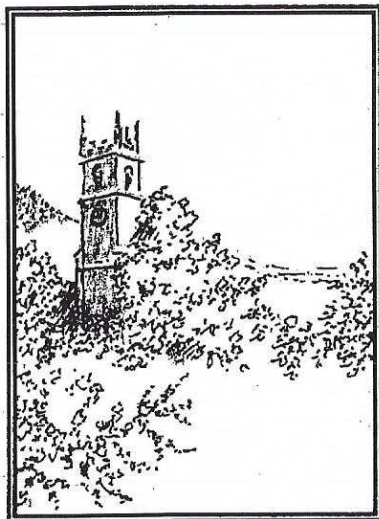
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painting depicting the Spanish trying and failing to take Gibraltar in 1782 originally hung in the Guild Hall. It was taken down and rolled up in the war, for it's protection and secreted in the West Country. It was later brought back, restored and hung in its present position. We saw the Goldsmiths Hall where the treasures of the churches of the City of London were on display. Treasures dating from medieval times to the present day. After lunch we met up again, boarded our coach for a tour of the East End, Dockside and Greenwich right down to the Isle of Dogs, so named because Henry the Eighth kept his dogs there when he was at his palace of Greenwich. We crossed London Bridge and Tower Bridge, noting Traitors Gate at the Tower, thinking of Anne Boleyn, probably the most famous of all the prisoners who have entered the Tower at this gate to await execution. We saw the Monument erected to commemorate the Great Fire of London, constructed so that if it falls it will just reach the house in Pudding Lane where the fire started. Our guide explained how the wharfs etc., which had made up the Pool of London have been filled in and luxury apartments built in their place. It is now a very trendy up-market place to live, many famous personalities having property there. He pointed out the last 'Old Pub' on the Isle of Dogs which has recently been bought for 30 million pounds so that it can be demolished and luxury apartments built in its place. We saw the site of the London Olympics and noted that much work still needs to be done. We admired Canary Wharf, the Gherkin and the London Eye, then back to the City for tea and cakes and then home. A marvelous Day Out.

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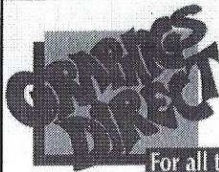
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Holy Trinity Church Fete

Our Fete was held on Saturday, July 19th and was opened by the actor James Fleet. The grand total of £1953 was raised towards church funds. We would like to thank all those who helped with stalls and games, those who set up everything in the morning and others who helped clear away, together with everyone who attended the event itself. Everyone helped to make it a very successful day.



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Regards Andrew Harrison @ Sibford Stores & PO UK Worldflight Pilot

VACANCY ON SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council seeks to co-opt a new Member to fill the vacancy created following the sad loss of Eric Payne. We would very much like to hear from any local resident who has an interest in the welfare and appearance of the Parish (which comprises Burdrop and Sibford Gower). The Parish Council meets every two months to consider matters including planning applications, the condition of local highways and footpaths, various subjects of topical interest and those that may have been raised by local residents before or during each Meeting. The term of office of the Parish Council runs until the next Parish Council elections which are in 2010. The Clerk (Peter Hardman — Tel: 01295 780391) will be pleased to hear from any local residents who may be interested and he will gladly provide more information concerning the role of a Parish Councillor should it be required.

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There was a memorable Family Service on July 20th when pets were invited to be blessed. Altogether there were 16 of them present with nearly 70 doting owners and others. One or two dogs started the service with a somewhat loud chorus which threatened to drown out the Rector, normally a difficult job, but his stern yet calming voice, known well by Megan, soon held sway and most of the service was heard by the congregation. As far as is known, there were no shock casualties amongst the gerbils, dormice, rabbits, hamsters and guinea pigs though no cats or more exotic creatures were detected. The Rector was assisted by numerous young and less young. Evey Boughton, one of our churchwardens, assisted at the organ, taking turns with the Rector, and the service with refreshments afterwards as is usual, was enjoyed by all, though it is not known whether dog biscuits were provided, nor indeed any rabbit food. The collection was donated to the RSPCA.

The first of a series of *Coffee Mornings* in church was held on Saturday 5th July, was well attended and the financial by-product amounted to £190. The next in the series will be from 10.00 am to mid-day on Saturday 2nd August at Wyatts Close, Sibford Gower, by invitation of David and Gill Soden, and Saturday 6th September back in Church. As before, these will feature various stalls and a raffle

The annual *Church Fete* was held in The Village Hall on Saturday July 19th at 2pm and was formally opened by James Fleet, the well-known actor of stage, screen, and radio who lives in the village. There was excellent support from the villages and many came from further afield. One family travelled all the way from Buckinghamshire to see James Fleet, such is the power of fame. Thanks are given to all who attended and spent and to the generous donors of gifts, time and energy. Special thanks are due to Catherine and Bruce Petter who organized it all for the first time and with such skill that they managed to achieve a record surplus of over £1,900.

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	Brailes	Sunday at 11.30 am
Baptist	Hook Norton	Sunday at 10.30 am

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower.

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

September

Sun 7th Benefice Eucharist at Shutford 10.30am

Sun 14th Family Service 10.00am

Sun 21st Holy Communion 9.30am

Sun 28th Holy Communion 9.30am

October

Sun 5th Benefice Eucharist at

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Shipston, Tilemans Lane	09.47	11.47	13.17	14.17	16.17	17.57	18.57

From Shipston towards Banbury

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Calendar of Events

August

- Sat 2nd Church Coffee Morning at Wyatts Close, S. Gower 10-12 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 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.
Wed 27th Play Bus at the Village Hall 10 -12 noon p17
Thu 28th Meeting at the MUGA 6 until 7 pm see insert

September

- Tue 2nd Friendship Club. 'Little Boxes'. P4
Wed 3rd Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
Tue 9th Friendship Club outing to Batsford Arboretum p4
Tue 9th W.I. Flower Arranging Demonstration. P11
Wed 10th Horticultural Society. Late Summer Perennials p10
Sat 13th Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride. From 10am p8
Tue 16th Deadline for contributions to the October Sibford Scene p20
Wed 17th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
Thu 18th Sibfords Society. 'Country Life Remembered' V. Hall 8pm p7

October (part)

- Wed 1st Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
Sat 11th Jumble Sale in aid of the Katharine House Hospice. p4
Wed 15th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
Wed 29th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

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