

October 2008

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Katharine House Hospice Jumble Sale Saturday October 11th 2pm Sibford Village Hall.

Sibfords Society talk on Bess of Hardwick and Hardwick Hall Thursday 16th October Village Hall 8.00pm.



Nature Notes

July 30th. I noticed that there were some malformed flowers on a greater knapweed in our paddock and then saw that the plant had two spikes of knapweed broomrape growing by it. I suppose that as it is a parasitic plant that draws its nourishment from the roots of the knapweed it might affect the flowers. I also saw one by the road to Traitors. Ford yesterday. We also have some ivy broomrape in bloom at the moment.

Aug 1st. Today we found a wasps nest which had been neatly dug out by a badger showing how beautifully spherical the nest had been. I marvel at how wasps can remove a quantity of soil to almost the size of a football. I suppose they keep taking particles of soil away and bring back wood pulp to gradually expand the nest.

Aug 12th. We have a wasp nest in our chimney and some wasps and a few wasp grubs are appearing in our sitting room so I may have to get rid of that one.

Sept 6th. An unusually dark, almost charcoal coloured, fallow deer crossed the road in front of us near Traitors Ford.

Sept 13th. What a harvest. I don't think I can recall a worse one although I have been reminded that 1968 was a bit of a nightmare. This year we had 4.63 inches of rain in August making it the wettest month of the year but this month I have measured rain every day and have already passed the 4 inch mark. I shudder to think what a disastrous harvest it would have been before the days of the combine harvester. If we were still cutting it with a binder and standing the sheaves together in shooks I doubt whether any of it could have been carried and ricked by now and the soggy sheaves would have been growing green along the top of each shook. As it is, the big problems are the drying of the grain and that the quality will have suffered, down grading much of the

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wheat from milling to animal feed glutting that market and lowering prices. However drier weather is forecast.

Sept 14th. This is the first morning this month without measurable rain.

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will a trip. More on that on the 7th. At the end of Sept the club celebrated the birthday of Bea Tanner who was ?? years old. We all wished her a Happy Day, and last but not least it was nice to see Alice back among us.

Dear Editor

I would like to say a sincere thank you to all my friends and neighbours in Sibford who helped and supported me during the last few months and visited me during recent stays in hospital.

I have now settled into my new home at Brackley Fields Care Home in the Halse Road in Brackley. I hope to keep in touch and see you all from time to time.

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Sibford W.I. Meeting — Tuesday, 9th September 2008

Although a number of Members were on holiday, President Glennis Hardman was pleased to welcome eighteen plus two guests, Caroline Jennings and Sue Nottingham. A lengthy list of business was dealt with swiftly. Mention was made of the Coach Outings that took place

over the Summer months — Savill Garden, Coughton Court and Bath. In this rain drenched season, we were very fortunate to have fine weather on each occasion. Our speaker, Gillian Hawtin, cheered up a chilly and dull afternoon by demonstrating the creation of three beautiful flower arrangements. We were impressed by the ease with which she chatted and at the same time fully concentrated on her art. She told us that floristry was not her first choice of career. After gaining a degree in geography and having enrolled to take a teacher training course, she suddenly decided that flowers rather than children would be more desirable to her! After qualifying as a florist, she acquired a shop in Kineton and proceeded to build up a most successful business. Mainly during the Summer Months, she specialises in weddings and keeps busy in Wintertime with Christmas, Valentine's Day, Mothers' Day and Easter. She also supplies lovely floral tributes for funerals. Although she employs a number of staff, she is very "hands-on" in her well stocked shop of cut flowers, plants and gifts giving a personal service. She works very long hours but says that her passion has not faded over the years. She showed us how to make a beautiful hand tie using purple and pink flowers followed by a round arrangement featuring a variety of greenery with pink roses and carnations. Her final front facing arrangement turned our thoughts to Autumn with the use of shades of bronze and orange. Three lucky raffle ticket winners were delighted to take the flower arrangements home.

Val Powell, herself a keen flower arranger, gave a charming vote of thanks saying that Gillian had given us a delightful afternoon and had imparted many useful tips.

Gillian judged the competition entries for a miniature arrangement. She awarded first to Jane Martin, second to Glennis Hardman and third to Val Powell. Greta and Jane served a delicious tea with iced cup cakes and coffee sponge.

At our Meeting on 14th October, Frances Gittens will teach us how to keep fit without getting up from our chairs! Competition — A Personal Aid. Visitors always welcome. Village Hall-- 2pm.

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rural workers had a hard time, working outside in all weathers, doing all the work manually. Gradually, basic machinery was introduced but still had to be worked by hand or pulled by oxen. Oxen were used extensively until the 1900's and the ploughman would sing as they were working and when he stopped singing, they came to a halt!. Then horses were introduced to take over the heavy work, taking seven years to train and worked for a further seven years. Incredibly, wheat and barley were still sown by hand up to the 1940's and crops had to be

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The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 16 October at 8.00pm in the Village Hall, when Dr. Gillian White will speak to us about 'Bess of Hardwick and Hardwick Hall'. Visitors and new members are very welcome to attend any of our meetings, so do come and join us.

Many Thanks

to all our friends who made donations to the Katharine House Hospice in memory of Bernard Phillips.

We were able to send £745 to help the Hospice in its work. Evelyn Phillips

Maureen Warden

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who ran stalls and games, those who helped with teas, lent us tents and helped with the clearing up on Saturday, also our thanks to all the judges who came and judged all the classes. We were just so lucky with the weather which made it so much more enjoyable. We all hope that every one who came enjoyed the afternoon The date for next year is August 29th. Our first indoor meeting saw Gerald Sinclair from the Nursery Further Afield talk about Summer Perennials, illustrated with some lovely plants, (most of which got bought at the end of the evening) and are now all cognisent with the "Chelsea chop" (you had to be there). Our next meeting is on Wednesday 8th October at 8pm in the Village Hall which is our AGM (subs will be due) followed by Tim Miles from the Cotswold Wildlife Park talking about their beautiful grounds and stunning displays of exotic bedding. All welcome.

Cup Winners from the
Flower Show were;
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Albert Spicer Trophy - Andy Newbold
The Society Cup - Bill Wealsby
Mrs. F Padbury Cup - Glennis Hardman

Dr. Taylor Cup - Sally Wass Ted Webb Trophy - Pauline Inns Mrs F Padbury Rose Bowl - Valerie Law

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Sibford Quaker Meeting House

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Sibford Gower Parish Council Meeting — Tuesday, 29th July 2008

Three Parish Councillors were in attendance with Cllr Martin Layer being away enjoying a well earned holiday. Also present were County and District Cllr George Reynolds to whom the Parish Council is always grateful for his advice, seven members of the public (and it was good to see two relatively new residents) and the Clerk. The following matters were reported. The seat in the Miriam Tebbs' area had been repaired and made safe by Mr Cedric Brown. A letter of sympathy following the death of the late Eric Payne had been received from Sibford Ferris PC. A suitable location is being sought for a seat in memory of the late Bernard Phillips. Cllr Peter Abbott was thanked for keeping the grass verge of the road adjacent to Holy Trinity Church neat and tidy and also for his involvement with the Cotswolds Conservation Board. Cllr Martin Layer had attended the Cherwell Parishes Meeting on 18th June and his detailed report had been read by the other Parish Councillors. Since the previous Meeting three planning applications had been considered and five planning decisions had been

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received. With regard to Highway Matters, it has been acknowledged by Charter Community Housing that it has responsibility for the steps lending from Pound Lane to 1 - 6 Pound Lane and the hedge in front of those properties. Turning to Footpath Matters, the "Piggy" path, Burdrop still awaits resurfacing and the Clerk is to press Oxfordshire Highways urging attention A request has been made of Oxfordshire Highways to lower the kerb at various points in High



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There being no further business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at

9.25pm thanking all those who had attended.

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Our intrepid cyclists and walkers were unable this year to take part in the Oxford Historic Churches Trust Annual Ride and Stride event. This entails visiting as many churches in the area as possible, with each church visit being evidenced by a team on hand, the members of whom also provide refreshments. Petra Berry organized this latter at Holy Trinity and we are grateful to her for this, also to those on her rota who staffed the church throughout the day. We are also particularly grateful to Adrian and Kit Lamb who offered to take our list of sponsors round to the churches as with two of them on their tandem, they only had the Meeting House sponsorship list and felt that two lists were justified. Amazingly, and expensively, they visited no fewer than 39 churches. It is feared that this will give a nasty shock to the generous sponsors, and the muggins who took round the list will no doubt be in for some serious trouble when he goes to collect their offering. There are many church regulars not on the list but there is plenty of time for some of these to add their names. With advance information of the number of churches, they needn't over extend themselves too much. You have been warned! Half the collection goes to our own church and half to the Trust, which incidentally was a major contributor when we re-roofed and decorated the church some years ago.

There were very many mourners in church to give thanks for the life of our dear friend Maureen Warden, for so long a worshipper, PCC member and general helper. Her passing was a great shock and sadness to us all, and indeed to the whole community, but mostly of course to Ian

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Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower.

October

Sun 5th Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton 10.30am

Mon 6th Evening Worship 7.30pm

Sun 12th 8.00 am Holy Communion & 11.00am Harvest Festival

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November

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Sibford Bus Services

Free Bus Service

Chipping Norton Wednesday 1st & 15th October Departs 10 am and Returns 12 noon Pick up points are; The Colony, High Meadow, Cross Roads, Village Hall, Lanes End Corner & Cotswold Close (Ferris)

Cherwell Rural Dial-A-Ride Scheme

A mini bus with tail-lift to take elderly or disabled people and escort to Banbury (max fare £1.60) Door-to-Door service. Book at least one day in advance. Operates on Wednesdays & Thursdays. Phone 263777 for details. BCTA also takes bookings for groups of 8 or more on a weekly/monthly basis (Wednesdays & Thursdays) to and from Banbury. Tel; 263777

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

From Banbury towards Shipston

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

From Shipston towards Banbury

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

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

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

Most journeys, where possible, will operate low floor wheelchair accessible vehicles.

Sorry, No services on Sundays or Public Holidays

For complete times at all of the intermediate places that are served by 480 please see new timetables available from bus drivers and in the Village Shop.

The Fare structure has changed: Adult Fare £2.10 each way

Child (5-16yrs) £1.05

Family ticket (2 Adults + up to 3 children) £9.30 return

Calendar of Events

September

Tue 30th Sibford Gower Parish Council Meeting 8pm, Primary School.

October

Wed 1st Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Tue 7th Friendship Club meeting on Corn Dollies p4

Wed 8th Horticultural Society AGM and talk. Village Hall 8pm p9

Sat 11th Jumble Sale in aid of the Katharine House Hospice. P3

Tue 14th W.I. Meeting - Keep Fit p5

Wed 15th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Thu 16th Sibfords Society talk on Bess of Hardwick. Village Hall 8pm p7

Tue 21st Friendship Club Trip. p4

Wed 29th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

November(part)

Fri 7th Primary School Fireworks and Bonfire Night Wed 12th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm) Sat 15th Warriner Choral Society at Deddington Church 7.30pm p11 Wed 26th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Cover Pictures; Top - Straw baling at Field Barn in Sibford Ferris during the First World War to provide straw for the Armies horses in France. Bottom - The attractions of shooking oats!

Sibford Scene

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