



November 2008

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Sibford Womens' Institute was formed in November 1928.

They celebrate their 80th anniversary this year.

The photograph shows some of those early members in their finery at their Flower Show in 1930.

Please let the WI know if you can identify anyone.

Sibford Gower Primary School

Fireworks and Bonfire

Friday 7th November 6pm on the School Field

Remembrance Day Service Sunday 9th November 10.55am

Holy Trinity Church

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 22nd November

In the Village Hall at 2.00pm

Nature Notes

Sept. 22nd. A raven came into the trees in our garden this morning. It seemed to be investigating the rookery but some rooks soon came and after a few croaks it slipped away as it was greatly outnumbered.

Sept. 27th. Went by car to Nant Peris near Llanberis for a few days holiday.

Sept. 28th. In doubtful weather conditions the three younger members of our group set off to walk the four peaks of the Snowdon Horseshoe. We two oldies contented ourselves with walking the lower land and looking at the range of uses that is made of the local slate such as tombstones, gateposts, paling fencing and bridges. One footbridge was made from a slab 2 feet wide, 5 inches thick and 8 yards long with a handrail bolted into the slate. It had obviously been there for many years so we crossed it with confidence. We also talked with a farmer who was driving a very good looking flock of sheep back on to the hill after drenching and sorting them. He was of course riding a quadbike. The walkers got back in daylight having completed their walk in reasonable weather conditions.

Sept. 29th. We all walked up from Ogwon Cottage and did a complete circuit of Llyn Idwal much of it in rain. There were ravens above us on the slabs and around the Devil's Kitchen. Their croak must have evolved to carry over the maximum distance.

Sept. 30th With a wet day in prospect we all went on a tour of Dinorwig Pumped Storage Hydro Electric Power Station which is the second biggest pumped storage plant in the world. It is used to cope with sudden demands for power from the national grid control centre in Berkshire and when a sudden demand is expected, can from standby produce 1320 megawatts in 12 seconds which is one of the fastest response times of any power station in the world. The six big generators are reversible to pump water back up to the top reservoir overnight. We were taken round this vast underground system by bus. The two road tunnels into the hill are virtually all that shows from outside. As it was still raining we went on to see the adjoining Llanberis Slate Museum which also covered a wide range of associated industry and was really interesting.

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Oct. 2nd. The 3 younger members walked from Ogwin Cottage over the Glyders to finish here in Nant Peris. It was a stormy day with many of the storms falling as hail on the hills. We did a walk round Capel Curig.

Oct. 3rd. On the way home we stopped to walk from The Ugly House down by the river to the Swallow Falls which were running far higher than when we were there a year ago.

Oct. 6th. I hear that yesterday Capel Curig had 3.5 inches of rain which is far more than I have ever measured in a day at Sibford.

Oct. 12th. Today I was shown a truffle that was dug from under a walnut tree in Sibford Ferris. Knowing very little about them we looked in a reference book and were happy that we had found the right one but unfortunately it said edibility unknown. I had not previously heard of any sort of truffle being found in Sibford.

Oct. 18th. I hear that the introduction of an insect that is said to kill Japanese knotweed by sucking its sap is being considered. I cannot think of any sap-sucker that kills its host plant but even if it did what would it feed on after it had killed the Japanese knotweed? We have several beautiful garden plants of the same family that could be its next host.

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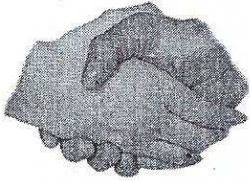
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Friendship Club



On Nov 4th our speaker will be P.C. Phil Morris our "local copper". So I expect a good turn out for him.

Then on Nov 18th we are having a early Christmas Party with Margaret Rees, it should be a lovely afternoon.

Please note, members, we need to know numbers for our annual Christmas jaunt, so be there on the 4th for all the info

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Sibford W.I. Meeting – Tuesday, 14th October 2008

After welcoming sixteen Members, President Glennis Hardman went through the very enjoyable events that had taken place since our September Meeting – a coach outing to Portsmouth, an 'Evening with Ann Widdecombe', Denman Diamond Week (starting with a Jazz Concert, preceded by a picnic in the grounds in glorious sunshine). Later in the week, and again at Denman, Lynda Conway, Rosemary Neal and Glennis Hardman spent a fun filled day viewing the amazing floral displays, attending a fashion show, a cookery demonstration, numerous craft stalls and enjoying a superb three course lunch. Lynda and Glennis took lots of photographs and these were put on display at our Meeting. Looking ahead, transport arrangements were put in place for the Group Meeting at Cropredy on 21st October and with Hook Norton W.I. for a shopping trip by coach to Solihull on 4th November. At the time of writing, there are still a few seats available

This month, Frances Gittens came to show us how to 'Keep Fit in a Chair'. Frances, who is trained by the Keep Fit Association, runs classes for Seniors (i.e. the over 50's). We started with 'warm-up' exercises and then moved on to more ambitious movements to music. It was most enjoyable and we all felt much better and 'ten years younger' by the end of the session. Frances was thanked by Charlotte Cox, after which Members enjoyed a welcome cup of tea and lovely cakes prepared by Gaynor Harper-Tarr and Val Powell. The raffle was drawn with pleasing prizes being won. Frances then judged the competition for A Personal Aid which was won by Rosemary Neal (a garden kneeler) with Glennis Hardman second (a long shoe horn) and Lynda Conway third (a grabber).

We meet again in the Village Hall on 14th November when May Parker will give a talk and slide show on Monet's Garden at Giverny. As this will be the closest date to the first meeting of Sibford W.I. eighty years ago, we shall be cutting a celebratory cake. A special lunch will follow on 18th November. Competition: a greeting card hand made by the member entering.

Rosemary Neal

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Sir William had sold his estates in the south of England, buying the Chatsworth Estate for £600 and they started to build the first Chatsworth House, which Bess finished after Sir William's death.

She then married Sir William St. Loe, the Chief Butler of England, who had to be in permanent attendance on the Monarch, so Bess was at Court, getting to know all the right people but after six years Sir William dies. Bess was Lady of the Bed-chamber to Elizabeth and her income was calculated to be £60,000 a year, millions in today's currency.

In 1568 she married George Talbot, 6th Earl of Shrewsbury and for 15 years they acted as the 'guardians' for Mary, Queen of Scots. which was a stressful and dangerous time for them. This marriage was not happy and they eventually ceased to live together and Bess embarked upon building Hardwick Hall, which at the time was said to be 'more glass than wall'. She died in 1608, aged 81 and is interred in Derby Cathedral.

At our next meeting on 20 November, held in the Village Hall at 8.00pm, Martin Way is speaking about 'Roses and Castles - the history of the canals'. Martin has visited us before, so we can expect another excellent talk. We are always happy to welcome non-members to our meetings

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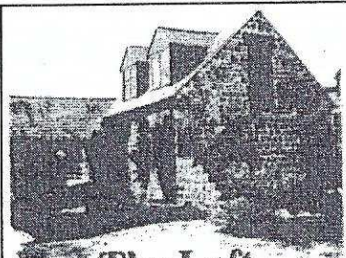
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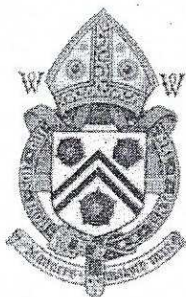
Sibford School Christmas Fayre Friday 5th December 2008

Held in the main hall of the school, the Fayre is a great opportunity for you to complete your gift shopping, whilst the children have fun at their very own festive fayre, complete with Santa's Grotto. We have over 20 stalls offering fabulous jewellery and bags; children's clothes and toys; gorgeous New England and Scandinavian accessories, and beautiful, original ceramics; pewter ware; pictures, and alpaca wool items; this year we even have a stall selling Archers merchandise – with a guest appearance by Sunny Ormonde who plays Lillian Bellamy in the popular, long running radio drama. With delicious handmade chocolates, jams, cakes, Christmas cards and wrapping paper, you can do all your shopping here! Then enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with a homemade mince pie in our Christmas café, and listen to the wonderful singing of the school choir. The children can entertain themselves at the Children's Fayre, with a variety of games and activities. They can test how steady their hands are with Beat the Bleep, or decorate their own unique, ceramic tree decoration. There's a sweet stall, a cake stall and even candy floss. And Santa's in his grotto, waiting to say hello. The Fayre starts at 2.30pm and runs until 5.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Dare I now say that the village hall is provisionally booked for Oct 10th 2009!! Start collecting folks! Once again thank you all for the on going support, for such a worthy cause.

Bernie and Andrew Jones.

Sibford Gower Village Pond

A meeting, arranged by Sibford Gower Parish Council, was held by the pond on 11th October to discuss what action might be reasonably taken to prevent the adjacent grass verges being further damaged and eroded by the parking of cars and passing heavy vehicles. Mr Tim Shickle of Oxfordshire Highways had agreed to meet with residents from the area to hear their views and, in due course, to provide a solution that would be mutually acceptable to residents and the County Council (the verges being County Council land). It is acknowledged that some properties local to the pond have no parking facilities and recourse has to be made to parking near to the pond. Fifteen residents were present and various suggestions were voiced with Mr Shickle, who specialises in tree preservation, explaining that some could not be permitted as they would have an adverse effect on the roots of the nearby large chestnut tree. What appears to be a possible way forward is to lose a very small part of the grass verges on each side of the road to give additional width facilitating more parking space and easier access for large vehicles and farm traffic. The thought is that the edges of the wider road might be marked with cobbled edging stones rather than kerbstones to give a more rustic appearance. Mr Shickle is to make a report to his superiors with his recommendations and the Parish Council will hear the outcome in due course.

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Sibford Horticultural Society

Our first meeting of the season saw a short and sweet AGM* followed by a talk with slides by Tim Miles from Burford Wildlife Park. Tim is the head gardener and gave the history of the park and how the gardens are planted to enhance the animal enclosures. The stunning displays that are created in the walled garden are testimony to the skill and talent of his team.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th November in the Village Hall at 8.00 pm. Timothy Walker from Oxford Botanic Gardens will talk on Healing Plants. Mr. Walker is a very knowledgeable and entertaining speaker and we look forward to seeing as many faces as possible.

Temporary Road Closure – Sibford Gower – Hawkes Lane 3rd November 2008 for up to five days in order to facilitate culvert replacement work.

Sibford Gower Parish Council

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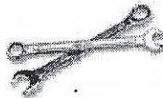
You may never give another thought to the waste paper and plastic once you have thrown it into your blue bin but its journey, once it is collected from your house and delivered to the Materials Recycling Factory (MRF) in Old Wolverton (Milton Keynes) is a fascinating one. Some 11,300 tonnes per year are compressed in the collection vehicles and taken to the MRF by Cherwell District Council who supply recyclables to the contractor. The savings start immediately as the gate fee charged by the MRF is less than half that charged for landfill waste. The MRF has one of the largest capacities for handling recyclables in the UK and is a compact, computer controlled site with state of the art equipment. All the various waste components are mechanically sorted, isolated, compressed and baled for their onward journey to processors mostly in the UK. A small amount of material is exported to manufacturing processors all of whom are regularly visited and personally monitored by the contractor.

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Cherwell's householders supply high quality recyclables but are asked to remove all lids or caps from their bottles as they hamper the crushing process. Tetrapaks and polystyrene are definitely NOT welcome in your blue bin. Other contaminants include pyrex, crockery, drinking glasses, saucepans and metal objects other than cans and yoghurt pots. It is hoped that a new process can be introduced soon so the yoghurt pots can be successfully recycled. The higher the quality the resultant waste the higher the price it fetches on sale. Together we can improve our current rate of 48% recycling of all household waste (including glass, garden waste, textiles and batteries).

After a fascinating visit we saw some of the hundreds of products currently made from recycled materials including clothing, jewellery, fashion items, handbags, toys and wonderful colourful lampshades. Cherwell DC also hopes to introduce a doorstep food waste collection in 2009/10.



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Maureen Hicks – Sibford
Ferris Parish Council

Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting, 22 September 2008

The meeting was attended by all Councillors, District Councillor George Reynolds from 8.15 and Michael Goodwin of Sibford School for the first item. This was the development of the School **Multi-Use Games Area** for shared use with the village. A very positive meeting had been held in August with sixteen young people from Sibford Ferris who gave their ideas on what they would like to see at the MUGA. A strong preference emerged for a split site, with a smaller games area and the addition of some suitable play equipment; this was put to Michael Goodwin who agreed to put it to his management team for consideration. If approved, companies would be asked to visit the site and come up with proposals and pricing.

Cotswold Close Play Area It was noted how much smarter the play area was looking now that the grass was being cut regularly by the contractor, Gerry Melvin. It was noted that there would be regular inspections by Parish Council members as part of the inspection schedule, with weekly inspections still being carried out by volunteers Bernie Jones and Stella Knowles.

Burial Ground It was noted that the new fencing had been erected and that sheep could now be put into the area to keep the grass down; also that there had been a kind offer of a seat or seats from a resident of the Gower.

Verge Erosion The Clerk was asked to contact Oxfordshire Highways again about the installation of kerbing on Main Street.

Police Speed Check The check promised by PC Phil Morris at the Annual Parish Meeting had not been done and the Clerk was asked to chase this and to request if it could be done on a Monday morning.

Swap Shop It was agreed to hold a Swap Shop in the spring, with advice from the CAG and, hopefully, some help from local volunteers.

Review of Bus Services The 480 and Dial-a-Ride services are to be reviewed by Oxfordshire County Council in Spring 2009 and the villages had been urged to carry out a transport survey. It was agreed to distribute a survey form for the Ferris with the October Sibford Scene.

Finance The audited Annual Return, with Issues Arising, was approved and accepted, and the action plan to address the issues was recorded.

Planning J Simms and the Clerk would attend the Town and Parish Local Development Framework workshop at which the Options for Growth consultation would be discussed. An update on the Bishop Blaize had been received from Eileen Haynes and it was noted that there had been no new activity by the owner. There had been no planning applications and one decision.

Any Other Business The Clerk had written to Highways to request that the verge between Lanes End and Malvern House

was cleared and she was asked to request the same for the verge alongside the wall of the Forge. The meeting closed at 9.50pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 19th November at 7.45 pm in the Sports Hall Classroom at Sibford School. All welcome. *(A full copy of the minutes of the meeting can be obtained from the Clerk.)*

Village Hall News

As part of our efforts to put the "Fun into Fundraising", the Village Hall committee has been planning a varied social events calendar.

On December 6th we are hosting a "Xmas Quiz Night" bar opens at 7pm, quiz starts at 7.30pm. A light supper will be provided. Teams of 4 to 6 people are invited to enter at £5 per head. Names to Muriel 780025 or Ginny 780373 or the Vicarage preferably well before the date.

On December 14th there will be a Table Top Sale in the hall at 12.30. Refreshments and gifts/cards/produce available.

In 2009 on January 31st we have Mervyn Stutter and his guitar to entertain us with songs and humour.

In February we hope to put on a film night with Mama Mia. Date yet to be arranged.

On March 21st you can meet "The Rainbow Chasers" led by Ashley Hutchings (of Fairport Convention and Steeleye Span fame). This will be an evening of songs and instrumentals by the group.

In April we are planning an Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday and an "Ask the Family" quiz.

The Village Hall Fayre will be held on June 20th and we have come up with some new ideas for the event.

The autumn programme includes a Murder Mystery evening and a Halloween Ball.

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Sibford Gower Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, 30th September 08

Six local electors and County and District Councillor George Reynolds were welcomed to the Meeting by the Chairman who went on to express pleasure that Dr Oswyn Murray had voiced a willingness to become a Member of the Parish Council to take the place of Eric Payne who passed away a little while ago. The Chairman went on to give an account of Dr Murray's background and experience before formerly welcoming him as a co-opted Member of the Parish Council and thanking him for offering his services. Since the previous Meeting, no planning applications to be considered had been received but three planning decisions and one withdrawal of a planning application had arrived. The external audit of the Annual Financial Return for the year ended 31st March 2008 had been completed and there were no matters which required the issuing of a separate issues arising report. Approval was given to a donation of £100 to support the Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance. Site Allocation for Housing: Cllr Martin Layer gave a carefully researched and prepared presentation entitled "New Housing in the Sibfords?" setting out a background regarding the possibility that Sibford Gower has been earmarked for new housing. The information is available (from the Clerk, Tel 780391) to anyone wishing to have a copy. It was fortunate that County & District Cllr George Reynolds was present at the Meeting and able to provide additional comments. Stolen Property: A concrete seat was stolen from its position at the front of Cubbs Cottage, Burdrop during the night of 15th August 2008. Residents are urged to be very cautious with regard to safeguarding property. Transport Needs Survey: Oxfordshire County Council proposes to undertake a review of the bus services that it supports financially in Banbury and the surrounding areas over the forthcoming months. The Oxfordshire Rural Community Council has offered to assist with the undertaking of a Local Public Needs Survey should we like to carry one out. Please see the separate notice in this issue of the Sibford Scene. Village Pond: Mrs Glennis Hardman gave a pond status report. The Parish Councillors expressed grateful thanks to Mrs Hardman and the Pond Action Team for all the work that they have carried out putting in the pond plants in an attempt to create a wildlife pond. Thanks and appreciation were expressed to Cllr Martin Layer for all that he did in the original research when the wildlife aspect of the pond was being planned. It was decided to review the future direction that the Parish Council will take with regard to the pond at the next Parish Council Meeting. Village Hall: Cllr Muriel Chandler spoke of the present situation of the Village Hall. Demand for its use is currently quite minimal. The Pre-School (started 1976) has closed because of lack of demand. The monthly Sunday Markets have found a lack of customers and possibly are to finish. On the plus side, a Tots & Babies is to be held two days a week. It is hoped that future fund raising events will have full support from local residents. Cllr Muriel Chandler has been involved with the Village Hall for some seventeen years and a successor for her current role is being sought but with no response so far. New Burial Ground: With the Churchyard almost at full capacity, the new Burial

Ground will be called into action in the relatively near future. The Clerk reported the present situation. The perimeter fencing is now in place and the matter of the maintenance of the grass is urgent. Liaising with Sibford Ferris Parish Council, the intention now is to put sheep in (by kind agreement of Mr & Mrs Berks) to get the very long grass under control. The land will then be divided by a temporary fence with that part of the land for immediate use maintained to a very acceptable standard with the other part kept under reasonable control by sheep which will be placed there from time to time. Holy Trinity Churchyard: The Parish Council will, for the time being, arrange for the maintenance of that part of the Churchyard for which it has accepted responsibility with Sibford Ferris PC still remaining reliant on volunteer labour. The Bishop Blaize: Mr Tony Haynes, by invitation of the Chairman spoke. He said that at this stage there was nothing that Mrs Eileen Haynes would wish to say apart from the fact that progress is being made and she will present a report at the next Parish Council Meeting. Public Participation: Local resident Mrs Kathleen Winter asked whether the Parish Council may be making a donation to the current financial appeal by the Society of Friends. It was agreed that the matter will be considered at the next Parish Council Meeting. Local resident Mr Cedric Brown suggested that it may be a good idea to hold a Public Meeting concerning the Site Allocation for Housing The Parish Councillors will look favourably on this. Cllr Muriel Chandler asked that signs requesting caution be installed at the 30mph signs in Pound Lane. The Clerk was instructed to speak with Oxfordshire Highways. The next Meeting will start at 8pm on 25th November 2008 in the Staff Room of Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School. There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present for attending and closed the Meeting at 10.05pm.

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Sibford Gower Parish (including Burdrop) 2008 Transport Needs Survey
In association with Oxfordshire Rural Community Council

Oxfordshire County Council is conducting a review of subsidised bus services in this area. Sibford Gower Parish Council wants to find out more about your views and practices. We need to hear from you whether or not you use public transport. The more comprehensive the survey the better placed we are to consider the services we need!

A survey form is included with this issue of the Sibford Scene. Please just deliver your completed form to Sibford Ferris Stores by 13th November 2008.

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A CONSULTATION ON OPTIONS FOR HOUSING GROWTH FOR THE PERIOD TO 2026 FOR BANBURY AND THE RURAL AREAS

Background You may have seen or heard in the local media that a Cherwell District Council consultation is in progress on how to fulfil the requirement for new housing in the Cherwell District up to 2026. The requirement has been calculated in the South-East Plan which is currently being finalised by SEERA, the South-East England Regional Assembly, and stands at 13,400 new dwellings at present. Cherwell District Council has deducted from this figure the dwellings it knows will be built in the relevant period, and then split the remainder between the North and South Districts. The figure for the North District (Banbury) has been divided between Banbury and the rural area (villages), with 2237 for Banbury and 1235 for the villages. In deciding how to distribute new housing between the villages, Cherwell District Council is suggesting that villages are categorised as A, B or C, in line with facilities enjoyed such as schools, shops, doctor's surgeries etc and that only category A or B villages would receive housing. Some villages, including the Sibfords, would be grouped as "clusters" because they are geographically close and share facilities. In our case, the joint facilities enjoyed by the two communities, (two schools, shop, surgery, pub and bus service) would put the Sibfords into Category B.

Consultation The District Council is looking for the views of parish councils and also of members of the public on its proposals. The consultation document is called "Options for Growth" and is available to view online on the District Council website www.cherwell.gov.uk/localdevelopmentframework or in paper form at the District Council offices at Bodicote House, in Banbury and Neithrop Libraries, on the fortnightly mobile library, or by contacting the Parish Clerks.

How to comment There are specific questions after every section looking for your views on the various options proposed. There is an on-line response facility (you need to register first at <http://consult.cherwell.gov.uk/portal>) or you can send your comments in writing to:

Options for Growth

Planning and Affordable Housing Policy, Planning, Housing and Economy, Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Bodicote, BANBURY, Oxon OX15 4AA

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The first Committee Meeting took place on 30th October 1928 in the New Hall, Sibford Ferris. The Officers elected were Mrs Miles (President), Mrs Needham (Secretary) and Mrs Taylor (Treasurer). Committee Members: Mrs Thame, Mrs Croft, Miss Baker and Nurse Pickering. Co-opted Members: Miss Sabin and Mrs Hooper. Subsequent Committee Meetings were held at Home Close, Sibford Ferris. The first monthly meeting followed in mid November formally run with sixty members – all wearing hats – and following Lady Denman's (the National Chairman) booklet 'Procedure at Meetings'. The annual subscription was set at two shillings and stayed the same all through the 1920s and the 1930s. There was a large grant from the government subsidised by the Ministry of Agriculture. This was to keep the subscription low and to encourage rural women to join the Women's Institute. The purpose of the W.I. was to improve conditions in rural life and make use of local produce and to educate countrywomen in food preservation, hygiene and the development of community fellowship. Programmes were sold for one penny each with the first six programmes being Folk and Games, A Lantern Lecture on Spain, Cookery, How our Grandmothers Travelled, Health and Handicrafts. Visitors came by invitation only on special days. As from 1930, the monthly meetings were held on the first Tuesday of each month in the New Room, Sibford Ferris. In the early years, extra activities included a W.I. Choir, a Flower Show and classes in First Aid for the Home. Mrs Edna Wealsby, of Sibford W.I., was the first member in all England to pass the National Federation of Women's Institute Gardening Test of 1942.

In the 1960s a Rounders Team was started. The 1970s saw the formation of a Drama Group producing *Bride Unknown* – a legend of Mary, Queen of Scots by Joan Brampton, *Hidden Frontiers* by Peter Assinder – an Austrian adventure, *The Hostage of Toledo* and *The Spinsters of Lavender Lane*. Crochet, knitting and needlework classes took place on a regular basis.

Sibford W.I. now meets on the second Tuesday of each month with the current membership standing at twenty four with Glennis Hardman (President), Lynda Conway (Secretary) and Barbara Crabtree (Treasurer). Committee Members: Norma Allen, Margaret Gardiner, Jane Martin, Rosemary Neal, Valerie Powell and Valerie Taylor. Guests are always welcome. The annual subscription is now £27. The average age is higher and hats are no longer worn!

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Church News

The Remembrance Day service will be held on Sunday 9th November starting, as usual, around the War Memorial just before 11.00am.

Many thanks to those who attended the last of our Coffee Mornings at Handywater House. Thanks to Sue and William Colquhoun for letting us hold it there; an unique house of fascinating design and perhaps the best views in Sibford.

More thanks; this time to Derek Boughton, husband to hard working church warden Evie, who has rebuilt the pews to form a small choir vestry near to the organ. It is very like the "Childrens Corner" which Derek also built some time ago. When the curtains have been hung choir members can retain their modesty and change for the service away from the congregations gaze. It also forms an ideal area for Friday choir practice. All we have to do now is find a new home for the bier which is not going to be easy; we mustn't after all allow bier in any guise to impinge on choir practice.

Sibford Pre-School:Tots and Babes

Wednesday and Thursday Mornings

9.30am - 11.30am



Tots and Babes sessions have been running for just over a month every Wednesday and Thursday morning from 9.30am to 11.30am. We have a lively group of children from all ages up to pre-school years. If you have children of this age or know of anyone who would be interested in coming along we are at Sibford Village

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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
Sibford Methodist Chapel
November 9th United Service at Holy Trinity Church 10.45am
December 6th Christmas Coffee Morning in the Chapel 10 - 12 noon
December 14th Carol Service 11.00 am

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower.

November

Sun 2nd Benefice Service at Broughton 10.30am

Mon 3rd Holy Communion Service for the Departed 7.30pm

Sun 9th Remembrance Day Service 10.55am

Sun 16th Holy Communion 9.30am

Sun 23rd Holy Communion 9.30am

Sun 30th Matins and Holy Communion 9.30am

December

Sun 7th Confirmation Service
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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

From Shipston towards Banbury

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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
Banbury Bus Station	07.37	08.35	09.37	09.37	10.37	12.37	14.07	17.57

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Child (5-16yrs) £1.05

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

Calendar of Events

November

- Mon 3rd Hawkes Lane Closure starts for up to 5 days
- Tue 4th Friendship Club Local Policeman Visiting p4
- Fri 7th Primary School Fireworks and Bonfire Night p4
- Sun 9th Remembrance Day Service 10.55am at the War Memorial p21
- Wed 12th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
- Wed 12th Horticultural Society - Healing Plants. Village Hall 8pm p 9
- Thu 13th Deadline for return of Gower Transport Surveys. p16
- Fri 14th W.I. "Monets garden at Giverny" p5
- Sat 15th Warriner Choral Society at Deddington Church 7.30pm p18
- Tue 18th Friendship Club Party p4
- Tue 18th W.I. Celebration Lunch p5
- Tue 18th Deadline for contributions to the December & January Scene p20
- Wed 19th Ferris Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm p12
- Thu 20th Sibfords Society. History of Canals. Village Hall 8pm. P6
- Sat 22nd Church Christmas Bazaar. Village Hall 2.00pm p20
- Tue 25th Gower Parish Council Meeting 8.00pm p14
- Wed 26th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

December (part)

- Fri 5th Sibford School Christmas Fayre 2.30 - 5.30 pm p7
- Sat 6th Village Hall Xmas Quiz Night. From 7.00pm p13
- Wed 10th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
- Sat 13th Warriner Choral Society - A Box of Delights. 7.30pm Bloxham p18
- Sun 14th Village Hall Table Top Sale 12.30pm p13

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