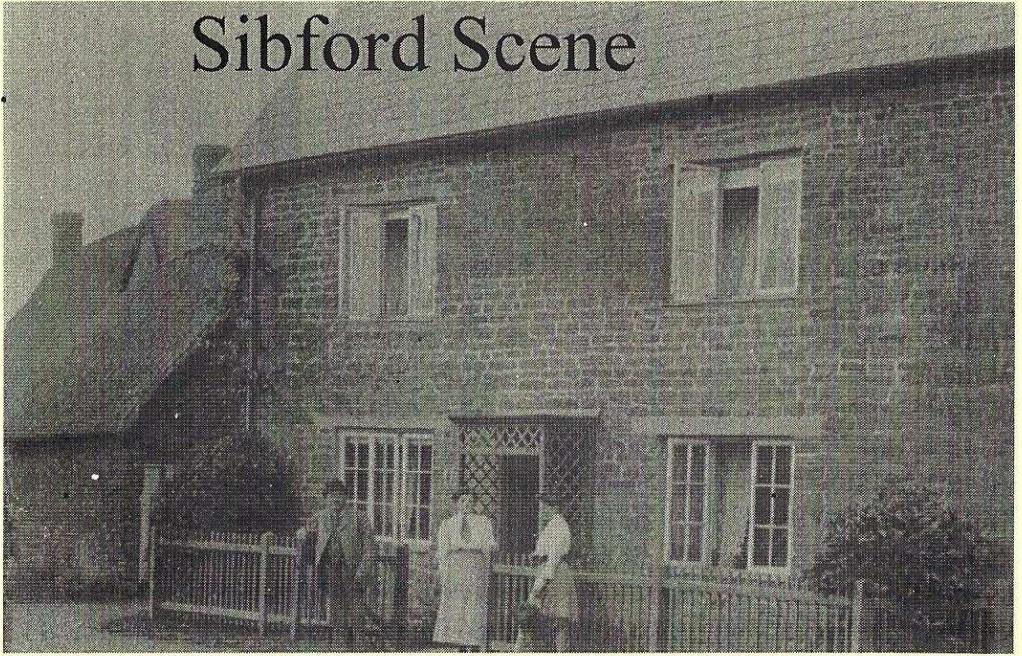


Sibford Scene



December 2008 & January 2009

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Coffee Morning in the Methodist Chapel
Saturday 6th December 10 - 12 noon

Village Hall Xmas Quiz night
Saturday 6th December 7.00pm

Carol Services
Sunday 14th 11am in the Methodist Chapel
Friday 19th Traditional Carol Service in Church 7.00pm
Sunday 21st Christingle Service in Church 4.30 pm

Sibford Village Hall present
Mervyn Stutter and his Guitar
Saturday 31st January 7.00pm

Nature Notes

Oct. 29th. Almost an inch of snow fell last evening and is still lying on this sunny morning. Our thermometer read 24F at 8.00am which is exceptionally cold for October. The ice was almost half an inch thick on an earthenware bowl in the garden but not much more than a quarter of an inch on any of the tanks that hold a greater bulk of water.

Oct. 31st. Still cold with the temperature on 28F at 8.00am. I found a newt floating on a water tank and put it in a crevice between the rockery stones. This is the only newt I have seen in the garden this year. Normally there are quite a lot of them in our garden pond. Frogs have also been few and far between. We did have some frogspawn that hatched but the tadpoles did not develop and soon disappeared. I have heard that a fungal disease is affecting amphibians but I have not found any dead ones, so it could be that the quality of the water is suffering from all the debris that falls from the overhanging cedar.

Nov. 15th. The tawny owls are making their presence known by their frequent hooting as they usually do in the autumn but it is nice to know that they are still around.

Nov. 17th. We have seen very few blackbirds for several weeks but they have reappeared in good numbers. They may have been hiding away because they were moulting or their numbers could have been boosted by migrants from further north. Either way they, along with a few redwings, are already feasting on our holly berries which although red are not very ripe.

Nov. 18th I am told that goldfinches are coming to birdtables in good numbers. My granddaughter had eight at once feeding on niger seed.

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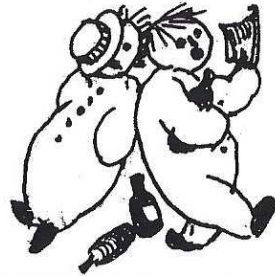
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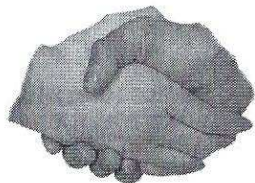
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It is a sad opening to this month's Scene, as I report the passing of one of our Hon. Members, Rene Hall. Before moving to be nearer her son Jeff, Rene lived at Little London in the Ferris.

When she visited her friend Phyllis she would come to the Meetings in the Hall. We pass on to her son and family our condolences at this time.

Now, Christmas is on it's way and on December 2nd, we have our Christmas Tea, and once again we invite our friends from Tysoe.

Then on December 16th we are off to Weeksted Park for Christmas lunch at Turners. The members are paying £10.00 and £15 for non members for we have a few seats left. Anyone wishing to join us, please ring Eve on 263460

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SIBFORD W.I. MEETING — Tuesday 1 1th November

This meeting was the 80th Anniversary of the Sibford Womens Institute and the President, Glennis Hardman, said she was delighted that so many members were present, including some previous presidents: Greta Baadsgaard, Rosalind Pearlman and Barbara Crabtree (who, having joined in 1960, is also the longest serving member.) She welcomed new member, Sue Nottingham and went on to thank the committee and all members for their support throughout the year. Before proceeding with the business of the meeting everyone joined together in singing Jerusalem with piano accompaniment by Peter Hardman. Apologies had been received from Audrey Taylor, Ann Benham, Carol Evans, Miriam Henbrey, Kathleen Reid and Lynda Conway (another previous president) and in the latter's absence Rosemary deputised as secretary. The minutes of the October meeting were read and agreed followed by a brief review of past events and a summary of future programmes. The 80th Anniversary celebration lunch took place at the Saye & Sele Arms on Tuesday 18th November. At the December meeting there will be a display of archived material recording the Sibford WI activities over the past 80 years. Members were asked to bring a plate of food for the Christmas tea, a small wrapped present for inclusion in the Christmas Dip and a Christmas plate or dish for the competition. Bearing in mind that that it was also Armistice Day, Barbara Crabtree then read some extracts from the archives about a few of the Sibford WI contributions to the War effort. On one occasion this had been the gathering and sale of 600 lbs of rose-hips and on another occasion the digging-up, cleaning and sale of dandelion roots. Rose hips were and still are used medicinally whilst dandelion roots can be made into types of tea or coffee.

"Monet's Garden" was the subject of this month's speaker, May Parker, and what a treat was in store for us. There are two parts to Monet's Garden, a flower garden in front of the house (The Clos Normand) created in 1883 and the Japanese inspired water garden accessed by a tunnel under the dividing road (begun in 1893). May and her husband have visited the Monet Gardens and Museum at Giverny, France on seven different occasions and this has enabled them to take and build the magnificent collection of slides which so effectively illustrated the content of May's talk. We saw slides showing the central path, the Grand Alle, covered by iron arches or wire on which there were masses of climbing roses. We saw lavender and purple wisteria overhanging the gardens and Japanese bridge. We saw pictures of the lantern tree, clematis with lovely names such as Angels Fishing Rods and varieties of sun-flowers such as the Teddy Bear. All paths were straight and bordered by box and spruce, salmon and red geraniums, rambling roses, oriental poppies, irises, trailing nasturtiums, French pansies, all mixed according to their colours. It is just not possible to cover here the detail of this talk – a case of you have to see and hear it to believe it?! And as a bonus May finished by telling us about a visit to the Cam-

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argue. This time the slides were of the wildlife set to music and equally enthralling. May and her husband were thanked by Gaynor Harper-Tarr after which there was another enjoyable moment when on everybody's behalf Jane Martin presented Peter Hardman with a well-deserved token of appreciation of his support and assistance to Sibford W.I. Often an integral part of any anniversary celebrations is THE cake and this was to be no exception. The President had designed and arranged for a large, square and handsome cake to be made by Glynis Morbey, iced and decorated in W.I. colours and adorned with the Oxfordshire Federation emblem. All were eager to have at least once piece. But first members were required to gather around the cake for a group photograph to be published in the Banbury Guardian. And only then was the cake cut — but the general consensus of opinion was that it was worth the wait. Also on display was a card of congratulation from the Chairman of Oxfordshire Federation, Pauline Goddard.

Finally the winners of the competition for the creation of a greeting card were announced: first Margaret Gardiner, second Kathleen Winter and third Rosemary Neal.

Margaret Gardiner

I would just like to thank everyone who came to my 98th Birthday Party and to let them know I really enjoyed it. I would especially like to thank my daughter Sandra for arranging and preparing everything, with thanks also to Josephine for helping with the sandwiches.

Thank you everyone who helped set the tables and chairs etc up...

A big thank you to Stan for washing up!
Last of all a sincere thank you for the beautiful flower basket. I had a lovely day and appreciate all your kindness.

Beatrice Tanner

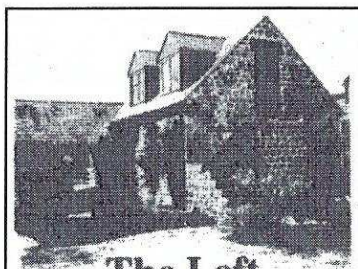
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The Sibfords Society

Martin Way, the speaker at our November meeting gave a very knowledgeable and interesting talk about the history of canals and also brought along his large collection of canal memorabilia. Francis Egerton, 3rd Duke of Bridgewater was inspired by the canals in Europe and with James Brindley, built the first canal in

the 1760's to transfer coal from his Worsley mine to Manchester. From that date until 1815, many miles of canals were dug by hand by men called 'navigators', hence the term 'navvies' The families working and living on their narrowboats had a very hard life, living in a confined space, often with many children, who all had a job to do as soon as they were old enough to help and presumably not to fall into the water!. The tradition of decorating the boats with pictures of castles, roses and bright patterns was probably to brighten up their existence on the 'cut'.

The Social will be held on 15 January in the Village Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm and personal invitations will be sent out to members, who are welcome to bring along friends. There will be the usual Bring and Share Supper, with mulled wine to greet you when you arrive but please bring along a bottle of wine to have with your food. We look forward to seeing everyone for a very enjoyable evening, which will brighten up the dark days of January.

With our best wishes for a happy and peaceful Christmas.

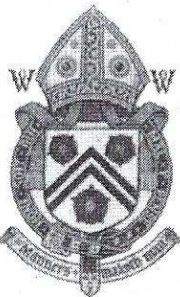
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Sibford Horticultural Society

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him as he is extremely informative and entertaining. Backed up by excellent slides he showed us how beneficial certain plants are and how they affect our daily lives. It was wonderful to see new faces and hope they will continue to come to our meetings. New members are always welcome. Our next meeting is on December 10th at 8.00pm in the Village Hall where Maureen and Keith Hicks will be in charge. Seasonal nibbles will be served and all are welcome.

The photography and handicraft sections for next years show are shown below. We have added a new class to the photography section as it was so well supported this year, so please take note and get clicking. The standard gets higher every year it's great to give the judges a challenge.

Handicrafts

1. A cushion
2. A piece of tapestry
3. A knitted item
4. An item of cross stitch
5. An item of woodwork
6. A thank you card - any medium excluding computer generated
7. A handicraft exhibit
8. "The spirit was willing..." A craft item started but not finished

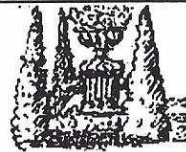
Photography

9. Photograph - Tree / Trees
10. Photograph - Flower / Flowers
11. Photograph - Fungi
12. Photograph - Taken within the parishes of Sibford or Epwell
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14. Photograph - People / person at work
15. Photograph - "Water water"
16. Photograph - any seascape
17. Photograph - A Castle
18. Photographs of 4 related views mounted on one sheet and named
19. A black and white photograph - any size
20. An enlargement - any subject (max size A4)
21. An amateur painting or drawing

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	J		S	K		A		X

A Small Crossword

Across

- 1 A blow
- 2 A puppet
- 3 A tool
- 4 A beverage
- 5 A magazine

Down

- 1 Vegetables
- 2 Female sheep
- 3 They lay eggs
- 4 The navy sails all seven
- 5 Often dropped (as in 3 down)

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3				
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Memories of Christmas in the Sibfords during the 1920's

The Sibfords' Society are currently transcribing the memoirs written by Anthony Oddie who was the grandson of Robert Brearley Oddie and his wife Elizabeth - Robert was the second Superintendent (headteacher) at Sibford Quaker School in the late 1800's. He and Elizabeth had seven children - their eldest son, Sydney and his wife Mary Ethel had two sons, Hugh and Anthony and the family used to return to their grandparents home - Sibford House (known now as West Town House on Woodway Road) to spend Christmas during the mid 1920's.

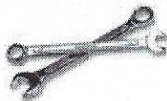
Anthony's father ran a pharmaceutical chemist's business in Uckfield in Sussex. Christmas Eve was the busiest day of the year and the shop did not close until 8pm. The family then caught the train to London Victoria, crossed London to Paddington Station where they took the midnight express to Birmingham. This had a 'slip coach' which was dropped off at Banbury - 'a miracle to a small child as the coach stopped at Banbury station while the main express hurtled on to Birmingham without even slowing down.'

Anthony remembers and writes ' Here we were met by Tom Kyte and his pony and trap. Hugh and I would be snuggled down on the floor under a rug for the seemingly endless drive out to Sibford. 7 miles and 8 hills.... We would arrive at Sibford House at about 3am to be met by two Aunts, Edith and Helen - in their dressing gowns and with their hair down. A warm drink and Hugh and I would be bedded down on camp beds on one of the landings but not before we had been

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through the ritual of a) shouting up the chimney to Father Christmas to tell him what we wanted as presents and b) hanging up our stocking at the foot of the bed....'

The many presents were distributed to all the family members by the grandchildren... 'An endless procedure – or so it seemed as we would have to wait until the end before we could undo our own presents. They were mainly simple little parcels wrapped in coloured crepe or even brown paper and tied with red string.' ...No Christmas wrapping paper or sellotape in the 1920's!

'One did not appreciate all the backroom work that had been carefully organised and efficiently executed for by one o'clock the full Christmas dinner would appear. Grandfather R.B.O. at the head of the table would carve the enormous turkey and all the trimmings would be piled high on the plates. (All the Oddies were excellent trenchermen!) Subsequently Grannie at the foot of the table would dispense the Plum pudding. Being a Quaker household this would be served "straight" i.e. with custard! Certainly no flaming brandy or brandy butter. Even for the adults Christmas dinner would be washed down with lemonade or barley water!

'There followed another tradition – the mince pies. Each daughter and daughter in law would contribute their own home-made variety and a sample of each would be presented for Grandfather's inspection and selection. To have one's mince pie selected by RBO on this occasion was the equivalent of an "Oddie Oscar". There was one famous occasion when after a thorough inspection, he selected the one cooked by my mother. Murmurs went round the table "Ooh, he's chosen Ethel's. He picked it up and parting his beard and moustache, took a large bite. The assembled company waited for his verdict, - but instead he turned livid, disentangled the mince pie from his beard and held up the offending article - the little circular tin baking dish in which it had been cooked, but which by oversight had not been removed!'

Anthony goes on to describe the beautiful Christmas tree lit with a cascade of coloured candles which was such a hazard to the paper decorations and party frocks – the tree in the bay window was constantly 'policed' by two adults. He describes the Christmas tea using the best china removed from the glass fronted china cupboard in the drawing room and also his most dreaded event – the family concert...'

As we prepare for Christmas in our own homes this year we can reflect on the many traditions and customs which still hold good today whilst reflecting on the vivid memories of a young boy who used to spend Christmas with his family in Sibford. How fortunate we are that, later in his life he found the time to share his wider observations and memories of the happy times he spent in the village, at Public School, Medical School and during the Second World War. His brother Hugh, who as a Flying Officer was killed during World War II is remembered and honoured in a memorial window in Sibford Church.

Once fully transcribed, Anthony Oddie's memoirs will be archived and provide a most valuable document, which together with the Rev Stevens diaries recount, in detail, the social history of our village in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. What, I wonder will we leave for the early 21st century?

Maureen Hicks Chair, Sibfords Society

It's almost Christmas — if you need reminding
so how about a Quiz to while away the time whilst you're waiting
for Santa to arrive. Have a Go — the answers are all 'Shows'.
e.g Sad French people — Les Miserables.

1. Flower and a girl's name
 2. Plant one on my lips, Katherine.
 3. Sahara ditty.
 4. Fat.
 5. Spooky drama.
 6. Felines.
 7. Fast train with heavenly illumination.
 8. Jacob's favourite son and his bright attire.
 9. Where the wind comes right behind the rain.
 10. Someone's arc of colour.
 11. NOT the North Atlantic.
 12. The Sharks met the Jets in this.
 13. Disclose the ship?
 14. Accident prone young lady.
 15. Argentina was not to cry for her.
 16. Geronimo and Sitting Bull could have been.
 17. Splash Hit for Gene Kelly.
 18. Dawn French.
 19. Pygmalion on stage.
 20. He was keen on his food.
 21. Playing up on the tiles.
 22. The circus owner.
 23. Hiya Barbie!
- Answers on page 19

Happy Christmas - Rosemary Neal.

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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. 7.30pm, bar open at 7.00pm. Tickets £8 or £6 for concessions available from Sibford Stores, Muriel or Ginny. Get your tickets early - please don't leave it until the last minute. February 28th we are putting on a film night. You have the chance to see Mama Mia which has had rave reviews. Drinks and snacks will be available.

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.

On Good Friday afternoon April 10th we are planning an Easter Egg Hunt. and an "Ask the Family" quiz will be held on April 25th. We will let you know more about the format in the new year.

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 on October 31st.

Joan Brody has devised a quiz sheet which will be available from early December from the Shop or from Joan for £1 each.

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James Marcovitch

Many Sibfordians will remember James Marcovitch as a mischeivous and cheeky young boy growing up in Sibford Gower in the 1980s. Most will not know that he went on to become an outstanding and inspirational musician, writer and performer, heading up a ground-breaking and award-winning band. Sadly, he has died at the age of 34 of non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

Our family moved to the Gower in 1982 and James (he became Jim to his family and friends) quickly made a reputation for himself in the village as a colourful character – in the words of his childhood friend Matthew Abbott he was 'devilishly naughty but irrepressible'. Jim often got into trouble at school for being outspoken, challenging, honest and 'often more than his teachers could handle. He had a fierce and sharp intelligence, refused to conform or compromise and would argue, debate with and challenge adults. He rarely did as he was told and was always looking for ways to make school more interesting for himself and his friends.

Jim was hugely creative and naturally talented, characteristics that gave great pleasure and enjoyment. He was successful in auditioning for the National Youth Theatre at the age of 14 although he later decided the acting world wasn't for him. He was -a brilliant artist who doodled caricatures and cartoons on any spare scraps of paper he could 'find, and he would play the piano for hours, improvising and composing tunes despite no formal training.

At 17 Jim was 'asked to leave' his A level courses. Initially devastating, this, act inadvertently ended up doing him a favour, that would shape the rest of his life. At a loose end, he travelled to Romania with the charity set up by our mother (Orfan) to work with children who had been neglected and abandoned and with children and babies with Aids. Jim - worked hard, bringing love and affection – and music --into their lives for the first time in most cases.

It was in Romania that Jim became interested in Eastern European gypsy music and where he bought his first accordion. He taught himself to play and before long was using it as his ticket to travel wherever his fancy took him. He would literally play for his supper, sometimes busking all day to raise enough money for food or a bed for the night. Alone, and later with our brother Alex and his then girlfriend he travelled throughout Europe, to India and Pakistan, and to the Middle East – Israel and Jordan, then Syria and Iran.

When Jim returned to England he enrolled at Goldsmith's College in London to study music and from there discovered Klezmer – traditional Jewish Eastern European music characterised particularly by the violin, clarinet and accordion. He co-founded his band

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She'koyokh, and they quickly made a reputation for themselves as one of the foremost and most exciting klezmer bands in London, and just this year She'koyokh won first prize at the International Jewish Music Festival award in Amsterdam.

Jim worked as a musical director, composer and performer for many theatre companies. One children's play, *The Mouse Queen*, in which he played an accordion playing fox, had sell-out runs in London and New York. He formed the band *Soup* with two friends, writing songs characterised by their quirky and darkly comic observations on life.

When Jim was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma in 2004 he did not for one minute contemplate giving up performing, composing, travelling or living life as he always had. It was a cruel irony that he was enjoying life and having more fun than he ever had, and was just at the beginning of a wealth of achievements and opportunities. He didn't stop working unless he was in hospital. His bravery and lack of self-pity as his health deteriorated was humbling and inspirational: he continued to produce and create, writing a play, recording an album with *Soup*, composing original klezmer tunes for She'koyokh's new album, and, one beautiful and magical weekend in September, marrying Jenny Pidgeon in Whichford. The week before his death he launched *Soup's* album *'Night of the Long Spoons'* and reminded the audience of how wonderful life is, and how important it is to cherish every moment.

Three days before he died we took him in his wheelchair on to Hampstead Heath where he marvelled at the beauty of the autumn. He died at home, his body ravaged by cancer, but his mind still full of passion and energy and joyfulness about his music and the wonder of life and of the world around him. Jim taught those of us who knew him how to live, how to love, and how to die —exactly as he chose to and with absolute integrity. He was a unique and irreplaceable person.

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Sibford Ferris and Sibford Gower Transport Needs Surveys

Survey forms, with a request that they be completed, were distributed to the two hundred and twenty five houses which fall within the boundaries of Sibford Gower and Burdrop and to one hundred and sixty households in Sibford Ferris. The Parish Councils thank the residents who took the time and trouble to complete forms — forty five in respect of Sibford Gower/Burdrop and thirty two in respect of Sibford Ferris were handed in to Sibford Stores & Post Office.

The forms have been sent to the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council which has undertaken to analyse the responses, write up the results and present them to the Parish Councils for consideration in preparing reports to be submitted to the Public Transport Team at Oxfordshire County Council which is conducting the review of subsidised bus services in this area. The Parish Councils will keep residents advised of developments as and when they occur.

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Timothy Wimbush. (Rector)

WELCOME TO SIBFORD

If you are a new resident of Sibford and have not yet received a copy of the "Welcome to Sibford" booklet, please telephone Pauleen Inns on 780702 (Gower or Burdrop) or Ann Bishop on 788188 (Ferris), and a copy will be delivered to you. The information will help to make you feel at home - by acquainting you with the services, schools, clubs and societies that are currently active in the villages.

The Annexe at The Old Post Office, Sibford Gower has a new resident. Sarah Knight has moved to Sibford from Fenny Compton. She works for Dogs for the Disabled in Middleton Cheney. Her hobbies include reading, walking, and horse riding. I am sure she will find something to interest her from our many village activities.



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If the answers to at least the first three above are "yes" or "maybe", then disregard number four (and treat it as a bonus) and turn out to watch your two local footballing giants battle it out for Seasonal Supremacy! Again!

SIBFORD GENTLEMEN F.C. vs SWALCLIFFE COTTAGERS F.C.

Swalcliffe Park School Ground, Boxing Day 11.00am k.o.

Previous years' games have been great fun & very entertaining (see <http://www.swalcliffe-cottagers.com>) - let's hope this year will be similar

Team subs, comedy referee fines & kind donations from the spectators (with only minor tin-rattling) will be donated to local charities *Katharine House Hospice & the Frank Wise School*. Last year's total was £300 & we'd like to get even more this year.. it's up to you & your generosity so thank-you in advance!

Afterwards why not join your heroic players (& perhaps nab an autograph or two, or even buy them a pint?) for light refreshments with Graham & Ros & Family at the newly-refurbished Stag's Head, Swalcliffe

Answers to Shows quiz

1. Rosemary. 2. Kiss me Kate. 3. Desert Song. 4. Grease. 5. Phantom of the Opera. 6. Cats. 7. Starlight Express. 8. Joseph & his Amazing Tech. Dream Coat. 9. Oklahoma. 10. Wizard of Oz. 11. South Pacific. 12. Westside Story. 13. Showboat. 14. Calamity Jane. 15. Evita. 16. Blood Brothers. 17. Singing in the Rain. 18. Funny Girl. 19. My Fair Lady. 20. Oliver. 21. Fiddler on the Roof. 22. Barnham. 23. Hello Dolly.

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The Trustees feel that this is not used sufficiently to justify the expense and intend, therefore, to cancel the service as from 1 January.

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**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH
WINTER FUEL PAYMENTS**

The Trustees would like to offer a once only payment to help with heating to anyone who feels they are suffering hardship (in the Gower or Burdrop). This is particularly for anyone over 65, single parents or those with special needs.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

There was a very large assembly for the Remembrance Day Service which was held on Sunday 9th November. We gathered, as usual, around the War Memorial just before 11.00 a.m. when Robin Spicer read out the names of the village war dead of both World Wars together with the Canadian airmen killed at the nearby crash, all of which inscribed on the War Memorial. Prayers were said by Robin and by Major Sue Viveash, a serving soldier who lives in the village. During the service which followed, the children present went to the front where Major Viveash gave a demonstration of a soldier's ration pack together with a talk, finishing with a memorable poem by Wilfred Owen.

At morning service on 16th November there were displayed two beautiful Pulpit Falls and an altar cloth purchased in memory of Eric and Mabel Payne. Also on show for the first time was the completed choir vestry with the old altar curtains cleaned and reshaped by Rachel Tustain and looking perfect in their new use. Many thanks to Rachel also again to Derek Boughton who carried out the carpentry work.

The Church Christmas Bazaar was held on Saturday 22nd November and was magnificently organized and run for the first time by John Marshall. Many thanks to him and all his helpers and to the villagers who contributed a splendid sum of £1055 for the hard pressed Church funds.

The annual Benefice confirmation Service will be held on Sunday 7th December at 10.30 am in Sibford church. It will be taken by The Bishop of Oxford Rt. Rev John Pritchard and refreshments afterwards will be in the Village Hall.

On Sunday 18th January 2009 at 10.30 am there will be at Holy Trinity Church a Unity Service to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This will be a non-Eucharistic service and we will look forward to welcoming all our friends from the other Christian denominations.

"The Bishop Blaize" - December update.

Although the poor old pub is looking very drab and deserted, a lot has been going on 'behind the scenes', as they say. It has been necessary to maintain some secrecy on this matter, but we have been able to find quite a few creditors of the Bishop

Blaize, and recently Eon, the electricity supplier, obtained a Court Order to enter the premises, and cut off the supply.

Other creditors may well follow suit.

There have been many rumours lately that the pub is up for sale, or for auction. We have been unable to substantiate these reports, but if anyone has any information at all, I would be pleased to receive it. Hopefully the pub will be sold, and we can all get on with our lives.



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Society of Friends		Sunday at 10.30 am.
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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

December 14th Carol Service 11.00 am

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower.

December

Sun 7th Confirmation Service 10.30am

Sun 14th Holy Communion 8.00pm

Fri 19th Carol Service 7.00pm

Sun 21st Christingle Service 4.30pm

Wed 24th Midnight Mass at Epwell and Shutford 11.30pm

Thu 25th Christmas Communion 10am

Sun 28th Benefice Service 10.30am Tadmarton

January

Sun 4th Benefice Epiphany Service 10.30am Broughton

Sun 11th Family Service 10.00am

Sun 18th Joint Ecumenical Service 10.30am

Sun 25th Benefice Eucharist 10.30am

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Sun 1st Candalmas 10.30am, Shutford



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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
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

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

December

- Tue 2nd Friendship Club Christmas Tea p4
Fri 5th Sibford School Christmas Fayre 2.30 - 5.30 pm
Sat 6th Methodist Chapel Coffee Morning 10 - 12 noon p3
Sat 6th Village Hall Xmas Quiz Night. From 7.00pm p13
Wed 10th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm) Please check Dates
Wed 10th Horticultural Society Christmas meeting Village Hall 8pm p8
Sat 13th Warriner Choral Society - A Box of Delights. 7.30pm Bloxham p18
Sun 14th Methodist Chapel Carol Service 11.00 am p3
Sun 14th Village Hall Table Top Sale 12.30pm p13
Tue 16th Friendship Club Christmas Lunch p4
Fri 19th Church Traditional Carol Service 7.00pm p22
Sun 21st Church Christingle Service 4.30pm p22
Wed 24th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm) Please check Dates
Fri 26th Boxing Day Football Match. 11.00am Swalcliffe Park p19

January

- Wed 7th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm) Please check Dates
Thu 15th Sibfords Society Social 7pm in the Village Hall p7
Sun 18th Christian Unity Week, united service in Church 10.30am p22
Wed 21st Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm) Please check Dates
Sat 31st Mervyn Stutter performing at the Village Hall 7.00 pm p13

Cover picture. Home Farm, Sibford Ferris probably pre 1920.

A Happy Christmas to all our readers

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