

Sibford Scene

April 2009

No. 311

Sibford Gower Litterblitz

Saturday 4th April

Starting at 10am at the Village Hall

Energize Sports Roadshow

Wednesdays 8th and 15th April

At the Village Hall 1.00 - 3.00 pm

Good Friday Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 10th April

At the Village Hall 2.30 - 3.30pm

Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 18th April

Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 22nd April 7.45pm

In the upstairs room of Sibford School Sports Hall

Nature Notes

Feb. 25th The rookery in Sibford Ferris is now a hive of activity particularly in the mornings when the rooks are all busily snapping twigs for building or refurbishing their nests from several different kinds of tree. They always seem to go for live twigs rather than doing it the easy way by using rotten ones. One has extended the rookery by building a nest in a silver birch which is unusual and looks precarious but has not blown down yet.

Mar. 2nd I have seen my first queen bumblebee of the year. It is a bit later than usual which may give them a better chance of getting reasonably warm weather while establishing their nests.

Mar. 12th Both male and female blackcaps have made occasional visits to our bird table over the last few weeks. They each came at different times today.

Mar. 13th We have been keeping an eye on several ponds for any sign of frogs or newts but have not yet seen any. One of the rooks in the Ferris rookery has a high pitched squeaky voice which can be a bit trying when it goes on for a long time. Last year I thought it must be the cry of a young bird, but if it was, it has not grown out of it. While the branches were being cut off a rotten willow tree near us a queen hornet was disturbed and was crawling on a piece of bark. We put it among the stack of rotten logs where we thought it would have the best chance of surviving until summer comes.

Mar. 14th Today I was told by friends from Epwell that during the cold snowy weather a buzzard came down into their garden and took a dove, presumably a collared dove. They said that being so close to the house it looked huge. I always think of buzzards feeding on carrion and young rabbits when they have young of their own to feed, but they obviously take live birds when pressed. A cock pheasant seems to spend its time visiting all the houses round here that put out birdfood. It normally walks all the way probably because so much food is making it a bit heavy for flying, although it took off well enough when a cat that had been feigning disinterest suddenly rushed at him.

Mar. 15th It was warm enough today to bring a few brimstone butterflies out of hibernation.

Mar. 16th We now have a few frogs and a bit of spawn in our garden pond. I hope the frogspawn fares better than last year when it hatched but the tadpoles soon disappeared. I have also seen two newts which is two more than we saw last year.

Mar. 20th We are now seeing a few bats with this run of fine evenings.

Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday, 22 April 2009 at 7.45 pm

in the top floor classroom of the Sports Hall, Sibford School

This is the annual village meeting where residents can raise matters of interest or concern. It is chaired by the Parish Council Chairman, currently Chris Franklin, who will give a report of the activities of the Parish Council over the past year. The Responsible Financial Officer, Clerk Anita Spencer will give a brief financial report. Invitations to the meeting will be extended to the local police constable and to a representative from Oxfordshire Highways. The proposal to cut street lighting hours will be put to villagers.

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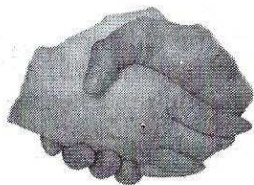
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Friendship Club

Easter is nearly with us, so we will be, again, having our Easter tea on the 7th April. beginning at 2.p.m. There will be an outing on the 21.st details of which will be discussed at the tea party. Looking forward to our May Meeting, the speaker will be Christine Hodgetts from the Hill Close gardens in Warwick.

Visitors to the club are always welcome all you pay is 50p

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Sibford Horticultural Society

Our first meeting of the year saw Brian Ellis talking about a riot of colour, forms and textures. An enthusiastic nurseryman, he illustrated his talk with superb slides which showed that his first career was in fine art.

We were lucky to be able to purchase many of the plants shown, which were of excellent quality. A very good evening.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 8th April at 8pm in the Village Hall. Bob Hare will talk about The Garden in April. All very welcome.

Sibford Ferris Litter Blitz - 7th March

A big thank-you to all who participated in this year's spring clean, which was earlier than usual and possibly took some people a bit by surprise! A lot of rubbish was collected by the volunteers and our village and its surroundings look much tidier as a result. Special thanks to Martin Thomas for doing the organising on the day.

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The Sibfords Society

The Society's Annual General Meeting was very well attended and Maureen Hicks brought everyone up-to-date with past events, including our successful applications for funding from the Town Estates Charity and

Awards for All, for which we are very grateful and will mean that work on cataloguing the precious Village Archive can continue.

After the official business of the evening was completed, Keith Hicks presented a video he had made with Graham Piercey of the conservation work Graham had carried out at Little London in Sibford Ferris. Graham bought the cottage realising that a great deal needed to be done and over the years carried out most of the work on his own. Among all the careful attention to detail, he sourced elm to replace timbers and doors, preparing the wood without modern tools. He opened up huge fireplaces and repaired unsound walls, finding an Elizabethan coin, dated 1572 under a stone, which dates the oldest part of the cottage to around that time. Little London now has a new owner, who came to tell us how much she cares for this ancient building and showed photos of the kitchen she has created in the former garage and the beautiful productive garden she is making.

Our next meeting will be on 16 April in the Village Hall at 8.00pm, when Frank Johnson will talk about the Arts and Crafts work carried out in Chipping Campden in the early 1900's and the legacy it has left in the area today.

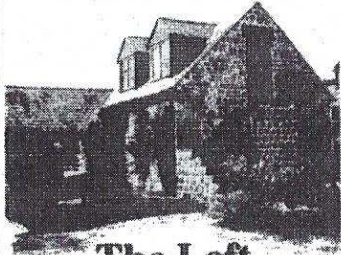


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Life Drawing Classes

Following the success of recent taster classes, Sibford School is to run an eight-week life drawing course.

Led by Beccy Roberts, the course will cover all aspects including: basic drawing skills; simple anatomy; form and structure of the human body; perspective drawing; tonal drawing; light and shade; simple colour theory; colour mixing and blending; picture composition and appreciation; and experimentation with different media.

Cost for those enrolling on the whole course is £52 for adults and £35 for students (14 years and over) and includes basic materials, live models and refreshments. For those unable to attend the full course, the cost will be £7.50/£5 per session.

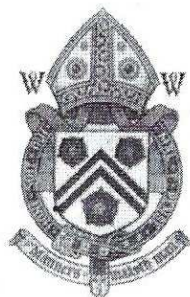
Classes will run from 6.30pm – 8.30pm in the Nicholas Cann Studio commencing Monday 20th April. Subsequent sessions will take place on Monday 27th April, Monday 11th May, Monday 18th May, Monday 1st June, Monday 8th June, Monday 15th June, Monday 22nd June.

Further information is available from Ali Bromhall, Community Development Officer, Sibford School on 01295 781216 or email abromhall@sibfordschool.co.uk

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Our next event is on Good Friday, from 2-30pm to 3-30pm. Something for all the family to do, but suitable for the little ones in particular - an EASTER EGG HUNT. There will be eggs for all entrants at the end of the trail! Enter for £1 at the Village hall. Refreshments will be available when you return to the hall.

April 25th is QUIZ NIGHT. Teams of up to 6 people are invited to enter at £5 per head which will include a light supper. A licensed bar will be available. The quiz will follow our usual format. Team names to Ginny 780373, or Muriel 780025 as soon as you like.

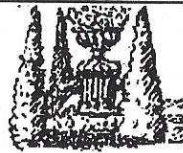
As some of you enjoyed our Film Night in February with the showing of Mamma Mia, we plan to show "The Duchess" (12A) on the evening of Wednesday, 20th May, doors open 7.15pm for 7.45pm start.

The Village Fayre will be on June 20th, from 2pm to 4-30pm, with a slightly different variety of things to do. We plan to have games, competitions, cream teas, BBQ, licensed bar, stalls. We will NOT have a Fancy dress competition or a Children's entertainer this year, but will still have the Fun Dog Show. If anyone would like to help organize an attraction or help on a stall or game on the day, please speak to Ginny on 780373. If you have any old chipped china that you want to get rid of then the Village Hall would like it please!! You can find out what we are going to do with it at the Fayre!! Call Ginny on 01295 780373 and I will collect it.

NEWS FLASH On June 27th we are pleased to present the "Damn Right I Got The Blues" band.

This will be a popular event so we will let you know as soon as tickets are available. There will be a licensed bar and a BBQ available.

We have decided to defer the Halloween Ball for this year, but will put on a Murder Mystery Night on September 19th. More details in the next Scene. Village Hall Lottery Game. Anyone interested in joining this game could you please ring Mu-



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riel on 780025. For a one off payment of £12 per year, half would be paid out in monthly prize money and half would go to Village Hall funds. If 200 people were interested, £100 in prize money per month could be paid, divided between 1st 2nd and 3rd. With the high cost of oil and electricity, and always wishing to keep the Hall in a good state of repair, fund raising has to be an ongoing item.

We are raising money to improve the Village hall and would very much welcome some input from the villagers. If you have any suggestions do contact Joan on 780410.

Something NEW in Sibford Stores

Many of you have commented on the "cardboard box" which has appeared just behind the door in the shop but after Monday 23rd March all will be revealed.....literally.

This new piece of technology is a Cherwell District Council information kiosk whereby you can access a wealth of information on council matters and as time goes by more and more local information. You will also be able to make contact with Cherwell about any issues which may be of concern to you. At this stage we can give very little other information but next time you are in the shop do spend a few minutes and use the kiosk. If you need help we'll do our best to assist you. (hopefully by then we will have had some instruction on how to use it!!!) Terry & Judith

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during which time the resources of the World Service were concentrated on keeping the East Europeans informed of what was happening on both sides of the Iron Curtain. The high regard throughout the world for the professionalism, integrity and accuracy of BBC World Service is well known and Khofi Anan once said 'the World Service was the BBC's gift to the world'. As a result of his own travels, Alistair Lack was able to give many examples of this. He had reported on the liberation of Berlin. In interviews with Falkland Islanders just after the war they told him how important the World Service had been to them, even though they listened at their peril. He reported from South Africa at the time of the Referendum. When Mrs Ghandi was assassinated in 1984, the British Hindi Service was the first to report it. Terry Waite once said to him that the World Service may not only have saved the lives of hostages but almost as important their sanity. Nelson Mandela, during an interview soon after his release from Robin Island, said that he had kept himself informed of world events by listening to the World Service broadcasts on a tiny transistor. Alistair has covered many of the U.S. Presidential elections and travelled across the U.S. with the candidates. He has also interviewed and accompanied British Prime Ministers from Jim Callaghan to John Major. This talk was full of amusing anecdotes and 'behind the scenes' stories and was much enjoyed by all. Mr Lack was warmly thanked by Greta Baadsgaard.

Gaynor Harper-Tarr and Ann Benham served tea with delicious chocolate cake and date tea-bread. Mr Lack judged the competition for an old post card and awarded Gaynor Harper-Tarr first, Valerie Taylor second and Rosemary Neal third. Tuesday, 14th April will be the AGM Meeting. There will be a bring and buy stall instead of a raffle. No competition.

Margaret Gardiner

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Sibford Village Hall

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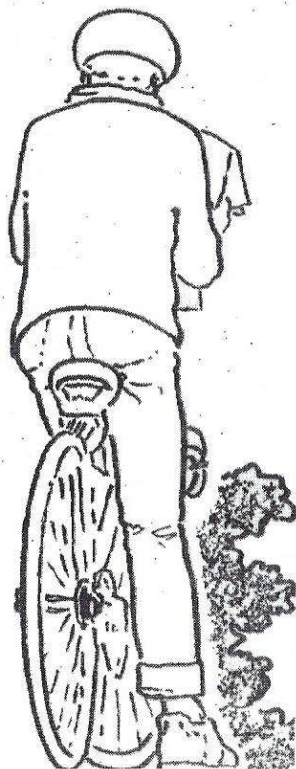
With the changing of the clocks the summer cycling season gets underway for the Tuesday Night Bike riders. Our rides take in all the local byways, some bridleways and tracks, and the local Sustrans routes with the occasional bit of main road if it's unavoidable.

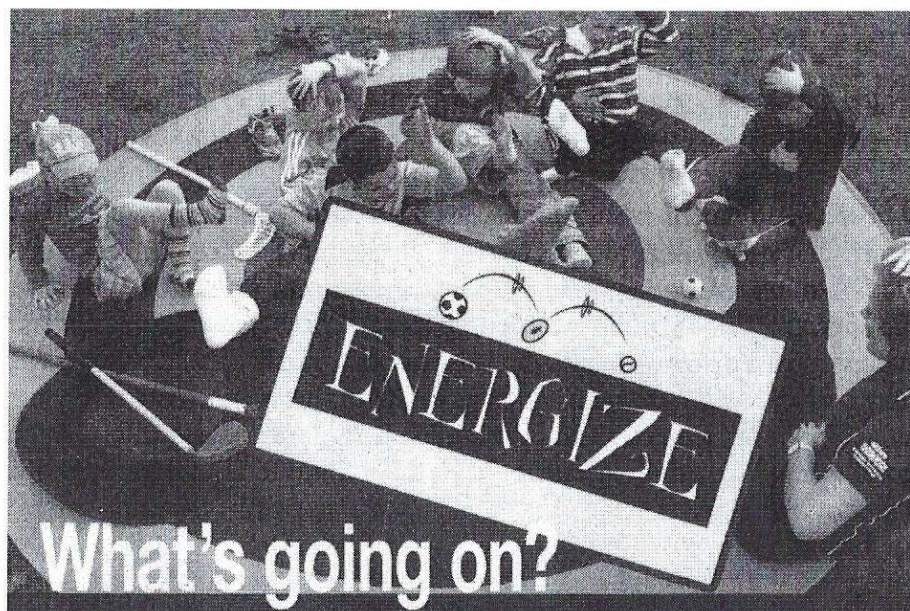
We have a very friendly group of riders from school age to OAP's (most of whom are fitter than the ones in between!) and are always happy to welcome new faces to join us. We normally cycle from 7.00 until dusk, so if you are new to cycling or worried about your fitness or ability, then come and join in at the start as the shorter days limit our rides. We normally split into two groups by ability and enthusiasm for a shorter or longer ride, but if we have new recruits we

can always have another group. The only thing we ask is that children are accompanied by a parent to look after them. If you would like to join us but haven't got a bike, please get in touch as some of our cyclists may be able to lend you one for while.

I would like to offer to lead a ride for parents and children, to try and encourage the younger riders, possibly early evening on a Saturday, and would like to hear from any interested families. With year Six at the Primary School doing their Cycling Proficiency course in May, this is a good chance to get some cycling experience.

If you would like to join in the Family Bike ride or want more details about the Tuesday Night rides please contact Adrian Lamb (details on the back cover) or just turn up on a Tuesday evening and join in.





Roadshows for 5 - 11 year olds

The Energize roadshow will be visiting Sibford Village Hall from 1.00pm until 3.00pm on Wednesdays 8th and 15th April.

If you can't make the afternoon they are at Hook Norton Primary School from 10.00am until 12 noon on the same days.

The cost is £4.00 per 2 hour session.

(Take 3 children from one family and you only pay for 2)

These events are best with plenty of children there,
so get your friends together and all go along!

There are many other activities to try over the Easter holidays,

Athletics at Banbury and Bicester (8 - 15 years),

Golf coaching (8 - 16 years) at Adderbury,

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to get the details?

Sibford Gower Primary School

We are still collecting the Books for School tokens which appear in the Times newspapers. If you could cut them out and drop them into the School we will be able to add some new books to our libraries.

Many thanks

A Grand Day Out

A few suggestions for family days out of a historic nature.

STEAM Museum - The museum of the Great Western Railway at Swindon. Wiltshire County Council have done a great job of re-fitting one of the GWR engineering buildings with videos of the works, hands on exhibits and games, real steam engines to go on, signals to work etc. Caution it is next to a huge shopping area!

Coventry Transport museum. This one is free and looks at the manufacturing of transport from bicycles through cars, busses, lorries and fire engines to tractors in and around Coventry. Being in the city centre only 5 minutes walk from the Cathedral makes it a good part of a day out.

The Black Country Living Museum. Further to travel but a great experience for the kids (and the tickets are valid for 12 months). Go down the coal mine and see how it was dug, use the trams and trolley buses which run round the site, have a go on the Victorian fun-fair, buy cakes, fish and chips and a drink in the re-constructed shops and pub. See the black and white silent movies in the Limelight Cinema and watch Black Country craftsmen demonstrating their trades.

For a very different experience take a canal boat trip into the limestone caverns (extra charge but accessible from the museum) and see this flooded underground mine.

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What needs to happen is to replace these overlarge busses with smaller ones which are in proportion to the size of the village streets and to the number of people using them. (The larger the vehicle, the greater the wear and tear on the roads and surroundings too.) This is the case in village areas with a more sensible approach to such matters. If demand for busses were to increase, as I hope happens then their frequency rather than their size could be increased.

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Report of Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting

There was one apology from J Simms and one member of the public attended the meeting. Play Areas *Cotswold Close* John and Lynne Woodvine were thanked for kindly agreeing to take on the weekly inspections of the equipment at the Cotswold Close Play Area. Thanks also to Bernie Jones for her help in carrying out the inspections previously - much appreciated. A Lamb was thanked for replacing two broken fence posts. There were other minor points which would be addressed by the playground installer when he came back to install additional timbers to one of the walkways. School MUGA Project Due to the complications caused by one body owning equipment and the other insuring it, it had been agreed that the School would apply direct for a Playbuilder Grant towards equipment for half of the MUGA area, which would be designed to encourage free play. The other half would be allocated to a new ball court for which funding would have to be found from other sources. Burial Ground Extension There was no objection to the proposal from Sibford Gower Parish Council that the temporary fence run straight across the new ground from north to south. In response to a suggestion to plant a tree on the new ground, it was generally agreed that space should not be given up for this purpose. Street Lighting The County Council had written to officially propose reducing the number of hours the lights were on and had asked for a reaction to this

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proposal. It was agreed to put the matter to the village at the Annual Parish Meeting. Swapshop As there had been no response at all to the appeal for volunteers to run a swapshop, it was decided not to go ahead with this event. Village Website Pages It was reported that a new Cherwell District Council information terminal would be installed in Sibford Stores in the next few days from which residents could access Council services. It would also be possible to put village information on the District Council website if someone could be found to take on the job of data inputting. Signposts It was agreed to ask the County Council to replace the broken wooden signpost by Home Farm. New signpost Enquiries had been made about a new triangle warning sign on the Shutford Road for horseriders, which had been put up by the County Council at the request of a resident. Its effectiveness would be monitored by the County Council. Spring Clean The spring clean took place on 7th March and the good work of all those who took part was much appreciated, with thanks also to Martin Thomas for doing the organising. Water on Hook Norton Road Contact had been made with the Highways following dangerous conditions during the cold weather when the water froze alongside the verge. Clearance work alongside the ditch and digging out the ditch itself has now been completed. The Clerk was also asked to follow up enquiries into the new spring flowing along Main Street. Any Other Business The question of parking outside Sibford Stores was discussed again but Councillors could see no way of resolving the problem, other than requesting that people park sensibly. It was suggested that it would be preferable to park alongside the cottages if there was space to keep the verge side clear. Date of Next Meeting The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday, 6th May, at 7.45 pm in the top floor classroom of the Sports Hall, Sibford School. All residents are welcome.



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Saturday, 4th April 2009

The Annual Litterblitz will take place on Saturday, 4th April 2009 and volunteers are sought to give an hour or so of their time to help with the work of clearing litter from where it may have gathered in Burdrop and Sibford Gower. We will meet at Sibford Village Hall at 10am when Robin Spicer will allocate the areas which require attention. If you may be unavailable on the day but wish to help, Robin (Tel: 780690) will be pleased to hear from you (after 24th March) to plan an area for attention on an alternative date which may be mutually convenient.

Cherwell District Council will provide black sacks and protective gloves but only six litter pickers so if you possess one, please bring it along. Fluorescent vests will also be available.

The Members of the Parish Council hope that the occasion will receive the usual enthusiastic support and look forward to seeing you on the 4th April.

In November 2008 the first Chipping Norton Sports Awards were held. Tom Sabin from Sibford, who shoots for Chippy Air Cadets received a Commended certificate.

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This month we welcome Karl and Debbie Durham who have moved to Sibford Hall, which is 6 Walford Road in the Manor Development.

Debbie and Karl have three sons, Maxwell, aged 10, Fergus and Barney who are twins aged 4, and a daughter Ashleigh who is aged 9.

The Durham family have moved here from Brackley and are very keen to become involved in village social life.

Graffiti at the Cotswold Close Play Area

Someone has started defacing the equipment in the play area with ink markings and carved letters, notably "JS". Should the culprit happen to read or be shown this message: please would you stop doing this, whoever you are - it is vandalism, which is a criminal offence. This is not what the play area is intended for and it is not a constructive way to spend your time.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

The last of the Benefice Lent Austerity Lunches in aid of charity will be held at 12.30 pm on Monday 6th April at St Mary's Hall Broughton. The Benefice Discussion Groups, which are attracting good numbers will continue: on Thursdays at 10.30 am at 32 Danvers Close, Broughton at the home of Neil and Margaret Howarth, on Tuesdays at 10.30 am the Gables, Tadmarton, the home of John and Pat Salethorne (after 10.00 am communion in the church) and on Sundays at 5 pm at




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Abingdon House, Swalcliffe, the home of Rev John Tattersall. These may be joined at any time during their course. Other services in the Benefice for Lent and Easter are shown separately in this publication but the amalgamated choirs will be singing at a Benefice Good Friday Service on April 10th at 7.00 pm in Broughton Church.

At The Annual Parochial Church Meeting, held in Sibford Church on Thursday 5th March Ann Spicer and Evelyn Boughton were re-elected as the two churchwardens. Those elected to the Parochial Church Council were: Catherine Petter, Cathy Cawley (later confirmed as Treasurer), Peter Hardman (later confirmed as PCC Secretary), Eileen Haynes, Mary Nash, Tom Pratt, Gladys Stevens, and Sue Wilson; Erica Wimbush continued as Deanery Synod representative for the next two years. At the conclusion of the meeting the Rector thanked the Churchwardens and all those who assist with the church building, grounds and services throughout the year. Thanks were also expressed to the Rector for all his work for us in the Parish and the Benefice and for leading and playing for both choirs.

There are two amendments to the dates of the Coffee Mornings to be held in Sibford Church namely on Saturdays May 23rd (formerly 16th), June 27th (formerly 20th). The others are April 18th and July 18th. Please make a note of these in your diaries and come and join these joyful occasions which help to raise much needed funds to help keep the church building going.

Did you make an advance note in your diaries for: The Annual Church Fete which will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 25th July at 2.30 pm.? This is one of our two major fund raising events of the year.

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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 |

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower.

April

Sun 5th Palm Sunday Service 10.00am at Epwell
 Mon 6th to Sat 11th Every Morning at 7.30am Morning Prayers
 Mon 6th Evening Worship for Holy Week 7.30pm
 Wed 8th Stations of the Cross. 7.30pm at Epwell
 Thu 9th Maundy Thursday service. Shutford 8.00pm
 Fri 10th Good Friday Children's Workshop,
 North Newington School 9.30-12 noon
 Fri 10th 'At the Cross' 1.30pm at Swalcliffe
 Fri 10th Words and Music for Easter 7.00pm at Broughton
 Sun 12th Holy Communion 8.00am
 Sun 12th Holy Communion 10.00am
 Sun 19th Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton 10.00am
 Sun 26th Holy Communion 9.30am



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|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 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 |

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Calendar of Events

March

Tue 31st Tuesday Bike Rides Start p12

April

Wed 1 - 15 & 29. World Dance Classes. Village Hall 1.15pm p11

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

Sat 4th Sibford Gower Litterblitz Village Hall at 10.00 am p19

Tue 7th Friendship Club Easter Tea. 2pm in the Village Hall p4

Tue 7th Cricket Club Net Practice starts. 6-7.30 at Sibford School p4

Wed 8th Energize Roadshow at the Village Hall 1 - 3pm p13

Wed 8th Horticultural Society 'The Garden in April' Village Hall 8pm p5

Fri 10th Good Friday Easter Egg Hunt at the Village Hall 2.30pm p8

Tue 14th W.I. AGM and Bring and Buy sale. P11

Wed 15th Energize Roadshow at the Village Hall 1 - 3pm p13

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

Thu 16th Sibfords Society talk. Village Hall 8.00 pm p6

Sat 18th Church Coffee Morning p21

Mon 20th Art Classes at Sibford School start. p7

Tue 21st Friendship Club Outing p4

Sat 25th Village Hall Quiz p8

Wed 22nd Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting 7.45pm Sibford School p3

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

May(part)

Sat 2nd Art Exhibition at the Mission Room starts. p18

Wed 6th Sibford Ferris Parish Council meeting 7.45pm p17

Wed 20th Village Hall Film Night. "The Duchess"(12A) 7.15pm p8

Sat 23rd Coffee Morning in the Church p21

Cover picture. Cookery class at the Sibford Friends School.

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