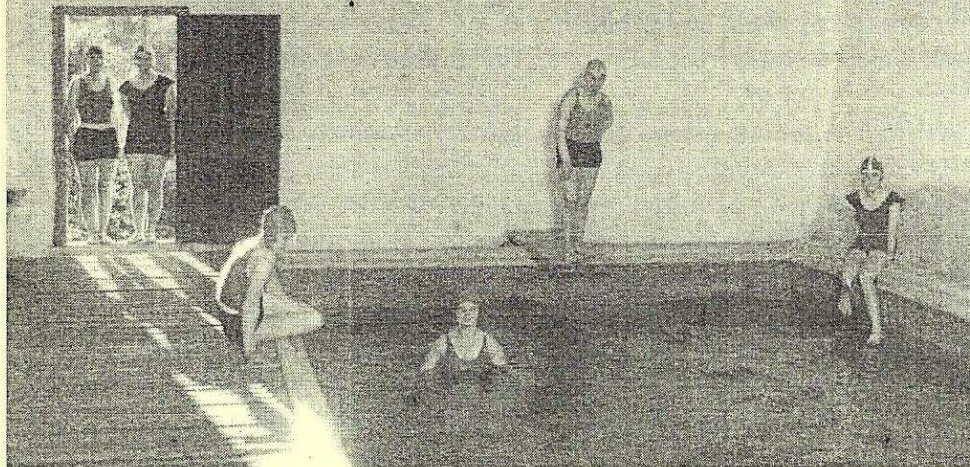


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The Circuit Choir
Tuesday 5th May at 7.30pm

Sibford Horticultural Society
Sir John Mattock on Roses
Wednesday 13th May at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting
Thursday 14th May at 7.30pm in the Primary School Hall

Village Hall Film Night
The Duchess
Wednesday 20th May 7.15pm

Nature Notes

Mar. 24th A friend rang early this morning to say that he could see six hares in the field by his house. I would guess that it is at least 40 years since anyone could have seen that number together in Sibford Ferris.

Mar. 25th A female blackcap seemed to quite enjoy a baked jacket potato on our bird table and shortly afterwards I saw a tree creeper stop to feed on an old bird table which is tied to an apple tree. I don't know what it was eating but I expect it only found the table because it was leaning against the tree trunk it was climbing.

Apr. 9th I found a chaffinch's nest lying on a path in our garden. It was beautifully made from various fibres and moss, covered with lichen which is a good camouflage and lined with feathers. In spite of the camouflage something must have found and dislodged it.

Apr. 10th A female blackbird was busy collecting a beakful of worms so she must already be feeding young. My granddaughter saw six buzzards over Sibford Ferris this afternoon. She also saw a red kite over Tadmarton a few days ago.

Apr. 11th A sizable bird, probably a wood pigeon crashed into our window hard enough to leave a good feather print. It measured 28 inches wing tip to wing tip. A second rook's nest in our silver birch looks complete after only three days of building. I don't think they could have built it that quickly except by robbing sticks from other nests which may account for some of the commotions in the rookery recently. The dawn chorus that we used to hear a few years ago has diminished as the rookery has grown. Whether the song birds feel threatened by the big birds above them and have moved away to nest or as my wife suggests they don't choose to sing where their song cannot be easily heard, for whether they sing to attract a mate or to warn others off their territory, their song needs to be heard to be effective.

Apr. 13th The area where I found the chaffinch's nest was being searched by a carrion crow this morning so perhaps that was what dislodged it.

Apr. 20th The bit of frogspawn hatched and we now have a few tadpoles spread around our garden pond which is more hopeful than last year when few, if any, survived to become frogs.



Sibford Horticultural Society

We had a most enjoyable evening when Bob Hares from Pershore Horticultural College came to talk to us. He brought many sprays of flowering shrubs and other plants that are out in garden in April telling us how to take cuttings and propagate them. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 13th May in the Village Hall at 8pm when Sir John Mattock will be talking on roses. This is an opportunity to hear a real expert so come and join us.

Rural Skills Courses

The Cotswold Conservation Board will be running courses in Drystone Walling, Hurdle Making, Thatching, Hedgelaying and a Pole Lathing/Coppice course. The nearest are in Long Compton with most being in the Cotswolds and are running between now and next February. If you would like the dates please get in touch with the editor. (details on the back cover)

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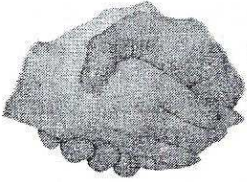
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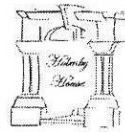
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Mr Johnsons talk focused on three of the nine people who were most influential and inspirational in their work. Charles Robert Ashbee who knew William Morris and was a social reformer introduced young people from the poor areas of London to handicraft skills and provided craft apprenticeships. He brought them to Chipping Campden where their training encompassed all aspects of life including sport, music and drama which helped develop such activities locally. He created a bathing lake which is now sadly silted up. He was a founder member of the National Trust.

Gordon Russell had no formal craft training but grew up surrounded by the practice of traditional country crafts when his father took over the Lygon Arms in Broadway when Gordon was 11 years old. Gordon designed and made furniture which was simple and innovative including the first cabinets for radios. Robert Welch was trained to work with silver but became fascinated by stainless steel and developed his craftsmanship in this medium. He was innovative with other materials including the use of cast iron for decorative and other tableware. A fuller story about these and the many others involved together with examples of their work can be enjoyed at the Museum.

The next meeting of the Sibford Society will be on Thu. 21st May when the speaker will be Liz Woolley talking about St. Thomas' Oxford.

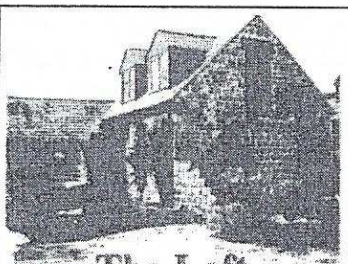


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He has appeared and recorded with some of the finest artistes in the music industry including Eric Clapton (who describes him as 'the best guitar player in the world'), Glen Campbell, Willie Nelson, Chris Farlowe, Emmylou Harris, Bill Wyman and the Everley Brothers.

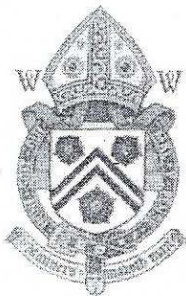
Albert will be accompanied on stage at Sibford by his band Hogan's Heroes, whose line-up includes Gerry Hogan (Pedal Steel Guitar/Dobro/Guitar), Brian Hodgson (Bass Guitar/Vocals), Peter Baron (Drums/Vocals) and Elio Pace (Piano/Accordion/Vocals).

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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

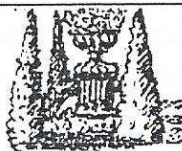
MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT on September 19th, with a scenario entitled "High Spirits". More details nearer the day.

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY GAME. Anyone interested in joining this game could you please ring Muriel on 780025. For a one off payment of £12 per year, half would be paid out monthly in prize money, and half would go to the 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 would welcome some input from the villagers. If you have any suggestions as to what you would like see improved in the hall do contact Joan on 780410.

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Katharine House Hospice Jumble/Recycling Sale CANCELLED.

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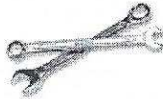
Sibford W.I. Meeting – 14th April 2009

President Glennis Hardman welcomed a good attendance for the AGM. She then gave a report on the OFWI AGM which took place on 24th March at which Fay Mansell (the National Chair) and Sheila Dibnah (wife of Fred) were outstanding speakers. Secretary Lynda Conway gave an excellent account of the previous year's very enjoyable meetings, events and outings. Glennis then delivered her Annual Address in which she thanked her dedicated committee for all its help and support. She also extended thanks to the members for the many tasks undertaken contributing to the smooth running of the meetings. She said that she was very pleased that the membership had now risen to twenty seven and that nationally W.I. has grown in popularity with sixty eight new W.I.s formed over the past year. The Financial Statement was explained by Treasurer Barbara Crabtree and adopted. Barbara, after many years as Treasurer, is standing down and her place will be taken by Caroline Jennings. Lynda presented Barbara with a basket of growing flowers and greenery in appreciation of her long, efficient and devoted

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service. Norma Allen is also coming off Committee and she was thanked for her help during the past year. The Committee for 2009/10 comprises Glennis Hardman (President), Lynda Conway (Secretary), Caroline Jennings (Treasurer), Margaret Gardiner, Jane Martin, Rosemary Neal, Val Powell and Valerie Taylor. Programme Secretary Jane Martin gave an outline of the Meetings from September 2009 to August 2010. Lynda Conway presented prizes for the end of year winners of the monthly competition. Joint first – Jane Martin and Rosemary Neal, third – Glennis Hardman. On behalf of Sibford W.I., the President congratulated Jane Martin on her success in having a photograph selected for inclusion in the OFWI calendar 2010 of Sunrises and Sunsets. Margaret Gardiner gave details of our annual coach outing on Tuesday, 11th August. This will be a half day trip to Ascott House, Buckinghamshire – a superb National Trust Jacobean property with glorious gardens. There will be a stop on the way home for a sit-down hotel tea. Non-members are welcome to join us, subject to availability. For details, please phone Margaret Gardiner (01295 780979) or Barbara Crabtree (01295 780635)

On conclusion of the lengthy business, the tea trolley was most welcome with Jane Martin and Rosemary Neal serving delicious fruit loaf and individual Easter cakes. Attention was then transferred to the full tables of bring and buy items manned by Norma Allen, Charlotte Cox and Theresa Tovell. This resulted in takings of over £50, £20 of which will be donated to Denman College to help with the refurbishment of the original Oxfordshire bedroom. Tuesday, 12th May will be the Resolution Meeting when Lynda Conway will explain ‘SOS for Honey Bees’, to be debated at the NFWI AGM at The Albert Hall on 3rd June. Our Meeting will continue with a quiz arranged by Rosemary Neal. Competition – Best Flowering Garden Stem.

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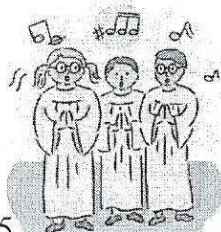
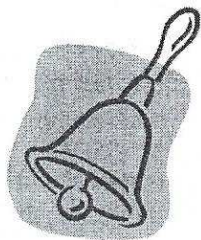
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Sibford Gower Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday, 24th March 2009

The agenda included a presentation by representatives of Thames Valley Police but in the event it was agreed that they should attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 14th May which should give them the opportunity of addressing a larger audience. With regard to the Annual Parish Meeting, invitations to be present, are to be extended to County & District Cllr George Reynolds, Oxfordshire Highways, The Town Estate Charity, the local Neighbourhood Watch and The Bishop Blaize Support Group. Planning Matters: Since the previous Meeting, the Parish Council had considered just one planning application. Internal Audit: The Councillors reviewed and were satisfied with the effectiveness of the

internal audit. Highway Matters: Oxfordshire Highways phoned the Clerk on 10.03.09 to say that of the footpath works to be carried out in the coming year, those relating to High Meadow have been postponed for the time being because of budgetary constraints. It is to be ascertained as to whether the dropping of the kerbs to facilitate the passage of wheel chair users can still be effected. Road markings in the school area have been repainted. Other road markings in the Parish are checked periodically by Oxfordshire Highways to ascertain whether work should be carried out. Footpath Matters: The Broken gate at the Burdrop Hill end of the footpath leading to the Church had been removed by the occupier of the land. This is acceptable to Oxfordshire County Council whilst the land remains free of sheep or cattle. The Clerk is to take forward the matter of the unsatisfactory condition of the styles on one footpath (No. 348/7) and the waterlogged ground condition of another (348/22). Burial Ground: Sibford Ferris Parish Council has agreed the positioning of the fence which will divide the Burial Ground into two parts. One is for current use and will be kept suitably maintained. The other is for future use and will be kept under reasonable control by the introduction of sheep from time to time. The Burial Ground Working Committee will now liaise with regard to the type of fencing that is to be installed. Public Participation: A local resident, present at the Meeting, referred to the bushes at Burdrop Corner which are adjacent to the post box and which became seriously affected by the recent heavy snow. So much so that the post box became hidden and the bushes have bent over into the road causing a potential hazard for passing cars obscuring vision of the road. Another local resident cut back sufficient of the bushes to allow access to the post box and the Clerk was instructed to request Oxfordshire Highways to carry out remedial work. A local resident, present at the Meeting, referred to edging stones to the pond which have been damaged by vehicles. The responsibility for repair work is uncertain and the Clerk was instructed to write to Oxfordshire Highways to seek clarification. She also referred to the number of parked vehicles in the pond area, particularly at the actual edge of the pond. She requested that yet another notice seeking residents' co-operation be published in the Sibford Scene.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present for attending and closed the Meeting at 9.10pm.

The next Meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 26th May 2009 starting at 8pm in the usual venue – The Staff Room of Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Thursday, 14th May 2009 in the main hall of Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School starting at 7.30pm and a warm invitation to be present, express views and ask questions is extended to all local residents.

Notes of Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting 2009

This meeting took place on Wednesday, 22 April with one member of the public attending, the Parish Council, with apologies from Maureen Hicks, the Parish Clerk and Michael Goodwin, Headmaster of Sibford School. Mr Goodwin opened the proceedings by giving an update on building works on the new changing rooms which were progressing well. He reported that the School had recently received a very positive inspection report, with all areas found to be either "excellent" or "good". Unfortunately the Playbuilder grant application for developing a play area on the school ball court site had not been successful, but other avenues would be explored in conjunction with the Parish Council. Mr Goodwin agreed to explore again the possibility of putting a gate across Back Lane to stop traffic using it as a short cut to the School. On behalf of a resident, Mr Goodwin was asked about the size of school buses and whether they could be diverted via the Gate Hangs High, but he advised that the large buses were coming from the Stratford direction and that they were almost full so it would be difficult to justify reducing their size. He added that the School had just completed a school transport plan in which car sharing and bus use would be encouraged to reduce car numbers. Asked whether there had been any contact with the District Council on affordable housing provision, Mr Goodwin advised that there had not but that the School was prepared to take part in any future discussions on the subject. There was also a query about the spring water issuing from beneath the Ark stone wall and Mr Goodwin made a note to investigate diverting the water away from the highway.

The Parish Council Chairman gave his report for the year and the Clerk gave the financial report to 31 March 2009.

The question of whether to agree to reducing street lighting hours in the village was discussed again and it was noted that there had been a request not to switch off lights in Cotswold Close. According to the County Council, the controls would be applied to lights individually so it would be possible to keep some lights on.

The issue of bus sizes in general, as raised by a resident, was discussed in relation to collisions with parked cars. However, the general opinion of the meeting was that it was not the size of the buses that was the problem, but the fact that people parked along the verge side of the road, even when there was plenty of space alongside the kerb, thus narrowing the road.

There was a suggestion to put a village sign on Mannings Hill as there was none for Sibford Ferris.

The poor state of the village roads was also highlighted, particularly on the Hook Norton road near Ferris Court.

All the items raised at the meeting requiring action will be put on the agenda of the next parish council meeting on 6 May. The meeting closed at 9.30 with thanks from the Chairman to those attending.

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SIBFORD GOWER & BURDROP ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

to be held in Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School Hall
on Thursday, 14th May 2009 commencing at 7.30pm
under the Chairmanship of Mr Robin Spicer
(Chairman of Sibford Gower Parish Council)

You are invited to take part. The Parish Meeting may by law discuss all parish affairs and pass resolutions about them. Invitations to be present, speak and answer questions have been extended to County & District Councillor George Reynolds, Oxfordshire Highways and Thames Valley Police.

Other matters as set out below will be on the agenda:-

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th May 2008.

Matters arising.

Chairman's Report.

Highway & Footpath Matters.

Clerk's and Financial Report.

Report by The Town Estate Charity.

Report by the Neighbourhood Watch Representative.

Village Hall Report.

Report re The Bishop Blaize.

New Burial Ground.

Maintenance of Holy Trinity Churchyard.

Village Pond.

Any Other Business.

The Parish Council very much hopes that you will feel able to be present and, if you wish, voice any comments or questions that you may have.

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Sibford Gower & Burdrop Litterblitz

Saturday, 4th April 2009

It was very pleasing that thirty local residents, of all ages, came to the Village Hall at 10am where Robin Spicer (Chairman, Sibford Gower Parish Council) allocated areas to receive attention. Some other residents who were unable to be present on the day had already carried out what was needed in other parts of the Parish. Wearing fluorescent jackets, armed with black plastic bags and litter-pickers (where available – Cherwell District Council limit to six the number loaned for the purpose – although some residents brought their own) those involved made their way to the allocated areas which covered the entire Parish. The outcome was that twenty two plastic bags (approximately the same number as last year) and their contents were returned for appropriate disposal. The contents of the bags appeared to be a little less than last year. This did not mean that collectors were not as thorough but that the 'throw-away' rate had, perhaps, lessened although the Banbury/Shipston road grass verges left a lot to be desired including a large rusting watering can and a car tyre. The latter will be collected at a later date by Cherwell District Council.

The Parish Council is very grateful to and thanks all those who were involved in this year's event which, as usual, was carried out in a very cheerful public spirited atmosphere – helped by a lovely sunny morning. In all, the Litterblitz was completed within an hour and a half.



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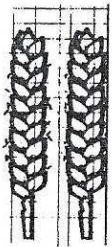
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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

The Easter services were well attended and the Benefice Good Friday Service in Broughton Church had some excellent Easter music from the amalgamated choirs. There was a particularly good attendance at the Sibford Easter Service with many visitors worshipping with us.

There will be a Parochial Church Council meeting in the Church on Thursday 28th May 2009 at 7.30 pm. Any matters which parishioners would like to raise should be advised to Peter Hardman, PCC Secretary. There is a separate article in the Scene from the Churchwardens concerning the pews.

The Patronal Festival Trinity Sunday will be on Sunday June 7th at 9.30 am. It is hoped that a good gathering will be present to celebrate the Church's Birthday. There has been a suggestion made that, in lieu of Birthday Presents, we should make a special collection for Christian Aid as the week for Christian Aid is from 10th -16th May though this is a matter which will have to be agreed by the PCC at its forthcoming meeting. The Christian Aid Charity is focusing this year on four of the many worldwide human crises namely: The Tamil refugees in Sri Lanka; the destitute created in Gaza and in the Congo by the recent fighting there and those suffering from the Cholera epidemic in Zimbabwe. Although primary blame for these disasters must probably be directed at the politicians and the fighting people, Christian Aid goes direct to those who suffer from the consequences and all are desperately in need of



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Sibford Scene
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May 19th

support. We have no special collection organization for Christian Aid in the Parish and it is hoped that this may be put in place in time for next year. In the meantime, if there are any who would like to contribute to Christian Aid this year, would they get in touch with Cathy Cawley, the Church Treasurer on 780860 and she will add donations to other personal gifts being made within the Parish.

The Coffee Morning held in Sibford Church on Saturday April 18th was very well attended and a most successful and enjoyable gathering. A surplus of £228 from it was added to our reserves. Regrettably that planned for May 23rd has had to be cancelled so the next will be on June 27th and July 18th. Please make a note of these dates in your diaries and come and join these joyful occasions which help to raise much needed funds to help keep the church building going. (The products from the cake stall are particularly delicious.)

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.

Dear Parishioners of HOLY TRINITY SIBFORD, to make more use of our Church, the Churchwardens are wondering. How would you feel if the PEWS were replaced by CHAIRS? I hasten to add, this is only a thought. If you have anything to say on the matter, please contact the churchwardens

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Church Services

Society of Friends		Sunday at 10.30 am
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.

May

Sun 3rd Benefice Eucharist at Swalcliffe 10.00am

Mon 4th Evening Prayers

Sun 10th Family Service and Baptism 10.00 am

Sun 17th Holy Communion 9.30am

Thu 21st Benefice Eucharist at Epwell for Ascension Day 8.00pm

Sun 24th Holy Communion 9.30am

Sun 31st Holy Communion and Matins 9.30am

June

Mon 1st Evening Prayers

Sun 7th Benefice Eucharist for Trinity Sunday and Patronal Festival 10.00am



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RENUMBERED 50A

A revised timetable offering a more regular two-hourly off-peak timetable, peak hour times unaltered. Most journeys will run through to/from Stratford upon Avon and through fares will be available.

Sibford Bus Services

Cherwell Rural Dial-A-Ride Scheme

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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.

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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

May

- Every Monday Playbus Dropin Village Hall Car Park 1-2.30pm
Every Tuesday Bike Ride. Lanes End Corner 7pm. (crossroads in Ferris)
Sat 2nd Art Exhibition at the Mission Room starts. P18
Tue 5th Friendship Club. Speaker from Hill Close Gardens 2pm V.Hall p4
Tue 5th Cricket Nets continue 6 - 7.30pm at Bloxham School
Tue 5th Handbell and Choir Concert at the Chapel. 7.30pm p12
Wed 6th Sibford Ferris Parish Council meeting 7.45pm p14
Tue 12th WI Resolutions Meeting. p10
Wed 13th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
Wed 13th Horticultural Society talk by Sir John Mattock V.Hall 8pm p3
Thu 14th Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm p17.
Thu 14th Sibford Pre-School AGM Village Hall 8pm p16
Fri 15th Albert Lee in Concert at Sibford School p7
Sat 16th Warriner Choral Society "Tallis to Britten" p15
Tue 19th Deadline for contributions to the June Sibford Scene p20
Wed 20th Village Hall Film Night. "The Duchess"(12A) 7.15pm p8
Thu 21st Sibfords Society. Liz Woolley on St. Thomas' Oxford p6
Tue 26th Sibford Gower Parish Council meeting 8pm p12
Wed 27th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

June (part)

- Tue 2nd Methodist Chapel Anniversary Service 7.30 pm p12
Sat 20th Village Hall Fayre 2 - 4.30pm p8
Sat 27th Church Coffee Morning p21
Sat 27th "Damn Right I Got The Blues" at the Village Hall p8

Cover picture. The Old Swimming Pool at the Sibford Friends School.

Sibford Scene

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