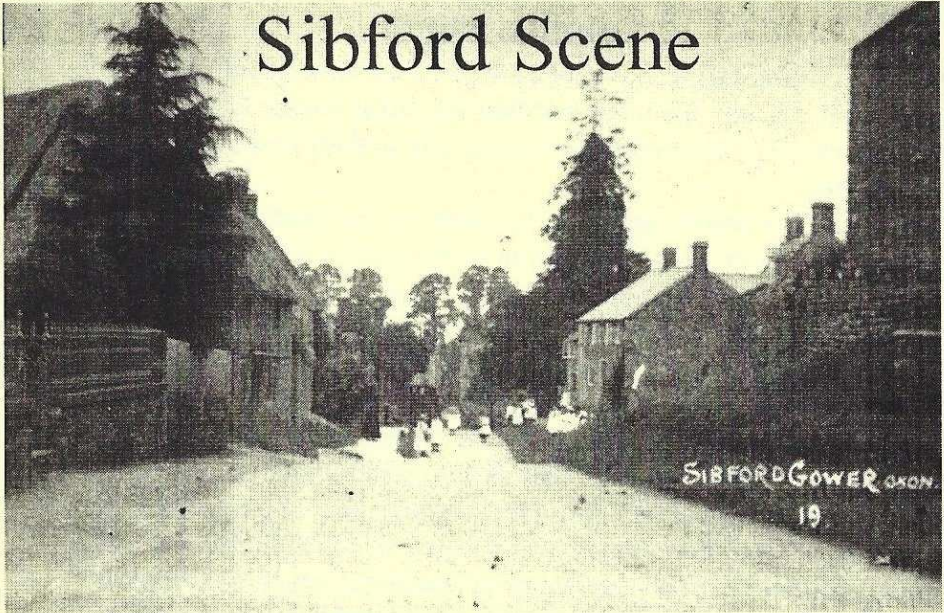


# Sibford Scene



June 2009

No. 313

## Chapel Anniversary Service

Tuesday 2nd June 7.30pm

## 80's Disco & Buffet

Saturday 13th June 2009 - 7.30 p.m.

## Village Hall Fayre

Saturday 20th June 2.00 - 4.30pm

## Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 27th June 10 - 12 noon

Sibford Village Hall Presents

## “Damn Right I Got The Blues”

Saturday 27th June

## Nature Notes

May 4th. Three people have told me that they have heard the cuckoo in Sibford. I heard one today but that was away on the Foxholes nature reserve. The bluebells there were only at their best in a few sheltered spots.

May 10th. The energy stored in the buds on our beech tree always amazes me. They seemed reluctant to burst after a long period of swelling but since bursting about a fortnight ago some have made over a foot of new growth even on our mature tree.

May 11th. A group of six swifts, the first I have seen this year, were feeding quite high up in the clear blue sky as they slowly worked their way into the strong easterly wind. When I was a child the old three storey thatched houses, that used to stand by the Hook Norton Road out of Sibford Ferris provided nesting sites for a huge number of swifts. I lived there but in a two storey thatched house and we never had more than one or two nests under our eaves, so I think it must have been the extra height that made them favour the other block of houses. Their screaming was deafening as they flew at top speed between the houses and the line of lime trees, in groups of 20 or more. It always seemed to be just a noisy game they were playing.

May 12th. Looking into a pond today we could see some newts, a few tadpoles and a great diving beetle. I think the tadpoles are too big now to be eaten by the newts but are probably still on the menu for the great diving beetle.

May 19th. I heard a cuckoo in the valley this morning.

Some Nature Notes from a new contributor.

Apr. 20th. 12 species of birds regularly visiting the feeders in our small garden. 8 of these species are nesting in, or immediately around, the garden.

Apr. 21st. First holly blue butterfly recorded. The first brood lay eggs on holly and the second brood in summer on ivy. They overwinter as chrysalises.

Apr, 22nd. A nestbox in the garden containing a camera has 7 blue tit eggs.

Apr. 26th. 11 blue tit eggs in the nestbox. The male is feeding the female at regular intervals.

May 1st. About half of the bluebells in woods are in full bloom. They are almost a week later than last year.



March 2nd: First swifts seen flying above Wyatts garden centre. Cherwell  
District Council website states that between 1994 and 2006 the number  
of swifts breeding in southern England has halved. This is because  
many traditional nest sites have vanished due mainly to building repair  
work. (details of nest boxes to make for swifts can be downloaded  
from the internet) 6 species of butterflies in good numbers recorded on  
the D'arcy Dalton Way.

May 7th. First blue tit chick hatched.

May 8th. 7 blue tit chicks.

May 9th. 9 blue tit chicks and no sign of the remaining eggs.

May 12th. Two swift boxes erected under the house eaves on west facing  
walls.

May 15th. 12 species of butterflies recorded locally this year with pea-  
cocks and orange tips in good numbers. Small tortoiseshell also doing  
well despite a decline nationally.

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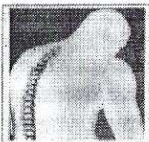
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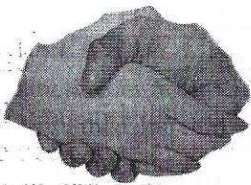
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## Friendship Club

The A.G.M. of the Club was held on May 19th. There was a good turn out for the occasion. The Committee was re-elected on block and Mrs

Beryl Brooks as voted on to join us.

The next Meeting is on June 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Village Hall and the speaker will be from The Talking Newspaper. Anyone is welcome. You only pay 50P.

The next trip is on June 14<sup>th</sup> to The National Memorial Arboretum near Litchfield. This memorial is to ALL services who died, since World War 2 while they were still in uniform, on duty through out the world and at home.

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## Sibford Horticultural Society

Many thanks to all who supported the Plant Sale at Buttslade House. Over £200 was raised for Society funds.

At our last meeting we were lucky to have Sir John Mattock talking about roses. Having had a long career in the production and breeding of roses he gave a very interesting talk about the different types, pruning and training methods and techniques with slides to illustrate. A very enjoyable evening. The next meeting will be a visit to Pettiphers garden in Wardington on Wednesday 10th June. Please meet at the Village Hall at 5.50pm to sort out transport. The cost will be £6.

### Don't forget

Annual Horticultural and Produce Show is on Saturday 29th August.  
Entry night Wednesday 26th Aug.

### SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

There will be an extraordinary meeting of the Council to agree the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2009 and, hopefully, to appoint a new Clerk. This will take place at 7.45 pm on Monday, 1 June in the class room of Sibford School Sports Hall. The next ordinary meeting will be on Wednesday, 8 July.



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# The Sibfords Society

The May meeting of the Society welcomed Liz Woolley who came to talk to us about the Parish of St. Thomas the Martyr, Oxford, one of the most ancient and historic areas of the city. St. Thomas was one of Oxford's earliest suburbs, first inhabited in Saxon times. During the 12<sup>th</sup> century it stood on the direct route between the Castle at the West gate of the City and the great Augustinian Abbey of Osney.

The early years saw the working of cloth and leather as the main activity whilst in the 15<sup>th</sup> century the building trade became important. The coming of the Canals led to the development of the wharf area whilst the arrival of the railways in the 1850s meant an influx of other workers. The area then became the home of Oxford's Brewing Industry. Throughout this time the area had a reputation for being one of the most lively, even disreputable parishes of the City with closely packed houses and often itinerant communities.

The Church of St. Thomas was the centre of life where many quite eccentric vicars were incumbants. The Parish was also home to some pioneering work to improve the condition of the population and in 1903 a school was established by local subscription and fund raising which became a model for others and pioneering in some fields.

In the 20<sup>th</sup> Century much of St Thomas' housing was cleared and its close knit community dispersed, however this often overlooked area is now set to become the centrepiece of Oxford's new West End Development.

The next event will be the guided walk in Oxford on 18<sup>th</sup> June. Those who have arranged to come should meet at Blackwells Book Shop at 10.20am. Details of the evening stroll on 16<sup>th</sup> July will be in the next Sibford Scene.

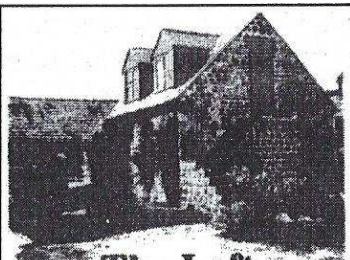


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## SIBFORD SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Sibford School will be holding its annual Open Day on **Saturday June 13**. The celebrations will commence at 9.30am in the school hall with 'Soundscapes', a presentation of images, words and music. Other attractions will include guided tours of the school; exhibitions of work produced by pupils; musical performances; jazz band; French Cafe, hog roast and much more.



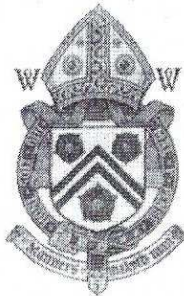
### Sibford Pre-School: Tots and Babes Wednesday and Thursday Mornings 9.30am - 11.30am

Tots and Babes sessions run every Wednesday and Thursday morning from 9.30am to 11.30am. We have a lively group of children from all ages up to pre-school years. If you have children of this age or know of anyone who would be interested in coming along we are at Sibford Village Hall on these mornings or contact Nicki or Kay on 01295 780633 (evenings) if you need any further information.

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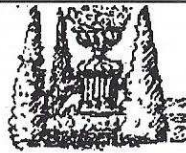
An excellent start to the new season with 3 wins from 3. First up was Preston Bissett away and Sibford opened with one of our new players Richard Ferley and Rich Morbey. Both made a good start with RF 27 and RM 19, also Jas Barton 24 and Wayne Barton 35 not out giving a total of 165 for 9. PB gave some resistance M Collins 27, K D'silva 46 and M Flower 17, but could not halt the onslaught from Jas 4 for 36 and Keith Obe 3 for 35, only managing 151 for 9.

Next up was our old rivals Wardington. Sib won the toss and elected to bat first. Even though Sib lost an early wicket, Wardington were soon put to the sword with Rich Ferley 82, Ian Wollerton 69 not out and Nick Peters 19 not out giving a healthy total of 215 for 3. Wardington gave it a good try but struggled to keep up with the run rate and with some tight bowling from Jas 3 for 27, Keith 1 for 38 and a crucial wicket from new member Tom Bowen, clean bowling M Flemming for 50, reduced Wardington to 180 for 7.

Round of Gras was our first friendly of the season and is only getting a mention because Keith made 51 and got Sib out of a gigantic, humiliating hole. Chasing 127 all out Sib were 36 for 8, It included 4 ducks (chairmans being the last) but Tom Pratt 10 and Lee Gilbert 17 not out, got the score to a more respectable total of 108 all out. Well batted Obe!!

Finally Hanslope at home. Sibford decided to stick the visitors into bat and promptly made their lives a misery with the bowling attack. Nick Pratt 4 for 19, Jas 2 for 22, Chris Sabin 2 for 26 and wicketless but Mr Economy, Keith 7 overs for 7 runs, reduced Hanslope to 93 all out. Sibford found out that it was fairly hard to get the ball away at times but with Rich Morbey 30, Jas 29, Gav Bedward 11 not out and Wayne 13 not out, brought the total to 94 for 5 with 20 overs to spare.

Thanks to all new players who have turned up to nets that have not played yet. We are aiming to get everyone some games and your keenness has been noticed. Nice to have so much new interest.



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## Sibford Table Tennis Club

The Club has had another good season with six teams in the Banury League. Although the A team failed to top the 1st division (a position they have held for the past 8 or 9 years) they were a close 2nd and the B team, also in the 1st division, did better than in the past year or two with Harry Smith winning 67% of his games in his first year in that division and the Rev. Nicholas Morgan on 70% still a force to be reckoned with.

In the 2nd division the C team did well with Fred Inns, Sam Smith and Tom Mizen showing a good blend of youth and experience. The D team had a difficult season but finished well when George Hall and Mick Sabin managed to persuade Andrew Sabin to play again.

The E team in the 3rd division finished 2nd with again a blend of youth and experience - Arnold Lamb with Ned Goodwin and Philip Fox. Philip was the leading player in the division winning 88% of his games. We will be looking to find him a place in the 2nd division next

season. The F team faded a little at the end of the season but with John and Michael Fox both improving rapidly, it augers well for the future.

In the Divisional Singles competition Jason Tustain won the 1st division tournament, he also won 93% of his matches during the season with Sean O'Keefe winning 69%.

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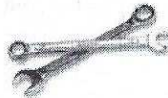
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### Sibford WI. Meeting – 12th May 2009

President Glennis Hardman welcomed members to the Resolution Meeting with a special welcome for new member Sue Court. Also, she congratulated Carol Evans on her recent marriage. Then she gave a report on the Shutford's Group Meeting which had been a most enjoyable and entertaining meeting. Next came her recollection of the wonderful experience of the Banner Service held at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford celebrating ninety years of Oxfordshire Federation. Our new treasurer, Caroline Jennings, took office for the first time. Secretary Lynda Conway explained in detail the Resolution 'SOS for Honey Bees' to be discussed at the NFWI AGM at the Albert Hall on 3rd June. Honey Bees play a vital role in the pollination of food crops and in our environment. In view of the concerns about the accelerating decline in the UK honey bee population, HM Government is urged to increase funding for research into Bee Health. The Resolution was carried by Sibford WI.

Theresa Tovell and Margaret Thomlinson refreshed us with tea and a choice of delectable chocolate and lemon Victoria sponges. Then followed Rosemary Neal's quiz on birds which was great fun and was won by Lynda Conway and Glennis Hardman. The Best Garden Bloom was won by Glennis Hardman with joint second Barbara Crabtree and Caroline Jennings. We next meet on 9th June when Mais Appleton will speak on the work of ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World). Competition – An Old Coin.

There are still some seats available for our Annual Coach Outing on 11th August. This is a half day trip to Ascott House, Buckinghamshire and non members are welcome to join us. For details, please telephone Margaret Gardiner (780979) or Barbara Crabtree (780635)

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Chairman Mr Martin Hannant

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## **Report of the Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting held in Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School on Thursday, 14th May 2009**

Present were the five Parish Councillors, seventeen local residents, Mr Ralph Grant (Area Engineer, Oxfordshire Highways), Police Community Support Officer Nikki Dale. County & District Cllr George Reynolds joined during the latter part of the Meeting having earlier attended another Annual Parish Meeting. Highway & Footpath Matters: Mr Ralph Grant (Area Engineer, Oxfordshire Highways) gave a brief presentation which included the fact that the County Council is making a significant change, emphasising on quality, in new contract arrangements and subsequent new contracts should be in place by June 2010. Various matters were raised by residents at the Meeting. They were:- Request for dropped kerbs in High Meadow to facilitate easier wheelchair access, repairs to village pond kerbing, recent footpath work considered to be finished not up to standard, a blocked pipe in Colony Road causing flooding from time to time and mud on the road in High Meadow. Mr Grant promised to ascertain what action might be taken and he will keep the Parish Council informed. He referred to the disappearance of the village name plate in Pound Lane. He said that this was one of a number that had been stolen quite recently and replacements are being arranged for this year. Thames Valley Police: A presentation was made by Police Community Support Officer Nikki Dale. She said that she is one of five officers who have responsibility for thirty three villages. She commended the local Neighbourhood Watch Team and its leader, Mrs Mollie Mulley. New members are sought so that dissemination of urgent telephoned information may be more easily and quickly facilitated. Information on crime reduction was circulated and made available for distribution in the Village. Chairman's Report: The Chairman welcomed all present. He said that the Parish Council had met five times since last year's Annual Parish Meeting. During that period fourteen planning applications had been considered. Regular contact had been maintained with Cherwell District Council and



Oxfordshire County Council especially with regard to Highway and Footpath matters. As to footpaths, residents will have observed that certain areas have been resurfaced very recently and considerable work had been carried out at Burdrop Corner. As a bonus, the footpath leading down the slope to the road (near to the Bishops Blaize) had a proper surface and edging stones installed. The resurfacing of footpaths in High Meadow had been postponed because of financial constraints but the lowering of kerbs to facilitate wheelchair access is still being considered. The Annual Litter-blast took place on Saturday, 4th April and thanks were extended to all those who took part. The Parish Council, under the powers available to it, financed the maintenance of part of the Churchyard with the Ferris Parish Council taking on the maintenance of the remainder on a volunteer basis. The Parish Council, purchased, jointly with the Ferris Parish Council, the land adjacent to the Churchyard to create a burial ground. Turning to the Parish Council Meetings, he thanked County and District Councillor George Reynolds for the advice he gives when attending as many of the Meetings that he can bearing in mind his very busy schedule. As usual, a warm invitation was given to all residents to attend the Parish Council Meetings, which are always advertised, to take advantage of the Public Participation part of the Meeting to express views and opinions. Matters discussed at Parish Council Meetings are always set out in the reports published in the Sibford Scene. Finally, he thanked his fellow Parish Councillors for their involvement and input. He also thanked the Clerk for the work he carries out at the Parish Council's instruction. Clerk's Report: A new bus contract was awarded to Stagecoach and new Bus Service 50A starts on 31st May 2009. The Clerk gave details of the Parish Council's financial transaction during the twelve months period to 31st March 2009. The Town Estates Charity: In the unavoidable absence of Mrs Jean White (Secretary to the Charity), the report was presented by Cllr Oswyn Murray (a Charity Trustee). Neighbourhood Watch: Mrs Mollie Mulley, as leader of the Neighbourhood Watch Team, set out the current situation endorsing what PCSO Nikki Date had said earlier in the Meeting. She had gained another member for the Team and shortly will hold another Team Meeting to discuss how warning messages received may be more quickly passed on to the community. Village Hall: Cllr Muriel Chandler in her capacity as Hon Secretary to Sibford Village Hall Committee presented the Report. New Burial Ground: The Clerk reported regarding the present situation Thanks go to Mr Cedric Brown for the maintenance work and his involvement in the erection of the proposed new fencing. Mrs Evelyn

Phillips is very kindly providing two seats, in memory of her late husband. Holy Trinity Churchyard: The Clerk set out the present situation regarding maintenance work. The Village Pond: The Report was presented by Cllr Martin Layer and he extended thanks for the work carried out by the Pond Action Team led by Mrs Glennis Hardman. Any Other Business: Mr Fred Inns raised the matter of cleaning out the Village Pond, a practice that happened until the Pond Action Team was formed. He was assured by Cllr Martin Layer that it is not at present considered necessary. Mrs Kathleen Winter referred to recent very low flying aircraft and asked whether something might be done to prevent this. Mr Alf Mullis expressed his thanks to the Town Estate Charity for financing the free bus to Chipping Norton. This service has now been cancelled because of lack of use. Mr Bill Wealsby complained about the ducks from the Village Pond which are 'visiting' his land and causing a nuisance. This matter is before the Parish Council at the present time and will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting. Mrs Mollie Mulley was concerned about the possibility of villages being forced to take Affordable Housing in line with Cherwell District Council's Options for Growth. Cllr Martin Layer advised the Meeting that Cherwell District Council had been fully advised of the Parish Council's views.

**There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.50pm. Full details of the Reports made are available, on request, from the Clerk (780391)**

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I should like to thank all those who came to my assistance following my fall on the corner of Main Street and the road to the Gower on the 4<sup>th</sup> May at about 1245. In particular two very kind gentlemen, unknown to me who came to me help as I sat in the middle of the road (opposite the old entrance to the school) . At the time I did not know that I had broken my ankle but it was very painful. One of the gentlemen helped me into his car, took me home, carrying me across our courtyard- not easy and a big thank you.

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## Village Hall

Recent well-supported fund raising events for the Village Hall have raised nearly £1000. This, together with a grant from the Town Estates Charity, has enabled the committee to press ahead with planned improvements. How fast these improvements can be made depends entirely on funds raised.

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## 1st The Sibford Scout Group

We have just returned from the largest Scouting event Oxfordshire has staged for 12 years. Zodiac 09 took as its theme the Chinese zodiac. Each district sub-camp was given a zodiac animal and had to build a camp gateway and costumes for the parade at the opening ceremony based on it. Banbury district were tigers, kitted out in orange tee shirts with tiger logos on the back and led by a 10m long tiger (papier mache head and tiger striped material carried by lots of scouts and leaders) through to the huge Big Top tent where all the evening entertainment took place. Our gateway featured 4 tigers - cut out and painted (3 from Sibford) in a jungle with a huge tigers mouth that everyone had to walk through. During the day the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts had a huge range of activities to choose from. There were bouncy castles and slides, sumo wrestling, archery, laser clays, quad bikes, bungey trampolines, laser tag and a funfare with dodgems and a helter skelter along with some less active things like a craft tent, origami and arena displays to watch. In the evenings there were story tellers, clowns, magicians, comics, tribute bands, a talent show and a disco into the night for the older members. The event went off very well and we sent home a lot of very tired Scouts Cubs and Beavers. The Leaders, Ann Spicer (GSL) Erica Wimbush (Cubs) Helen Lamb (Beavers) Paul Higley (Cubs, who did all the paperwork) and their parent helpers Brian Heather, Adrian Lamb and John Skinner all spent the weekend camping and therefore made it all possible for the Scout group.



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### Note from Sibford Gower Parish Council re Bus Service

The new bus contract was awarded to Stagecoach and New Bus Service 50A starts on 31st May 2009. An abridged time table is published this issue of the Sibford Scene and a full one may be obtained from drivers and the shop in Sibford Ferris. One interesting feature is that the route now extends from Banbury to Stratford-upon-Avon. As far as Burdrop and Sibford Gower are concerned, there are two official stopping points – one in Main Street and the other at Burdrop Corner. With regard to the latter, the sign ‘collapsed’ some years ago and was not replaced. Oxfordshire County Council has been contacted in this regard. Certain residents are concerned that their boarding point has traditionally been in Pound Lane but this is not an official stop and, as such, technical difficulties exist in that drivers are not really allowed to stop unless the stop is official. The Sibford Gower Clerk has spoken with Stagecoach and is now in dialogue with Oxfordshire County Council in an attempt to make the stop official.

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## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The VILLAGE FAYRE will be on June 20th , from 2pm to 4-30pm, 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.

On June 27th we are pleased to present the "Damn Right I Got The Blues" band. This will be a popular event so get your tickets early from the Sibford Stores or Joan on 788410. Tickets £10 each. There will be a licensed bar and a BBQ available.

MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT, 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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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch was set up to deal with internal problems. We have tried to alert and inform residents in Sibford Gower and Burdrop about potential problems. John Mulley was the Village Co-ordinator with a small team of Co-ordinators to look after different areas. Since April 2008 I have continued to receive and pass on information from the police.

### **My ambition for Neighbourhood Watch is:**

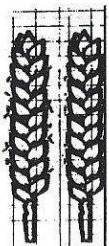
- Now that it is set up it should continue to help look after, warn and inform residents.
- To keep Sibford Gower and Burdrop as safe and secure as possible. Sibford Ferris also benefits from information in the Scene and sometimes the shop.
- To make the village unattractive to unwanted visitors.
- To be observant and aware of strange behaviour and report it.
- To keep it low key and respect each residents privacy.

We would like a few more Co-ordinators in our team to cover the village more effectively. If we work together for Neighbourhood Watch it will work for us. The Banbury Police Neighbourhood Watch Team, Debbie Tonks Neighbourhood Watch Manager, Jayne Taylor Crime Reduction Manager have always been very helpful and PCSO Nikki Dale attended the Sibford Gower Parish Council A.G.M., she is hoping to be at the Sibford Village Fayre.

We are arranging for each resident to have a helpful booklet called "Be Safe, Be Secure" and a Neighbourhood Watch Sticker. We will have Neighbourhood Watch Notices at each entrance to the village. We understand these are very effective.

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

The Patronal Festival Trinity Sunday will be on Sunday June 7th at 9.30 am. Do come and help to celebrate the Church's 169th Birthday. The suggestion made that, in lieu of Birthday Presents, we should make a special collection for Christian Aid will be discussed at the Parochial Church Council meeting to be held in the Church on Thursday 28th May 2009. The week for Christian Aid was from 10th -16th May but we have no special collection organization for this charity in the Parish as it has in the past clashed with collecting for another charity.

There were a number of representatives of our choir at a Royal School of Church Music singing day held recently in Bicester. The annual RSCM Oxfordshire Choirs Choral Evensong will be held in Dorchester Abbey on 10th October and we always have a large contingent there from both of our choirs. The next Coffee Morning will be held in Sibford Church on Saturday June 27th. Do come and join this joyful occasion and help to raise much needed funds to help keep the church building going.

The Annual Church Fete which will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 25th July at 2.30 pm. will follow an Edwardian theme and there will be a prize for the best Edwardian dress, male or female. The fete will be opened by Dr David Spackman. This is one of our two major fund raising events of the year.

### 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.



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Wroxton Sunday at 9.00 am

Brailes Sunday at 11.30 am

Hook Norton Sunday at 10.30 am

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower.

June

Mon 1st Evening Prayers

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

Sun 14th Holy Communion 9.30am

Sun 21st Fathers Day Family Service 10.00am

Sun 28th Holy Communion 9.30am

July

Sun 5th Benefice Service at Swalcliffe 10.00am



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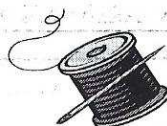
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## Stagecoach – Timetable commencing 31<sup>st</sup> May 2009 Mondays to Saturdays (No services on Sundays or Public Holidays)

### .Bus 50A. From Banbury towards Stratford-upon-Avon

Banbury, Bus Station	08.30	10.55	12.45	14.26	16.05	17.10	18.10
Sibford Ferris, Cross Roads	08.52	11.17	13.07	14.48	16.27	17.32	18.32
Sibford Gower, School	08.55	11.20	13.10	14.51	16.30	17.35	18.35
Shipston,	09.15	11.40	13.35	15.11	16.50	17.55	18.55
Stratford on Avon, Wood St.	09.40	12.09	14.04	15.40	17.19	18.24	19.24

### Bus 50A. From Stratford-upon-Avon towards Banbury

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Stratford on Avon, Wood St	06.20	07.10	09.05	11.10	13.10	15.10	16.24
Sibford Gower, School	07.04	07.55	09.56	11.56	13.56	15/56	17.14
Sibford Ferris, Cross Roads	07.07	07.58	09.59	11.59	13.59	15.59	17.17
Banbury, Bus Station	07.28	08.25	10.21	12.21	14.21	16.21	17.39

NS = Not Saturdays

All buses will operate low floor wheelchair accessible vehicles.  
For complete details of all the stops that are served by service 50A, timetables are obtainable from bus drivers and Sibford Stores & Post Office.

#### Fares:-

Sibford Ferris & Sibford Gower to Banbury:	Single £2.30 (Child£1.15)
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# Calendar of Events

## June

- Tue 2nd Friendship Club. Talking Newspapers p4
- Tue 2nd Methodist Chapel Anniversary Service 7.30 pm p12
- Tue 9th W.I. Talk on ACWW. p11
- Wed 10th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
- Wed 10th Horticultural Society visit to Pettiphers Garden p5
- Sat 13th Sibford School Open Day p7
- Sat 13th Primary School 80's Disco. 7.30pm p10
- Sun 14th Friendship Club Outing p4
- Tue 16th Deadline for contributions to the July Sibford Scene p20
- Thu 18th Sibfords Society Guided Walk in Oxford. p6
- Sat 20th Village Hall Fayre 2 - 4.30pm p19
- Wed 24th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
- Sat 27th Church Coffee Morning p21
- Sat 27th "Damn Right I Got The Blues" at the Village Hall p19

## July (part)

- Wed 8th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
- Wed 22th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
- Sat 25th Church Fete with an Edwardian Theme Village Hall 2.30pm p21

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