



July 2009

No. 314

Sibford Cricket Club

This years Bert Gilbert Memorial Match will be between
'Ferris Foxes' and the 'Gower Greyhounds'
On Sunday 5th July at 2.30 pm-at Sibford School

Sibfords Society Evening Stroll

Thursday 16th July
Starting from the Wykham Arms at 7 pm

Holy Trinity Church Coffee Morning

Saturday 18th July

Summer Fete with an Edwardian Theme

Saturday 25th July 2.30 pm at the Village Hall

Nature Notes

May 25th. We have seen quite a lot of painted lady butterflies today. They were particularly numerous on the road to Grounds Farm which was where we saw huge numbers of them in the much larger influx on June 8th 1996. They are strong fliers and migrate northward from southern Europe or even north Africa. In 1996 silver y moths and hummingbird hawk moths also came in unusually large numbers. They are both daytime fliers so we shall see whether history repeats itself. June 14th. A red kite was seen flying low near the Bishops Blaize this morning. With so many on the Chilterns they seem slow to colonise our area.

Some notes from our new contributor.

May 22nd. A cuckoo calling in the Woodway Road area. The Bristol Trust for Ornithology are conducting a survey to investigate declining numbers of this and other migrants from Africa including swifts and garden warblers.

May 23rd to 30th. In Guernsey. Painted Lady butterflies are the most common species here plus a good number of common blue and wall. 3000 painted ladies recorded at Portland and Butterfly Conservation are monitoring their spread north.

May 30th. Hook Norton Road. Despite a strong breeze 9 painted ladies recorded in the evening in approximately 200 yards.

June 1st. Two toads in the garden. Increase in numbers recorded in Hook Norton Road area.

June 4th First large skipper butterflies recorded.

June 10th. A magpie observed taking eggs from a nest in the garden.



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"BISHOP BLAIZE" - UPDATE-

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If anyone is available to help tidy the place up a bit prior to auction, please contact me asap.

Sincerely, Eileen Haynes (pp Bishop Blaize Support Group) Cubbs Cottage, Burdrop (780083)

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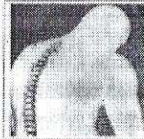
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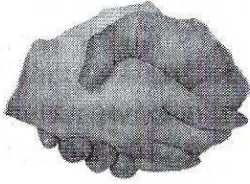
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On Tuesday 21st the outing is to The Gate at Brailes for lunch. Please inform SANDRA who will want to go so that transport can be arranged.

DON'T FORGET

THERE IS NO MEETING DURING AUGUST

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Sibford WI. Meeting – 9th June 2009

A guest, Anne Williams, was welcomed by President Glennis Hardman. Anne is a WI. member in North Wales. A card of good wishes was signed by members and sent to Kathleen Winter, recovering from a hip replacement operation.

Secretary Lynda Conway was unable to give her full report, as delegate at the NFWI AGM at the Albert Hall on the 3rd June. This was because the coach that she and Glennis Hardman were travelling in was caught up in the long early morning delays at Banbury following a serious road accident on the M40. The coach eventually reached the Albert Hall just as the morning session was concluding! However, during the afternoon, Lynda learned that voting on the resolution 'SOS for Honey Bees' was carried by 99.4%.

This month, Mais Appleton came to tell us about ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World), the largest Rural Women's Organisation in the World, with probably twenty million members worldwide. Every spring, WI members give 'pennies for friendship' or, as it is now known 'coins for friendship' and Mais came to tell us how our money is used. Seventy countries are members of the organisation which offers mutual support and friendship to women worldwide. The WI was started in Canada in 1897 and from the WI came ACWW founded in 1933 – seventy six years ago. Members gave one penny each but, today, the value of money altering as it has, we think that we would probably need to give £10 per member to equal their generosity. ACWW has a World President, a World Treasurer and a Project Committee, with a Head Office in London. Information is obtained from the United Nations and ACWW reports back to that organisation. Only ten people worldwide get paid, everyone else is a volunteer. Projects come in worldwide for consideration and priorities are clean water, food and shelter, health education and basic literacy. Besides the 'coins for friendship', money is raised by coffee mornings etc, individual giving, subscriptions, donations and legacies – there is no government help at all. Mais gave details of schemes that had been carried out to help women in poor countries and she said how much it means to those women to know that they have friends all over the world. Friends they will never know or meet but who care about them and want to help them. She was thanked by Lynda.

Val Powell and Gaynor Harper-Tarr served refreshing cups of tea and the usual high standard of home made cakes. Our speaker judged the competition for an old coin. First - Charlotte Cox, second - Jane Martin and third - Caroline Jennings.

We meet again on 14th July at the home of Norma Allen (Stratton House, Mill Lane, Shenington) for our Garden Meeting. If wet, Norma has room to accommodate us under cover so there will be no need to resort to the Village Hall.

Rosemary Neal

The Sibfords Society

A group of members enjoyed a guided walk of Oxford on 18th June. We learnt about the history of many of its buildings as well as that of the people involved in its development. The divisions between "Town" and "Gown" were vividly illustrated and our appreciation of the Architecture of the whole city enhanced by our guide.

The next event will be an evening stroll around Sibford Gower lasting about one hour and to include a few questions to answer on the way. We meet at the Wykham Arms at 7pm. On 16th July. Everyone is welcome to join in.

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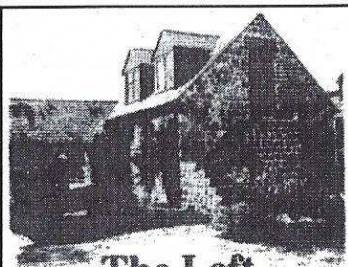


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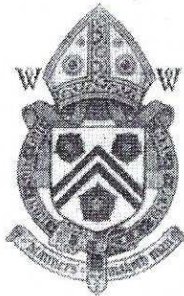
This year we shall include a brief 'taster' from Haydn's magnificent *Creation* which we shall be performing in full later in the year, so there shall be an interesting brief contrast of Grandeur amongst the Gaiety and (yes!) we *can* promise some G&S...

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Sibford Gower Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held in Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School on Tuesday, 26th May 2009

Present

Parish Cllrs Peter Abbott, Muriel Chandler, Martin Layer, Oswyn Murray and Robin Spicer. Two Local Electors and the Clerk.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman Cllr Robin Spicer be re-elected as Chairman and Cllr Martin Layer be re-elected as Vice Chairman.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th March 2009 were approved and then signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Village Pond area: Oxfordshire Highways confirmed, following the recent Annual Parish Meeting, that the broken edging stones to the pond will be replaced.

Ducks: There was no response from the owner of the ducks from the Village Pond as to suggestions regarding how the ducks might be prevented from encroaching on private gardens following verbal and a written complaint. The Parish Council is to write to the owner informing that the course of action for the complainants (which will be advised to them) is to complain to the District Council which will in turn investigate the situation.

Clerk's Report. Following a complaint by a local resident at the recent Annual Parish Meeting concerning very low flying aircraft, he had ascertained the official channel for making complaints and this had been advised to the resident so that she may take the matter forward if she so wishes. The Clerk informed the Meeting of the take over of the local bus service by Stagecoach on 31st May 2009. There has been an unofficial stopping place in Pound Lane that greatly assists the residents from High Meadow but which is not officially recognized by the bus companies. A dialogue is currently taking place with Oxfordshire County Council with a view to making the stop official

Financial Matters

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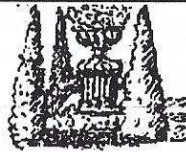
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Annual Return to the External Auditors for the year ended 31st March 2009 it was resolved that this be duly approved by the Council. Grateful thanks were expressed to Mr David Soden for carrying out the duties of Independent Examiner and the Clerk was instructed to write to him in this regard.

Highway Matters

With regard to the problem in the post box area at Burdrop Corner, where recent heavy snows had caused the bushes to collapse and overhang the road, the Clerk reported that Oxfordshire Highways had carried out appropriate pruning on 28th March 2008.

The Clerk referred to a communication received from Mr Ralph Grant (Oxfordshire Highways) following his attendance at the recent Annual Parish Meeting in which he undertook to give attention to the following matters:-

Lowering kerbs in High Meadow (for the benefit of wheel chair and walking frame users). Replacement of stolen village entry sign in Pound Lane. Replacement of pond edging stones. Blocked pipes in Acre Ditch and Colony Road. Recent footpath repairs being not considered up to standard.

Footpath Matters. On 20th May 2009, Sarah Aldous (Rights of Way Field Officer, Oxfordshire County Council), inspected with Cllr Robin Spicer two footpaths (No. 348/7 and 348/22) to consider the very poor state of the styles and water logged conditions. With regard to footpath No. 348/7, there was some discussion regarding the possibility of having gates installed instead of styles and the Parish Council would be looked to with regard to providing half the cost (the other half to come from a County Council Grant). Sarah Aldous spoke to one of the land owners who was not anxious to have gates but promised that he will improve the condition of the styles after taking in a silage crop. She had not spoken to the other land owner until she gets the Parish Council's views. As to footpath No. 348/22 (to the rear of the Church), the ground is at times flooded and almost impassable. Sarah Aldous took photographs and will ascertain what improvement works may be practicable to carry out. The Council decided that its preference was for styles and not gates. The Clerk will advised Sarah Aldous so that she may liaise with the land owners.

The Town Estates Charity

A copy of the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st December 2009 was provided for the information of the Parish Council.

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Burial Ground. The Working Committee had agreed the style and colour of the seats to be purchased by Mrs Evelyn Phillips in memory of her late husband for installation in the Burial Ground, and agreed that a simple post and rail fence with wire netting will be sufficient to separate the part of the land to be used for new burials from that part that is to be sheep controlled. Mr Cedric Brown had been advised and he will put the work in hand. Sibford Ferris Parish Council did not wish to see trees planted and those who had offered to provide them had been advised. Public Participation. Mrs Jean Giles referred to a car than had been parked for a considerable period of time on the grass verge adjacent to the Church. The Council learned that it is broken down but the ownership is known. The Clerk was instructed to have it removed to a less traffic vulnerable position.

Mrs Glennis Hardman asked that steps be taken to encourage the non-parking of cars at the direct edge of the Village Pond to prevent damage to the kerbstones, some of which are to be replaced shortly. Once again, a notice will be published in the Sibford Scene to try to encourage a response.

Mrs Hardman also requested that the road drain opposite the pond be cleared to prevent flooding. The Clerk will request Oxfordshire Highways to give attention.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, 14th July 2009 starting at 8pm in the usual venue – The Staff Room of Sibford Gower Endowed School. There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present for attending and closed the Meeting at 9.15pm.

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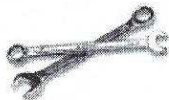
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At the Annual Parish Meeting held in May, a presentation was made by Police Community Support Officer Nikki Dale. During this, she indicated that two publications 'Be Safe, be Secure' and 'Neighbourhood Watch' would be available for distribution and it was hoped that they would go out with the following issue of the Sibford Scene. In the event, it was found that they were out of print and, in fact, still are. The Parish Council has been assured that as soon as they become available, a supply will be received and at which stage they will be distributed through the Parish with an issue of the Sibford Scene.

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The Bodicote Hand Bell Ringers, despite their leader being unable to be with them due to a family crisis, were marvelous and the lovely muted sound of the bells truly uplifting.

The Circuit Choir entertained us with songs from the shows, old and new, to which we could sing-a-long and the solo performances on the flute and saxophone were much enjoyed.

We laughed at the poems of Edward Lear and the various pieces of very amusing, very cleverly written, items read by choir members. We were amazed and perplexed by the magician – even his assistants, Mr & Mrs Table, couldn't see how he did it.

In the interval we were treated to a finger buffet of tasty morsels – lots of them – provided and served by the Choir.

At the end of this unforgettable event, Kathleen Winter who had organised it all with a great deal of help (her words) from Lesley and Adrian Sutherland, was able to announce that £330.00 had been raised for Circuit Funds.
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Sibford Cricket Annual Club Match

This year's Bert Gilbert Memorial Match will be played on 5 July from 2.30pm at Sibford School. All villagers are welcome to join us and bring a picnic whilst watching the cricket in friendly and safe surroundings. There will be a barbeque and raffle during the afternoon.

This year, we intend to have a competitive 40 over game between the 'Ferris Foxes' and the 'Gower Greyhounds'. The squads for these are;

Ferris Foxes

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Chris Wollerton
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Chris Sabin
Rob Penny
James Burton
Ian Davies

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Nicky Barton
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Sibford Gower Village Pond

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There is something everyone can enter from potatoes to photographs and cakes to cross stitch, from flower arranging to the 'best weed in the garden', not forgetting the ultra competitive men's cookery class - this year it's tuna puff pasties - and the children's sections which include cooking, photography, flower arranging and model making. Please take the trouble to find something to enter as we can only have a show if you do. Any contributions to the bottle stall or cake/produce stall will be most welcome.

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At the meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch Team held at The Old Post Office, Sibford Gower on 15th June, it was good to have new members joining and the names and telephone numbers of the enhanced team are given below. Each member of the team has taken responsibility for a particular area and will ensure that any warnings received from Thames Valley Police are quickly notified to households within that area.

Should any details or information regarding Neighbourhood Watch be required, I shall be more than happy to provide them.

<u>Names</u>	<u>Phone Nos</u>
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Judith Marshall	780348
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July 21st

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

The Patronal Festival Trinity Sunday was held on Sunday June 7th The suggestion made that, in lieu of Birthday Presents, we should make a special collection for Christian Aid was sanctioned at the Parochial Church Council meeting held on 28th May. The resulting collection was £141.20 and as most gifts were made under the Gift Aid provisions, the final total with tax recovery will be £176.74. This was the monthly Benefice service so for the excellent result we must thank all the Benefice members who so generously contributed.

The next Coffee Morning will be held in Sibford Church on Saturday July 18th Do come and join this joyful occasion and help to raise much needed funds to help keep the church building going.

Many thanks to all those many volunteers who helped with the annual Church Spring-Clean which took place on 30th May. Thanks to the numbers present it didn't take too long.

The Annual Church Fete will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 25th July at 2.30 pm. This 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 and is always a happy occasion. There will be the usual stalls and there appears on a fly sheet a separate list of the stallholders who would greatly appreciate gifts and donations. Please do telephone them with your support and help to make the day really successful. For our younger members there will be face painting, rats to be splatted, crockery to be smashed, wellies to be flung and noses to be pinned on the Rector amongst many games and competitions which usually appeal to older members too.



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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.

July

Fri 3rd St Thomas Day Holy Communion 7.00am

Sun 5th Benefice Service at Swalcliffe 10.00am

Sun 12th Holy Communion 8.00am & Family Service 10.00am

Sun 19th Holy Communion 9.30am

Sun 26th Holy Communion 9.30am

August

Sun 2nd Benefice Service at Tadmarton 10.00am



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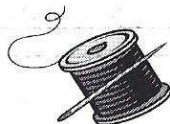
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Sibford Ferris, Cross Roads	08.52	11.17	13.07	14.48	16.27	17.32	18.32
Sibford Gower, School	08.55	11.20	13.10	14.51	16.30	17.35	18.35
Shipston,	09.15	11.40	13.35	15.11	16.50	17.55	18.55
Stratford on Avon, Wood St.	09.40	12.09	14.04	15.40	17.19	18.24	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

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Calendar of Events

July

- Sat 4th Warriner Choral Society Midsummer Medley. P7
- Sun 5th Inter Village Cricket Match p13
- Wed 8th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
- Tue 14th WI Garden Meeting in Shenington p5
- Tue 14th Sibford Gower Parish Council Meeting p10
- Thu 16th Sibfords Society Evening Stroll. Wykham Arms 7pm to start p6
- Sat 18th Coffee Morning in the Church p17
- Tue 21st Deadline for contributions to the August & September Scene p16
- Wed 22th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
- Wed 22nd Bisop Blaize Auction p3
- Sat 25th Church Fete with an Edwardian Theme Village Hall 2.30pm p17

August (part)

- Wed 5th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
- Wed 19th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
- Sat 22nd Charity Run / Walk in Tadmarton p6
- Sun 23rd Charity Horse Ride in Tadmarton p6
- Wed 26th Horticultural Show Entry Night 7 - 9pm at the Village Hall p15
- Sat 29th Horticultural Show 2.30pm at the Village Hall p15

Cover picture. Village Fete 100 years ago August 1909

Sibford Scene

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