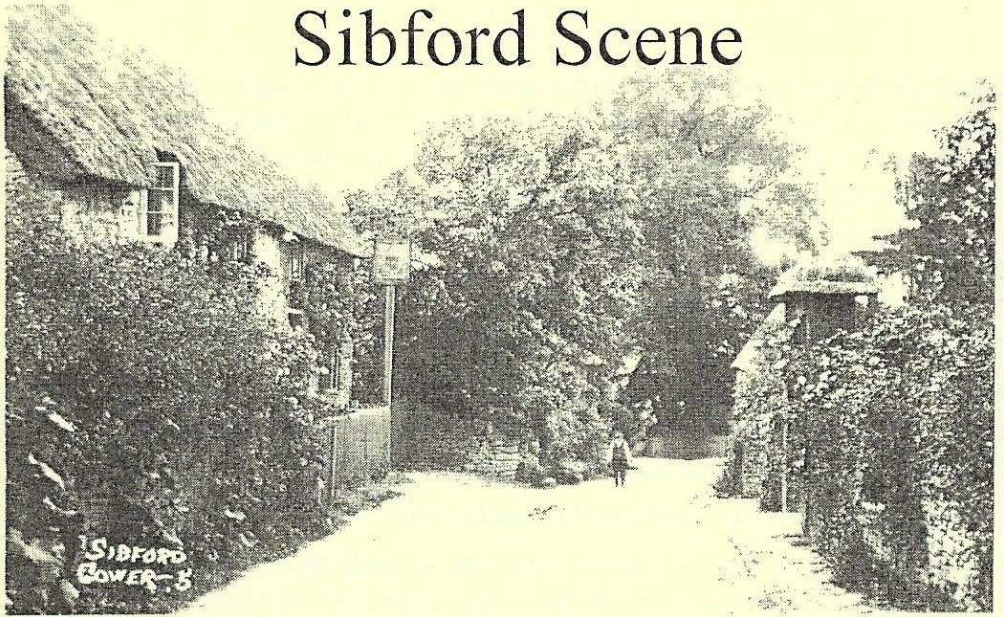


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November 2009

No. 317

Sibford Gower Primary School PTA present
Bonfire and Fireworks
Friday 6th November 6pm on the School Field

Remembrance Day Service
Sunday 8th November. 10.55am at the War Memorial

Sibford Gower Primary School PTA
Coffee, Cake and Chat
Friday 13th November, from 9am in the Village Hall

Holy Trinity Church
Christmas Bazaar
Saturday 28th November 2.30pm in the Village Hall

Nature Notes

Sep 25th. While walking with relatives along the canal towpath near Claydon we came to an old crab apple tree which had a hornets nest in the trunk. I was surprised to see how much activity there was with sometimes as many as 8 or 10 coming or going at the same time. This does not seem to fit with the idea that there are usually about 50 hornets in a nest. Bee keepers are not pleased to see hornets on the increase as bees are on their menu. One of the ones that we saw was carrying quite a big insect that could have been a bee or large fly.

Sep 29th. A friend brought the beautiful caterpillar or the pale tussock moth, also known as the hop dog, for us to see. He found it crawling on the passenger seat after carrying rose clippings in the car.

Oct 1st. A raven was croaking as it cruised around over the Ferris today.

Oct 14th. I am told that there were 5 pairs of buzzards on one big cultivated field adjoining Hill Bottom. They behaved rather like seagulls moving across the field a bit when the tractor came towards them.

Oct 15th. Early this morning there was a flock of about 50 redwings looking for a place to settle in the Ferris.

Oct 17th. After the influx of painted lady butterflies in May I was half expecting big numbers of silver y and humming-bird hawk moths like we saw after the big migration of painted ladies in 1996 but they failed to come. I have only seen one or two silver ys and no humming-bird hawk moths this year.



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May. Guernsey. Record numbers of painted lady butterflies. Common blue and wall also in good numbers.

May 30th. I find that painted lady migration has reached Oxfordshire. I observed them settled on roads in the evening sunshine.

June. Small tortoiseshell numbers have increased after a serious decline over a number of years. Red admiral and speckled wood are doing well but peacock not as prolific. It is an excellent year for meadow brown and gatekeeper plus large, small and green-veined whites.

Sept 16th. Garden record of small and large white, small tortoiseshell, red admiral, comma and speckled wood butterflies.

Oct 4th - 14th. Cotswold Way walk. Red admiral, comma, speckled wood, small and green-veined white, small tortoiseshell, small copper, painted lady, brimstone and peacock butterflies. Also late flowers including common rock rose, betony, harebell, nettle-leaved bellflower, yellow-wort, eyebright, common centaury and sheepsbit scabious. Ivy flowers and warm weather attracting red admirals and painted lady butterflies.

Oct 13th. A late brimstone butterfly in Cotswold Close.



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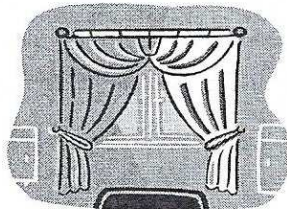
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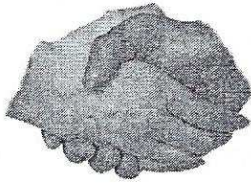
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Sibford WI. Meeting - 13th October 2009

Two guests were welcomed by President Glennis Hardman – Teresa Forrest (President of Hook Norton WI.) and Daphne Lenton. Glennis reported that a card of condolence had been sent to the family of Margaret Cox who died recently. Margaret was a much valued and long serving member of Sibford WI. in the past. A congratulatory card was signed by everyone to be sent to Greta Baadsgaard on her 80th birthday. The OFWI coach outing to Bristol was most enjoyable with pleasant weather. The Group Outing to Frogmore House, Windsor was also very successful and another sunny day.

The subject of the speaker, Adrian Williams, was 'Statues and Monuments of London' and he began by telling us that, according to some reference books, London has more statues than any other city throughout the world. He explained that the difference between statues and monuments is that the latter commemorate or celebrate events whilst statues are usually concerned with individuals or animals. For example, the 203ft London Monument by Robert Hook (not Christopher Wren!) was designed to mark the rebirth of London after the Great Fire. Another example is the Cenotaph which commemorates the dead of two World Wars, its name being taken from the Greek words 'kenos taphos' for 'empty tomb'. Statues are often of 'the good and the great' but many more are of our heroes and heroines and it is customary for such statues to be erected only after the death of the subject. Recent additions during the last twenty years have included the Queen Mother, John Betjeman at St. Pancras, Charlie Chaplin and Sir Laurence Olivier. Throughout his talk of some forty minutes, Adrian held our attention by not only his extensive knowledge but also by the excellent photographs and slides from the very comprehensive collection he had built up over the years. Each one was an example of his skills in photography. Nevertheless, he brought his talk to an amusing conclusion by showing us some of his disasters. It was comforting to know that it is not only the amateurs who fall foul of background intrusions such as skyscrapers or merrymakers, lush overgrowing foliage and distorted perspectives. He was thanked by Valerie Taylor for this fascinating insight into London's memorials and invited to judge the day's competition for the best Memento of London. He chose Rosalind Pearlman's entry first, Valerie Taylor's second and Rosemary Neal's third. Mary Hills and Jane Pace served tea with delightful cakes.

On Tuesday, 10th November Deborah Paige will be coming to show us how to make attractive decorations for the Christmas season. The competition is for a handmade Christmas card. Visitors most welcome.

Margaret Gardiner

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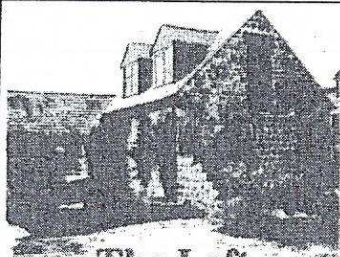
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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

FILM NIGHTS On **Wednesday 25th November** we are showing "ERIN BROK-OVICH" Doors open at 7-30pm for the film at 8pm. The story stars Julia Roberts as a single mother who takes on a large US water company she suspects of dumping poisonous substances. Graded 15. Tickets £1 at the door . Bar available and ice creams. On **Saturday 12th December** we will show "POLAR EXPRESS" an enchanting cartoon film with a Christmas theme with" voice -over " by Tom Hanks .Great entertainment for the whole family. Doors open at 5pm for 6pm start .

CHRISTMAS MARKET This will be held on December 6th,time be announced next month. There will be refreshments available and jewellery and card stalls.

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 .We have nearly 150 people interested, so if we could make it 200 people, £100 in prize money per month could be paid ,divided between 1st,2nd and 3rd.

FUTURE EVENTS In January 2010 we are hosting a Family Quiz, devised by one of our local families. The next Village Hall Committee meeting is on Tuesday 10th of November at 8-15pm in the Village Hall.Our booking secretary is Anne Spackman on 01295 780734. 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 01295 780410.

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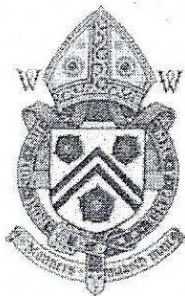
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Youngsters at Sibford School have seen the fruits of their labour come to fruition in a really tasty fashion. Produce grown by junior pupils, as part of their outdoor learning, has been used by school caterers, Thomas Franks, to make a range of lunchtime treats including pumpkin soup, apple crumble and even beetroot crisps.



Teacher Edward Rossiter said: "Having the opportunity to really find out where their food comes from has been a terrific experience and the kitchen staff have been really encouraging in the way that they have used our home grown produce. It's been great for the children to be able to plant, nurture, harvest and then eat what they've grown."

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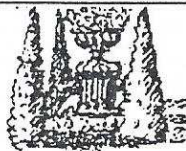
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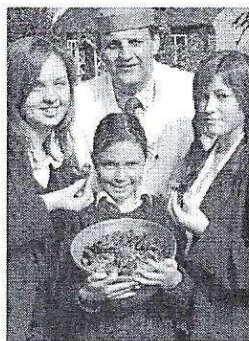
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Jessica Edwards (nine) is pictured with the beetroot harvested.

Jessica Edwards is pictured with Year 8 pupils Gabriella Clack and Lali Slade, Chef Mark Higgins and a bowl of beetroot crisps.



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quartet at the Royal Geographical Society, massage at Maggie's and even champagne on a balcony overlooking the Thames at sunrise.

Our team finished without blisters and in good spirits and we have raised nearly £2500 between us.

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However, unless we take time to record what happens in our daily lives future generations will have no reference to life in our current time – what is happening today is tomorrow's history. The Sibfords' Society Archive contains some accounts, written by previous Sibfordians in the late 1800's and during the 1900's which provide us with an invaluable insight into everyday life and work in our village. Members of the Sibfords' Society would like to invite you all to help us make a record of life in a rural village in North Oxfordshire in 2010.

We would like to involve everyone in our community – adults, parents, grandparents, children and all the organisations and groups who meet or worship in the Sibfords to let us know what they do and how they do it. The local economy was largely agriculturally based until the end of the Second World War. The changes just in the last 100 years have been enormous – then the carrier's cart was the only means of getting to Banbury

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We plan to collect information anonymously although we would like to record the names of people who currently and publicly serve our community in any way. A simple form delivered to each household and organisation should give us a vast amount of data. On one dedicated and specific day we will also ask everyone to record how they spent their day. This, together with a photographic record of events and occasions during 2010 should give us a fantastic record of life in the Sibfords in 2010. But we can only do it with your help.

PLEASE BE A PART OF DOMESDAY 2010

We were treated to a fascinating insight into the life of a Town Crier when Graham Sutherland spoke to us at our October meeting. He began as Town Beadle for Warwick; officiating on various Civic occasions. Since becoming a Town Crier he has taken part in competitions, ale drinking ceremonies and travelled the world. Our next meeting will be on 19th November, 8.00 pm in the Village Hall, when Alan Winterburn will talk about "Curiosities in the Cotswolds"



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Our last meeting for this year will be on Wednesday 11th November at 8pm in the Village Hall, when the ever popular Timothy Walker will give a talk on Sex & Putrefaction in the Garden. (if that doesn't get the punters in I don't know what will) Please can every member bring a friend along so that we can really fill the hall and introduce our friends to the pleasure of attending our meetings. As it is our last meeting before Christmas we will be serving drinks and nibbles afterwards. There will be a small charge for non members.

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The Remembrance service will be held on Sunday November 8th, commencing at 10.55 am around the War Memorial as is our custom.

The Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday November 28th at 2.30 pm. This is a major fund raising event for the church and it is hoped that it will be well attended. It is an excellent way to start collecting those Christmas presents. Donations and gifts for the various stalls will be gratefully received. Bill and Jean Dunkley, who run the raffle, would be especially grateful for some good prizes. Please telephone them on 01295 250858 if you can help in this way.

Members of the Benefice Choir joined the massed choirs of the Oxford Diocese at the annual Royal School of Church Music choral evensong

held in Dorchester Abbey. The conductor was Dr Christopher Robinson, lately Organist and Director of Music at St John's College, Cambridge. The organist was Mr. Ben Sheen, Senior Organ Scholar of Christ Church, Oxford and the service was taken by Rev Tim Harper, Rector, Amersham with Coleshill. This is a popular event and enables church choirs to learn some interesting pieces of music



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Methodist		Sunday at 11.00 am
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	Brailes	Sunday at 11.30 am
Baptist	Hook Norton	Sunday at 10.30 am

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower.

November

Sun 1st Benefice Service for All Saints Day 10.00am at Swalcliffe

Mon 2nd All Souls Day Holy Communion 7.30pm

Sun 8th Remembrance Day Service 10.55am

Sun 15th Holy Communion 9.30am

Sun 22nd Holy Communion 9.30am

Sun 29th Holy Communion 9.30am



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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

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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

November

- Tue 3rd Friendship Club Meeting in the Village Hall p4
Fri 6th Primary School Bonfire and Fireworks. 6pm p6
Sat 7th Warriner Choral Society. "The Creation" Deddington Church
Sun 8th Remembrance Day Service. 10.55am p4&17
Tue 10th W.I. Meeting - Christmas Decorations p5
Wed 11th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
Wed 11th Horticultural Society Talk and Social Village Hall 8pm p14
Fri 13th Coffee, Cake & Chat 9.00 - 11.30am in the Village Hall. p6
Tue 17th Friendship Club Pub Lunch p4
Tue 17th Sibford Gower Parish Council Meeting
Tue 17th Deadline for contributions to the Dec and Jan Scene p16
Thu 19th Sibfords Society "Curiosities in the Cotswolds" p12
Thu 19th Fountain City Brass Band in concert p11
Fri 20th Sibford School Open Morning. 10am p8
Wed 25th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
Wed 25th Village Hall Film Night "Erin Brokovich" 7.30pm p7
Wed 25th Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm
Sat 28th Church Christmas Bazaar 2.30 pm Village Hall p17

December (part)

- Sun 6th Village Hall Christmas Market p7
Sat 12th Village Hall Film Night "Polar Express" 5pm p7
Sun 13th Methodist Chapel Carol Service 11.00 am p4

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