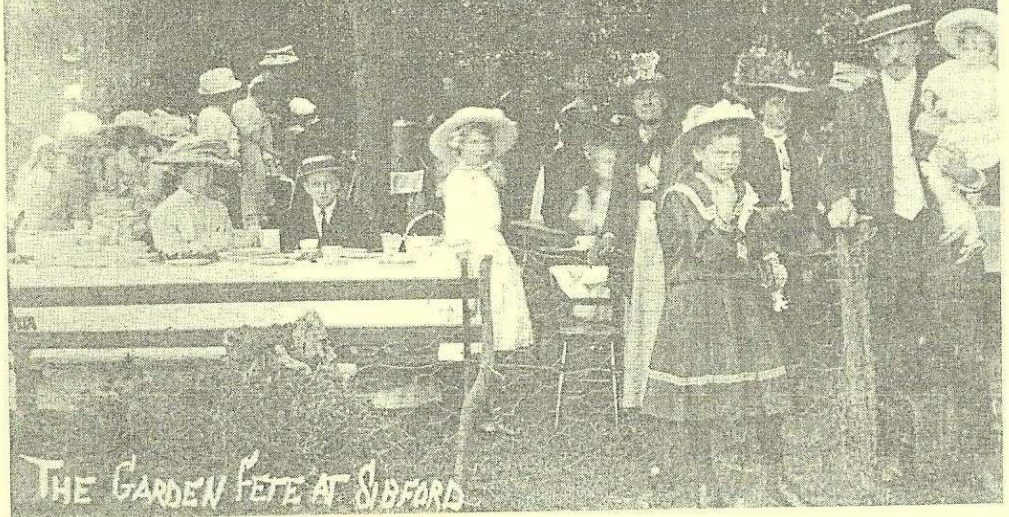


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June 2010

No. 323

Methodist Church Anniversary Service
Tuesday 8th June 7.30pm

Church Fete Bring a Bottle Coffee Morning
Thursday 10th June 10.30 - 1.00

Sibford Village Hall Fayre
Saturday 19th June

Sibford School Festival of Theatre
17th to 29th June at Sibford School

Sibford Gower Open Gardens
Sunday 20th June 2.00 - 6.00pm

Tony Baldry speaking at the Village Hall
Thursday 24th June 7.30pm

Sibfords Millennium Pageant 10 years on
Saturday 26th June 2.15 & 7.00pm

Nature Notes

Apr. 27th I have at last heard a cuckoo but the swallows that have been seen in the Ferris were probably only passing through as they were not near a place where they normally nest.

Apr 28th While walking on the Cotswold's my brother saw 11 buzzards circling in the same thermal. Nearer home my daughter-in-law saw at least 16 buzzards spaced out over a spring planted crop near Shenington airfield. They were all so still that she thought for a moment that they might be plastic models to scare other birds away but they were real.

May 9th Last month a hen pheasant died when it hit one of our windows and today my brother, who lives about 100 yards away, had one hit his window. This one was badly shaken but not killed.

May 18th From memory I would have guessed that trees come into leaf about 3 weeks earlier than they did 60 years ago but in a very interesting TV programme about the natural signs of global warming there was a lady who had recorded budburst of the same trees for those 60 years and has shown it to be almost a month earlier than when she started.

Perhaps a young person will carry on her good work. It needs to be the same tree or trees and recorded at the same stage of budburst each year.

May 20th A friend tells me that she watched a fox pounce on something in the grass. When she got to the spot she found a dead grass snake but as she came back past the spot the snake had gone and she now wonders whether it was feigning death which they sometimes do to put off an attacker. Our neighbours have also had a hen pheasant die



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when it hit their window. They have suggested that the cock, who is still around, has chosen one of the four hens that were around and the others are so heartbroken that they are committing suicide.



Sibford Horticultural Society

On 12th May Paul Williams gave a very entertaining talk entitled Digging Deeper. This, obviously was about soil, what's in it, how to deal with it and amazing facts about it and plants that grow in it. (I wish I could remember some of them!) Well worth listening to.

On Wednesday 16th June we have an outing to Stone House Garden, Wyck Rissington. Meet at the Village Hall at 5.50 p.m. The cost of the visit is £7 which includes tea/coffee.

Sunday 20th June, from 2 - 6 p.m., four lovely gardens in Sibford Gower will be open for the National Gardens Scheme. Teas available. Entrance to four gardens costs £3, children free.



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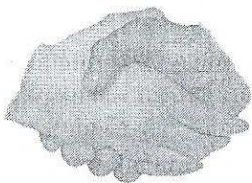
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Friendship Club

We held our A.G.M at the beginning of the month of May and the Committee has agreed to stand for another year and this is it; Chairperson Marion Paice, Secretary Eveline Boughton, Treasurer Sandra Tustain, other Committee Members are Alice Fowler, Beryl Brooks and Daisy Moreby.

On June 1st at our meeting we will be having the last of our 'Little Boxes', at least for this year. BUT please note there will be NO trip on June 15th, Sandra is organizing a pub lunch, to which you will go to by car.

Anyone who wishes to go on our trips are welcome, just let the Secretary know.

Tony and Eileen Haynes would like to thank all friends and neighbours who were so generous with their help and support during Tony's recent spell in hospital. He is now back in Burdrop.

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SIBFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE Tuesday, 11th May

President Glennis Hardman welcomed members and two guests, Valerie Curry and Sylvia Judd, to the Resolution Meeting. Also, she was pleased to announce that Mary Hill had been co-opted onto the Committee. Rosemary Neal took up her place as the new Treasurer.

The retiring Treasurer, Caroline Jennings, has now moved to the Isle of Man. A recently received postcard from her was read out. Secretary Lynda Conway explained the Resolution 'The Mandatory Clear Labelling of Food with True Country of Origin'. The Resolution was carried by Sibford WI. A debate followed by voting will take place at the NFWI AGM in Cardiff on 2nd June. Lynda will be delegate with voting power for the Sibford Group.

It was pleasing to have one of our own members as Speaker. Jane Pace is a fine example of the skills that can be developed by attending courses at Denman College. She specialises in needlecraft and endeavours to try a new technique each year. Her first course was on Goldwork and she had some exquisite examples of her work to show us. We also admired her beautiful drawstring bags featuring linen and whitework embroidery. In contrast, using coloured threads, she had designed attractive flower pictures and greetings cards together with small needle cases. Most fascinating of all were her creations of hot textiles using hot irons and heat tools resulting in amazing surfaces to stitch and embellish. We studied an interesting picture made from sudoku puzzles! Sweet papers give surprising results and Jane had put together a gorgeous purple toned corsage using chocolate wrappers and she named it 'Blooming Chocolate'. Lynda Conway enthusiastically thanked her for the most absorbing forty minutes entertainment and she hoped that members were inspired to take advantage of the vast variety of courses on offer at Denman College. This splendid Georgian mansion at Marcham near Oxford is only an hour's drive away and is also available to non-WI members. Greta Baadsgaard and Valerie Taylor served a delightful tea. 'The Best Flowering Stem' competition was won by Greta Baadsgaard with Glennis Hardman second and joint third Rosemary Neal and Val Powell.

Tuesday, 8th June, is our next meeting in the Village Hall at 2pm. Bridgette Brown will be telling us about the values of Aloe Vera. Competition - 'A Small Collection of Herbs'. Visitors welcome. Are you attracted to the idea of a day out and a change of scenery - without the hassle and stress of having to drive yourself? If you are, you will be interested to hear there are just a few seats still available on the coach taking the Sibford WI on its "Day Out" on Tuesday, 10th August. This year we will be visiting The Vyne, a National Trust property at Sherborne St John near Basingstoke and, as usual, our husbands, friends and families will be coming with us. We are a friendly group of people and if you like the idea of joining us you will be very welcome. For further information please contact Margaret Gardiner (780979) or Glennis Hardman (780391).

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Report of the Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting

held in Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School on Wednesday, 5th May 2010

Highway & Footpath Matters. Mr Ralph Grant (Area Engineer, Oxfordshire Highways) gave a brief presentation which included the fact that Highways had taken on a new contractor and service provider as from 1st April this year which he anticipated will result in a much improved service. The new service provider is expected to produce more results for the same expenditure. Cllr Martin Layer referred to snow and ice clearance during the severe weather conditions in respect of which the Parish Council had seriously questioned the local route for clearance vehicles set down by Oxfordshire Highways. Recycling Presentation. This was made by Mr Ed Potter (Head of Environmental Services, Cherwell District Council) The Meeting learned how waste matters are sorted and how the contents of brown bins are converted into compost. He went on to say that the District Council is performing well against target levels. Chairman's Report. Cllr Martin Layer reported that the Parish Council had met six times since the previous Annual Parish Meeting and is grateful to a small number of regular residents who invariably make a valuable contribution. A warm invitation is extended to all residents to attend meetings, the dates of which are advertised in the Sibford Scene and on the notice boards. He thanked County and District Cllr George Reynolds for attending many of the meetings and the advice and information that he is able to give on a range of matters. Cllr Layer spoke on several subjects including Planning Matters, the Draft Core Strategy, Oxfordshire Highways, OCC's Rights of Way Officer, Holy Trinity Churchyard, the Burial Ground, the Annual Litterblitz, the Bishop Blaize, the Village Pond, and Allotments. He referred to the loss of Robin Spicer as Chairman following his move to Thailand and he thanked his fellow Parish Councillors for their involvement and input over the past twelve months and thanks were extended to the Clerk for carrying out his duties. He closed his report by informing the Meeting that he would be standing down and took the opportunity of introducing three new Parish Councillors, Mrs Gilian Soden, Mr Roger Alder and Mr Alan Parkin. Clerk's and Financial Report. The Council's Financial Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2010 have been completed and are ready for submission to the External Auditors having been approved by the Internal Examiner. The Clerk is grateful to David Soden for once again taking on this role. Report by The Town Estate Charity. The Trustees took a decision last July to sell two acres of Epwell Wood and the sale was completed in March of this year, Unfortunately, an insurance claim failed to pay out on expensive repair work on utilities at the farm. A request to plant thirty trees in the Wheathills field had been refused as it was felt that the cost of protecting and maintaining them would be too great. The school had again been the main beneficiary of funds and a large donation was made to the refurbishment of the Friends Meeting House. Report by The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. A team of fourteen people cover Sibford Gower and Burdrop. Each member receives information by email or the Ringmaster Telephone Messaging Service and such information is then passed on to residents in the respective areas. Village Hall Report. The report referred to the regular usage of the Hall, the fundraising activities. Successful applications for grants had been made

resulting in the double glazing of all the windows and the fire door in the large hall at a total cost of £5,000. A grant of £1,000 was obtained to replace all the crockery at a cost of £1,047. During the year, the time given by volunteers to run and improve the Hall has been very much appreciated and special thanks are given to Mr David Soden for once again working hard to keep the front and side lawns looking good, to the Horticultural Society for keeping the front borders tidy and to Mr Keith Hicks for all the extra duties that are continually asked of him.

Bishop Blaize Report. Mrs Eileen Hayes, on behalf of the Bishop Blaize Support Group, gave a brief report informing the Meeting that two planning applications (one to add letting rooms and the other to convert from licenced to private status) had been submitted but subsequently withdrawn. A careful watch continues to be kept in respect of any activity.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present for attending and declared the Meeting closed at 9.35pm. A full report is available from the Clerk (780391) upon request.

Annual Parish Council Meeting

held in Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School on 13th May 2010

Present: Parish Cllrs Peter Abbott, Roger Alder, Oswyn Murray, Alan Parkin and Mrs Gilian Soden. Two Local Residents and the Clerk

Parish Council The above mentioned Councillors, now take office. Former Parish Cllrs Muriel Chandler and Martin Layer chose not to seek re-election and their contributions to the work of the Parish Council will be very much missed.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman Cllr Oswyn Murray was elected as Chairman and Cllr Peter Abbott was elected as Vice Chairman

Clerk's Report Churchyard gates: A request had been received from the PCC of Holy Trinity Church for financial help in having the gates repainted. The Council authorised the Clerk to advise the PCC that the work may be put in hand. Village Pond Ducks: There have been complaints from some local residents that the Indian Runner drake has become aggressive and causing alarm, especially to children. This aggression is a feature of the breeding season. The Clerk was instructed to speak with the owner of the ducks to seek a solution to this problem and he will report back to the Council as soon as possible.

Rural Exception Sites: A communication had been received from Mr Tom McCulloch, the Rural Housing Enabler and Community Development Worker, Oxfordshire Rural Community Council that another potential site in the Parish had been identified and he enquired as to whether the Parish Council would have any objections to him entering into dialogue with the land owner. The Councillors had none but instructed the Clerk to convey to Mr McCulloch that matters be left until the outcome of the ongoing Core Strategy for Cherwell. Mr McCulloch referred also to a preferred site in the Ferris and asked whether the Gower PC would have any objections to his establishing contact with the owner. The Council had none but as with the Gower site suggested awaiting the outcome of the Core Strategy.

Date of Next Meeting This will be on Tuesday, 13th July 2010 starting at 8pm in the Staff Room of Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

SIBFORD VILLAGE FAYRE and FUN DOG SHOW will be held on JUNE 19th, at the Village hall. Attractions include Jousting/Stocks/Sumo wrestling/Bouncy castle and slide/Bar/Teas/barbecue/cake stall, and lots of competitions.

We will be COLLECTING ITEMS for the FAYRE, and welcome any donations. Please contact the following people-Joan 780410 [bottles of wine], Sheila 780468 [plants], Muriel 780025[raffle prizes], Ginny 780373[white elephant], Anita 788557[prizes/bran tub gifts]. Offers of help to set up/clear up or help on the day are most welcome.

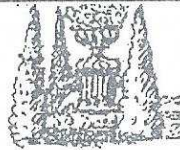
The FUN DOG SHOW will have classes to suit most dogs such as Best Pedigree, Best Crossbreed, Most handsome dog, Prettiest bitch, Veteran 7yrs and over, Best puppy over 12 weeks up to 1 yr .Entry fee £1 per class. Young handlers of 13yrs and under can compete for The Harry Challenge Trophy. The dog judged best in show will win The Top Dog Trophy. There is a free class for dogs with the Waggiest Tail. Entry forms/rules will be available from Ginny [780373] after June 1st.

The FAYRE ART COMPETITION may tempt all you budding artists. The theme this year is "A TV/Film/Story Character of your choice. [Pictures on A4 size please], will be exhibited in the Village Hall at the Fayre. Classes as follows-under 5yrs/5 to 8yrs/9 to 12yrs/13 to 17yrs/Adults. Write your name/address/phone no/age on the BACK of the picture. They need to be handed in by June 16th to Muriel, Anita or Ginny. Phone numbers as above.

The April Lottery Draw Winners were- Graham Wealsby- £43, Caroline Jennings- £21 [Donated to WI as Caroline has gone to The Isle of Man to live, and Matthew Spicer £12. Congratulations!

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SIBFORD WOMBLING SOCIETY

At the last count, there were 14 members of the Society, all armed with Wombling sticks (litterpickers). Now that spring is here and Summer nearly upon us, the members should be out of hibernation and if so, will be pleased to see the great success of the village Litter Blitzes which took place recently.

Womblers, we have a duty to keep our villages just as the litterblitzers left them so please brush down your Wombling sticks and take them with you whenever you go out for a walk. (Not recommended for those who run). New members welcome; the sticks cost about £15 and can be obtained through me (780980).

Whilst working, you can hum to yourself our friendly ditty to the original tune, the words of which go:

*All round the villages, one, two and three
The Wombles of Ferris, Gower, Burdrop are we,
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VIEW FROM THE BOUNDARY.

Apologies must first go to all you that were enjoying the lovely sunny weather back in April, as with the start of most cricket seasons, the imminent first game brought a significant change in the climatic conditions! With jumpers and fleeces at the ready the Saturday league side were on the road for the beginning of the new season. First up was Willoughby, a side who narrowly missed out on promotion to the premier league last year. Fortunately, our openers carried on in a similar form to last year, with Tom Bowen making 83, Richard Furley 37 and runs from the lower order posting a target of 195 - 4. However, despite some good bowling, the game went to the last over and saw Willoughby creep home with 5 balls to spare. With rain causing the game at Woodford Halse to be called off, our next trip was to Preston Capes. Again runs were posted on the board, 161 - 6. Tom Bowen in form again with 51 and Wayne Barton 30n.o. And then the bowlers took over, both Keith Oberascher and Tom Bowen returning figures of 3 for 8, with Nick Pratt & Chris Sabin taking 2 apiece reducing the home side to 53 all out.

So with the league side having a mixed start, the Sunday friendly side have enjoyed more success with their home matches. Missing the first match against Milton to rain, again, things kicked off with Round of Gras (not literally!). Batting first Sibford made 154 - 9, with Ian Davis making 67 and both Dave Widdicome & Chris Wollerton 22. A victory margin of 57 runs was then achieved by reducing the opposition to 97 -9, with Chris Wollerton taking 5 for 11 and Simon Chard 2 for 4. The latest match saw Sibford host The Lampett Arms, although I think they do occasionally look after a number of our players! There is a definite theme to these games as again Sibford posted a score of 171. Runs again shared, with Ian Davis making 31n.o. and Keith Oberascher 25. Strange how the same names keep appearing, but both Ian & Keith enjoyed success with the ball taking 3 and 2 wickets respectively in bowling the Lampett out for 125.

So with both teams enjoying early wins, the hope is for another successful season, and hopefully warm & sunny too ! Support is always welcome, so come along when the sun decides to make an appearance , the next home games are listed below:

Saturday - league:

22nd May Woodford Halse

12th June Byfield

Sunday - Friendlies:

23rd May Wardington

30th May Steeple Aston

6th June Darlingscot

Welcome to the first Sibford School Festival of Theatre. We hope you will be able to join us at some of the events taking place. We will be updating the website as further details are confirmed. Alternatively, you can call 01295 781216 for more information.

Thursday June 17 @ 6.30pm



Sibford School AS and A Level students will launch the festival with a theatre showcase in the Oliver Studio.

Performances will include:

- Original exam production based on the life of silent movie star Harold Lloyd
- Extracts from Stephen Sondheim's Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street
- A selection of Contemporary Monologues

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Tuesday June 22 @ 7.30pm

Rain or Shine Theatre Company present:

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Wednesday June 23

African Soiree

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Friday June 25 @ 7.30pm

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Tuesday June 29 - Thursday July 1 Junior School Review

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Dogs and Sheep - Again

Once again we have lambs in the parishes being killed by loose dogs. All farmers rely on dog owners to keep their pets under control and away from farm livestock. It only takes a few minutes for a dog to kill a lamb and, unfortunately once a dog has killed it often does it again. The police advice is usually to shoot the next loose dog you see in the field, whether it is the dog doing the damage or not, because that gets publicity and hopefully the problem ceases. It would be a pity if an innocent dog has to die to solve the problem which will be cured by owners not allowing dogs to run loose.

DOOR-TO-DOOR COLLECTIONS FOR LIFEBOATS

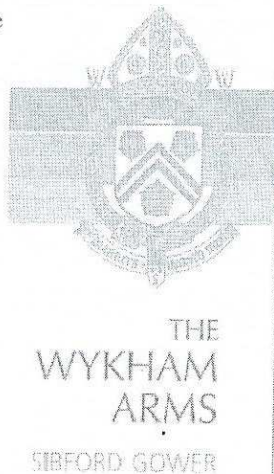
The Banbury Lifeboats committee would like to thank the residents of Sibford Ferris, Sibford Gower and Burdrop for their terrific generosity in the recent door-to-door collection. The magnificent sum of £395.04 was raised by the 3 villages, and the collectors would also like to thank everyone for the warm reception they received. The Lifeboats charity seems to be held in particular affection by people around here, despite our distance from the sea! The grand total from 27 villages in the Banbury area came to £4,570.

The Banbury committee is currently looking for somebody to take on the role of secretary. The job is not onerous, and the committee is very friendly, meeting about four times a year. A rewarding charity to be involved with. Anyone interested in volunteering, please ring Sue Colquhoun on 788770.

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'DOMESDAY 2010'

Householder's Survey: A big thank you to all those who have completed and returned their survey form. The early findings are showing some interesting and varied results but we would be very pleased to increase the number of returned forms to give us a greater sample and increase the validity of our survey.

From the first 100 forms we find that 40% are retired, 15% shop on-line, 82% use the internet at home, 70% produce some of their own food, and 9% have lived in the village for more than 50 years while 19% have lived in the village for less than 5 years. From a very wide range of leisure activities recorded so far the most popular was walking 41%, with gardening at 32% and television at 21%.

ARE YOU INCLUDED IN THESE STATISTICS?

The returns to date represent just under 40% of the village households and we need to be over 50% to be a meaningful sample.

For our work to be of interest to the Oxfordshire Records Office and social history researchers in the future we would welcome a larger sample. Boxes for replies will be left in the Shop, Surgery and Primary School for a little longer.

"DOMESDAY" – WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE

Our final piece of work will be to see if we can capture a view on how we spend our time during the course of an ordinary day. This has changed so dramatically in the last 100 years and may change equally dramatically in the next 100 year period. With very few people writing diaries and journals today this is a way of recording a snapshot of one day in the life of villagers. The enclosed form – (our final one!) gives an opportunity for adults over 18 and young people of 11-18 to record aspects of their day. Younger children attending Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School will be preparing and conducting their own survey at school. Part of this will be a direct comparison with previous surveys of school life in 1900, 1930 and 1971 carried out by Ina Lamb.

We ask for a few more minutes of your time on 16 JUNE to tell us:

What did I do today?

The Annual Summer outing will this year be a guided tour of Kenilworth Castle on 17th June starting at 10am. English Heritage Members will have free entry and there are reduced rates for a party visit. There is ample parking, the cost of which is refundable on entry. Car sharing would be an advantage so it is suggested that we meet at the Village hall no later than 9 am

to arrange this. There is a very pleasant café at the Castle but there are also several very suitable pubs/restaurants nearby. In close proximity is a good park area, Abbey Fields for those preferring a picnic. Kenilworth also boasts a Waitrose supermarket! The guided tour lasts about 2 hours but there is plenty of interest locally for those looking to extend the trip. We are not having a guided tour of the well publicised Elizabethan garden but it is open for you to explore at your Leisure. Those wishing to join the visit who are not already on the list should contact Kay Harries on 01295 780590. or at tonyharries@waitrose.com.

The July evening event on Thu. 15th will be a visit to our Quaker Meeting House stating at 8pm. More details in the next Scene.

Members were transported back to the age of Flapper Girls and early jazz music when Martin Greenwood spoke to the Society on 20th May. This was the time when the Country was emerging from the pain of WW1 and also struggling to deal with its aftermath. Society was changing and while women who had achieved greater independence were expected to return to their traditional roles, those men who were able bodied anticipated a return to their previous jobs and status.

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Evening performance: 7.00pm £2.50. Please bring a 'Bring and Share' supper for the interval.

Tickets are available from: Keith Hicks 01295780259 (keithhicks@onetel.net)
Norman Nash 01295 780980

There will also be an exhibition of the Millennium Panels and other items produced to celebrate the Millennium year. All proceeds will go to the Village Hall improvement fund.

There will not be any tickets available on the door.

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 Ivor Hopkyns on 788367 (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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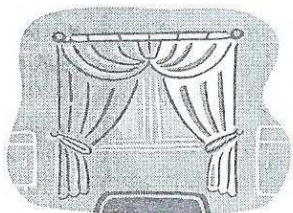
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Will be on

Saturday 27th November 10am - 12 noon

Our Member of Parliament

Visiting Sibford Village Hall Thursday 24th June 7.30pm

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 July
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Holy trinity church news

Those who were able to attend the ecumenical service on May 9th to inaugurate Christian Aid Week experienced a memorable occasion. A most beautiful and thought provoking reflection on silence was presented by Seren Wildwood of the Sibford Society of Friends together with the first reading 1 Corinthians 13 in a rarely heard and most meaningful modern translation. The second reading from Matthew was read by Helen Alder, a member of the Roman Catholic Church, Catherine Loy formerly from the Oxford office of Christian Aid and now at Head Office in London gave a most interesting talk about the organisation and this year's project and answered questions. Finally the prayers were movingly read by Kay Winter of the Methodist Church. Some thoughtful hymns completed the service which was taken by The Rector. This was a wonderful way of starting the first time we have collected for this most worthy charity in Sibford. We are grateful for our 22 house to house collectors who were glad it wasn't a wet week. There are still a few envelopes to collect but so far we have received £902.47 which together with Gift Aid tax recovery will total £1,010.48. The church wardens would like to remind villagers that they would welcome questions about the parish and its worship and any suggestions they might have in connection with services or organisation generally. Their telephone numbers are 263460 and 780980 and if you would like a visit, one

of them is in the village and one not too far away. Theological or liturgical matters would probably continue to be best put to the Rector whose training and lifetime of experience are likely to give more helpful advice. The second of this years coffee mornings was held in Sibford Church on Saturday may 15th and an excellent sum of £134.77 was collected towards Church expenses. The next Coffee morning will be held on Thursday 10th June at 10.30am at Silver Birches, Backside Lane, when Brian and Eleanor Joynes will be collecting bottles for the Church Fete Tombola.

The Annual Church Fete
Saturday 10th July
Village Hall at 2.30 pm

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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, as below.		

June

Sun 6th Benefice Service 10.00 am at Broughton

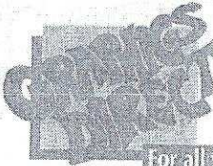
Sun 13th Holy Communion 9.30am

Sun 20th Family Service for Fathers Day 10.00 am

Sun 27th Holy Communion 9.30 am

July

Sun 4th Benefice Service 10.00 am at Tadmarton



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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
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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

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Calendar of Events

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Sun 20th Sibford Gower Open Gardens p3
Wed 23rd Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
Thu 24th Tony Baldry speaking at the Village Hall 7.30pm p19
Sat 26th Sibfords Millennium Pageant 10 years on. 2.15 & 7.00pm p16

July (part)

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Wed 21st Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Cover picture. The Village Fete

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