

August & September 2010

No. 325

Sports Roadshows for the Summer

Every Wednesday in August for 5 to 11 year olds at Sibford Gower Primary School 1 - 4 pm Every Wednesday in August and September for 11 to 16 year olds At Sibford Village Hall 5.30 - 7.00 pm

Bert Gilbert Memorial Cricket Match

Sunday 8th August 2pm at Sibford School

Annual Flower and Produce Show

Saturday 28th August at the Village Hall Entries on Wednesday 25th 7 - 9 pm

Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride Saturday 11th September

Village Hall Film Night

"Breakfast at Tiffanys" Thursday 23rd September 7.30pm

Nature Notes

June 19th It was nice to hear today that a flycatcher has been seen in the Ferris so I expect there is a nest somewhere near. This is the only sighting I have heard of this year.

June 25th I was surprised to see a toad come up for air in the Friends School pond today. I thought they usually left the water earlier than this but in this hot spell it may have returned just to cool off.

June 26th There were 20 or more swifts over Sibford Ferris this evening.

July 7th Swifts were screaming around Grounds Farm today. I have never known them to nest there but it would be nice if they did. A female blackcap died when it hit our west window at 8pm on this cloudy evening. What makes them do it I don't know but my guess is that our double glazing acts as a mirror showing a picture of the sky and trees behind them. It seems worse when it happens to a migrant that may have flown many hundreds of miles to nest here.

July 8th A local butterfly expert reports that small tortoiseshells have made a good recovery after recent poor years. Large, small and Essex skippers, ringlets and meadow browns in good numbers and marbled whites and gatekeepers have appeared in the last week. Peacock caterpillars have emerged from their webs and are ready to pupate. She also tells me that a flurry of wings in her garden drew her attention to a sparrowhawk that flew away from the bird feeder with a sparrow in its talons and at 9pm when she was walking past the school sixth form centre



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July 11th I had not noticed a wasp nest at the side of a path in our garden until last night badgers dug it out only leaving a few pieces of

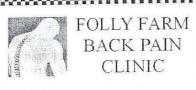
the grey paper casing.

July 15th There was a dead humming-bird hawk-moth in our porch today so we are now keeping an eye on the plants that they like to visit. They fly by day and, hovering in front of each flower, are remarkably similar to a little humming bird in their flight.

July 16th Badgers dug deep into a mound of stony soil in the garden to get a bumble bees nest but we still have a lot of bumble bees on our wildflower patch so there must be other nests around that the badgers have yet to find.

July 18th There were some young goldfinches in the garden this af-

ternoon.



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Friendship Club

As we don't meet in August, the September meeting is on the 7th. There will no sitting around on that day!!!!!!!

The trip on September 21st is on the river at Upton on Severn with lunch on board. More on that on the 7th Sept in the Village Hall.



Sibford Horticultural Society Annual Horticultural and Produce Show Saturday 28th August 2.30 - 4.30pm

Entry Night - Wednesday 25th August from 7 - 9pm in the Village Hall. Would all last years cup winners please return them on Entry Night or to a member of the Show Committee beforehand.

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Sibford WI Meeting - Tuesday, 13th July

The Vice-President, Margaret Gardiner, welcomed all members and guest Valerie Curry. Unfortunately, bad weather had necessitated last-minute cancellation of ar-

rangements for members to meet in the garden of Ann Benham at Shenington and the meeting, therefore, was held in Sibford Village Hall. Whilst everybody had been looking forward to the garden party, the edge was taken off their disappointment by the arrival of Ann with the appetising scones and cakes which she had baked in readiness for our visit!

Moving on to matters arising, members were reminded that the coach taking them to The Vyne on 10th August is due to depart at 10.00am. (Would all members of the National Trust remember to bring their membership cards.)

The next WI meeting is on Tuesday, 15th September when the speaker will be Brian Lowe. The subject of his talk will be 'C S Lewis in Oxford'. The competition is a book by C S Lewis.

In conclusion, the Vice-President then thanked Ann for all her hard work and on behalf of all members presented her with a small gift in appreciation.

Jane Pace, one of our members who sings with both the Warriner and Chipping Norton choral groups, then described the excitement and inspiration she had experienced during the previous weekend when she had been part of the coming together of choirs from all over the country to sing at the Albert Hall. Rehearsals went on all day, building up to the one performance to a packed audience. Although this was not televised, fortunately it was recorded. However, listening to Jane, it was clearly an experience which she will never forget. At the end of the meeting, we were delighted to be joined by Glennis and to see the excellent progress she has made in recovering from her recent operation. Tea – and those delicious cakes – was then served by Ann, Norma and Sue, whilst Valerie Taylor sold raffle tickets for the OFWI and NFWI.

Finally, a vote of thanks is also due to Lynda, Peter C and Peter H for their efforts in ensuring that the last minute changes went smoothly.

Margaret Gardiner

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keep it tidy.

The ANNUAL FAYRE was enjoyed by all ages. The Dog Show was well attended and proved a hard task for judge Steina Jenkins. the Best Young Handler was 12 year old Naomi Spencer with her family's black labrador Jazzy. The Sibford Top Dog Champion was Martha, a 15 month old flat coated retriever, owned by John Perriss from Sibfrod Ferris, shown by 13 year old Bethany Knowles. Reserve Champion was Polly Berks with her dog Tilly. The Art competition winners were Sue Tompkins [adult class], 9-12 yrs Naomi Spencer, 5-6 yrs Thomas Kitchen, with joint second Henry Taylor and William Connor. The under 5 's winner was Tabitha Taylor, Henry's 4 yr old sister. Golf Game winners were Alister Wealsby[16 yrs and over], Joel Smith [10-15].Joe Gray [5-9]. Netball game Phil Spencer, John Higley and Joe Gray. Washing line game Rachel Berger, Francesca Meyer, Katie Wealsby, with Joel Smith taking the Triathlon title. Molly Mulley won the top raffle prize of £100. The Lottery winners for June are as follows £43 Jean Giles, £21 Jessie Oliver, £12 Alister Neal.

The Film Nights will recommence on September 23rd [7-30 for 8pm]. "Breakfast at Tiffany's", the 1961 Oscar winning romantic comedy with Audrey Hepburn and George Peppard, featuring the classic song "Moon River".

In November we hope to put on our Quiz, and will have further films in October and November.

114 people thoroughly enjoyed the 'Sibfords Party' at the Hall on July 3rd, entertained by the very enthusiastic 'Damn Right I got The Blues' band. As Baroness Floella Benjamin said in a national Sunday newspaper the next day "I sang my heart out with my rock band in a village hall in Oxfordshire last night" - evidently it was good practise for their next gig, the Graduation Ball at Exeter University. They have agreed to come back next year, which delighted everyone and we do thank Antony and Louise for their hard work in getting the band together and bringing them to Sibford.

Our thanks also go to Steve and friends for the very enjoyable BBQ and to Charlotte and Michael for working so hard in the licensed bars, and to all who helped and supported the event. We made a profit of £1,064.71 for the Hall,

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14.00 ~ 16.00 Splash Time

Monday 2 August Monday 9 August

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Tuesday 3 August: Tuesday 10 August

17.30 ~ 20.00 Splash Time 15.00 ~ 18.00 Splash Time 20.00 ~ 21.00 Adults Only 18.00 ~ 20.00 Open Swim

Wednesday 4 August: Wednesday 11 August NO PUBLIC SWIMMING

 $15.00 \sim 18.00$ Splash Time $18.00 \sim 20.00$ Open Swim

Thursday 5 August: Thursday 12 August

17.30 ~ 20.00 Open Swim 15.00 ~ 18.00 Splash Time 20.00 ~ 21.00 Adults Only 18.00 ~ 20.00 Open Swim

Friday 6 August: Friday 13 August

17.30 ~ 20.00 Open Swim 15.00 ~ 18.00 Splash Time 20.00 ~ 21.00 Adults Only 18.00 ~ 20.00 Open Swim

Saturday 7 August: Saturday 14 August

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Sunday 15 August: Sunday 22 August

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Monday 16 August Monday 23 August 18,00 ~ 20.00 Open Swim 18.00 ~ 20.00 Open

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Tuesday 17 August: Tuesday 24 August

17.00 ~ 18.00 Splash Time 15.00 ~ 17.00 Splash Time

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Wednesday 18 August: Wednesday 25 August 15.00 ~ 18.00 Splash Time 15.00 ~ 18.00 Splash Time

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Thursday 19 August: Thursday 26 August

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Friday 20 August: Friday 27 August

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Saturday 21 August: Saturday 28 August

12.00 ~ 16.00 Splash Time

Sunday 29 August:

13.00 ~ 14.00 Open Swim

14.00 ~ 16.00 Splash Time

16.00 ~ 17.00 Open Swim

Monday 30 August

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20.00 ~ 21.00 Adults Only

Tuesday 31 August:

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Wednesday 1 September: 15.00 ~ 18.00 Splash Time 18.00 ~ 20.00 Open Swim

Thursday 2 September:

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The Church Field

Through the Sibford Scene I would like to make a plea for the person who rents the Church Field to reconsider the time of year that they mow it.

For weeks we have enjoyed walking through it to school and identifying the insect life in it. Due to the abundance of insect life I took the Beaver group down to find the 5 spot burnet, (a daytime flying moth) grasshoppers and numerous other butterflies and moths that we were going to identify. They loved trying to catch the grasshoppers and found lots of chrysalises of the moths on the host plants that were due to hatch. They were really enthused by the whole field and it was great to see them so interested in their surroundings and I promised to bring them down the next week to see how many moths have hatched out.

Then it was mown - why? Did it look untidy? So now there is nothing. So please could it be mown after everything has finished? September maybe. There is little enough habitat around for butterflies and moths so please don't destroy this one unnessessarily.

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24 hour Pedal Car Race

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Pupils appeal for help to finish history project Sibford Junior School in the Ferris is appealing for dried reeds to help complete an unusual history project. Over the past 10 months, Year 4 pupils have been constructing a Celtic Roundhouse. The wooden structure and roof timbers have been erected. Chil-

dren have reinforced the walls with wattle and daub. But, with the work very nearly complete, the school has run out of reeds to finish the thatched roof. Ali Bromhall, community development officer at Sibford School, said: "We had hoped to finish the roundhouse before the end of the summer term, but, unfortunately, we've come to a halt. If anyone has any thatching materials they could let us have it would be great. We don't need a lot ... it's just the tip of the roof that's left exposed, but it would be wonderful to be able to complete the project." The roundhouse is one of a number of outdoor learning activities being undertaken by junior pupils at Sibford School.

Earlier this year the school created an eco-greenhouse made out of plastic bottles, Year 6 pupils researched and set out their own 'Dig for Victory' vegetable beds as part of their World War 2 topic and Year 3 pupils visited a local farm to help coppice willow which they then used to create a willow tunnel in the school grounds, complete with a reflective area for quiet reading. Junior School teacher, Edward Rossiter said: "The children really enjoy outdoor lessons, and, because they enjoy what they're doing, they are more likely to re-



member, and it's that key to remembering that helps them learn." "We've seen a significant development in the children's self-responsibility and behaviour; a greater sense of teamwork and self worth; and, pleasingly, the children have increasingly transferred these skills to their classroom learning."If anyone has any thatching materials please contact Ali Bromhall on 01295 781216 or email abromhall@sibfordschool.co.uk Pictured: Harry Shemmell, Grace King and Joseph Raybould (all age 9) with the nearly completed roundhouse.

VIEW FROM THE BOUNDARY

The righteous brothers sang a song entitled "you've lost that loving feeling", unfortunately Sibford cricket club have lost the winning feeling! There's not too much to write home about in the last month, home or away, on Saturday or Sunday. With only one win for the Sunday side it's been one of those months where nothing has gone right, and the injury list has grown. Rather than run through the dire reading of the score book and compile long lists of consecutive ducks, wicketless tonkings and dropped dolleys, which would no doubt fill plenty of space in this report, i shall try and find some positives! Both Nick Barton and Ian Davis have managed to continue scoring regular runs and Wayne Barton has raised his highest score, so (hopefully) that elusive first fifty is in the near future. In terms of the bowlers, the return of Ben Layer has seen him straight back in the wickets, as messers Chard and Oberascher keep plugging away at that last column. And at long last Nunfer has re-found the stumps at the far end (or someone held on to a rank half tracker!). Lets hope that next month will bring better fortunes, which is a given, as The Bert Gilbert memorial match is up and coming, and everyone always manages to perform there! If you only come and see one game this summer, Sunday 8th August is the day to put in the diary, Ferris versus Gower, bar-b-q, raffles, and plenty of banter. What with recent events at the club many of the proceeds from monies raised at this years match will be donated to The British Heart Foundation. Which makes me think back to pre season, when the club put plenty of time and effort into re-

furbishing the pavilion. Perhaps next year we should go for a small leanto and cram in a medi-centre, incorporating a physio, portable defibrelater and a first aid kit!! Forthcoming home fixtures are: 31 July Fenny Compton, 7 Aug Thornborough, 8 Aug Bert Gilbert Memorial, 21 Aug Stoneleigh See you all on the 8th August (anytime after 2pm!)



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still provide a large amount of data for us to examine. We look forward to completing the databases so that we can pull out all the areas of similarity and the differences from the daily lives of villagers recorded in the 1877 survey. The returns for Domesday on 16 June will provide a varied and wide-ranging record of villager's daily activities on a mid-week day. The children at the Primary School have also been busy recording their personal and classroom activities on the same day.

During the second half of the year we shall continue the written and photographic record of village events and everyday happenings. The steering group also hope to interview a number of villagers who live or work in our community.

Don't forget that you will be able to follow the progress of our survey and all village events by visiting the website. www.thesibfords.org.uk.

Our summer meeting was held in the Quaker Meeting House when Ina and Arnold Lamb talked about the early beginnings of the Society of Friends in the Sibfords. The movement was started in the north of England in the 1640's by George Fox. He was a man of vision, a healer and a man with a strong personality and a loud voice! His Mission for Truth was brought to the south of the country by 50-60 itinerant Quakers (one third of whom were women) who visited Banbury for around one month in 1654. Travelling around 30 miles per day on foot they must have

reached the Sibfords and found a favourable hearing among the village folk. In 1668 Fox recorded in his journal that 'hundreds attended a Meeting in Gilkes Barn in Sibberd." Fox himself came in 1678 and stayed with Joseph Harris in Little Sibberd(Ferris) and visited the Meeting House in Broad Sibberd (Gower).

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We now have a break until September and hope everyone enjoys some rest and relaxation during the remainder of the summer.

Our next meeting will be held at 8pm in the Village Hall on Thursday 16 September when Liz Woolley will be talking to us on Child Labour in Oxfordshire. All welcome – we look forward to seeing you then

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The Parochial Church Council hopes that there will be a desire to take part (as there has been in previous years) and information and sponsorship forms are available from Peter Hardman (Hon Secretary to Holy Trinity Church PCC) – Tel: 01295 780391.

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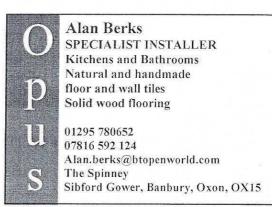
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Sponsor forms are also available from Arnold Lamb 780357. PLEASE COME AND JOIN IN!

Katharine House Hospice Jumble/Recycling Sale

To be held on October 16th 2010 at Adderbury Institute 2pm.

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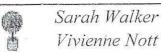
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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

Church members and villagers, 21 in all so far, have turned out in response to the Churchwardens' appeal for help to tame the jungle into which the churchyard has developed over the years. Very grateful thanks to them all, and their great efforts over 4 working parties are well recorded in the clearance which has so far resulted. There will be two more working parties on August 2nd and 16th and a most helpful villager has offered to brush cut the brambles beforehand so that these parties will have a more receptive area to clear of ivy, elder and the other vegetation which is so damaging to tombstones and the like. It will no doubt be noticed that an area of wall has since fallen down and it is emphasised there was previously little ivy on it but a great hole has been looming there for some years. We are truly grateful to George Hall for moving in so speedily to start a rebuilding job, having just completed the repainting of the church gates and metal seat, for which we are also gratefully indebted to the Sibford Gower Parish Council for the costs thereof.

This brings us to the letter recently sent to all villagers appealing for funds to put

us on a better footing for present and future repairs to the church building



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itself. As the letter states, the church has managed more or less to break even over the last 11 years since we used up all our capital and a great deal more besides in re-roofing, decorations and organ maintenance and re-siting. The state of the wall reminds us that though the building at 170 years old is much less in age than our sister churches in the Wykeham Benefice, nevertheless, proper maintenance is essential. We have now received estimates indicating that existing damp and other vital work is going to cost us in excess of £5,000 which we do not have and we would be foolish to assume that there will be no more needs in the years to come. We have no capital left from which to pay for this.

We have reason to believe that there are a great many in the village who would be prepared to respond to our appeal. So far, the response has been slow but we have high hopes that in the weeks ahead, we may see a good result. Perhaps the scale of our hopes can be illustrated by the fact that a response from all 365 households in the village of a weekly sum of 26p would raise £5,000, more with tax from those made under Gift Aid tax regulations. Obviously there are some in the village who, as the letter states, belong to other churches and those who do not agree that a village of our sort needs a Church, neither of whom can be expected to contribute. Knowledge of mathematics does not need to be great to see that if 50% of villagers (the same number who so recently contributed so generously to Christian Aid) together raised the same £5,000, they would

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each need to subscribe 52p per week. Need we say more? The village generously contribute every year with their attendance at Fetes, Bazaars and in numerous other ways. May we ask you please to go one step further to help if we are to ensure the continuity of a Parish Church here in the Sibfords? In conclusion, we are pleased that Tim is home and looking most cheerful, as might be expected, following his first treatment. We wish him and Erica and all his family well throughout the forthcoming period of treatment. He will not be returning to his duties until the New Year and we are so fortunate that we have John Tattersall to provide much time and assistance in the meantime and for which we thank him most sincerely.

Church Services

Society of Friends
Methodist
Roman Catholic Mass
Sunday at 10.30 am
Sunday at 11.00 am
Sunday at 9.00 am
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Sunday at 11.30 am

Baptist Hook Norton Sunday at 10.30 am

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower, as below.

August

Sun 1st Benefice Eucharist and Baptism Service at Shutford 10.00am

Sun 8th Holy Communion 9.30am

Sun 15th Holy Communion 9.30am

Sun 22nd Holy Communion 9.30am

Sun 29th Matins and Holy Communion 9.30am

September

Sun 5th Benefice Eucharist 10.00am

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

Sun 19th Holy Communion 9.30am

Sun 26th Holy Communion 9.30am

October

Sun 3rd Benefice Eucharist 10am Sun 10th Harvest Festival and Bring and Share Lunch



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Shipston,	09.15	11.40	13.35	15.11	16.50	17.55	18.55
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Calendar of Events

August

Wed 4th and every Wednesday in August, Sports Roadshow 5-11 years.

1 - 4 pm Primary School

Wed 4th and every Wednesday Sports at the Village Hall p7

Wed 4th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Sat 7th Holy Trinity Church Coffee Morning

Sat 7th Dogs for the Disabled Open Day

Sun 8th Bert Gilbert Memorial Cricket Match 2pm p13 Wed 18th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Wed 25th Flower Show Entry Night at the Village Hall 7 - 9 pm

Sat 28th Annual Flower and Produce Show at the Village Hall p3

September

Wed 1st Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Wed 1th and every Wednesday Sports at the Village Hall p7

Mon oth Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm

Tue 7th Friendship Club Meeting p4

Sat 11th Historic Churches Ride and Stride p18

Wed 15th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Thu 16th Sibfords Society - Child Labour in Oxfordshire p14

Tue 21st Friendship Club Outing p4

Tue 21st Deadline for contributions to the October Sibford Scene. p20

Thu 23rd Village Hall Film Night - "Breakfast at Tiffanys" 7.30pm p6

Wed 29th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

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