



## Sibford Scene

December 2010 & January 2011

No. 328

Saturday 4th December

Church Christmas Bazaar 2.00pm at the Village Hall

Tuesday 7th December

Parish Plan Launch Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm

Saturday 11th December

Coffee Morning in aid of the Church, Silver Birches 10 - 12  
Village Hall Film Night 6.00 pm

Sunday 12th December Methodist Chapel Carol Service 11am

Friday 17th December Church Traditional Carol Service 7pm

Sunday 19th Christingle Service 4pm in the Church

Monday 27th December

Charity Football Match at Swalcliffe Park 11am

## Nature Notes

Oct 24th My son saw skein after skein of gulls flying south this afternoon. He thought they were flying as if they were on a long distance migration. Not knowing much about the habits of gulls we looked at a book which indicated that if they were on migration they were probably lesser black backed gulls.

Oct 28th What a year for apples. I have picked quite a lot mostly to store for feeding to birds in the winter. I found that almost every cluster of apples had ladybirds round the stalks which is not the safest place to hibernate as they are sure to end up on the ground.

Oct 30th A fallow deer crossed the road just in front of our car this morning. It was a good thing that I was going slowly because the dazzle from the low sun. It was about 100 yards west of Broomhill farm which seems to be a favourite crossing point.

Nov 6th Two buzzards have been feeding on the cultivated fields to the south and west of the Ferris for the last few days. They look bigger hopping about on the bare fields than they do in the air. A few people have remarked on their presence and tell me that they spend much of their time grooming which suggests that they could be late hatched ones that are still getting rid of their down.

Nov 12th My neighbour went outside at 11pm recently and a cock pheasant called from its roosting place and some more from both sides of the valley joined in the conversation. I expect they were passing on a warning that someone is about.



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Nov 13th Although it was not all that warm this morning the rooks were making a lot of noise and some of them seemed to be working on their nests.

Nov 14th Not having seen any goldfinches at our feeders for a long time I was pleased to see 9 or 10 round my daughters bird table today.

Nov 19th Blackbirds have been taking a few of our holly berries for some days but this morning there were some pigeons on them so they will soon be gone. They never last until Christmas.

It is nice to be able to include a few of the sketches drawn by Sheila Walsh for the Sibford Scene. Not only did Sheila provide the cover illustrations for many years but the occasional page of cartoons, so watch out for children opening Christmas presents, snowmen with problems and the choir.





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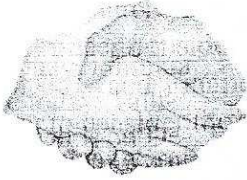
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## Friendship Club

We had a lovely day at Gloucester Quay, I think a lot of Christmas shopping was done today. Talking of which, the Club Christmas Lunch is on December 7th at Brailes Golf Club PLEASE would members who are going, be at Brailes at 12-15 for lunch 12-30.

Our Xmas tea is on December 21st in the Village Hall. more details later on that.

Our first meeting of 2011 will be on January 4th (weather permitting). The Committee would like to wish all Members, their families and our non-member friends a Very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

## Methodist Chapel

Nov 27th Coffee Morning 10- 12 noon

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## 'A VIEW FROM THE HILL'

Mike Finch's history of the Friends School at Sibford Ferris has now been published. It records the history of the School from its foundation in 1842 to the present time. It contains over a hundred archive images as well as profiles of the many characters who have been connected over the years. It also records its position in the Sibford village community with detailed references to the Manor House at Sibford Ferris, which was the original home of this famous Quaker establishment. Mike is a former resident of Sibford Gower and is an old scholar of the School.

The book is obtainable at the School by contacting Ali Bromhall, the Community Development Officer. The cost is £10 per copy. Copies can be posted at an additional cost of £2.50, Ali's email address is [abromhall@sibfordschool.co.uk](mailto:abromhall@sibfordschool.co.uk), or call in at the School directly.

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**Sibford WI Meeting – Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

Glennis Hardman, President, welcomed a good attendance of members plus two guests, Joan Thomas and Kathy Yorke. A ‘Get Well’ card was signed by everyone to be sent to Gwen Whitehead, hospitalised following a fall. Glennis reported on the Group Meeting which was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November and beautifully hosted by Hook Norton WI. After an excellent lunch, Lt Col Gerald Lesinski, Master of the Lord Leicester Hospital, Warwick gave a brilliant talk and slide show. Later he judged the competition for ‘A Photograph of a Mediaeval Building’ and awarded the cup to Sibford WI for its entry of a view of the interior of the Great Barn, Swalcliffe. When the President welcomed the speaker, Adrian Williams, we had high hopes that his subject “Village Life in Malta” would be just as interesting as his previous talk on ‘Monuments of London’. Unfortunately, this time last minute technical difficulties with the projector presented too many problems for him to give his talk. BUT all was not lost! This meeting’s competition was “A Souvenir from Malta” and Adrian kindly agreed to judge the entries and where possible give us comments on some of them.

Contrary to expectations there were quite a number of entries including a silver filigree brooch, two pieces of Mdina glass, a framed picture of two Maltese buses, and a large old framed embroidered picture of flags, brought along by Kathy Yorke. The first prize was awarded to Valerie Curry for her pretty Maltese filigree brooch. The second prize went to Sue Nottingham for a delightful piece of Mdina which was a typical example of Maltese glass (Malta has an abundance of the right sort of sand!) Both Valerie and Sue gave brief descriptions of their Maltese holidays. Third prize was won by Gaynor Harper-Tarr for the ‘bus picture’. Adrian said it was a true depiction and evoked memories of travelling with his wife in Malta ,although, at first, they had been somewhat disconcerted by the habit of the local Maltese inhabitants to cross themselves as soon as the driver switched on the engine. Adrian was intrigued by Kathy’s embroidered picture, which she purchased from a London antique shop, and admitted he was “flummoxed” about its origin. He suggested that a little bit of research might be worthwhile! However, he did not include it in the judging as he felt that it was very much in a class of its own.

So, whilst we never did get to hear about “Village Life in Malta” everyone turned what could have been a disaster into an interesting, sociable afternoon culminating in very welcome tea and excellent cakes supplied by Norma Allen and Sue Nottingham.

December 14<sup>th</sup> will be our Christmas Party. Members are requested to bring a plate of finger food and a wrapped gift. The competition will be ‘Christmas Past’. There will also be a table for Card Exchange.  
Margaret Gardiner



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Sibford Ferris and Sibford Gower Parish Councils have confirmed their support for the preparation of a Joint Parish Plan.

Come and join us for a lively and informative evening at

### the Village Hall

**on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm**

to share your views on how we can improve

'The Sibfords' for the future.

We hope to see you there! Refreshments will be available

#### Why do a Parish Plan?

- 1 A shared vision for the whole community which can identify and kick start new projects in the village;
- 2 A greater sense of community spirit, with an opportunity for everyone to contribute;
- 3 Influence and inform others and give a local perspective on policy making;
- 4 Highlight areas of concern and how best to address them.

The meeting will be attended by Oxfordshire Rural Communities Council who will explain about Community-led plans and their benefits

If you require further information in advance of the Parish Plan Launch Event, contact:

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## Award-winning author visits Sibford School

Award-winning author, William Fiennes, passed on some secrets of the trade when he joined students at Sibford School for a writing workshop. William,

whose books include *The Snow Geese* and *The Music Room*, told pupils: "A lot of writing comes out of real life experiences, but it's the little unexpected details that bring things alive in the reader's eye."

The son of Lord and Lady Saye and Sele of nearby Broughton Castle, William was also at Sibford to undertake the official re-opening of the recently refurbished school library.

"A school library is like a treasure trove," he said. "It's a great resource ... there are things in here that could really change your life."

He also revealed that the library, which was refurbished thanks to support from Sibford old scholars and the school's parent association, was the first thing he had ever opened.

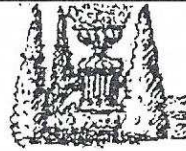
"My father has been called upon to open numerous things," he said.

"But this is the very first time I've been asked to open something so it really is something to celebrate."



### Pupils go Hedda over heels for drama production

Sibford School pupils will be going Hedda over heels later this month for their latest drama production, an adaptation of *Hedda Gabler* by *Lucy Kirkwood*, the writer of the E4 teenage drama *Skins*



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In Hedda, Kirkwood relocates Ibsen's nineteenth-century heroine to present-day London, with startling effect.

Still mourning for the father she adored, Hedda, played by Evie Lovell, returns from honeymoon with a husband she doesn't love, to a flat and a pregnancy she doesn't want. Trapped by her past and terrified of her future, bored by her life but too cowardly to walk away from it, she finds herself caught between three men. And in the end, something has to give. Sibford School drama teacher, Maria Jackson, said: "It is always inspiring to work with young people as they develop their creative instincts. This is a work that requires a tremendous level of skill and subtlety from the cast, and the students have worked hard to achieve this."

Hedda takes place at Sibford School from 7 – 9 December. Tickets cost £7.50 and are available from the school on 01295 781200.

### Diary Dates

Friday 3 December: Christmas Fayre at Sibford School from 2.30pm.

Monday 6 December: Life Drawing Classes at Sibford School. 6.30pm – 8.30pm. £8.50/students £6.

Tuesday 7 – Thursday 9 December: Sibford School presents Henrik Ibsen's enduring drama, Hedda. Tickets £7.50 from 01295 781200 or [www.skiddle.com/tickets](http://www.skiddle.com/tickets)

Wednesday 15 December: Community Reading Group at Sibford School. 6.30 ~ 7.30pm. Started Early Took the Dog by Kate Atkinson. £3 includes refreshments.

Thursday 16 December: Sibford School Christmas Concert 6.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Sibford Gower followed by refreshments in the village hall. All welcome.

Monday 31 January: Sibford School Open Morning.



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CHRISTMAS FILM NIGHT will be on Saturday, December 11th at 6pm, with a film to entertain the whole family. Entry £1 each. Soft drinks and hot drinks will be on sale.

THE FAMILY QUIZ will be held on March 5th 2011, Saturday. This will start early evening to suit families with younger children. There will be questions to suit the little ones, and indeed all ages. A supper will be on offer, and the bar available.

EASTER EGG HUNT, will be held on Good Friday, April 22nd. More news in the new Year.

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY GAME. Many thanks to all the 152 people who took part in this years game, which finished at the end of October - sorry to those who did not win a prize and congratulations to all who did. This raised £921 for the Hall, with the same ammount paid out in monthly prizes. The management committee will be putting this to good use towards updating the Hall and helping towards the maintenance. We would like to run another Lottery Game starting in February 2011 - only £12 for the whole year payable in one sum in advance. Please contact Muriel on 780025.

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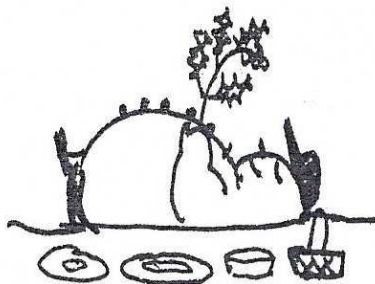
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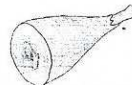
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## Sibford Horticultural Society

Our last meeting was very well attended, lots of visitors came. It is always a pleasure to have Timothy Walker to come and speak but sadly when his computer was set up the colour had a problem. After trying hard with help from some members of the audience he gave his talk which was very much enjoyed and slides where we had to imagine the colours of the flowers but we all still enjoyed his sense of humour and hope next year all will be well with the computer.

Since we have no meetings in December or January here are the classes for handicrafts and photography for the show next August.

1. An item of pottery.
2. An apron.
3. A hand knitted scarf
4. An item of cross stitch
5. A piece of jewellery
6. A greetings card
7. A handicraft exhibit
8. A handicraft exhibit for 14 year olds and under
9. The spirit was willing
10. Photograph - tree/trees
11. Photograph - flower/flowers
12. Photograph - winter scene
13. Photograph - animal/animals
14. Photograph - bird/birds
15. Photographic portrait
16. Photograph taken within the parishes of Sibford and Epwell
17. Photograph - seascape scene
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If the answers to at least the first three above are "yes" or "maybe", then disregard number four (and treat it as a bonus) and turn out to watch your two local footballing giants battle it out for Seasonal Supremacy! Again!

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Swalcliffe Park School Ground, 27th December 2010 11.00am k.o.

Previous years' games have been great fun & very entertaining (see previous years' reports on [www.swalcliffevillage.co.uk](http://www.swalcliffevillage.co.uk)) - let's hope this year will be similar

Team subs, comedy referee fines & kind donations from the spectators (with only minor tin-rattling) will be donated to local charities (Katharine House, Frank Wise & Swalcliffe Park Schools). Last year's total was over £300 & we'd like to get even more this year... it's up to you & your generosity so thank-you in advance!

Afterwards why not join your heroic players (& perhaps nab an autograph or two, or even buy them a pint?) for Chilli & other light refreshments with

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## Primary School News

The Year 5/6 Residential to Stackpole November 2010

By Matthew Graham and Abbie Luke

On the 1st of November, Years 5 and 6 pupils went on a residential trip to Stackpole (a National Trust Centre) in Pembrokeshire, Wales.

This beautiful area has many great beaches including Barafundle beach which is claimed to have appeared in an old 'Bounty' advert! Further down the coast is Broad Haven beach with its special feature 'Church Rock' where limestone cliffs have been eroded to form a stack.

Here the children took part in many outdoor and adventurous activities including; canoeing, rock climbing and mountain biking to name a few. Although it was a very damp week, all children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and most said that their favourite activity was canoeing because they enjoyed capsizing and getting even wetter! As well as challenging themselves physically, they also learnt many facts about coastal geography and how to be eco friendly. Each night we had jobs that were fun and cool such as cleaning, recycling and collecting the compost out of leftovers and food waste. To finish our awesome week we did a very eco friendly litter pick where we found objects like old fireworks and very small and chokable pieces of plastic.

Matthew graham said that "Stackpole was awesome. All the activities were great and I think I will remember this for the rest of my life!"

Every one had fun at Stackpole but at the end of a tiring week they were glad to be back in their own bed!



## School Bonfire Night Another Success

By Finlay Smith, Angel Kaye and Cailum Willcocks

Last Saturday hundreds of people turned up to enjoy the School bonfire night. After a few days of heavy rain we were lucky to have a clear, dry night where we could see the spectacular fireworks light up the sky.

As well as the fireworks, the PTA had put on some lovely food including hotdogs and bacon sandwiches, which nearly sold out!

Although we don't know the final amount raised, we are sure this bonfire night was a huge success and raised lots of money for the school. Thank you to all of you who came.

## Visit to Mary Ardens Farm

By Hettie Baud and Hannah Kisley

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of October, Maple class were transported back in time to the Tudor period through a fantastic trip to Mary Ardens farm in Stratford.

At the start of the day, each child was given a Tudor costume, which was very different to the clothes they were used to. This caused much laughter when the boys and girls caught sight of each other in their costumes. As the Tudor's didn't have belts, their trousers were held up by laces tied to the inside of their jackets which Matthew Clacy, a year 4 pupil, found very comfortable.

The children were then split into groups and sent off with a Tudor guide to do activities around the farm. These included, threshing corn, baking bread, harvesting crops and making a tapestry. After a Tudor style lunch the children enjoyed a treasure hunt around the farm before ending the day Tudor dancing which was Emma Clacy's favourite part of the day.

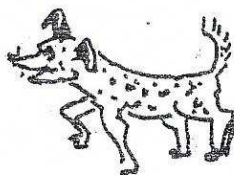
## New Raised Beds are First Step to 'Growing Our Own' in Key Stage 2!

By Lukas Baud, Luke Fallon and Matthew Clacy

Last week Maple class made a start building some raised beds in an area of unused grass next to the orchard. Our plans are to build three beds where children from Key Stage Two can grow a variety of vegetables and herbs as part of our Eco Schools Project.

Grass has now been cleared ready for the wooden frames to be put in. In the beds we are hoping to grow lettuce, potatoes, spring onions and other seasonal vegetables throughout the year.

We would welcome any spare seeds that you might have, to make a start on our project. If you have any please place them in an envelope, with the seed type labelled on the front, and pass it to the school office. We would also like to hear from anyone who might be able to provide us with any top soil or manure for when the frames have been constructed.



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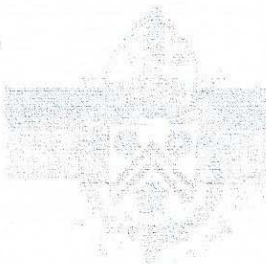
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historian told us that in an English Government document written in 1236 the first reference to parliament was recorded. At a time when the English, French and Scottish Kings were related to each other and their manner was to regard talking as better than fighting - a forum to talk (parle) was formed when the Bishops and Barons were invited to discuss the important issues of the day with the Kings Councillors to give the benefit of both their spiritual and regional knowledge. Henry III's rule was regulated by the Magna Carta and during his reign Simon de Monfort led the reforming Bishops and Barons forming the first Opposition Party. In 1258 the first record of Parliamentary expenses were paid to the Knights and Burghers who were summoned to the irregularly convened meetings of Parliament. Many mediators and fixers were required to prevent the breakdown of Parliament during its infancy. Later medieval parliaments developed and created new precedents. By 1376 the Commons had become more powerful and appointed the first Speaker of the Commons. By 1388 Parliament had become the highest Court of Law in the land. Henry III became known as the father of the British Parliament.

Work continues on the Domesday project with data input and analysis and the website [www.thesibfords.co.uk](http://www.thesibfords.co.uk) has generated several enquiries about the Sibfords and its history.

We look forward to our **Annual Social gathering on 27 January** - as this is our next meeting we would like to wish you all a happy time during the festive season.

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**Report of the Sibford Gower Parish Council Meeting . Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

**Joint Parish Plan:** Mrs Sue Mattinson brought the Meeting up to date with the progress that she and Richard Hartree have made with the Joint Parish Plan. Letters have gone out to all the organisations in this Parish and Sibford Ferris and a Launch Event, organised with Oxfordshire Rural Communities Council, is to take place in the Village Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2010 starting at 7.30pm. **Chairman's Report:** It was agreed to participate in the Rural Run-a-bout Bus scheme (a travelling bus that provides free information and advice on grants, services etc in your village on set days), and in the 2-week loan to the village of a thermal camera to monitor heat loss on properties that wish it. The controversial new planning regime imposed by Cherwell Planning was discussed: neighbours will no longer be informed of planning applications, and publicity will be confined to one notice publicly placed by the applicant on the property. The parish council will continue to be informed of planning applications, but this will increasingly be on line and without paper plans; the clerk will be expected to respond with on line comments. It was agreed that this was a serious diminution of public participation in the planning process; the parish council will do its best to give appropriate publicity in the village to applications, by public notices and by informing individual neighbours, and will seek to monitor the unrolling of the new scheme. The PC was warned that a Revised Core Strategy Plan for the Cherwell area would appear in the New Year, and that it would probably take no notice of the previous response of the two Sibford PCs as a result of the joint Sibfords public planning meeting. It might be necessary to renew our comments then. **Clerk's Report:** There is still a problem with cars parked at the junction in Burdrop and complaints have been received from residents. The Clerk was instructed to advise Thames Valley Police of the registration numbers so that they may speak with the car owners informing them that their cars are illegally parked. **Rural Exception Sites:** The Quarterly Parish Council Progress Report had been received from Oxfordshire Rural Community Council with

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regard to the search for suitable sites for Affordable Housing. Cherwell District Council had indicated a preference for three sites: Hook Norton Road (in the Parish of Sibford Ferris) and Hawkes Lane and High Meadow (in the Parish of Sibford Gower). **Planning Matters:** Since the previous Meeting only three planning applications had been received for consideration and three planning decisions received. **Highway Matters:** Cllr Gilian Soden referred to the poor condition of sections of the road surface leading from Hawkes Lane to the Doctors' Surgery. Cllr Oswyn Murray said that a similar situation exists in Temple Mill Road. The Clerk was instructed to take matters forward with Oxfordshire Highways. **Burial Ground:** The matter of the stone wall which divides the very old churchyard and the new burial ground was discussed. The church had requested that the wall be taken down and the stone used to repair a wall at the other side of the very old churchyard. **Churchyard:** No matters were raised but the opportunity was taken to thank Mr Cedric Brown (present at the Meeting) for maintaining it to a very satisfactory standard. **Concessionary Bus Passes:** Notification had been received that a new single scheme will replace the existing five different schemes operated by each of the City and District Councils. In preparation for this, the County Council is now consulting on the details of the scheme. These details will be displayed on the Parish Council's and Village Hall's notice boards and be published in the next issue of the Sibford Scene. The consultation closes on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2010. **Public Participation:** A member of the Public, present at the Meeting, referred to the dropping water level in the Village Pond and the matter will be investigated. **The Next Meeting will be on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011.**

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Phil Edmunds has got along splendidly with the work to damp-proof the church, rather better than our efforts to collect the money to pay for it. We hope that we shall soon reach the required sum. This work had to be done or serious continuing damage to the church would have ensued. The loans made to ensure that we have the cash available when needed will have to be repaid so we hope that anyone who has not yet contributed and may wish to do so might send a contribution to our Treasurer, Peter Abbott, Bramley Close, Bonds End Lane.

The Remembrance Service was held on Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup>, starting around the War Memorial as is our custom. The Last Post and Reveille were played by trumpeter Michael Butt. Rev Canon Christopher Hall took the service and that following in the Church. The lesson was read by Bruce Petter, former Army officer and the intercessions led by Richard Thomas, former RAF pilot.



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A meeting of the Parochial Church Council was held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November, the main item under consideration being the acute financial situation. A special joint PCC and Finance Committee meeting will be held early in the New Year to consider the matter at which the guidance of the Director of Oxford Christian Giving and Funding is hoped to be present. The Annual Confirmation Service is to be held at Broughton on **28<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00 am** and this will again be conducted by the Bishop of Dorchester.

The Annual Carol Service will be held in the Church on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm**. This will be followed by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine. Other Christmas services are shown elsewhere in this publication. The Church Christmas Bazaar will be held in the **Village Hall at 2.00 pm. on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December**. This is a major fund raising event for the Church and it is hoped that it will be well supported. There will be much on offer relevant to Christmas. **Please note that this will start a half hour earlier than last year.**

Brian and Eleanor Joynes will hold a Christmas Coffee Morning in aid of Church Funds on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 10.00 am to 12 noon** at Silver Birches, Backside Lane, Sibford Gower.

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The next **Joint Benefice PCC meeting** will be held on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 7.30 pm**, in Swalcliffe Village Hall.

The PCC members wish all in the village a Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

## Church Services

Society of Friends Sunday at 10.30 am  
 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, as below.  
**December** 5<sup>th</sup> Benefice Eucharist Tadmarton 10.00 am  
 Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Carol Service at the Methodist Chapel 11.00 am  
 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Primary School Carol Service 7.00 pm  
 Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Friends School Carol Service 6.30 pm  
 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Parish Traditional Carol Service 7.00 pm  
 Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Christingle 4.30 pm  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve 11.30 pm services at Swalcliffe and Broughton  
 Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day Holy Communion 10.00 am  
**January** 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.00 am benefice Eucharist in Sibford  
 9<sup>th</sup> 8.00 am Holy Communion  
 10.00 am Family Service Lay lead  
 16<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Holy Communion  
 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.30 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
 30<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Combined Matins & Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)  
**February** 6<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Benefice Eucharist at Epwell  
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## December

- Fri 3rd Sibford School Christmas Fayre 2.30pm p9  
Sat 4th Church Christmas Bazaar, Village Hall 2 - 4 pm p20  
Sat 4th Swalcliffe Christmas Market 2.00 pm p5  
Tue 7th - Thu 9th "Hedda" at Sibford School p9  
Tue 7th Friendship Club Christmas Lunch p4  
Tue 7th Parish Plan Launch. Village Hall 7.30pm p7  
Wed 8th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)  
Sat 11th Church Coffee Morning, 10 - 12 Silver Birches, Backside Lane. p13  
Sat 11th Village Hall Film Night 6pm p12  
Sat 11th Warriner Choral Society the Messiah p15  
Sun 12th Methodist Chapel Carol Service 11 am p4  
Tue 14th WI Christmas Party p6  
Wed 15th Primary School Carol Service in the Church 7pm  
Wed 15th Community Reading Group at Sibford School p9  
Thu 16th Sibford School Christmas Concert in the Church 6.30pm p9  
Fri 17th Traditional Church Carol Service 7pm  
Sun 19th Christingle Service 4.30pm  
Tue 21st Friendship Club Christmas Tea p4  
Wed 22nd Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)  
Mon 27th Charity Football 11am Swalcliffe Park School

## January

- Tue 4th Friendship Club Meeting p4  
Thu 13th Sibford Gower Parish Council Meeting p16  
Tue 18th Deadline for contributions to the February Scene p20  
Thu 27th Sibfords Society Social p14  
Mon 31st Sibford School Open Morning p9

Cover picture. A Sibford Hockey team; left to right Miss Thame, Irene Dell, Dick Lamb, Salmon Pettipher, Joseph B Lamb, Henry S Lamb, Jack Lamb, Wilfred Nicholls. Second row; Miss Godfrey, Miss Hutchinson, Freda Lamb, Hilda Dell, Jessie Lamb. Sitting; Lucy Ann Lamb, Bernard Lamb, Alberta Tarplett, Edna Lamb.

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