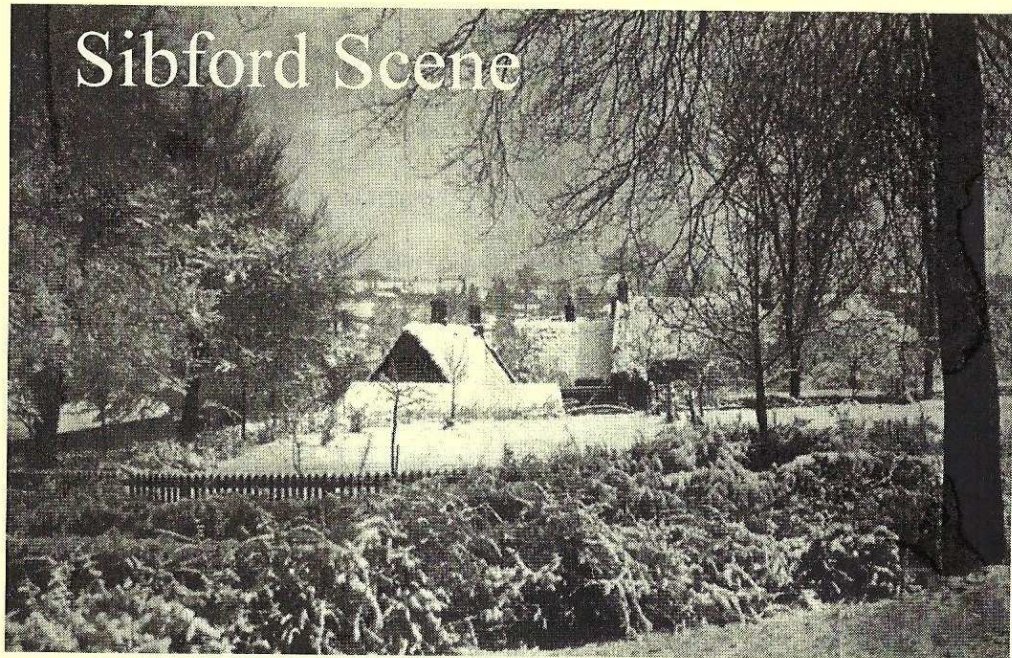


Sibford Scene



February 2011

No. 329

Holy Trinity Church
Candlemas Service
Wednesday 2nd February 8pm

Green Acres Paddock Closure
Thursday 10th February

Friendship Club Trip to Slimbridge
Tuesday 15th February

Concert at The Manor, Sibford Gower
In aid of Katharine House and Holy Trinity Church
Friday 4th March

Nature Notes

Nov 26th. Very cold for November 21F(-6C) this morning. We will see whether the old rhyme "Ice in November to bear a duck and all the rest is slush and muck" comes true.

Dec 1st. Blackbirds and redwings have been eating our holly berries for a fortnight and have now cleared them and moved on to our yellow pyracantha which is always their next choice.

Dec 6th. A slight daytime thaw for the last 2 days but colder again today 20F (-7) at 8am.

Dec 7th. Colder still 12F (-11C) at 8am 20F (-7C) at 3pm.

Dec 17th. I had not seen many fieldfares until today when a sizable flock flew over the village.

Dec 18th It snowed for most of the day leaving 7 inches of level snow. Had there been a wind it could have filled some roads to hedge height.

Dec 19th. Some redwings and fieldfares have joined all the blackbirds to feed on apples that I have put out for them.

Dec 20th. Last night Northern Ireland had the coldest night ever recorded there -18.7C (-2F) which is not much warmer than the -21.5C recorded at Altnaharra in Scotland last week. I looked out during the night on a moonlit snow scene far more beautiful than by daylight. I think it was because the moon was so bright and shadows so sharp that the scene was given such magic.

Dec 23rd. The numbers of pheasants that visit houses where birds are fed increases each winter. We now see 4 different cocks and 3 or 4 hens not usually all at once. The fieldfares that come to the apples don't seem to be interested in any other food. That great 18th century naturalist Gilbert White said that in freezing weather when fieldfares had to survive on hedge fruit alone they soon lost condition until they were not worth the powder and shot.

Dec 24th. In spite of the cold a great spotted woodpecker was drumming and a great tit giving its "teacher teacher" call.



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Dec 27th. I had not seen any badger tracks for the last ten cold days but on this slightly milder morning there are fresh ones in our garden also tracks of muntjac and foxes that have been very noisy recently.

Jan 1st. Although 2010 was only a bit wetter than average the spread of rainfall over the year was far from ideal. The 4 months when crops should be growing apace (April, May, June, July) only produced 5.8 inches of rain between them but in August, the main harvest month the heavens opened with a total of 6.42 inches in the one month. I make the total for the year 27.71 inches with August the wettest month and April with 0.86 inches the driest.

Jan 4th. Three people tell me that they have seen male blackcaps on their bird tables and one has had some aggressive wagtails that chase other birds away.

Jan 6th. There was great activity round our apples this afternoon with redwings, fieldfares, blackbirds and a pair of muntjac all enjoying them and a jay flew over the bird table but was too nervous to settle.

Jan 11th. Two raven croaked their way over this morning and a few rooks went up to keep them moving on.

Jan 15th. A female blackcap and a goldcrest are coming to our bird table quite often now. The goldcrest look quite a bit smaller than the coal and blue tits that are often there at the same time.

Jan 16th. My son saw 2 red kites near Chipping Norton this morning.

Jan 18th. The goldcrest and female blackcaps are still coming to the bird table.



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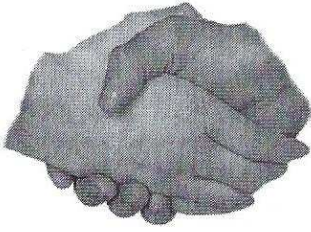
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Our March trip will be to Webbs of Wychbold the date again is the 15th.

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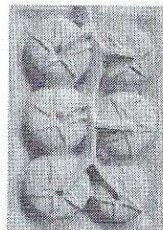
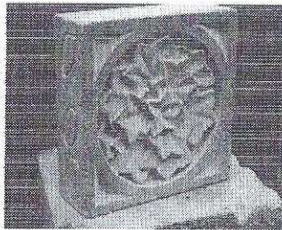


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Sibford WI Meeting – Tuesday, 11th January 2011

President Glennis Hardman was pleased to welcome two new members, Joan Thomas and Jan Warner. Sue Court and Sue Nottingham were unable to renew their memberships due to other commitments. Secretary Lynda Conway took the meeting through the seven proposed resolutions that will be discussed at the National AGM in Liverpool on 8th June. Voting forms were given out and each member was allowed to vote for one resolution.

“On The Record” was the title of this month’s talk given by our Vice President, Margaret Gardiner. The talk provided a fascinating insight into Margaret’s career as an archivist and researcher with the Atomic Energy Authority. Margaret was born and reared in Reading, won a scholarship to a local school, attended secretarial college and entered the Civil Service to work for Flying Training Command as PA(E0) to an Air Marshal. This proved good grounding for her later career with the AEA at Harwell. The site at Harwell was a wonderfully democratic and above all a very secure place to work! Margaret initially worked in the Chairman’s Support Group, briefing and debriefing people going and returning from overseas work. The group was eventually disbanded and Margaret was offered a new job in which she would have the opportunity to manage one and three-quarters miles of paper. Although initially not keen, Margaret was persuaded to take on the new responsibility. The records were subject to the Public Records Act and their sensitivity required that she and her team worked behind locked doors with the documents stored in secure cabinets. Six weeks into the new job the Australian government requested help to produce records to support an enquiry into the Christmas Island atomic experiments. The UK government agreed and Margaret’s team had to locate and identify any records which might be of use to the enquiry. A letter of thanks was subsequently received from the Australian authorities. The next big thing

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was the release of the Winscale records (a fire had caused contamination). Journalists pressed for more information but before release it was necessary for any reference to individual farm locations to be redacted to avoid the possibility of impact on any future land values. Margaret used several more interesting illustrations to demonstrate how vitally important good record keeping is when facts need to be verified at a later date. It was strange that a job that initially appeared unattractive turned out so well. The role was absorbing, interesting and led to many different experiences, for example, giving a presentation at the Barbican in London, driving a cherry picker, and helping to sell records software in Amsterdam! Margaret eventually retired and said goodbye but was soon called back as the successor she had trained up was pregnant! She became a UKAEA reviewer of records due for release and this role required her to spend time in Downing Street, the Foreign Office and various Embassies. As a final example of the value of careful and accurate record keeping, Margaret held up an old photo of two young brothers. The boys had been sent by Barnardo's to Canada for fostering.. One of the boys needed personal information prior to his wedding. Barnardo's were able to provide this in a timely and efficient manner. The boys were Margaret's uncles.

Glennis had the pleasure of thanking Margaret for her well presented and most interesting account of her experiences. Greta Baadsgaard, Gaynor Harper-Tarr and Val Powell served tea and a choice of three different cakes. Margaret judged the competition for a 'Letter Opener' and awarded first prize to Lynda Conway, second to Joan Thomas and third to Gaynor Harper-Tarr.

Tuesday, 8th February will be our next monthly meeting when Moira Byast will give a talk entitled 'Tasting the Past'. Competition – 'An Old Recipe Book'. Visitors always welcome. 2pm in the Village Hall.

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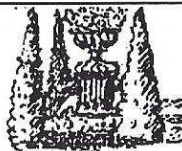
The move follows a decision by the Department of Education to register the school as a '3 – 18 provider' ... up until now the youngest pupils have been aged four. It comes on the back of a report by the Independent Schools Inspectorate which assessed Sibford Junior School's Early Years' Foundation Stage as 'outstanding' and congratulated the school on providing its youngest pupils with a learning experience that is 'enjoyable' and where 'individual needs are met'. Sibford head, Michael Goodwin said: "Extending our age range is something we have been looking into for a while and I am delighted that we have now been given the go ahead."

Parents of under-fives will be able to opt for full time or flexi sessions. They will also be entitled to up to 15 hours of free education per week under the Nursery Education Funding Scheme. Teacher Nicola Watson, who heads

the Early Years' Foundation Stage, said: "We've got some really exciting things on offer to entertain and stimulate young minds. We do a lot of outdoor learning here at Sibford and recently opened our Early Learning Garden, which has already proved an incredible hit with the children."



□ Pupils Jack Murphy and Cassidy Cox promote the extended age range at Sibford Junior School. Also pictured is early years' teacher, Nicola Watson.



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Sibford School joins Twitter!

Sibford School is broadening its use of communication tools to include the social networking site, Twitter.

The school now has a Twitter presence for its junior school, senior school and sixth form ... and will be using these to pass on messages about what the school and its pupils are doing.

It will also be using the site to relay information such as bad weather procedures and traffic delays. Michael Goodwin, head of Sibford School, said: "We want to make it as easy as possible for parents to keep up-to-date with what is happening.

"By having a separate site for each of the three main strands of the school we can ensure that the information is pertinent and relevant."

The three Sibford School Twitter sites are:

<http://twitter.com/SibfordJuniors>

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The school also has a general Twitter site <http://twitter.com/SibfordSchOxon> to replay information about events, concerts, adult community classes etc.

Diary Dates

Monday 31 January: 10am Sibford School Open Morning

6.30pm Life Drawing Class (Adult Community Education)

Monday 7 February: 6.30pm Life Drawing Class

Monday 14 February: 6.30pm Life Drawing Class

Monday 21 February No Life Drawing (Half Term)

Monday 28 February: 6.30pm Life Drawing Class

Wednesday March 2: 6.30pm Community Reading Group ~

The Autograph Man by Zadie Smith (*this is the February meeting but is being held a week late to avoid half-term!*)

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Report of the Sibford Gower Parish Council Meeting, 13th January 2011

Sibfords Community Plan: Mrs Sue Mattinson was invited to address the Meeting and she presented a Progress Report. of the Launch Event on 7th December 2010, information about a Steering Group which is to be set up and the issuing of the first Newsletter. The intention is to hold another Community Plan Event in the Village Hall in either February or March. A link to the Sibfords Community Plan has now been placed on the front page of the Village Website. **Clerk's Report:** The Clerk referred to a publication 'Snow Guide' issued by Oxfordshire County Council which explains the law to provide reassurance and offers advice on clearing snow and ice safety in future. It also outlines what the council will be doing to assist communities. Also included is a Parish Council Checklist. Having considered matters, the Parish Council felt, that as far as our local area is concerned and the recent very adverse weather conditions had revealed, there had been a very public spirited response with help in various forms given where and when necessary. The Chairman added that thanks and appreciation should be extended to the Ferris shop for all that the staff had done in keeping residents well supplied in consumer goods and newspapers and to those who had cleared snow from the road in the school area and The Cross. Confirmation had been received from Oxfordshire Highways that Pound Lane, Acre Ditch, Main Street, Burdrop Hill and Hawkes Lane will be gritted as a matter of course in any future adverse weather treatments. The Parish Council appreciated the representations made by Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School to Oxfordshire Highways in this matter. **Financial:** Parish Precept 2011/2012 - The Councillors gave due consideration to setting the Precept for 2011/2012 and anticipated expenditure for general matters is in line with the previous financial year when the precept was set at £5,000. However, the cost of maintaining the Parish Council Burial Ground at an estimated £500 (shared with Sibford Ferris Parish Council) and Holy Trinity Churchyard at an estimated £3,000 causes the precept request from Cherwell District Council to be set at £8,000. **Highway Matters:** The Clerk reported that the poor condition of the road surface in Colony Road, The Colony and the road leading to The Surgery from Hawkes Lane had been referred to Oxfordshire Highways. All roads will be inspected by Oxfordshire Highways following the recent adverse weather conditions that have caused potholes etc. With regard to the Surgery Road, the Clerk is to have a site meeting with a staff member from Oxfordshire Highways to establish suitable remedial work. **Holy Trinity Churchyard:** The cost of maintaining the Churchyard for the current financial year stands at £2,200

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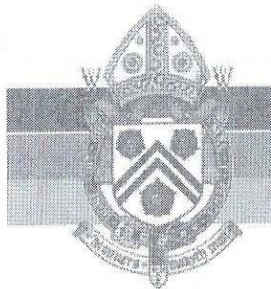
which is paid by the Parish Council under the powers available to it under a Local Government Act - the Church does not have the financial resources to meet the cost. Sibford Ferris Parish Council has expressed the view that it does not wish to contribute towards the cost and feels that the Church should provide volunteers to carry out the work. It is known that, because of the elderly nature of the Church Members, this is not practicable. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Ferris PC to ask that it gives further consideration to sharing the maintenance costs. **Public Participation:** Village Pond - Concern had been expressed concerning the current dropping water level and the ownership of the pond needs to be established. The Clerk reported that in 2007 enquiries were made, Oxfordshire County Council (although it owns the surrounding land) and Cherwell District Council denied ownership. Gloucester Land Registry Office advised that the pond is not registered under the Land Registration Act and, therefore, no information was available. Consequently, positive ownership could not be established. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Legal Department of Cherwell District Council setting out the situation and to seek its advice. The Council then turned its attention to the subject of cars parked at the edge of the Pond which create a problem for passing farm vehicles, including milk tankers, and from time to time cause considerable damage to the grass verge on the other side of the road –evidenced by recent photographs taken by a local resident. Whilst accepting that parking space is somewhat limited in the area, it is desirable to keep cars away from the immediate edge of the pond. The Clerk was instructed to speak with Oxfordshire Highways to ascertain whether or not 'Keep Clear' signs might be painted on the road.

Date of Next Meeting:The next Meeting will be in the Staff Room of Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School on Thursday, 24th March 2011 starting at 8pm.

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The Bring and Share Supper is always popular but details will have to wait until next month.

The website continues to receive comments and enquiries from outside the villages so it is good to know that it is reaching a wider readership. It is constantly updated so don't forget that you can always find out what is happening by visiting: www.thesibfords.co.uk

As part of the Domesday 2010 Project a monthly diary was kept describing village events and items of wider interest that impacted on village life in the Sibfords during the year. Why not take a look and see what was happening this time last year - you can find it on the website under Domesday and entitled Monthly Reflections. Sibipedia (our very own Wikipedia!) is growing and we are grateful to those who are adding information about the village and its history. It is possible for anyone to add their own historical facts or anecdotes so your own contribution can be a part of our village website. There are now photographs of the Sibfords, Past and Present, as well as other historical information. Give it a try - hit your village website before warmer days and lighter evenings tempt you to do other things!

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The PLAN now has its own link on the homepage of www.thesibfords.org.uk; you might find yourself in one of the pictures of the Launch event!

A Small Steering group has been formed and first met on 17 January. It was decided that an Open Day will be held on a **Saturday 19th March** to give another opportunity for you to come and learn about the PLAN; families will be welcome. Watch the website, the Sibford Scene and for another household delivery giving date and details.

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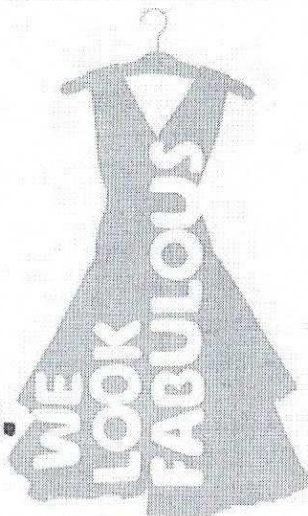
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It was a great disappointment to Tim and to the Parish when he had to return to hospital in December for further treatment, thus delaying his return to work in January to which he was looking forward. Since then his treatment has continued and we offer our prayers to him and all his family at this difficult time for them. Tim will now be away until June and in the meantime we are very grateful to John Tattersall, who has born the brunt of Benefice arrangements since Tim was first ill also Glyn Evans and the members of the team of retired clergy who have so willingly helped us.

The Christmas day service was heavily supported and our thanks to Glyn Evans for taking it in a way which pleased both adults and children, also to Ian Warden for giving us the crib and figures all lovingly made by him, and much enjoyed by all.

We have some beautiful and most comfortable new pew cushions for which we are very grateful to the Minister, Rev. Graham McWilliams and to the Elders of the Comrie Parish Church of Scotland in Perthshire. We feel we were led to the church where they were to have some considerable refurbishment works carried out and these items were surplus to re-




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quirements. We are most grateful for their great generosity in letting us have them at minimal cost also some small ornamental pew frames which we hope will be attached shortly. We are also grateful to James Wimbush for arranging for the collection and delivery of all the cushions at no charge to us.

Many thanks to all those who contributed to our appeal for funds. Although we have covered the cost of the necessary repair work, we were not so successful with ongoing support so our future is by no means assured. We will be reviewing accounts and future budgets when the PCC meets next.

A series of concerts has been arranged for Friday March 4th at 7.30 pm., Sunday May 8th at 3.00 pm. and Friday 29th July at 7.30 pm. The first and last will be in aid jointly of Katharine House Hospice and Church funds and will be held respectively in The Manor, Sibford Gower and The Court House, Sibford Gower. Space for these two will be limited and the cost will be £20 per seat. Wine and light refreshments will be served. The first will be a concert of music played on the harpsichord, piano accordion and bandoneon by Arne Richards with poetry written and recited by Michael Swan. The third will be a programme "Mendelssohn and friends" played by Cressida Nash (Cello) and Jacquelyn Bevan (piano) who will also perform the second of the concerts in Church at 3 pm (with home-made cream tea, sandwiches & cake afterwards) entitled "Swans and Scones". Seats for the latter priced at £10 (children half price) to include full tea. Applications for all three concerts to Norman Nash, The Vine House (780980 or email nnash@waitrose.com)

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A Candlemas Service of Benefice Eucharist will be held at Sibford 2nd February 2011 at 8.00pm

A Joint Meeting of the PCC and the Finance Working Group will be held in the Church on 14th February 2011 at 7.00 pm, Mr Robin Brunner-Ellis, Diocesan Christian Stewardship Adviser will be present. A PCC meeting will be held on 23rd February 2011 at 7.45 pm in Church. 9th March 2011 Ash Wednesday, Benefice Eucharist at Epwell at 8.00 pm. Lent discussion groups Tuesdays at The Gables, Upper Tadmarton (Salethornes), Thursdays at 32 Danvers Close, Broughton (Howarths) both at 10.30 am. Lent Austerity Charity lunches every Monday, that in Sibford on March 21st. Venues to be announced later.

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.

February

Sunday 6th 10.00 am Benefice Eucharist at Epwell
 Sunday 13th 10.00 am Family Service.
 Sunday 20th Holy Communion 9.30 am
 Sunday 27th Holy Communion 9.30 am

March

Wednesday 9th Ash Wednesday, Benefice Eucharist at Epwell at 8.00 pm.

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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
Stratford on Avon, Wood St.	09.40	12.09	14.04	15.40	17.19	18.24	19.24

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Sibford Ferris, Cross Roads	07.07	07.58	09.59	11.59	13.59	15.59	17.17
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Calendar of Events

February

Wed	2nd	Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
Wed	2nd	Candlemas Service in Church 8pm p21
Tue	8th	W.I. Tasting the Past p6
Thu	10th	Green Acres Paddock Closed
Tue	15th	Friendship Club Slimbridge Trip p4
Tue	15th	Deadline for contributions to the March Sibford Scene p20
Wed	16th	Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

March (part)

Wed	2nd	Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
Fri	4th	Concert at The Manor, Sibford Gower. p21
Mon	7th	Ferris Parish Council Meeting
Tue	15th	Friendship Club Trip p4
Wed	16th	Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
Fri 18th & Sat 19th		Fashion Extravaganza p19
Sat	19th	Community Plan Open Day p16
Thu	24th	Gower Parish Council Meeting p12
Sat 26 & Sun 27th		Primary School Art Exhibition p11
Wed	30th	Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

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