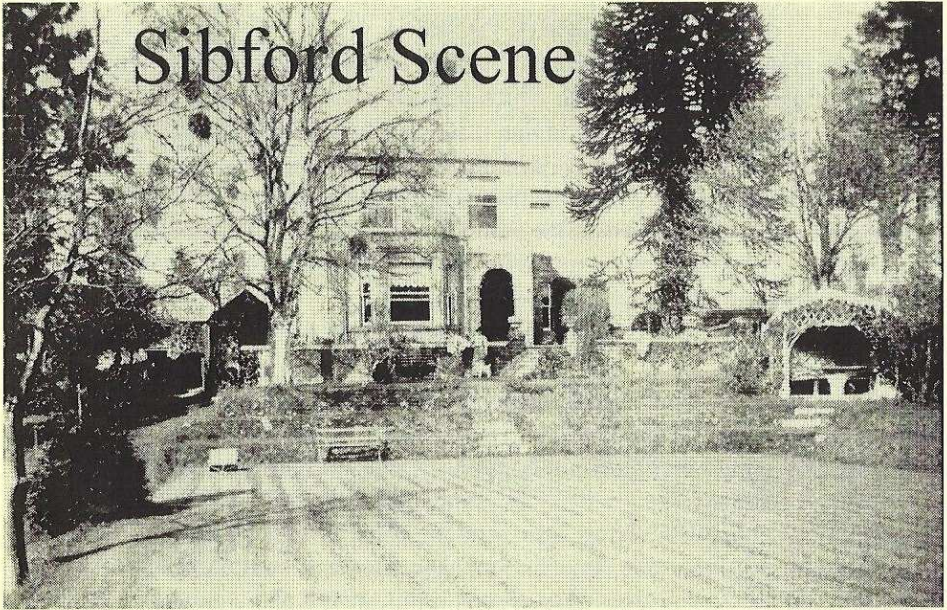


# Sibford Scene



May 2011

No. 332

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Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 9th May 7.30pm

Sports Hall Classroom, Sibford School

Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday 12th May 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Cello and Piano Concert in the Church

Sunday 8th May 3pm

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Every Tuesday starting 10th May  
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Sibford Horticultural Society

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## Nature Notes

Mar 28th. My granddaughter disturbed a buzzard that flew up from the ground carrying what looked to her like a rat which it dropped as it went away. Later as she went back past the spot she found that it was still where it had dropped and it was actually a rabbit. I was surprised that the buzzard had not been back for it.

Apr 2nd. The female blackcap that has been a regular visitor to our bird table has now stopped coming as has a male one that has been visiting another bird table in the Ferris so I expect they have moved north. We should soon be having the song of the ones that come from the south to nest here.

Apr 4th. I hear that there were four swallows at Wigginton today which is very early.

Apr 7th. Two swallows were seen in Sibford Ferris parish today.

Apr 8th. A red kite was flying over the Friends School today.

Apr 10th. Some young blackbirds are hopping around our garden looking like very easy meals for cats. The recent warm sunny days have brought out quite a good selection of butterflies. Those seen, but not all by me, include brimstone, small tortoiseshell comma, and peacock that have over wintered; holly blue, orange tip, and speckled wood that have emerged this spring and a painted lady which will have migrated north and was photographed in the Ferris. This was the first recorded in the Berks Bucks and Oxon area this year.

Apr 11th. I was told that there was a dead heron on Folly Farm and went to look at it. It had a break near the tip of one wing which would have made flight impossible and it probably starved to death. I wondered whether it could have flown into the electric cables that pass over that field to Folly Farmhouse. A group of house martins was seen over the village this evening.



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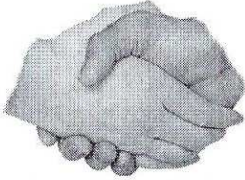
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Apr 12th. I cannot remember bullfinches ever coming to our bird feeders but a pair have made daily visits to one feeder in Sibford Ferris for more than a month now.

Apr 16th. Four wheatears were seen near the Old Grange today. As there are more spring sown crops this year it should be easier to spot them as they move through to nest on the hills further north, although about forty years ago a pair did stay and nest at Field Barn.

Apr 20th. It may be easier to spot birds but the spring sown crops are certainly suffering in this dry weather. I have only measured half an inch of rain since the beginning of March, which is about an eighth of normal and none is forecast for the next few days.



### Friendship Club

We have just returned from another day out, I think everyone enjoyed themselves.

Our next Meeting is in the Village Hall on the 3rd May when we shall be opening one of the Reminiscing Boxes, this one is called "All

dressed up"

The Club's AGM will be held on June 7th when the annual Subs will be due. The trip in June is on the 21st, and I hope, a railway trip, but more about that later on.



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## Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting

To be held on Monday 9th May 2011, commencing at 7.30pm  
in the classroom above the Sports Hall, Sibford School, Sibford Ferris

### Agenda:-

- Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 2010
- Chairman's Report (inc MUGA update)
- Report – Village Hall
- Financial Report
- Report on Wheathills from Town Estates Charity
- Report/update from The Sibford School
- Discussion - ongoing Churchyard Maintenance costs. This could have a huge effect on the budget and see a resulting rises in Council Tax
- Open Forum with questions

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## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The SIBFORD VILLAGE FAYRE and Dog Show will be held on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the afternoon is 'The Wild West'. To encourage you all to get into the spirit of the wild west, we will hold a Fancy Dress competition. There are two classes -Adults / 12 years and over, and under 12yrs. We will give details of where to attend for judging in the next Sibford Scene. The Painting Competition will also have a Wild West theme, and we will display all entries in the Village Hall on the day.

We will have lots for you to do --Jousting, BBQ, Teas, Stalls, Cakes, Games, Bouncy Castle, Raffle, licenced bar, etc.

The Dog Show will start prompt at 3pm, with entries taken from 2pm in the tent. You can enter before the day by contacting Ginny on 01295 780373.

Classes are --

Best Young handler 13yrs and under,

Best Pedigree [dog or bitch],

Best Crossbreed [dog or bitch],

Most Handsome Dog,

Prettiest Bitch,

Veteran [dog or bitch 7yrs and over],

Best Puppy[ age over 12 weeks up to 1yr ,must be fully vaccinated],

These classes all £1 entry fee. The top two in classes 2 to 7 go through to the Final to compete for The Sibford Top Dog Trophy.

Free class! --The Best Biscuit Catcher!

Please --All dogs on a leash, and clear up after your dog [bags/bins available at show ground]. Judges decision is final .No bitches in season.

We always need more helpers to put on the Fayre --from putting out tables to manning stalls, to clearing up afterwards , if you feel you could offer some help please contact Ginny on the number above.

In the future we hope to put on a band night in the summer. The Quiz Night will be in November.

### Large Bright Orange Ginger and Snow White Cat

A cat with a white face and ginger spot on its mouth appeared in Sibford Gower around Christmas time. If you know who the owner is please let them know and phone me.

Mollie Mulley (Tel: 780629)

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### Sibford WI Meeting – Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2011

President Glennis Hardman welcomed Members to the AGM and was pleased to have Secretary Lynda Conway back at her post. She thanked Margaret Gardiner and Mary Hill for acting as Records Secretaries during Lynda's absence. Lynda reported on the Oxfordshire Federation Annual Council Meeting which she and Glennis attended on 22nd March at Oxford Town Hall. In her Annual Address, Lynda gave a full account of our interesting Meetings and events over the past year. Glennis followed with her Address in which she warmly thanked the Committee for its loyal and enthusiastic support and the Members for the many tasks that they take on to ensure the smooth running of the Meetings. It was with regret that we said goodbye to Jane Martin, our Programme Secretary, on her move to Derbyshire in July last year but pleasing that Val Powell had ably taken over the role. Val also creates beautiful flower arrangements for the Officers' table. We were also sorry to lose Caroline Jennings, Treasurer, who left to live in the Isle of Man. Three other Members were not able to renew their memberships but four had joined so numbers have remained steady. Rosemary Neal completed her first year as Treasurer and has proved to be accurate and efficient. The Committee for 2011/12 is as follows. Glennis Hardman (President), Lynda Conway (Secretary), Rosemary Neal (Treasurer), Margaret Gardiner, Val Powell, Mary Hill and Jan Warner. Arrangements were discussed for the coming Group Meeting on Thursday, 28th April to be hosted by Sibford WI. Prizes were presented to Members gaining the most points for the monthly competitions over the last year: First – Rosemary Neal, second – Valerie Taylor and third – Joan Thomas. The Annual Coach Outing will be on Wednesday, 10th August to Basildon Park, Berkshire (National Trust). Non members are welcome to join us. If interested, please telephone Margaret Gardiner (780979) or Glennis Hardman (780391).

With the lengthy business completed, the hostess trolley was a welcome sight and Theresa Tovell and Margaret Thomlinson served tea and tempting home made cakes. The Bring & Buy Stall run by Norma Allen, Ann Benham and Mary Hill proved extremely popular and produced a record profit for our funds.

Our next Meeting is on Tuesday, 10th May when Lynda will take us through the Resolutions to be debated at the National AGM in Liverpool in June - Closure of Local Libraries and Proposed Mega Farms. Richard Hartree is coming to explain the Sibfords Community Plan. Competition – Best Flowering Stem.

Glennis Hardman



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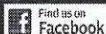
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## SIBFORD SCHOOL INSTALLS SOLAR PANELS

Sibford School has installed 50 solar panels onto the roofs of some of its sunniest classrooms. The 9KwH photovoltaic panels will help the school to cut down on electricity bills and will also feed power into the National Grid. The move is part of the school's on-going commitment towards sustainability ... Sibford is already a member of the Eco Schools campaign and is entitled to fly the prestigious Green Flag. Sibford head, Michael Goodwin, said: "Since being award the Eco School's top award of Green Flag status in 2010, we have continued to look at ways of cutting our carbon footprint. "Installation of solar panels was an obvious step forward. Not only do they help us generate our own electricity but they also come with a special display so that our pupils can see real time data on how the system is performing." The panels were installed in February half term and already the school has generated more than 1,100 kwh of power. Cost of the installation was £30,000 but, through the Government 'Feed-in-Tariff', the school can expect pay back in less than 10 years.

## PAPER CRANES RAISE FUNDS FOR JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Pupils at Sibford School are hoping to make 1,000 origami paper cranes in a bid to raise money for the Japanese earthquake appeal. The school is currently home to three Japanese students ~ sisters Mariko, Aiko and Yuriko Fukuda. And fellow pupils decided to show their solidarity by organising the fund raising initiative, which grew from the regular lunchtime origami club. Teacher Derek Bottomley, who runs the club, said: "The Thousand Origami Cranes became a symbol of world peace through the story of Sadako Sasaki, a Japanese girl who was struck down with leukemia as a result of radiation from the atomic bombing of Hiroshima during World War II.

"The story goes that she tried to stave off her death by making 1,000 origami cranes. Unfortunately, she only managed to fold 644, but her friends completed the number and buried them with her. Since then, the paper crane has become a symbol of peace, so it seemed an appropriate thing to create to help the disaster appeal."

Pupils hope to raise £1,000 by selling the cranes for £1 each ... and have already received an order for 150 from a member of staff who wants to have them for his wedding blessing.

□ Yuriko Fukuda is pictured with members of the origami club and some of the paper cranes made to date.





# **Exhibition Invitation**

## **a New Exhibition by Nigel Fletcher**

You are invited to attend the opening  
on Friday evening 13th May from 6pm  
at the Mission Room near the Wykham arms.

**The exhibition continues from the  
14 May to the 1st June  
open every day from 12 noon until 6pm**

Dear PCC

We attended the meeting at Sibford Church on March 30th to which all villagers were invited, one of the purposes of which was to share the financial plight of the church funds as they currently stand. As with many such situations there is a need to address two elements, the expenditure and the income streams. The latter is being considered by a working group who will present its thoughts to the next PCC meeting as I understand it and it will be interesting to see what they come up with.

It would be good to see a minimum level of ring-fenced reserves (£20k?) reached if at all possible so that there are always some funds available for unexpected costs which are inevitable for such buildings.

One point which was made though which was very dismaying is that Sibford Ferris PCC will not contribute to the upkeep of the bulk of the churchyard. We were told that the new area of the graveyard is shared between the two PCCs but that the rest is not. Could someone please explain the thinking behind this because on the face of it this is an unfair situation? The church is after all for all the community and to hold this position seems bizarre.

Many thanks  
Mike & Sue Etherington-Smith

Since church yard finance is on the agenda for both Annual Parish Meetings that is the place to air the subject. (Ed)

## Will you please take responsibility for your dog

Many is the time when out walking and minding my own business a dog has snuffled round me and deposited snot on my trousers. The owner saying sorry isn't enough - the damage is already done. Are they going to collect the soiled trousers from my house and return them to me cleaned and pressed? Often the owner doesn't even say sorry - as though I should be quite happy to be thus sullied.

Or I am walking along in a reverie and a hound will appear out of nowhere and bark at me giving me a nasty shock. The owner typically saunters up shortly afterwards saying blandly, "he won't hurt you" but he already has and the shock can blight the rest of my walk and at worst result in a headache which can last for a few hours. In any case how can they be sure he won't hurt me - dogs can sense fear and may attack out of character.

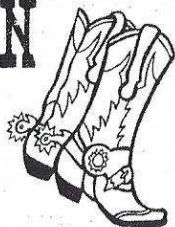
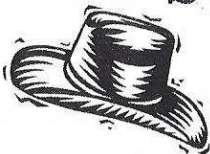
Therefore, unless you can keep your dog within sight and are certain that it will obey you at all times, please keep it on a lead thus allowing others their right to enjoy the countryside without being bothered by your property.

I am not a lone voice: others, including responsible dog owners, are completely in sympathy with the above.

Suzy Straw

# SWALCLIFFE HOEDOWN

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from: Kate Foley 788223 Carole Ralph 788677

Trish Everett 780452



The Sibfords Community Plan: Progress to date will be contained in the next Newsletter to be distributed in April. Chairman's Report: The Chairman reported that there had been no developments in respect of possible usages for the Miriam Tebbs' Land, including garden facilities for any future Affordable Housing development on the District Council owned land to the right of the 'Piggy' path. Cllr George Reynolds has the matter before him and he will also investigate whether permission might be given for use as allotments of the same piece of District Council owned land. At the Chairman's invitation, Cllr George Reynolds updated the Meeting on the progress so far with the Localism Plan which will abolish the SE Plan and which is expected to receive Royal Assent in the Autumn. Village Website: The Parish Council will consider the inclusion of a page on the Village Website. Planning Matters: Since the previous Meeting, the Parish Council had considered four planning applications. Highway Matters: On 8th February 2011, the Chairman and the Clerk had site meetings with Mr Simon Marsden of Oxfordshire Highways in respect of (1) The narrowness and slope of the kerb at the junction of Pound Lane/Main Street create a hazard for those using mobility vehicles and this was demonstrated by local resident, Mr Alf Mullis, who was present. (2) Cars parked at the edge of the pond cause a problem for passing vehicles especially the large ones (including milk tankers) that serve the nearby farm. Subsequently, 'Keep Clear' signs have been marked on the road immediately adjacent to the pond and these, so far, appear to be effective. (3) With regard to the very poor condition of the road from Hawkes Lane to the Surgery, Mr Marsden said that he had already applied for capital funding to enable repair work to be carried out. In the meantime, he will arrange for patching work. Footpath Matters: With regard to the footpath between Backside Lane and Main Street, the stone wall of a property adjacent to part of it is in a state of collapse. The Clerk was instructed to speak with the property owners requesting that repair work be carried out. Village Pond: A Land Registry search revealed that there is no owner of the Village Pond. The Clerk was instructed to make enquiries as to the cost of registering ownership by the Parish Council. Once this is known, a decision will be taken as whether or not to proceed. Holy Trinity Churchyard: An explanatory notice will appear in the next issue of the Sibford Scene in respect of the increase in the Precept for 2011/2012 to cover the estimated sum of £3,000 to pay for Churchyard maintenance. Annual Parish Meeting: This will be held in Sibford Village Hall on Thursday, 12th May 2011 starting at 7.30pm. Public Participation: A local resident, present at the Meeting, raised two matters. (1) Speeding traffic along Colony Road and Pound Lane – he asked that the Police be requested to carry our camera speed checks especially at school arrival and departure times. Another resident asked that this should also be carried out in Burdrop. The Clerk was instructed to liaise with Thames Valley Police and also write to Sibford School, Sibford Ferris asking whether it would consider seeking parents' co-operation in slower driving through the villages. (2) The possibility of the installation of a mirror at the junction of Backside Lane/Pound Lane for the benefit of motorists exiting Backside Lane. The Clerk was instructed to make enquiries of Oxfordshire Highways.

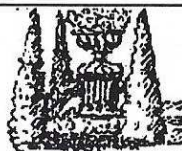
Date of Next Meeting

The next Meeting will be The Annual Parish Council Meeting and take place in the Staff Room of Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School on Thursday, 16th June 2011 starting at 8pm.

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illustrated in his talk. Please let Bryan Mills (780248) know if you are interested in joining us on Thursday 16 June.

Our next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 19 May at 8pm when Shaun Morley is giving a talk entitled Time Out of Mind- the customs and rituals of 19<sup>th</sup> century Oxfordshire. All are most welcome.

## 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.

This month we would like to welcome Maria Jackson and her son, Henry. They have moved into Hollytree Cottage, Sibford Ferris, having lived previously in Hempton. Maria is Head of Drama at Sibford School, where Henry is a pupil in the junior school. They are already aware of the friendliness of the village, and looked forward to being involved in the community. They are particularly interested in making use of the abundance of equestrian opportunities to learn to ride.

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# SIBFORDS COMMUNITY PLAN

## Working Groups

The two successful Public Meetings enabled us to learn about your ideas and concerns. We are now pressing on with establishing small Working Groups that will examine the key opportunities and issues raised at these meetings. The findings will in turn inform the questionnaire that will be distributed to everyone in due course, and where appropriate, initiate the longer term process of delivering opportunities or solving some of the issues.

A meeting was held on the 12 April inviting volunteers to come along to learn more about the Working Groups and offer to join one that particularly interested them. But we need more people! Would you like to help? You could join one of the Working Groups on issues that you care about. Please contact Richard Hartree on T: 788215 or Sue Mattinson on T: 780471.

The main Working Group Topics and principal fields of work are listed below. The opportunities and issues are derived from an analysis of the Launch and Open Day responses. If you want to look at these in more detail go onto the village website: [thesibfords.org.uk](http://thesibfords.org.uk) and follow the links to the Community Plan and Newsletter 3 in particular. There you can click on the links to the Launch and Open Day Responses. Give it a try...

## MAIN TOPICS AND PRINCIPAL OPPORTUNITIES AND ISSUES

- HOUSING** ■ Affordable / Social housing: the need and where it might be built
- Should the villages expand - if so, how? ■ Preparation of Community's response to Cherwell District Council's Delivery Development Plan Document (DPD), (*for Housing and other relevant topics, prior to anticipated submission of DPD in December 2011*).

## TRAFFIC, ROADS, AND FOOTPATH / BRIDLEWAY NETWORK

- Speeding in the villages ■ Parking in the villages ■ Condition of roads in the villages ■ Public footpaths and bridleways in the parishes

## LEISURE AND RECREATION

- Allotments ■ Children's Playground in the Gower ■ Activities for teens, MUGA, and other indoor facilities ■ Large Community Sports Ground

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- Village Hall ■ Primary School ■ Surgery ■ Sibford Stores
- Wykham Arms ■ Sibford School – Swimming, sports facilities, Art Classes, Reading Group etc ■ Places of Worship ■ Bus Services
- Bishop's Blaize ■ Potential community defibrillator.



## ENVIRONMENT

- Our countryside / farmland
- Dark night skies / street lights
- 'Low Carbon' Plan for the Sibfords
- Biodiversity enhancement

## BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

- Broadband performance
- Small workshop/office spaces and jobs in the villages
- Fuel purchasing syndicates
- Business Plan for the villages including activities based on the Cotswold AONB (tourism, B&B, pub catering, and rural activities).

Joining a Working Group needn't be onerous. We are hoping that Groups of 5-8 people maximum will be formed with at least one person from each village represented. Groups would meet occasionally over the next few months to discuss and examine the various issues and opportunities and consult with villagers or other specialists where necessary, reporting back to the Steering Group by the end of July.

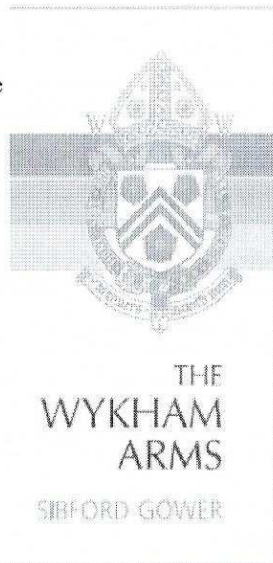
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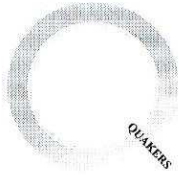
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Horticultural Society Plant Sale

Saturday 14th May

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Apart from its ugliness and invasiveness, it endangers the life of trees. When it covers 80% of a tree, the tree struggles for life and its growth is held back. When it reaches the crown the tree will slowly die.

There are few enough beautiful mature trees in the area and we need to take care of them - they can't be replaced easily - little trees planted now wont be fully grown until most of us are dead.

Some people say that ivy is good for birds, but trees are better - they house the great variety of insects etc which birds need.

In winter we get most wind and the ivy acts as a sail when the leaves are off and trees are not built to withstand that sort of stress in winter. Hence large branches are broken off because of the ivy.

Ivy can be gradually killed by cutting out a section about a foot long from the main stems as near to the ground as possible. Knowing how busy farmers are, I am offering to cut the ivy from their trees for them. Please ring 788398. If anyone wants to help me that would be great.

Suzy Straw

Recent professional advice given to the Scout Campsite at Horley was to leave ivy on trees as the benefits to wildlife of the ivy out way the risk to the tree until the ivy gets into the trees canopy and covers 80% of the leafing branches. (Ed)

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A big thank you to Joan Broady for the hard work she put into organizing the Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday at the Village Hall  
72 children with adults tackled the easy, medium and extreme routes and enjoyed chocolate and refreshments at the end.

The weather was extremely kind which made it a lovely sociable afternoon

Holy Trinity Church Coffee Morning  
Saturday May 14th 10 - 12noon



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The Summerell family would like to thank everyone who came to our Coffee Morning on 4 April. We would also like to thank many people who made cakes for us to sell on the day and for donating money and raffle prizes. Our band of helpers (and you know who you are!) made the morning run very smoothly. It was wonderful to see so many people and we're delighted to pass on to Leukaemia Care, the sum of almost £200.

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under the Chairmanship of Dr Oswyn Murray (Chairman of Sibford Gower Parish  
Council)

*You are invited to take part. The Parish Meeting may by law discuss all parish affairs  
and pass resolutions about them. Invitations to be present, speak and answer questions  
have been extended to County & District Councillor George Reynolds, Oxfordshire  
Highways and Thames Valley Police.*

*Matters as set out below will be on the agenda:-*

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Matters arising.

Chairman's Report.

Clerk's and Financial Report.

Thames Valley Police Matters

Highway & Footpath Matters.

Report by The Town Estate Charity.

Report by the Neighbourhood Watch Representative.

Village Hall Report.

The Sibfords Community Plan

Any Other Business.

*The Parish Council very much hopes that you will be able to be present and, if you  
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Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2011

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at other times. It was, in a way, pleasing that relatively little litter was found, and certainly less than last year. As usual, the verges to the main road (B4035) between Pound Lane and Hawkes Lane provided the major part of the litter collection resulting, it would seem, from it being thrown from passing cars.

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On March 16<sup>th</sup>, the Year 3 and Year 4 children from Willow class enjoyed a great day out at the newly refurbished Ashmolean Museum in Oxford. Each week this term the children have been dressing up in their own costumes and going back in time to find out what life was like in Ancient Greece. At the Ashmolean Museum the children were able to extend their understanding of this past culture through a workshop on the *agora* (the marketplace), using problem solving skills and their own knowledge to work out what objects were used for and exploring the galleries for evidence of everyday life.

"I thought the Ashmolean Museum visit was excellent. My favourite part of the visit was when we touched the Greek money. Even though I had been before, I hadn't had the chance to touch real objects". Tilly Chittock

"It was the first time I had gone there and I thought it was really good. I enjoyed when we had to guess which myth was on each pot". Lukas Baud

"I loved our visit, I especially enjoyed seeing the statue of Apollo that we had learnt about and the information we found out about the agora". Archie Wood



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## Year 1 Dance Festival and Year 2 Singing Day

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March the year 2 children from Beech Class set off for Bloxham Primary School (via Shennington). We joined with other Warriner partnership schools from Hornton, Shennington, Wroxton and Bloxham to enjoy a Year 2 Singing Day. The children had worked hard to learn the words to a musical production called: 'Mister Skelly-bones', about how our bodies work. At first we rehearsed together and put actions to go with the words. A highly skilled conductor from Oxfordshire music service brought the performers to a brilliant finale. After a long lunch time, (luckily it was a beautiful sunny day) we returned to the hall to perform the musical to a packed audience. The children were thrilled that Mr. Hollidge was there to see them. Each school wore an appropriate headband depicting the 'skeleton theme'. The children had a great time and even repeated the performance to the rest of the children back at school on Friday.



On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March it was the turn of the year 1 children to visit the Warriner School for a partnership 'Dance Festival'. This time we went in a very smart double decker coach! Although we arrived a little late the children were soon into their dances helped by the older girls from the Warriner Dance department. After rehearsals each school performed the battle between the witches and wizards accompanied by the stirring music from; 'The Hall of the Mountain King', to each other before returning to school for a late lunch. All the children enjoyed their experience and had great fun.

### EVENTS FOR MAY

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 3.00 pm

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## Church Services

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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.		

May 1<sup>st</sup> Benefice Eucharist at Broughton 10.00 am

May 8<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion 9.30 am

May 15<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical service to mark the start of Christian Aid Week  
10.30 am

May 22<sup>nd</sup> Matins & Holy Communion 9.30 am

May 29<sup>th</sup> Benefice Service at Broughton Grounds Farm 10.00 am  
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Stratford on Avon, Wood St.	09.40	12.09	14.04	15.40	17.19	18.24	19.24

### Bus 50A. From Stratford-upon-Avon towards Banbury

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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
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# Calendar of Events

## May

- Tue 3rd Mens Breakfast Club at Wyatts Farm Shop  
Tue 3rd Friendship Club - All Dressed Up p3  
Thu 5th and next 5 Thursdays Youth Activators at the MUGA 6 - 7.30pm p7  
Sun 8th Concert in the Church 3 pm and Cream Tea to follow. p25  
Mon 9th Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm p4  
Tue 10th W.I. Resolutions Meeting. P6  
Wed 11th Horticultural Society talk - Brook Cottage Garden 8pm V.H. p19  
Wed 11th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)  
Thu 12th Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall p22  
Fri 13th Art Exhibition in the Mission Room starts p9  
Sat 14th Church Coffee Morning 10am p20  
Sat 14th Horticultural Society Plant Sale. Buttslade House 10.30am p19  
Sat 14th Game Show Mania 7.30pm at the Village Hall p17  
Tue 17th Ferris Annual Parish Council Meeting. 7.45pm Sports Hall classroom  
Tue 17th Deadline for contributions to the June Scene p24  
Thu 19th Sibfords Society "Time out of Mind" 8pm Village Hall p12  
Sat 21st Quaker Quest at the Meeting House p18  
Sat 21st Carmen - Deddington Church p21  
Wed 25th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

## June (part)

- Tue 7th Friendship Club AGM p3  
Wed 8th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)  
Thu 16th Sibford Gower Annual Parish Council Meeting 8pm p11  
Sat 18th Village Hall Fayre p5  
Sat 18th Swalcliffe Hoedown 7.30pm p10  
Tue 21st Friendship Club Outing p3  
Wed 22nd Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

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