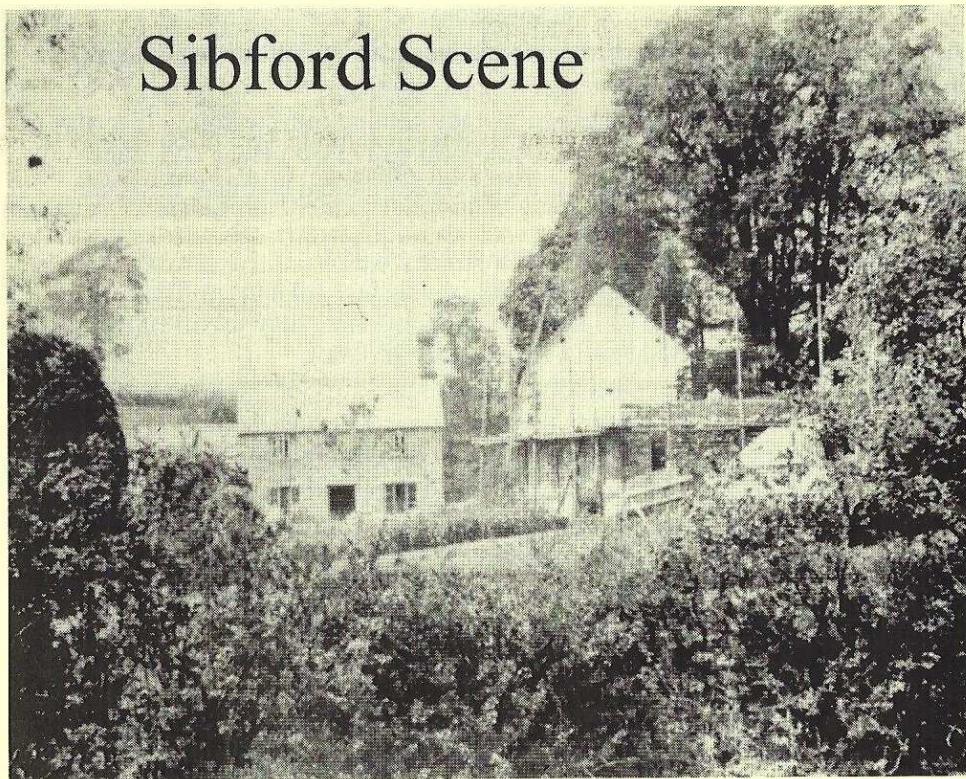


Sibford Scene



June 2011

No. 333

Sibford Gower Primary School
May Fayre in aid of CLIC Sargent – the children's cancer charity
Thursday 26th May from 1.45pm

Sibford School Festival of Theatre

Events throughout June

Village Hall Film Night
The Kings Speech
Tuesday 7th June 7.30pm

Sibford Village Hall Annual Fayre

Saturday 18th June from 2pm

Nature Notes

Apr 22nd. It is not long since our wintering blackcaps left but already others that have come from the south to nest here are singing.

Apr 23rd. Cockchafers (may bugs) are already coming into the house. It seems to be very early for them to emerge. I saw a cat pop into a garden and come back with a young robin from a nest. I think it heard them chirrup when a parent came with food.

Apr 25th. A cuckoo was heard near Traitors Ford today.

Apr 26th. A bumble bees nest was dug out by a badger from our wild flower patch last night. There were still a few bees among some dead leaves so they may have made use of an old nest made by mice or voles.

May 4th. A badger has dug out another bumble bees nest only a few yards from the first one. I expect that with this drought worms and slugs or, indeed, any food is in short supply for the huge population of badgers that we now have in this area, making it more likely that they will seek out the nests of ground nesting birds and bumble bees. I find it strange that in TV and radio programmes when the decline in the wild bee population is discussed I have not heard anyone suggest that badgers might be one of the causes. If they search out nests everywhere like they do in our garden they could well be the main cause. Looking on the bright side there are still quite a few bumble bees around so they have not found them all.

May 8th. Over an inch of rain has fallen over the last two days. Prior to that I had only measured two thirds of an inch in more than 9 weeks. It has given the crops in the fields and gardens a boost but the forecast is dry again for the south east of the country.

May 11th. A pair of partridges got up in front of us this afternoon. The first I have seen for a year or more. I did not see any young ones but as they did not



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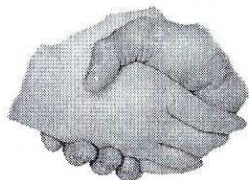
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fly far before dropping back into the crop, they could have had a covey nearby.

May 14th. At about 10.30 this morning my grandson spotted a young fox on our lawn. It was probably 10 or 12 weeks old and was walking on 3 legs holding up its back right leg. It stopped and stretched out on the lawn when it came to a sunny spot then went on to explore the garden, keeping mainly to the paths. A little later our neighbour rang to say that they had seen one which could have been the same one or another of the same litter.

May 17th. My son has seen goldfinches pecking at the mortar in an old brick wall on several occasions recently. I suppose they must be finding insects or grubs for their young ones but that is only a guess as the goldfinch adult is a seed eater.

May 19th. A red kite was seen over Sibford Ferris today.



Friendship Club

As I write this we have just returned from a lovely day out on GWR with cream tea on the steam train. I think we all really enjoyed our day.

The AGM will be held on JUNE 7th PLEASE could members try to attend. Our subs will be

due on that day as well. The next trip out is lunch at Brailes Golf Course. Information on this at the AGM. See you all then.



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Sibford Horticultural Society

At our last meeting Tony Clear came to tell us about Brook Cottage Garden at Alkerton, where he is the gardener. He showed us the garden through the seasons

and explained how the design came about. A very enjoyable evening. The next meeting will be an outing to Barton House Garden on Wednesday 8th June. We will leave the Village Hall at 6pm to visit this grand house and garden with its own vineyard - a wine tasting is included. The cost is £5 per person. (It is being subsidised by the society - the cost should be £9) Names to Ann Bishop on 788188 or email annmarie.bishop@gmail.com All are welcome to join us.

Planning Applications received by Sibford Gower Parish Council

Sibford Gower Parish Council is to publish details of Planning Applications received from Cherwell District Council on its website. This was decided in the light of the fact that Cherwell District Council no longer advises those living nearby of the receipt of Planning Applications. Visits to the Parish Council's website will enable local residents, who wish to do so, to ascertain what may be happening in their particular part of the Parish.

The collection for Lifeboats in May totalled the handsome sum of £425.79. Many thanks to the collectors, and to all who contributed so generously to this worthwhile charity.

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President Glennis Hardman welcomed Members to the Resolutions Meeting. Lynda Conway (Secretary) presented a well delivered explanation of the proposed Resolutions to be debated at the National AGM in Liverpool on 8th June – Mega Farms and Closure of Local Libraries. After discussion and questions, both were carried by Sibford WI. Richard Hartree attended the Meeting to explain The Sibfords Community Plan. He was thanked by Margaret Gardiner and invited to stay for tea. This was served to the usual high WI standard by Margaret Gardiner and Kathleen Winter. Gwen Whitehead won the competition for 'Best Flowering Stem' with a very pretty aquilegia. Coach seats are available to non members for the outing to Basildon Park, Berkshire (National Trust) on Wednesday, 10th August. Please telephone Margaret Gardiner (780979) or Glennis Hardman (780391). June 14th is the date of our next Meeting when Renata Calverley's talk will be 'Memories of a Jewish Childhood in Poland under German occupation in World War 2' This is a moving and fascinating talk and deserves a good audience so guests will be most welcome – 2pm in The Village Hall. Competition – A Picture or Photograph of Poppies.

Glennis Hardman

WI Spring Group Meeting

On the evening of 28th April, Sibford WI hosted the Spring Group Meeting with representatives from Bloxham, Cropredy, Hook Norton and Shutford. Barbara Gray who is on the Board of Trustees, Oxfordshire Federation, attended with Peggy Mumby, the Group Convenor, making a total of over seventy. The Village Hall was beautifully decorated in a pink and cream theme with flower arrangements created by Val Powell and Glennis Hardman. An amazing selection of finger food was baked for the buffet supper by Sibford Members. The title of retired Lt Col. Malcolm Torrent' talk was "The Trumpets Shall Sound" and he began by playing not one but two fanfares. After all, this was the Eve of the Royal Wedding! The first was by Sir Arthur Bliss, the second was the fanfare which was to be played by the Royal Airforce the next day. These certainly grabbed our attention and he continued to do so with anecdotes of his army career which began when he was fifteen. It was during training at the Royal School of Music, Kneller Hall that he had learned to play the trumpet (and fanfares) and interspersed with his stories he demonstrated many of the other techniques and skills he had mastered. He had often taken part in Royal ceremonies, the first of which was the investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales, and we were treated to a vivid description of the challenges of blowing a trumpet on an exposed castle battlement in a howling wind. He went on to serve several years in Germany, with the Royal Artillery, the Kings Own Royal Border Regiment, the Adjutant General Corps and the Band of the Life Guards. For this he had to confess that his riding experience was limited to donkey riding on Weymouth beach! Therefore, not only did he have to learn how to get dressed correctly in the full ceremonial regalia but also how to ride a horse. He successfully conjured up in all of us a picture of him practising wearing his Life Guards helmet whilst watching TV at home. He brilliantly described the difficulty of riding "eyes right" with chinstrap under nose, holding reins in left hand whilst reading music and playing the cornet with his right hand. He had us wincing at the thought of having to sit on a horse from 8.15am until 3.45pm during the Lord Mayor's Show. He told us what happened to the piccolo player who dropped his piccolo during a parade. We listened to Handel's "Where E'er You Walk" "Misty" and finally the "Post-Horn Gallop" which he performed (on foot!) whilst playing the handsome silver post-horn presented to him upon his retirement as Director of Music with the Band of the Royal Artillery. The volume of the two Fanfares at the beginning of the evening was challenged by the laughter during and the applause at the end of a very funny unforgettable evening.

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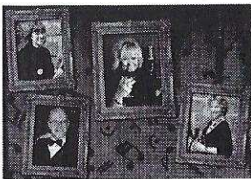
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AN INTRODUCTION TO STONECARVING

Advance notice ... following a very successful Introduction to Stone Carving Weekend held in April, the school will be hosting a second event on the weekend of 23 ~ 25 September. Places are limited so if you missed out last time, book you space now. Further details available from Sibford School Community Development Officer, Ali Bromhall, on 01295 781216.

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By the 19th century many customs had been handed down by word of mouth to communities in many Oxfordshire villages from 'Time out of Mind'. Our speaker, Shaun Morley, described, in amusing detail, some of the elaborate and unusual rituals which were observed by the customary calendar during the 1800's. Many of these were related to the agricultural year beginning after Epiphany with the celebration of

Christmas and ending, some ten months later, with the gathering of the harvest in the autumn. Many of the customs involved the coming together of the community for a celebration and a well-earned holiday from their agricultural labours. The procession led by the village band, feasting, church service and fair on Sibford Club Day on the first Monday in June every year was a good example of how the Sibfords celebrated in a customary way.

Custom was often used to control behaviour in a community and 'Rough Music' was often inflicted on persons who were seen to be contradicting the acceptable code of behaviour at that time. Villagers would collect household items capable of making a noise and gather together outside the house of the offender and make as much noise as possible to draw attention to the behaviour they saw as unacceptable. This treatment was feared and became the custom by which villagers administered their own form of justice. However, by the end of the century laws and legislation were introduced which removed these customary rights. We might question today the effectiveness of these two very different systems!

Our summer outing to the Lord Leycester Hospital in Warwick is on Thursday 16th June when the Master will give us a guided tour of the buildings and gardens and tell us about the work of the Hospital and Brethren. If you are interested in joining with us please let Bryan Mills (780248) know. We shall meet at the Village Hall at 9.15am to car share for a 10.30am start at Warwick. The tour will take a couple of hours and we shall then be free to take lunch at the Hospital or locally in Warwick. You are most welcome to join us.

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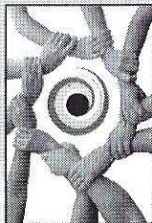
Véronique Chown and Ivan Tyrrell

In the first week of April we and our cat Misha (a Burmilla who lost his tail in a tale too sad to relate) moved to Holly Close in Sibford Gower from Northamptonshire. At once we were made welcome by our neighbours and began to feel at home. Everyone we have met has been friendly and helpful, which is a lovely bonus over and above the peace and beauty of the surrounding countryside, which is what first attracted us to these lovely villages. To mark the move we changed the name of the house to 'Larkspur', a favourite flower, a decision of which the postman approved. Our interests are our respective families, gardening (particularly Véronique, Ivan reaps the benefit of her knowledge and artistry and mows the lawn), music, history, painting, stories and storytelling (Ivan art directed and contributed paintings to the illustrated edition of World Tales by Idries Shah), reading and walking.

We work mostly from home, Véronique as an executive coach and human givens therapist specialising in brief therapy for lifting depression, psychological trauma and anxiety disorders. Véronique, whose mother was French, also teaches French to adults and children. Ivan writes books and lectures. He is also director of a peripatetic educational organisation, Human Givens College, which has its headquarters in East Sussex. His next book, *Godhead: The Brain's Big Bang*, was co-written with the Irish psychologist Joe Griffin. It is a psychological history of the last 40,000 years and unravels many cultural mysteries about the origin of creativity, mysticism and mental illness. (The last major title they wrote together got to number 15 on Amazon and so we're keeping our fingers crossed about this next one.)

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Report of Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting
held in Sibford Village Hall on Thursday, 12th May 2011

Present: Parish Councillors Peter Abbott, Roger Alder, Oswyn Murray (Chairman), Alan Parkin and Gilian Soden. Peter Hardman (Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer). County & District Cllr George Reynolds (who joined the Meeting at a later stage having attended another meeting elsewhere), Louise Wilson (Oxfordshire County Council Highways & Transport). PC Rebecca McLeod (Thames Valley Police Neighbourhood Specialist Officer). Twenty local residents including Jean White (The Town Estates Charity), Mollie Mulley (Neighbourhood Watch), Muriel Chandler (Sibford Village Hall Committee) and Sue Mattinson (The Sibfords Community Plan).

Thames Valley Police Matters: Police Constable Rebecca McLeod attended the Meeting and provided information regarding the team, of which she is a member, responsible for the welfare of the area of which the Parish forms part. The matter of speeding through roads in the Gower and Burdrop was raised and PC McLeod outlined the way forward in holding speed checks might be considered. It was thought that this subject would perhaps be suitable for the Traffic, Roads and Footpath/Bridleway Network Group – part of the Sibfords Community Plan. The Clerk will liaise with Mrs Sue Mattinson in this regard. Highway & Footpath Matters: Mrs Louise Wilson, Senior Technician, Oxford County Council Highways and Transport set out the current make-up of the Highways Team of which she is part. She provided a chart showing how the team is made up and setting out their particular responsibilities. Not unexpectedly, she referred to the continuing financial constraints on the team but every endeavour is made to deal with complaints and matters raised by the public. She said that residents are always invited to direct complaints and matters to the Highways Team and contact details are given below this report. The Chairman invited questions and comments from the Meeting and Mr Fred Inns raised the matter of potholes in the roads which appear not to have attention. Mrs Wilson assured the Meeting that every complaint received in this regard has attention but very much, because of the financial constraints, on a priority basis. She went on to say that every road is inspected each year checking where remedial work is required. The Chairman expressed the Meeting's thanks to Mrs Wilson for her contribution and also said the Parish Council was grateful for the 'Keep Clear' signs on the road adjacent to the Village Pond and also for the kerbing of the pond. Chairman's Report: The Chairman thanked everyone present for attending the Meeting. He referred to the change of Parish Councillors since the last Meeting with Gilian Soden, Roger Alder and Alan Parkin taking the places of Muriel Chandler, Martin Layer and Robin Spicer and he very much appreciated the contributions that had been and are made in the work of the Parish Council. He was very much of the opinion that change from time to time is of benefit. He also thanked the Clerk for carrying out his duties. He spoke of the work of the Parish Council during the year and of matters affecting both the Gower and Burdrop. Mr Fred Inns questioned the value of including in this year's precept the sum of £1,000 to assist with expenditure in respect of The Sibfords Community Plan. (Sibford Ferris Parish Council will provide a similar amount). The Chairman set out the purposes of the Plan, one which is that the District Council will react more favourably to those Parishes which can demonstrate that a Plan is in place involving all sections of the Community. Mrs Sue Mattinson pointed out that the £1,000 will cover at least a two year period and expenditure will be kept to an absolute minimum. Clerk's and Financial Report: The Council's Financial Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2011 have been completed and are presently with the Internal Examiner (to whom thanks are extended for once again carrying out the role) and then will be submitted to the External Auditor. The Clerk gave details of the current financial situation. All financial details are freely available to residents from the Clerk upon request (Tel: 780391). Report by The Town Estate Charity: Mrs Jean White (Secretary to The Town Estate Charity) set out current information regarding the Charity. Report by The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator: Mrs Mollie Mulley presented the report on behalf of the Neighbourhood Watch. Sibford Village Hall Report: This year's Report was presented by Muriel Chandler. The Sibfords Community

Plan: Mrs Sue Mattinson (Secretary to The Steering Group) reported the current situation and residents are kept fully informed by periodic newsletters that are distributed and information on the Website. Any Other Business: Mrs Jean White asked whether details of planning applications received for consideration by the Parish Council might be included in the Parish Council Meeting reports published in the Sibford Scene. The Chairman agreed to this and they will also be set out on the Parish Council's website. Mrs Kathy Yorke enquired concerning the current situation of The Bishop Blaize. Mrs Eileen Haynes (Bishop Blaize Support Group) said that the Pub is still advertised for sale at a totally unrealistic price leading to the view that another approach will be made to convert from Licenced to Private use. The Support Group continues to keep a watchful eye on the situation. Mr Fred Inns again raised the matter of potholes in the roads and he was assured that every situation reported to the Parish Council is passed to Oxfordshire Highways and continues to be monitored until remedial work is carried out. However, there is not a lot that the Parish Council can do to expedite such work as every case is considered by Oxfordshire Highways on a priority basis. The Chairman urged those raising matters with the Parish Council to also personally contact Oxfordshire Highways to add a certain amount of pressure.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman again thanked all present for attending and declared the Meeting closed at 9.35pm.

The full reports by the Chairman, The Town Estate Charity, The Neighbourhood Watch, The Sibford Village Hall and The Sibfords Community Plan are available from the Clerk (Tel: 780391) upon request.

Contact details for Oxfordshire Highways are: Address – Oxfordshire CC Highways & Transport, PO Box 842, Oxford OX1 9LL. Telephone – 0845 310 11 11.

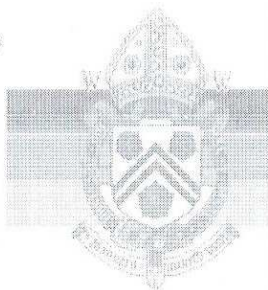
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NHS Oxfordshire has just launched a new consultation on Support Services for Mental Health Carers and asked that this is shared with local residents who are providing a caring role to someone with mental health problems. The link to the consultation is on <http://bit.ly/mhcarersurvey> and the consultation closes on 10th June 2011.

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VILLAGE HALL SIBFORD GOWER

Please make a note in your diaries for the Fete. It is the main fund raising event for the church and we do hope as many friends as possible will come and enjoy the fun.

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- ☐ Ivy is not parasitic and does not directly affect the health of the trees it climbs.
- ☐ A heavy infestation of ivy is likely to be a sign that the tree is in a natural state of decline.
- ☐ Ivy provides shelter for birds and their nests and roosting sites for bats.
- ☐ In Autumn the flowers are an important source of nectar and pollen for bees and many other insects.
- ☐ The berries which ripen in March/April have a high fat content and are an invaluable energy source for many species of birds.
- ☐ Many species of invertebrate live in ivy and some feed on it directly. These invertebrates themselves are an important food sources for many other species.

The removal of ivy from trees may be considered desirable in parks and gardens but this does not mean that it is always appropriate in the countryside.

It should also be noted that it is an offence to damage or destroy a breeding site or resting place of any bat and it does not require the offence to be intentional or deliberate.

Andy Newbold.

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Village Hall News

The Sibford Village Hall Fayre and Dog Show will be held on Saturday June 18th. The theme of the afternoon is 'The Wild West'.

Fancy Dress Competition. To encourage you all to get into the spirit of the wild west, we will hold a Fancy Dress competition. There are 2 classes - 12 years and over to include adults and under 12 years. Please collect outside the Village Hall at 2pm for judging.

We would also like to have a Best Western Dressed Teddy competition. Bring your Teddy to the Fayre at 2pm for judging.

The Painting / Drawing competition will also have a Wild West theme and we will display all entries in the Village Hall on the day. The classes are - under 5yrs, 5 to 9 yrs, 10 to 14yrs and 15 yrs and over. Please write your name and on the back of the picture. Entries in by Thursday 16th June to either Ginny at 3 Mannings Close SF, or Muriel at 2 Pound Lane SG'

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

The Dog Show will start promptly 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 (13 yrs 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 (12 weeks to 1 year old, must be fully vaccinated)



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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.

Donations to the fayre are always welcome - in particular cakes and bottles of wine. Call Joan 780410 or Ginny 780373 and I would be happy to collect.

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.

The Village Hall Lottery Game has 102 people playing, bringing in £612 funding to the Hall and £612 into the prize money. The first draw took place on 30th April won by Sue Lovatt [£25], 2nd Ann Bishop [£14], 3rd Michael Drake [£12]

For Village Hall Bookings please contact Anita Spencer on 788557.

Film Night at the Village Hall

Multi Oscar winning film, *The King's Speech* (12a), starring Colin Firth, Geoffrey Rush and Helena Bonham Carter, will be showing at Sibford Village Hall on Tuesday, 7th June. Doors will open at 7.30pm and the film will start at 8.00pm. Admission is £1.00 and refreshments will be available before the start.

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The primary school was only one of ten schools from around the country who won one of the awards, which are presented annually to schools who have visited Blenheim and produced work as a result of their experience. The children had a lovely day and after the presentations, enjoyed afternoon tea with the Duke and Duchess. Emma Clacy described it as "The best day of my life!"

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

Regretfully the Coffee Morning to be held on 14th May has had to be cancelled. The others for this year will be held on 11th June, 23rd July, 20th August, 17th September and 15th October, all from 10.00 am to 12 noon and will include Bring & Buy stalls, cake stalls, a raffle and other stalls.

The concert played by Duo Paradis [Cressida Nash (cello) and Jacqueline Bevan (piano)] on Sunday 8th May was well attended by 140 people and a great success. We are very grateful to our two artists for coming here to play also to the many villagers who contributed to a mammoth cream tea afterwards, both from their gigantic cooking achievement and their serving in a full village hall, not to speak of their washing and clearing up afterwards. The afternoon was adjudged to be a great village occasion.

Our third and final concert "Mendelssohn and Friends" in this year's series will be at The Court House, Sibford Gower (by kind permission of Richard & Sara Thomas) and will again be played by the Duo Paradis at 7.30 pm. This is now sold out but there is a waiting list (enquiries should be made to Norman Nash, 780980)

The ecumenical service on May 15th to inaugurate Christian Aid Week was another memorable occasion. A most appropriate reflection on "Making a Difference" was presented by Michael Goodwin of the Sibford Society of Friends and Head of Sibford School who also read the first lesson. The second lesson was read by Alicia Stranack, a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Paul Valentin, the International Director of Christian Aid gave the main address and answered questions. Finally the prayers were read by Mrs Ada Cooper, a lay preacher of the Methodist Church. Some thoughtful hymns completed the service which was taken by Rev John Tattersall in the absence of The Rector.

The Fete will be held on Saturday, July 16th at 2.30p.m. Stall holders are in place and if you have any bric-a-brac, books, bottles, cakes, plants etc. to donate we would be most grateful. The list of stall holders appears separately in this publication, and if you need anything collected please telephone Bruce & Catherine Petter on 01295 788337. They will be happy to hear from you. Other than that, come along on July 16th and enjoy the fun!

A special Family Service will take place on Sunday 19th June at 10.00 in celebration jointly of Fathers' Day and Trinity Sunday, the 171st Birthday of the Church. Otherwise all parishes in the Deanery will join in the Deddington Deanery Festival Service at Bloxham, also at 10.00 am

Our website address is

www.thesibfords.org.uk/holytrinitychurch

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.

Thursday June 2nd 8.00 pm Benefice Eucharist for Ascension Day at Sibford

Sunday June 5th 10.00 am Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton

Sunday June 12th Holy Communion 9.30 am Baptism of Lauren Sophia Wimbush

Sunday June 19th 10.00 am Family Service for Fathers' Day and our Church's Birthday (Trinity Sunday)

10.00 am Deddington Deanery Festival Service at Bloxham

Sunday June 26th 9.30 am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)



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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 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

June

- Thu 2nd Youth Activators at the MUGA (for 11 to 16 year olds) 6 - 7.30pm. p7
Tue 7th Friendship Club AGM p3
Tue 7th Village Hall Film Night - "The Kings Speech" 7.30pm p17
Wed 8th Horticultural Society Trip. P4
Wed 8th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
Thu 9th Youth Activators at the MUGA (for 11 to 16 year olds) 6 - 7.30pm. p7
Sat 11th & Sun 12th Great Tew Horse Trials p18
Sat 11th Sparkling Summer Concert at South Newington Church 6.30pm
Tue 14th W.I. Meeting p6
Thu 16th Sibfords Society Outing p10
Thu 16th Sibford Gower Annual Parish Council Meeting 8pm
Fri 17th Mervyn Stutter at Swalcliffe Village Hall p14
Sat 18th Open Day at Sibford School p9
Sat 18th Village Hall Fayre 2.00 pm p16
Sat 18th Swalcliffe Hoedown 7.30pm p14
Sun 19th "A Celebration Concert" at Sibford School p8
Tue 21st Friendship Club Outing p3
Tue 21st "Much Ado About Nothing" at Sibford School p8
Tue 21st Deadline for Contributions p20
Wed 22nd Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
Fri 24th "A Roll In The Hay" at Sibford School p8
Mon 27th & Tue 28th "Jungle Book" at Sibford School p8

July (part)

- Wed 5th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
Sat 9th "Now is the Month of Maying" Warriner Choral Society Concert p20
Sat 9th Warwickshire Singers at Oxhill Church p9
Sat 16th Church Summer Fete. 2.30pm at the Village Hall p14
Wed 19th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Cover picture. Temple Mill 1874

Sibford Scene

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