Sibford Scene



November 2011

No. 337

Bonfire and Fireworks at the Primary School Saturday 5th November 5.30pm (fireworks at 6pm)

Remembrance Day Service Sunday 13th November 10.55am

Village Hall Quiz Saturday 19th November 7.00pm

Holy Trinity Christmas Bazaar Saturday 26th November at the Village Hall (2 - 4:30pm)

Nature Notes

Sep 29th. Today my son in law saw quite a lot of gulls following the cultivator near Field Barn and a red kite above them keeping an eye on proceedings.

Sep 30th. We have seen hummingbird hawk moths on several occasions over the last few days feeding on our red salvia bush and on a late buddleia. The way they fly sideways as the flower is blown about, staying in perfect alignment and correct distance from the flower to extract the nectar, is quite amazing.

Oct 9th. After a few chilly days today is milder and the hummingbird hawk moth was working on the salvia again which was fortunate as we had a lady here who had never seen one.

Oct 18th. In the spring, fine weather brought out good numbers of yellow brimstone and a few comma butterflies that had over wintered successfully, followed by orange tips and holly blues, we always see quite a few holly blues which may be because we have a lot of flowering ivv for the caterpillars to feed on in the autumn. Since then, at least in our garden, numbers have been well below average, particularly of the showier ones like peacocks, small tortoiseshells, painted ladies and red admirals. This is similar to what happened last year. I hope the summer ones are not going to continue to get fewer.





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At our meeting held on 20th September, we were given an excellent presentation by Maureen and Keith Hicks on The Domesday Project which they had been working on since early 2010. The purpose of the survey was to obtain current data that could be compared with the survey car-

ried out by the Rev Edward Stevens in 1877.

In The Sibfords we have a wide range of 30 Village Groups and Organisations and there was a response of 100% indicating a total adult membership of 656. All Households were surveyed and there was a response of just over 50% from 181 of the 359 recipients. One interesting point of comparison was that in 1877, adults over 21 comprised 51% of the population whereas in 2010 the figure is 81%. Also, in 1877 the local economy was based on agriculture and this had dropped significantly by 2010.

The date of June 16th 2010 was selected for the actual survey in which local residents were invited to record their actual activities on that day. Replies were received from 123 indicating that 76 different activities were carried out. The cost of a range of everyday items were recorded for use in any future surveys. The village Primary School was contacted and pupils were invited to submit details relating to their attendance at the school. It is interesting to note that in 1900 all pupils came from the Sibfords whereas today they attend from 13 surrounding villages.

The Sibford School which started in the Manor in 1842 had just 83 pupils in 1877. Today, the number has risen to 411 and the school now operates from new premises on the site.

All of the information obtained is recorded on a database for future use.

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At the end of the meeting Maureen and Keith were thanked for the immense amount of work that they had done to create this project.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 17th November in the Village Hall. David Ouvry will be demonstrating how violins are made and will also be playing for us. This promises to be a most entertaining evening and we are hoping for a large attendance.

There will be a small charge for non members and a raffle will be held.



Friendship Club

This month, I report that, once again, we have just returned from a trip, this time to Westonbirt Arboretum. The sun shone for us but there was a chilly

wind. I think everyone had a lovely day. The one thing a have learnt on today's trip is, Don't Walk Under Oak Trees when the wind is blowing. The acorns can hurt as they fall!!!!!!!!.

In November we have changed the dates over, so that on Nov 1st we have a Speaker and on the 15th we are going to Millets.

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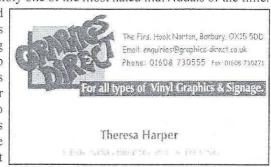
Sibford WI Meeting - 11th October 2011

President Glennis Hardman welcomed twenty members and one guest, Mary Mills. Val Powell's flower and foliage arrangement in

an Art Deco bag was much admired. Eight Sibford members attended the Group Meeting hosted by Hornton and District WI on 6th October. Peggy Mumby retired after three years as the Group Convenor. She was presented with a card of thanks, an M&S voucher and a basket of flowers. Her place is being taken by Kerrie McCormick, the Hook Norton WI President, Lynda Conway, Glennis Hardman and Kathleen Winter travelled to Horton-cum-Studley on 7th October to see the OFWI Textile Exhibition. This was attractively displayed and included three beautiful entries by Kathleen.

Gillian Cane, an excellent speaker, came to tell us about the Mitford family. Much has been written, by and about, the six daughters of Lord and Lady Redesdale; their social and political exploits dominated the front pages of newspapers for many of those turbulent years between, during and after the two world wars. Because they were wealthy, as were all their friends, they were sociable, controversial, scandalous, articulate, political, talented, wilful, dangerous – all those characteristics which never fail to fascinate the general public. Their father was very involved in their lives from day 1 (most unusually in such times he was present at each birth) and one of his rulings was that none of them should attend school. (This edict was not applied to his only son, Tom who was educated at Eton.) Despite this lack of formal education they all went on to make their mark in one way or another on the literary world. Nancy, the first-born (1904) published her first novel After the scandalous divorce by her of her first husband, Peter Rodd, which left her free to marry Gaston Palewski and move to Paris, her success in writing novels was such that two were made into films, one being Love in a Cold Climate. The next sister, Pamela, who was the first wife of five-times married Derek Johnson, was a countrywoman at heart and became a world renowned authority on poultry. Diana (b1914) was a fascist. After her divorce from very wealthy husband Brian Guiness, she lived with, and subsequently married, Sir Oswald Mosley and became possibly one of the most hated individuals of the time.

Denounced by sister Nancy and also her ex-father-in-law, she was imprisoned in Holloway during the second world war. Unity (b 1914) was also a fascist. She was a very rebellious child and her parents finally agreed for her to go to school; however, she was expelled after a year. Later she lived in Germany where she met



and became besotted with Adolf Hitler. Eventually she returned to England where she died in 1948 as a consequence of a self-inflicted head wound. Jessica

(b 1917) was the daughter who in her younger years had the closest relationship with her father. Unfortunately, this changed after she eloped to Spain with communist Esmond Romilly who hated the whole family. In Spain they married, and fought in the Spanish War. Later they lived in America where she was devastated by his death although later she married a left-wing lawyer Robert Treuhaft. She had never spoken to her father during all this time and denied him his deathbed wish to see her. Deborah (b 1920) was probably the least rebellious, was steady and enjoyed rural pursuits. She married Andrew Cavendish, who inherited the Chatsworth Estate upon the untimely death of his brother, thus becoming the Duchess of Devonshire. There is too much to be told about the Mitfords and this account is only a morsel of a fascinating story. And in case you are wondering, Tom the only son was killed at the age of 36 during the war in Burma. Gillian was appreciatively thanked by Kathleen.

Gaynor Harper-Tarr and Val Powell served tea and delicious cakes. There were many entries for the competition for an item of Art Deco jewellery. Eleanor Joynes was judged the winner by the speaker who chose Val Powell,s entry second and Jan Warner's third. Our next meeting in Sibford Village Hall is on 8th November when Nicholas Clark will be giving a talk entitled 'Bus across the Andes'. The competition is for a foreign coin. Visitors always welcome.

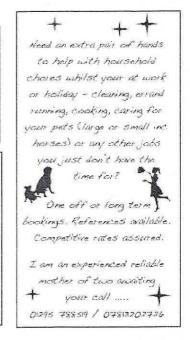
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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Village Hall Quiz is on November 19th, Saturday, starting at 7-30pm [doors open 7pm]. Teams of up to six persons are invited to enter at £6 per head. Please call Muriel on 780025, or Ginny on 780373 to register your team name. A ploughman supper will be available and the licensed bar open. Our quizmaster will be Adam Leyburn and the format of the quiz will be familiar to regular contenders. Why not get your friends and neighbours together and have a go!

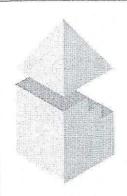
We are planning for next year already and will hold a Family Quiz in February. The popular Easter Egg Hunt will be on Good Friday. The Village Fayre is planned for June 2nd. This is earlier than usual so as to coincide with the Queens Jubilee celebrations. There will be other events happening in the villages so we would like to make it a full weekend of fun.

The winners of the Village Lottery draws during the summer are as follows--

JULY 1st Miss Lily Tuffrey; 2nd Mr Gordon Fowler; 3rd Mr Mike and Mrs Ann Lewis

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A short and sweet AGM started the first meeting

of the season. Members of both committees agreed to continue and a healthy bank balance will see us in good stead for the coming year. (Just a reminder that subscriptions of £8 are due) Duncan Combes, from Pershore Collage, then talked to us about Autumn Colour. As well as looking at the usual suspects who give excellent leaf colour he brought examples of flowering shrubs and herbaceous plants that give an excel-

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lent show now. A very enjoyable evening to a good number of people. Our next meeting will be at the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th November at 8.00pm when Timothy Walker, director of Oxford Botanic's, will once again be entertaining us with a talk entitled A Blaze of Glory. No idea what it's about but would urge everyone to come and find out! Refreshments (wine and nibbles) served afterwards. Members free, non-members £1.50



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CDC Conservation Area Review

With this Sibford Scene you have received a map, letter and envelope from Cherwell District Council. You are asked to consider the two questions in the letter and draw on the map any changes you feel to be needed. In answering question 2 it will help if you mark the build-

ings on the map as well as giving the name on the back. Please remember that the maps are studied by people who don't know the area as well as the residents do. The timescale the Council are working to is quite tight so early responses would be appreciated.

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SIBFORD DESIGNS ON SHOW AT COVENT GARDEN

Fashion designed by five students at Sibford School was specially selected to form part of a prestigious exhibition held at the Royal Ballet in London's Covent Garden.

Sibford School was one of just nine schools nationwide to be invited to take part in the exhibition, organised as part of the 50th anniversary celebrations of The Society of Headmasters & Headmistresses of Independent Schools (SHMIS). The show, which

ran from Monday 10 October until Friday 14 October, celebrated excellence, quality and diversity in fashion design and featured work produced mainly by A Level and AS students.

Sibford pupil Milan Rai (16) is pictured with his 'spider corset', one of the exhibits in the Covent Garden exhibition.

HEAD ATTENDS STATESIDE CONFERENCE

Sibford School head Michael Goodwin visited the States last month to share examples of best practice at the American Quaker Heads' Annual Fall Gathering which took place in Philadelphia.

Michael, who is one of four Quaker heads in the UK invited to attend the conference, met with around 80 head teachers from across the United States to discuss community service and service learning. He also visited Germantown Friends School and William Penn Charter School.





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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Monday 7 November: 6.30pm Life Drawing Monday 14 November: 6.30pm Life Drawing

Wednesday 16 November Café Scientifique ... 'From pure research to cancer therapy?' Speaker Blanka Collis, a postdoctoral researcher in the DNA damage and repair group at the Weatherall Institute of Molecular Medicine, Oxford University.

Friday 18 November: 10am

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Monday 21 November: 6.30pm

Life Drawing

Monday 28 November: 6.30pm Wednesday 30 November: 6.30pm Life Drawing Community Reading Group

'In the Woods' by Tania French

Advance Notice

Friday 2 December: from 2pm

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Those who were able to attend the funeral service of our Rector, Timothy Wimbush witnessed one of the most memorable possible. The decision to hold it in St Mary's Church. Banbury was proved to have been wise as about 600 attended, far more than any of his own Benefice churches could accommodate. There were four Bishops present, our own Bishop Colin taking the service and our former Bishop Anthony, later Bishop of Ely and now retired, gave the second address, the first being given by one of Timothy's close friends and former Theological College fellow student, Rev Stephen Leach. Tim had himself planned the order of service and included 5 of his favourite hymns which he so much used to enjoy playing. His friend Ben Elvidge played the *Toccata and Fugue in D minor* by JS Bach between the two addresses and the choir of 60, the majority consisting of the Benefice Choir with many additions from Deanery and other choirs sang an anthem by John Rutter accompanied by the St Mary's organist Cynthia Hall FRCO.



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Contributions for the December & January Sibford Scene to the Shop or Editor by November 15th Canon Glyn Evans read the Gospel and Mary Nash read a poem found in Tim's Funeral file. Perhaps the most poignant moment came when Tim's coffin was carried by his sons and friends to the accompaniment of the theme tune of Test Match Special and finally seen off at the door by his eleven churchwardens. Lord and Lady Saye and Sele generously offered the Great Hall of Broughton Castle where most of the congregation attended the tea afterwards which was organised by Victoria Taylor with a multitude of cakes provided by members of the Benefice many of whom also assisted Victoria with serving it.

At this stage it seems appropriate to register the deep debt of gratitude we have for Tim over his 35 years of ministry in our Benefice. He has had a difficult task to minister to the widely spread population of initially 4 villages and then 7 when the Benefice was enlarged.

We also have a significant debt to John Tattersall, so recently ordained, who has so well organised the Benefice services and taken most

of them all the time Tim was absent on sick leave.

The Harvest Thanksgiving service and "Bring & Share" lunch afterwards was exceptionally well attended. Isabel George and her helpers organised the children wonderfully during the "Sermon in action" into making a Harvest Pudding which was later baked in the Village Hall and consumed with great pleasure.

Please support the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 26th November the organisation of which Amelia Earle has very kindly taken over supported by Richard and Helen. This work was started by Eileen Haynes

before she was so suddenly and sadly taken from us.

Before that, on Sunday 13th there will be our usual Remembrance Day service at 10.55 am then on Sunday 20th November Rev Dr Dan Inman, the Curate of Deddington will be taking our Communion service at 9.30 am and preaching. It will be interesting to hear from a young dynamic theologian still in his 20's though we are very fortunate to have the services of so many older clergy who bring to us such a wide variety and depth of knowledge and experience in our regular services. It is hoped that there will be a good number to support Dan in this his first visit to Holy Trinity.

Advanced notices for Christmas: Traditional Carol Service led by the Benefice choir at Sibford on Friday 16th December at 7.00 pm; Christingle Service on Sunday 18th December at 4.30 pm. Other services to be announced later.

The Wimbush Family offer their heartfelt thanks to all those who have offered support and sent cards. It has been greatly appreciated.

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.

Nov 6th 10.00 Benefice Eucharist at Broughton (Rev John Tattersall)

Nov 13th 8.00 Holy Communion (BCP) (Rev John Tattersall)

10.55 Remembrance Day Service (Rev John Tattersall)

Nov 20th 9.30 Holy Communion (BCP) (Rev Dr Dan Inman)

Nov 27th 10.00 Benefice Eucharist & Confirmation (Bishop Colin)

Sibford Methodist Chapel Preachers for November. Sun 6th Rev Alan Swann HC Sun 13th Service at the Church

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

November

Tue 1st Mens Breakfast Club at Wyatts at 09.15 am.

Tue 1st Friendship Club Speaker meeting p4

Sat 5th Bonfire and Fireworks at the Primary School 5.30pm p5

Tue 8th W.I. "Bus Across the Andes" p6

Wed 9th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Wed 9th Horticultural Society "A Blaize of Glory" p9

Sun 13th Remembrance Day Service 10.55am p20

Tue 15th Friendship Club Outing p4

Tue 15th Central Florida Brass Band Concert p17

Thu 17th Sibfords Society - Violin Making. p3

Sat 19th Village Hall Quiz 7.00pm p8

Tue 22nd Christmas Shopping Evening 6.30pm Village Hall p5

Tue 22nd Sibford Gower Parish Council Meeting 8pm. p14

Wed 23rd Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Sat 26th Church Christmas Bazaar p16

December (part)

Sat 3rd Methodist Chapel Coffee Morning 10 - 12 noon p16

Tue 6th Mens Breakfast Club at Wyatts at 9.15 am.

Wed 8th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Sun 11th Methodist Chapel Carol Service 11 am p16

Fri 16th Traditional Carol Service 7.00pm in the Church p21

Sun 18th Christingle Service 4.30pm in the Church p21

Wed 22nd Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Cover picture. The Post Office (it was then) in Sibford Ferris

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