

December 2011 & January 2012

No. 338

Church Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 26th November 2 - 4.30pm Village Hall

Sibford Methodist Chapel Coffee Morning

Saturday 3rd December 10 - 12 noon All Welcome

Coffee Morning in aid of Church Funds

Saturday 10th December at Silver Birches, Backside Lane, 10 - 12 noon

Carol Services

Sunday 11th December 11am at the Chapel, Preacher Chris Cond

Friday 16th December 7.00pm in the Church

Sunday 18th December Christingle Service 4.30pm in the Church

Magical Moments

Children's Entertainment at the Village Hall

Saturday 14th January 4.00 pm

Jumble Sale

Saturday 21st January at the Primary School 10 - 12 noon

Nature Notes

Oct 27th. People are telling me that springs are running very low, which is not surprising as the spring and early summer were very dry and although we have had useful rains to get the autumn crops growing, they have not amounted to enough to get the drains running, and with springs around here, it takes as much as six months after the first big rain before the flow increases.

Nov 3rd. A friend who has a lot of nest boxes of various types cleans the old nests out in the autumn. He found that only about half as many as last year had been used for nesting.

Nov 4th A heron settled on our lawn for a few minutes this morning. I suppose it must have been looking to see if there were any fish in the pond, but did not inspect it closely.

Nov 5th It was probably the same heron that settled briefly on the lawn this morning. This time only yards from the house.

Nov 6th. Some ravens have been around Sibford Ferris for several days. Today one of them flew quite low over the garden croaking as it went.

Nov 7th. A heron came again but only just touched down and went away again. If it is the same bird it seems to be getting less confident.



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Nov 9th. This quiet dull weather does at least allow the leaves to stay a little longer before falling. Many trees have coloured well but best for me are the ginkgoes, or maidenhair trees, like the one in the Sibford Ferris Manor garden, and our hornbeam hedge. They both seem to shine a brighter yellow as the weather gets gloomier almost as if they are flood-lit.

Nov 11th. Ravens are still around. They seem to me to be a family group of 4 or 5. This morning they were scattered amongst the trees to the north and south of the shop and were keeping in touch with their croaks.



The November meeting of the Society was held on the 17th at the Village Hall. This was well attended by 40 members and guests who enjoyed a talk and demonstration on violin making by David Ouvry from Charlbury. David has spent 22 years making and playing the instruments and his talk covered all

aspects from the materials and specialist tools used, right through to the finished article. The evening was concluded by David accompanied by his wife Daphne, playing a short selection of their favourite music which was much appreciated.

As is customary, we will not have a meeting in December, our next event being our annual social which is to be held on Thursday 26th Jan 2012 at 7.30pm. Invitations to members and guests will be distributed in early January.



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Friendship Club

We have had a great afternoon with Jan Warner, many thanks Jan. With Christmas just around the corner, the Club are preparing for their Christmas lunch on Dec 6th at Brailes Golf Club and Christmas tea on Dec 20th in the Village Hall. The Committee and Members wish all readers of the Sibford Scene a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. Now for 2012, our first meeting is on Jan 3rd (weather permitting) in the Hall. Perhaps more of Sibford over 50s might like to join us!!!!

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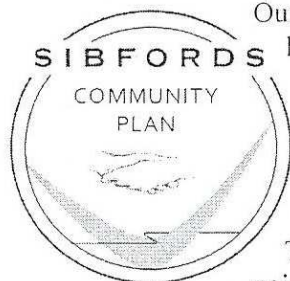
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The Questionnaire is our major community consultation. Your answers will be important to the Plan. We encourage you to complete it as a high response will ensure that the analysis of the responses reflects the views and aspirations of our community and can be incorporated into the Final Plan.

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President Glennis Hardman welcomed twenty members.
Mary Hill deputised as secretary in the absence of Lynda Conway.

A glimpse of our speaker Nicolas Clark's curriculum vitae would reveal he has worked in the wine trade, that he is an ex-army man and a retired school teacher. He is fluent in French and Spanish as well as two or three African languages including Swahili. It might also reveal that he enjoys food and wine, taking photographs of odd foreign road signs, supporting one or two overseas charities and travelling in foreign parts, a pastime shared with his wife with whom he recently celebrated his golden wedding. This love of travelling was probably why a few months ago they joined up with of some 30 other travellers in Chile to begin a 3,800 mile trip across the Andes. This would be undertaken travelling on national bus services with a guide, staying each night in whatever local B&B accommodation was available. They would make their own arrangements for all other meals. Their starting point was Santiago, capital of Chile, from where they travelled north along the coast and then east to cross one of the driest deserts in the world, the Atacama. However, despite very little rainfall one of its outstanding features is large salt lakes which have been created by rising water through the desert surface. After crossing the Atacama desert they spent the night in an isolated village which had a population of 2000, where, although there were no restaurants, they were able to eat well in one of the many houses opened by the locals to provide simple food to travellers. The following day they began their climb over the Andes: at 9000ft they felt breathless, at 10,000ft they were left gasping by the effort of joining the dancing at a local "fiesta" and at 12,000ft they were bitterly cold. The next morning they descended in to Argentina to stay for a couple of days on a 250,000 acre ranch, riding horses, celebrating his wife's birthday in fine Argentinean wine and visiting one or two sugar cane farms. Before moving on to the next destination, Paraguay, they fitted in a visit to a prehistoric village which included several examples of petroglyph. Once they had made the border crossing from Argentina into Paraguay the difference between Argentinean wealth and Paraguay's poverty was clearly to be seen. The people and houses were obviously poor, the roads neglected in many areas, and taxis were simple horse-drawn



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carts. But the people were happy, friendly, and hospitable. The ancient capital city, Ascucion, founded in 1537 is known in South America as the mother of cities. During their visit the group travelled to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Parana and also to the Iguaza Falls which have been voted to be one of the seven natural wonders of the world. By this time they were nearing the end of the trip and they crossed into Brazil to spend some time in Rio de Janeiro visiting its unusual and striking cathedral as well as the football stadium which can accommodate approximately 130,000 – although it has been known to hold over 150,000 official and unofficial fans! This interesting, amusing and knowledgeable talk by Nicolas Clark, enhanced by some excellent and often funny photographs, held the attention of us all and we definitely agreed that Joan Thomas's enthusiastic vote of thanks was well deserved.

The well supported competition was judged by Mr Clark and his first choice went to Joan Thomas, second Eleanor Joynes and third to Valerie Taylor. Then followed tea with delicious cheese scones and cakes prepared and served by Jan Warner and Kathleen Winter.

Tuesday, 13th December will be our Christmas Party. Members are requested to bring a plate of finger food and a wrapped gift. The competition is for a Christmas Tree Fairy – old or new. No raffle this month but there will be a table for a Christmas Card Exchange.

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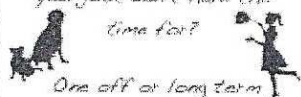
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Sibford Horticultural Society

Our last meeting of the year saw Tim Walker give another entertaining and informative talk entitled "A Blaze of Glory". Great pictures

showing autumn colour and ideas on how to extend the interest in herbaceous and shrub borders.

It was good to see new faces at the meeting and we hope more people will continue to support the Society.

Below are the handicraft and photography classes for next years show. As the evenings have drawn in, have a go at making something to enter or get out with your camera. Make it your New Years Resolution!

Handicraft and Photography classes;

A piece of pottery.

A bag in any medium.

A hand knitted article.

An item of cross stitch.

An item of metal or woodwork.

A greetings card - any medium excluding computer generated.

A handicraft exhibit - please state size on entry.

"The spirit was willing" A craft item started but not finished.

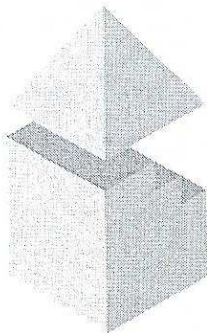
A handicraft exhibit - age 14 and under.

Photograph - A landscape.

Photograph - Plant life.

Photograph - Heat

Photograph - Wildlife



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 Photograph - A black and white photograph.
 An enlargement - any subject (max size A4)
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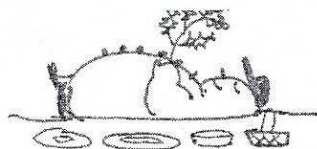
Saturday 10th December 2011

4.30pm – 6.00pm

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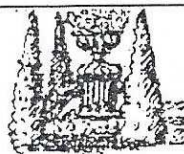
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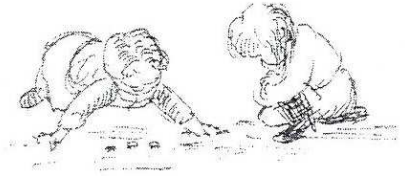
WELCOME TO SIBFORD

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.

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Firstly many thanks for all the calls and cards wishing us well on our move to France.

It was very tough leaving the Sibfords, such a nice place and such nice people, but here we are in an ancient cottage (c1100) in the Limousin, a very rural part of France. If you feel the need to see where we are, draw a triangle between Poitiers, Limoges and Angoulême, put a cross in the middle and you've got us. Nearest towns of note are Bellac and Confolens. The French think of this area as a backwater of France. The fact is, it's very old world French, very formal, lots of "Bonjour Madame et Monsieur" lots of handshakes. In fact you could meet the same person three times a day and shake hands every time as though you're a long lost friend! It's nice. The countryside is beautiful, a bit like English countryside must have looked like 200 years ago.

Why move to France? Because we've been visiting our holiday home here for years off and on and we love it. The bread is fantastic, the butchers have real skill, the markets are great, the French are fastidious about food and we enjoy watching them prod, poke and demand information on everything from dried beans and vegetables through cheese to the best and worst cuts of beef and then to top it all the French Sunday lunch is a real family event and as such is unmissable. Allied to all that is a real sense of Toytown in the local, rural communes, each of which has a mayor, elected in the correct fashion, who rules his commune and relies on reams and reams of paperwork to justify his position and the importance of his commune compared to surrounding communes. It's a hoot. The hedgerows and roadside ditches get cut several times a year, roads get maintained and everything is kept up to snuff. The local village and centre of our commune, Bussiere-Boffy, is kept clean and tidy and they even employ someone to run the village shop and cafe to maintain a sense of village unity.

Our house is in a small hamlet. It's a two up two down hovel with an attached goat shed which we have converted into a wet room and a small utility area. Utility areas are "so very, very must have," as we learnt to our cost when trying to sell Stickleys! We also have a large barn for putting things in. We've an acre or so of land, lots of nice trees and a winding stream that runs the length of the property. For most of the year the stream is dry as a bone but come December, the rains come and it's a torrent, so it's worth keeping it clear otherwise we risk being flooded. We're surrounded by oak woodland and lakes, good for walks. Not so far away are Monts de Blond, a collection of steepish hills where wild boar hang out.

A retired farmer owns a plot at the bottom of the hamlet and there is a horse riding operation run by another local resident who also rents teepees and yurts in the summer. Townies come and live in the camps to 'get back to nature' and 'relax, man'. In the surrounding woods there are hippies who are here most of the year, with lots of drumming at night, very Hiawatha. A couple of years ago we came across a sign in the woods that said "Wizard" but sadly he's been magicked off somewhere, probably back to his day job in Limoges! An English couple live in the house opposite us and the other houses in the hamlet are owned by Dutch or Parisians who use them

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as holiday houses, as we did with ours for 20 odd years. We get more hikers and horse riders past our door than vehicles.

Our aspect is very rural, but so much noise, what with autumnal leaves crashing to the ground and the constant birdsong. Someone should do something about it! In fact we can rely on the local chasse (hunters) to deal with the birdsong as they do their best at the weekends to kill everything that moves, which is not so cool, but, because the chasse sets out for each hunt with loads of booze, after a very short time nothing gets hit and everything returns to normal, although their guns continue to bang away 'til lunchtime. Its a 'man thing' apparently.

We also have this remarkable event which happens every evening during the Autumn. Starlings have adopted a tree in the woods nearby as their roost, as a sort of gathering place before they go to wherever starlings go for the winter. So every evening they gather in huge numbers and do that starling thing, swooping hither and yon, always in formation, flights leaving and returning to the main flock. It's fantastic to see, and then, suddenly, that's it, they all dive into this single tree, have a bit of a chatter for a time: "All right?" "Yea, not bad, went to Bellac, it's market day, so I took the wife and kids" "Any good?" "fine, but it was raining so everything was a bit soggy but on the whole...." and then silence. And here is the amazing thing; normally, the starlings start swooping at around 18.00 but when the clocks went back at the end of October they started at 17.00 and none of them wear watches!

Looking forward, we are planning to move to a larger house in the south, more sun, shorter winters and less rain, but that's all in the not too distant future. In the meantime, should any Sibfordians be passing by on their way south and need a cup of tea or a bed for the night they are very welcome to drop by, though best to call first to make sure we have room. First come first served.

As sad as it was to leave all our friends and neighbours and our much loved house, we're having a wonderful time, we've shaken up the status quo in our lives which was the plan, we have more plans for the future and everything if fine!

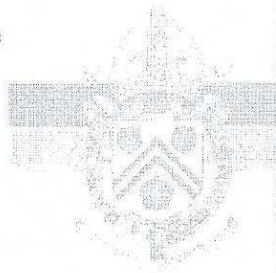
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The 'MUGA' occupies half of a former hard court on land owned by the school, and now Parish Councillors are asking young people to share their ideas as to what they would like to see installed in the rest of the area.

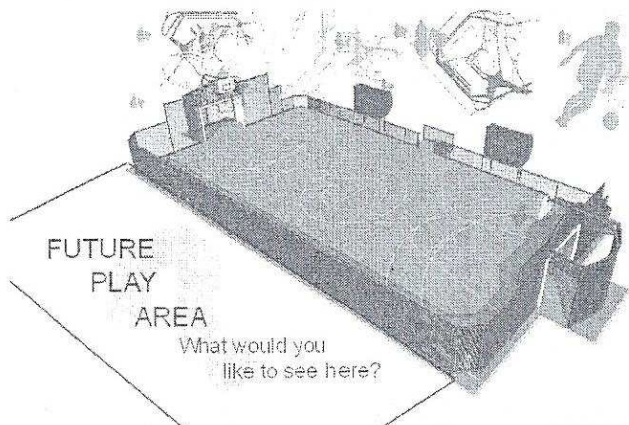
If anyone has a favourite piece of play equipment or has been to a great play area and has some ideas to share then we would love to hear from them. The 'MUGA' has proved extremely popular since it was opened in March and we are now keen to get going on the second phase of the play area.

Funding for the initial project was provided by the Parish Council, the school and members of the school's Old Scholar's and Parent associations.

Peter Robinson, business manager at Sibford School, said: "Obviously this is a facility that is used in the main by the young people of the village and also by pupils at the

school and I am delighted that the Parish Council is consulting this age group as they decide what to do next."

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If the answers to at least the first three above are "yes" or "maybe", then disregard number four (and treat it as a bonus) and turn out to watch your two local footballing giants battle it out for Seasonal Supremacy! Again!

SIBFORD GENTLEMEN F.C. vs SWALCLIFFE COTTAGERS F.C.

Swalcliffe Park School Ground, 27th December 2011 11.00am k.o.

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

WEATHER CANCELLATION?

2010 was snowed out with 4" of snow on the pitch. Instead of the football we had a charity Subbuteo tournament in the Stag's Head which was great fun & can be seen here:

http://web.me.com/phishe67/SCFC/Xmas_Subbuteo.html

...and so in the event of bad weather, we'll do the same! Please just show up on the day as there'll be something fun going on at the Stag's Head!

Team subs, comedy referee fines & kind donations from the spectators (with only minor tin-rattling) will be donated to local charities (Katharine House, Frank Wise & Swalcliffe Park Schools). Generous donations over the years have totalled over £1000 & we'd like to add even more this year...it's up to you & your generosity so thank-you in advance!

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1st prize Mr & Mrs Thompson [Sibford Gower] , 2nd prize Janet Chatter [Sibford Gower] , 3rd prize Jo Huckvale [Sibford Ferris].

QUIZ NIGHT By the the time you read this Sibford Scene there will be some new Quiz Champions. We hope that you all had a good time. Perhaps you would like to have another go in February, when we will be hosting the Family Quiz.

EASTER EGG HUNT On Good Friday 2012 you join the Egg Hunt around the villages, with trails suitable for all ages.

THE JUBILEE FAYRE will be on June 2nd 2012 ,so we can all join in with the Queens Jubilee celebrations. There will be other events happening in and around the villages so we want to make it a weekend of fun. If you have any ideas of things YOU would like to see and do, then contact Ginny on 01295 780373.

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We arrived back safely and we stayed one night in Bangkok so home on the 24th August, the next morning very early our bed arrived from where we used to live up the road so it was a quick dress and clear our sun beds out of the way for the bed. I managed to get a cold so I must have caught it on the plane, we went back to school on the following Tuesday and we now do 3 mornings a week we are meant to be learning the language but are finding it difficult as they go so fast, but we are learning a few more words we know enough to get by. We have bought nearly all our furniture now we only have to get a couple of sofas and a spare bed before January when our first visitors arrive.

This morning we woke up to a thick mist we have never seen one as this time last year we were back in England we have had a lot of rain since we have been back and it has only just stopped raining every day. There are bad floods in the North of Thailand and our friend from over the roads home village is flooded he has been back 2 weekends to see his Mother and he took a pickup van loaded with water that was given by us and his customers for his Mums village and this weekend the water is expected to rise again as the water is coming down from the north, so we have been lucky.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

www.thesibford.org.uk/holytrinitychurch

Our Remembrance Day service took place on Sunday 13th November and a large number attended from the village with representatives of the uniformed organisations, the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers in uniform with their banners. It was a beautiful sunny November morning and the service started round the War Memorial in the Churchyard at 10.55 am. It was lead by Rev John Tattersall who had redesigned the service in conformity with up to date guidance from the Diocese. After prayers for the fallen the names of those from our own village were read out by name: From Burdrop, Sibford Ferris and Sibford Gower killed in the first World War 1914-1918: Harry Lines, David Wade, William Webb, Thomas Dyer, Horace Hawtin, Arthur Haynes, William Barton, George Bodfish, Thomas Borsberry and in the second World War 1939-1945 Archie Kaye, Hugh Oddie. Also those crewmen of the RAF Wellington bomber from Morton-in-Marsh killed when their aircraft crashed on Pitch Hill: Kenneth Watson, James Hubbard, Edwin Medder, Christopher Tierney. Before and after the two minutes silence, the Last Post and Reveille were sounded by trumpeter Tony Chittock and wreaths were laid by Max Berger on behalf of the uniformed organisations and Roger Alder for the Paris Councils of Gower and Ferris. At the service afterwards in church, the lessons were read by Bruce Petter (formerly Army) and Richard Thomas (formerly RAF). By the time this article is published we shall have held the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 26th November the organisation of which Amelia Earle has very kindly taken over. This is usually a well supported occasion and is an important element of our annual income.

Brian and Eleanor Joynes will hold a Christmas Coffee Morning in aid of Church Funds on Saturday 10th December from 10.00 am to 12 noon at Silver Birches, Backside Lane, Sibford Gower.

Our Traditional Carol Service led by the Benefice choir, conductor Chris Alexander, is at Sibford on Friday 16th December at 7.00 pm. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies. The Christingle Service will be on Sunday 18th December at 4.30 pm. Other services as listed separately in this magazine.

There was recently held a preliminary meeting of the Churchwardens of the Benefice with the Area Dean, Pat Freeth and Area lay chair Lindsay Mills. Discussions were held on the arrangements necessary to seek a new Rector for the Benefice. A series of meetings will be necessary in the near future, leading up to advertisements and we hope interviews followed by an appointment. Bishop Colin will be much involved also our Patrons, Lord Saye and Sele, and representatives of New College and Worcester College Oxford.

We are delighted that both John Marshall and Jonquil Sabin have consented to join the PCC.

The Churchwardens and Council send to all in the villages their very best wishes for a happy Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.

Church Services

Society of Friends		Sunday at 10.30 am
Methodist		Sunday at 11.00 am
Roman Catholic Mass	Wroxton	Sunday at 9.00 am
	Brailes	Sunday at 11.30 am
Baptist	Hook Norton	Sunday at 10.30 am

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower, as below.

Sunday 4th 10.00 am Benefice Eucharist at Sibford

Sunday 11th 11.00 am Carol Service at the Methodist Chapel (No service in Holy Trinity)

Friday 16th 7.00 pm Parish Traditional Carol Service (with mulled wine and mince pies)

Sunday 18th 4.30 pm Christingle

Saturday 24th 11.30 pm Christmas Eve services at Broughton (Bishop James) and Epwell (Rev John Tattersall)

Sunday 25th December 10.00 am Christmas Day Holy Communion (Rev Canon Glyn Evans)

For other services in the Wykeham Benefice please see The Wykeham News

Methodist Chapel Preachers for December and January

December

Sun 4th John Griffin, Sun 11th Carol Service Chris Cond,

Sun 18th Rev. Clewlow, Sun 25th No Service

January

Sun 1st United Service at Wigginton, Sun 8th Rev. A Swann,

Sun 15th Stephen Haley, Sun 22nd Rev. Rolfe, 29th Rev. Van de Kastele



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Sibford Ferris, Cross Roads	08.52	11.17	13.07	14.48	16.27	17.32	18.32
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

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

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Stratford on Avon, Wood St	06.20	07.10	09.05	11.10	13.10	15.10	16.24
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
Banbury, Bus Station	07.28	08.25	10.21	12.21	14.21	16.21	17.39

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December

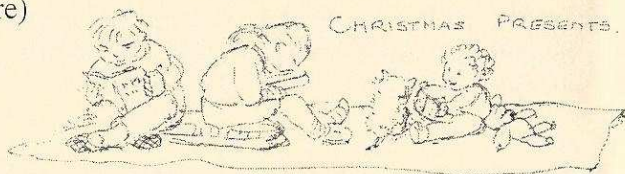
- Sat 3rd Methodist Chapel Coffee Morning 10 - 12 noon p4
Tue 6th Mens Breakfast Club at Wyatts at 9.15 am.
Tue 6th Friendship Club Christmas Lunch p4
Wed 8th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
Fri 9th to Sun 11th Art Exhibition, Swalcliffe Village Hall p17
Sat 10th Church Coffee Morning at Silver Birches 10 - 12 noon p17
Sat 10th A Musical Celebration for Christmas p9
Sun 11th Methodist Chapel Carol Service 11 am p4
Tue 13th WI Christmas Party p6
Fri 16th Traditional Carol Service 7.00pm in the Church p21
Sun 18th Christingle Service 4.30pm in the Church p21
Tue 20th Friendship Club Christmas Tea p4
Wed 22nd Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
Tue 27th Sibford v Swalcliffe Charity Football p15

January

- Tue 3rd Friendship Club at the Village Hall p4
Sat 14th Magical Moments at the Village Hall p11
Tue 17th Deadline for contributions to the February Sibford Scene p20
Sat 21st Jumble Sale at the Primary School 10 - 12 noon p20
Thu 26th Sibfords Society Social p3

Cover picture. Looking towards the Church from Poultons farm yard.
(Eveline Boughton in picture)

Merry Christmas
to all our readers



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