

# Sibford Scene



February 2012

No. 339

Sibford Gower Primary School PTA

## Race Night

Saturday 4th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Sibford Gower and Sibford Ferris  
Conservation Area Review

Presentation and Public Meeting

~~Tuesday~~ <sup>21st</sup> Wednesday 29th February

Presentation 3.00 - 6.30pm Public Meeting 7.00-8.30pm



## Nature Notes

Nov 22nd. A mild day and a song thrush is singing.

Dec 2nd By this time last year the birds had already stripped the berries from our holly tree. This year has not been as cold and they are only just starting to take them.

Dec 6th Redwings, blackbirds and pigeons are now stripping the holly berries at a good rate.

Dec 12th There is hardly a berry left on the holly tree and it seems very calm after all the activity of the last 10 days.

Dec 26th Two people have told me that they have seen hedgehogs in the parish this autumn which is encouraging but I fear that it is only a matter of time before badgers find the last few.

Jan 1st. At 19.65 inches (499mm) rainfall in 2011 was well below average. The wettest months were December 2.91ins (74mm) and August 2.45ins (62mm) and the driest was April with 0.33ins (8mm). There was a 9 week period in March/April going in to early May when only two thirds of an inch (17mm) fell and farm and garden crops were suffering. From May through to harvest time there was just about enough to keep crops growing but not to get down deeper causing the springs to run low or in some cases dry up completely. Some of the shallower springs and drains are starting to flow now but it will take a bit longer to get down to the deeper ones.

Jan 7th We have seen up to eight hen pheasants at a time in our garden. There are also four cocks around including an old ring necked one that comes up on to the lawn at my call showing that it is the same one that has come for the last few winters. They seem to collect here more on windy days taking advantage of the protection given by the trees and bushes.

Jan 17th With the cold weather fieldfares and redwings have joined the pheasants and blackbirds to feed on the fallen apples. I put out some of the ones that I stored for them today as they have almost finished the fallen ones. At least 4 ravens are still around and seem to be investigating all the bigger conifers in both villages hopefully with a view to nesting.



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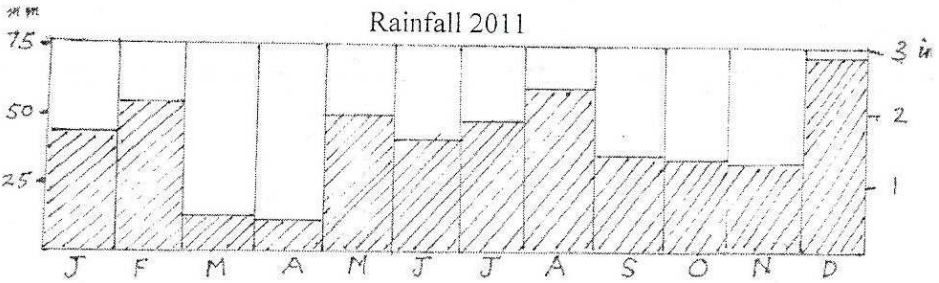
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In some notes written by my grandfather he says that when he was a boy (the 1860's) the grass for hay was still cut by men with scythes and boys used to look for any birds nests that were exposed. The ones that they most commonly found were partridge, quail, lark and landrail or corncrake. It would be a job to find many of them today. I have been reading a diary written by my grandfather while staying at his sons farm a mile or more from Newbold-on-Stour which adjoined the old tramway. This was originally horse drawn where the horse pulled the trucks up the incline and then rode on a platform at the back of the train while it ran down the other side. Many of his walks began or finished along the tramway which had been out of use for some time. During his stay there he found 3 dead barn owls that had been shot and thrown into the bushes on the embankment. One evening he was up on the tramway at dusk and although he was at 73 very deaf he heard a nightingale singing in a bush just by him. It was almost shouting in his ear to make him hear. The entry for 24-3-1929 "I walked this morning to a small wood on the hill where I found large quantities of feathers of fieldfares, lapwing and partridges and also a dead sparrowhawk which had no doubt been shot and was the cause of the heaps of feathers belonging to birds it had previously killed." His son had some sheep grazing on the common which I think from the description of his walks that often crossed it was probably the area marked on the map as Crimscote Down. It was not all grazing land as he went several times to see the

huge flocks of starlings going to roost on the common so some of it must have been woodland or bushes.



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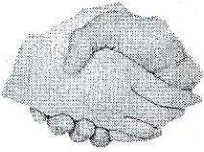
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Where, we hope, to put together some of the trips for this year. If anyone would like to join us, why not come along to one of our meetings, and see what a friendly bunch we are!!!!!!

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Sibford WI Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Members were welcomed and wished a Happy New Year by President Glennis Hardman. Names were taken of those wishing to attend future events

including the National AGM which will take place at The Royal Albert Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> May. Teresa Forrest, a member of Hook Norton WI, put on display an extensive selection of her exquisite embroidery and treated us to a fascinating afternoon as she talked us through each piece of work. By profession, Teresa was an architect and her accuracy and attention to fine detail are reflected in her needlecraft. She told us that her absorbing hobby started in a small way with a pink pig worked in wool on a small off cut of canvas for her god-daughter aged eight. She confessed that she was self-taught with guidance from a manual entitled 'Book of Stitch' sent to her by a friend. Using mainly tent stitch she produced a large cross-section of Stonedyke House, Sherborne in 1993. This she displayed on an attractive stand given to her by her late husband. Then followed a scene of Sherborne High Street and another cross-section of a rectory in Dorset and yet another of the embroidery shop where she purchased her materials. Her love of cross-sections resulted in a beautiful one of her present home in Hook Norton. We were shown samplers of many intricate stitches including tent, continental tent, satin and slit and French knot. Blackwork, using very fine black thread, was used to create a large picture of Sydney Harbour which must surely be Teresa's piece de resistance. She spent long holidays in Sydney and showed us a further interesting scene of a brickworks with very high chimneys. Using wool, she produced a lovely cushion of an Australian desert scene. Back in Oxfordshire, we admired a cushion stitched in all green of a crop circle at the Rollright Stones. Before settling in Hook Norton, Teresa ran a Sewing Guild for four years which was built up to around a thousand members. More recently, she won the Oxfordshire Federation Women's Institute Gold Award 'Let's Celebrate Embroidery Stitches' and, on another occasion, the Silver Salver (Previous Winners' Class) for 'A Book Cover'. Mary Hill gave Teresa a well deserved vote of thanks and then followed many questions with interest continuing over a delicious tea served by Norma Allen and Ann Benham. Teresa judged the competition for a Sampler or An Item of Embroidery. Kathleen Winter was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> with Rosemary Neal 2<sup>nd</sup> and Theresa Tovill 3<sup>rd</sup>.

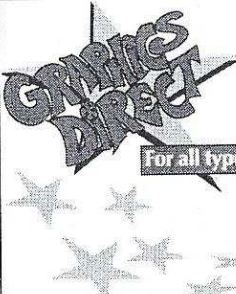
Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February is the date of our next monthly meeting when Malcolm Nelson will talk on 'Forty Years of Catching Smugglers at Heathrow Airport'. Competition is 'An Old Passport'. Visitors are always welcome - Village Hall 2pm.

Glennis Hardman

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## Report of Sibford Gower Parish Council Meeting – 17th January 2012

Chairman's Report:- Sibfords Community Plan: In the absence of Mrs Sue Mattinson, the Chairman read her report which sets out the current situation. Sibford Broadband User-group: Mr Paul Hobson and Mr Tony More, who were at the Meeting, have agreed to be involved with looking to find ways of improving Broadband speeds in the area. The Local Plan and The Neighbourhood Plan: These have the Chairman's attention and updates will be provided in due course. The Sibfords Community Plan will, in due course, require adoption by the Parish Council. Conservation Area: Dr Rose Todd (Conservation Officer, Cherwell District Council) and her team are working on a review of the Ferris, Gower and Burdrop conservation areas. Diamond Jubilee: The Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that a grant of £500 be made in connection with the cost of celebratory events that may be organised. The Clerk was instructed to take matters forward with the Village Hall Committee. Clerk's Report:- Container sited on Conservation Land at Burdrop Hill: The Clerk is still awaiting information from the Enforcement Officer (Cherwell DC) regarding its removal. Speed signs where Burdrop Hill joins the road to Sibford Ferris: There is an extremely short distance between the two where the speed limit is derestricted. The question had been asked as to why. Some time ago, enquiries had been made in this regard and the answer given was that as two parishes are involved it was a technical requirement. The Clerk was instructed to enquire again. Financial:- Prior to the Meeting, the Parish Councillors had considered the Precept request for the next financial year and the sum of £6,250 was considered sufficient to cover all known commitments and give some reserve. Planning Matters:- Since the previous meeting two planning applications had been considered. Village Pond:- Cllr Roger Alder reported on progress made to date with regard to the Parish Council acquiring ownership. One matter that will help is to obtain statements from local residents as to their use and enjoyment of the pond going back some twenty years. An item seeking such information from interested residents will appear shortly in an issue of the Sibford Scene. These statements will be collated by Cllr Alder in his move towards Parish Council ownership. Allotments:- In the knowledge that Cherwell District Council will grant a lease of the land in Burdrop adjoining the Piggy Path for a peppercorn rent, it was decided to leave matters until the Sibfords Community Plan is in place and arrangements can be handled by an appropriate committee. Highway Matters:- The road between the Ferris and The Gate Hangs High will be closed for maintenance work from 30th January to 3rd February. Appropriate signs will be in place. Bonds End Lane is in a poor state and the Clerk was instructed to

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## Village Hall News

### VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY WINNERS

NOVEMBER 2011 1st prize Mrs A Fowler, 2nd Mrs J Scouse, 3rd Ms K Wood

DECEMBER 2011 1st prize Mr & Mrs Guy, 2nd Mr & Mrs S Bates, 3rd Mrs S Matinson.

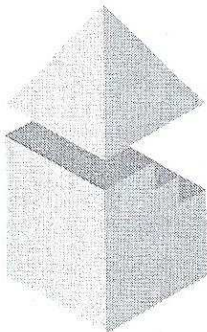
Congratulations to all winners! The January winners will be revealed in the March Scene.

We have two pairs of sunglasses that have been left at the Village Hall. If you think that either belongs to you, then please contact Muriel on 01295 780025.

The date for the Family Quiz is yet to be decided, but we will let you know in good time.

EASTER EGG HUNT on Good Friday .Put this date in your diary. More details soon.

THE JUBILEE FAYRE will be held on June 2nd, so that 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 a memorable weekend. If you have any ideas of what you would to see then please contact Ginny on 01295 780373.



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## The Sibfords Conservation Area

The conservation team of Cherwell District Council, under Dr Rose Todd, conservation officer, are currently working on the review of the Sibford Ferris, Sibford Gower and Burdrop Conservation Areas. Sibford Ferris Conservation Area was first designated in November 1985 and covers the older part of the village. Sibford Gower and Burdrop were similarly designated in January 1988.

The team are undertaking public consultation with the draft Appraisal documents from 20th February to 12th March 2012. As part of the consultation they are holding an exhibition followed by a public meeting to discuss the document in:-

Sibford Village Hall on Tuesday, 21st February 2012

Exhibition: 3pm - 6.30pm Public Meeting 7pm - 8.30pm

This is a rare chance to influence Cherwell Planning Policy, and villagers from the two Sibfords and Burdrop are strongly encouraged by their Parish Councils to attend and offer their views.

If you want to see a recent pdf example of the work of the team go to google and type in 'Shenington conservation area'.

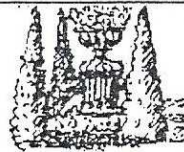
## Grit Bins in Sibford Gower & Burdrop

In previous years, the filling and refilling of grit bins rested with Oxfordshire County Council. However, starting this year, the initial filling will be carried out by the County Council but the responsibility for refilling has been laid on the shoulders of the Parish Council which has been supplied with grit for refilling the bins as and when required. When, and if, residents find that a particular bin requires topping up they are asked to phone the Parish Clerk (Peter Hardman – Tel: 780391) who will make the appropriate arrangements. In this regard, Sibford Gower Parish Council is very grateful to local resident Alan Berks for undertaking to accommodate the reserve grit and carry out the refilling as and when needed. Please note that the grit is for highway use only and is not to be used for private properties. The Parish Council has been given to understand that legal action will be taken against anyone found so doing.

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Hello from Thailand Happy New Year

Where do we start, as you might have heard we had a break in while we were in bed so no photos of things that happened before Christmas and there was a lot going on. We had a Chinese festival with fair stalls, that lasted 4 days they also had football and a game you play over a net but you used your feet instead of your hands and the ball was woven from bamboo. They were brilliant at it. The next festival was Loi Krathong Day. It's a festival which starts with a parade around the village, in the evening we went up to Non Sa Nong (that's the reservoir for the village) where we had a meal with the School Teachers then the Monks did their thing and then then you light candles and incense sticks on a float decorated with flowers and then you put in the water. They looked lovely and they also had two dragons lit up on the reservoir and people were letting go hot air balloons so not only was the water alight so was the sky.

We still go to School 3 mornings a week two mornings we start at 8.30 so it's up at 6.00am and the 3rd morning a 9.30am start. Then we had Non Bualai Games. We started at 8.00 am parading round the streets where the 17 Schools taking part then went on to the playing field where the dignitaries were waiting. The Schools had to make a promise to play fair and be good sports just like the Olympics. That was a good day and Robin and I were asked to present some Medals at the end of the day. Oh, I forgot to say we went out with the School for the day to see a Fossil expedition and then to the Zoo. Robin and I were trying to think how long since we had last been to the Zoo and we decided Matthew must have been about 10 or 11 years old. School does not have a Christmas holiday so we only had the weekend but we had a lovely time, we went to Church in the Village did not understand it all as we do not speak Thai very well but we enjoyed it. We also had them down to sing carols to us it seemed strange hearing them in Thai, we also had some friend's over for Christmas lunch we had Turkey and nearly all the trimmings. Robin has made a Vegetable patch and we had some new potatoes for Christmas day meal he is pleased that we can grow potatoes we also grow pat choy, shallots, garlic, lettuce, sweet corn, and tomatoes. We also have 2 lemon trees and 1 orange tree he also has a rose garden, when we come home we should have some photos to show of the house and garden. See you all in April.

Ann & Robin

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This month we welcome John Ross who has moved into Bonds End Lane in Sibford Gower. Originally from Scotland, he comes to us to enjoy retirement after 40 years in London. Among his interests are regularly attending, and the further involvement, with the Quaker Meeting House.

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### Upton House Forthcoming Events

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- 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb Herbal workshop 10am – 12 noon - booking essential.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mar Spring Art Focus
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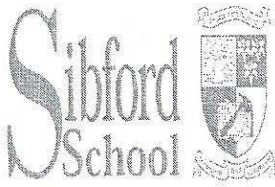
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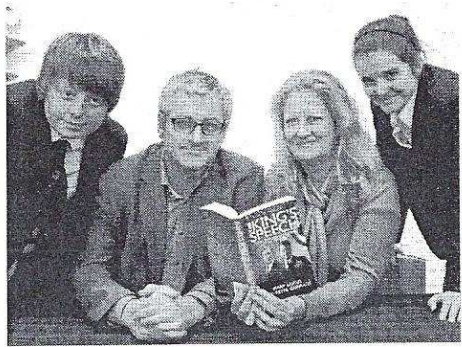
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## SIBFORD SCHOOL AND THE KING'S SPEECH

A former Sibford scholar returned to the school recently to share a fascinating family story with pupils and parents.



Mark Logue, who attended Sibford School in the 1970s, is the grandson of Lionel Logue, the therapist who helped King George VI deal with his speech impediment ~ famously portrayed by Geoffrey Rush in the award winning film *The King's Speech*.

Mark spoke to pupils about his involvement in the film and about his book of the same name. He was accompanied by his sister, Nickie, who is also a former Sibford pupil. They are pictured with Lex Ramsey (age 14) and Laura Kolos (age 13).

### NEW COMMUNITY CLASSES OPEN AT SIBFORD SCHOOL

Sibford School has entered into partnership with a number of providers to increase the range of community classes it can offer.

i-stage academy is running performing arts classes on Saturday mornings for children aged from three to 18 years and Higher Energy Trampoline Club is hosting sessions on Tuesday evenings, led by British gymnastics trampoline coach, Karen Bunyan. Other classes for children include tennis coaching and swimming lessons.

For adults, the school hosts Life Drawing Classes, which this term are being led by guest tutor Tracey Leigh, a Fine Art graduate from Edinburgh University; a community reading group and ceramic pottery classes.

For further details of the school's community education programme visit [www.sibford.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.sibford.oxon.sch.uk)

### BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Sibford School will be hosting an introduction to stone carving course over the weekend of 23 ~ 25 March. Led by Bernard Johnson, a stone carver with more than 10 years experience, the course costs £140 inclusive of stone, use of tools, coffee and homemade biscuits and lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come

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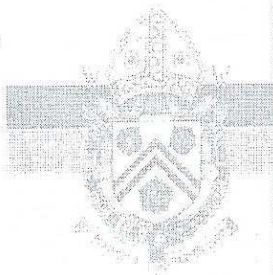
Monday 30 January: 10am	Open Morning A chance to see what Sibford School can offer your child. For further information contact Elspeth Gregory on 01285 781300
Saturday 4 February	i-stage academy ... performing arts academy for 3 ~ 18s. For further details call 0781 2068359
Monday 6 February: 6.30pm	Life Drawing
Tuesday 7 February: from 5.30pm	Higher Energy Trampoline Club. For further de-tails call 07891 419793
Saturday 11 February	i-stage academy
Monday 20 February: 6.30pm	Life Drawing
Tuesday 21 February: from 5.30pm	Higher Energy Trampoline Club.
Saturday 25 February	i-stage academy
Monday 27 February: 6.30pm	Life Drawing
Tuesday 28 February: from 5.30pm	Higher Energy Trampoline Club. For further de-tails call 07891 419793
Wednesday 29 February: 6.30pm	Community Reading Group 'Cloud Atlas' by David Mitchell

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Tommy Trickett would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all of you, who came along to Sibford Gower on Saturday 14 January, to see his magic, and mostly to support Village Hall funds, it was very much appreciated. Tommy Trickett would also like to thank all of his friends who helped before and after the Magical Moments event.

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# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

[www.thesibfords.org.uk/holytrinitychurch](http://www.thesibfords.org.uk/holytrinitychurch)

As usual at this time of the year, Christmas seems a long while ago and news referring to it and before seems rather stale. Mention however must be made of the Annual Church Christmas Bazaar which took place in November. The arrangements for this, started so efficiently by the late Eileen Haynes were taken over by Amelia Earle who ran it with just the same efficiency and Eileen would have been thrilled by all Amelia did, the calm way in which she organised everything which resulted in one of the most enjoyable events for some time and made what may be a record surplus of £1,253. Congratulations and huge thanks to Amelia and all who helped her in this most successful occasion.

The other matter to mention was the loss just before the Christmas carol services of the Broughton and Benefice Choir conductor, Chris Alexander who regretfully was unable to continue. All the members of the Benefice choirs have occasion to thank Chris for so much he did before during and after Tim's funeral service. He put a great deal of energy and initiative into the choirs at a very difficult time and we are most grateful. His place has been taken by Jim Wilson well known to many of us and we are delighted that he is prepared to look after us again. Meanwhile the Sibford Choir continues to be grateful to Keith Allen who brings so much professionalism to the singing here. We and Keith would very much like some new members for the choir; they would have a great opportunity for some serious singing and excellent professional guidance

An extraordinary meeting of the PCC was held on January 16<sup>th</sup> at which the first resolutions were passed in connection with the eventual appointment of a new Rector. More detail of the resolutions passed can be found on our website for those able to visit it, and details are also given there of the other matters which the PCC considered. Particulars of the next PCC meeting are given below. We will have had a further meeting at Epwell by the joint PCCs of the Benefice by the time this is published

Other meetings arranged for February and beyond:

Monday 20th February 2012 at 7.45 pm at Buttslade House, Sibford Gower. Next meeting of PCC (amended from the previously arranged date of 21st February)

Tuesday 20th March 2012 at 7.45 in Church. Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the election of Churchwardens, PCC, Sidespersons, to review the accounts for 2011 and budget for 2012 and to conduct any other business to be advised. Norman Nash will be retiring as Churchwarden having undertaken to assume this responsibility for two years and he considers that he is now making age-related errors. We hope that serious consideration will be given for some offers to take his place. There are one or two matters which will also need attention, particular someone to work out the three times a year rota of church service helpers also a scribe to act as correspondent and manager of the website. Preliminary enquiries might be addressed to Norman who will tell you what is needed.

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> 8 pm at Epwell Candlemas Benefice Service (Rev John Tattersall)

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 10 am Benefice Eucharist at Shutford (Rev John Tattersall)

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 10 am Family service (Lay lead)

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Holy Communion (Rev Christopher Hall)

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 9.30 (BCP) Holy Communion (Rev John Tattersall)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> 7 pm Lent Worship (Lay lead)

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 10.00 am Benefice Eucharist at Broughton (Rev John Tattersall)

Methodist Chapel Preachers for February

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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

### 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
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Sibford Ferris, Cross Roads	07.07	07.58	09.59	11.59	13.59	15.59	17.17
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## Feb

- Wed 1st Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)  
Sat 4th Primary School PTA Race Night. Village Hall 7.30pm p16  
Sat 4, 11 & 25th i-stage academy at Sibford School p12  
Mon 6, 20 & 27th Life Drawing at Sibford School p12  
Tue 7th Friendship Club meeting. P4  
Tue 7, 21 & 28th Higher energy trampoline club at Sibford School p12  
Fri 10th One day Closure of paths at Greenacres, Sibford Gower.  
Sat 11 to 13th Sugar and Spice - Children's cooking at Upton House p11  
Tue 14th W.I. "Forty years of smugglers at Heathrow" p6  
Tue 14th Deadline for contributions to the February Sibford Scene p20  
Wed 15th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)  
Fri 17th Kids Art Club 11.30 - 3pm at Upton House p11  
Tue 21st Sibfords Conservation Areas Review presentation and public meeting (presentation 3- 6.30, meeting 7-8.30)  
Thu 23rd Herbal workshop 10am - 12 noon at Upton House p11  
Wed 29th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)  
Wed 29th Community Reading Group at Sibford School p12

## March (part)

- Sat 10th Spring Art Focus at Upton House p11  
Mon 12th Ferris Parish Council meeting Sibford School sports hall 7.45pm  
Wed 14th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)  
Wed 21st Gower Parish Council Meeting 8pm p7  
Sat 24th The History Papers at Upton House - Come and explore the archives & help in the conservation of the Library. p11  
Wed 28th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

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