



Sibford Scene

March 2012

No. 340

Sibford Gower Primary School Art Exhibition

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th March

Sibford Village Hall Family Quiz

Saturday March 10th, Start prompt at 4.00pm.

Sibford Cricket Club 2012 AGM

7.00pm, Sunday 11 March at the Wykham Arms

Sibford Ferris Annual Litterblitz

Saturday 31st March, 10.00am at Lanes End Corner

Sibford Village Hall Easter Egg Hunt

on Good Friday, April 6th, from 2pm

Nature Notes

Jan 26th This afternoon I saw a red kite flying over Folly.

Jan 28th A mistle thrush sang in short bursts from several different trees near us. It was the first one I have heard this year but hopefully not the last, but they are getting very scarce in this area.

Feb 3rd It must be my lucky day as on the area where I feed apples to the birds I found that they had exposed the glasses that I lost when a branch flicked them off while I was picking apples last year. I also saw a red kite and higher up a buzzard flying over Pitch Hill.

Feb 6th A fieldfare died when it flew into my brothers window this morning.

Feb 8th I put out a 3 gallon bucketful of apples this morning as it was still freezing hard but a flock of about 40 fieldfares came down to join the blackbirds and redwings and the apples were all gone in about 2 hours. As people used to eat fieldfares and the one that hit the window was quite plump we thought we would try the breast. We found it very good with a slightly milder flavour than wood pigeon but it would take the breasts of several fieldfares to make a good meal.

The naturalist Gilbert White wrote that when the ground was frozen and fieldfares had to rely on hedge fruit they would get thinner until they were not worth the shot.

Feb 10th We don't often see pewits these days but two people from opposite ends of the parish have seen some recently.

Feb 11th A male blackcap came to the bird table today. The female that has been coming regularly during this cold spell now comes on to the window ledge when the bird table is empty of food or too crowded.

Feb 16th I have not heard a mistle thrush since the one on Jan 28th but live in hope.



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Reading more from my grandfathers diary for 1929 I find that it was an unusual year for weather. On June 25th he writes "There was 8 degrees of frost (-4C) at Farnborough last night and 4 (-2C) degrees of frost at Ross-on-Wye." When he got home having spent 2 weeks in Ireland he writes "There has only been .04 inches (1 mm) of rain while I was away making less than 7 inches for the first half of the year and many towns and villages are falling short of water." That is an inch less than we had in the first half of 2011 and Sibford in 1929 relied totally on springs, wells and rainwater.



Sibford Horticultural Society

Our first meeting of the year will be on Wednesday March 14th in the Village Hall at 8 pm, when our speaker will be Janet Cropley, an excellent plants woman with ideas for your herbaceous border. All are welcome to attend. Subscriptions are due if you have not already paid.

The Horticultural Society have five evening meetings during the year when we have a range of speakers giving illustrated talks or demonstrations and an evening garden visit in June. We hold a plant sale in May and stage the annual Flower and Produce show in August. We are always keen to welcome new members and guests to our talks and, of course, more members gives more scope for an increased calendar of activities.

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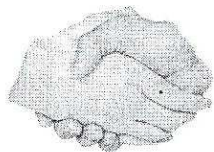
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Friendship Club

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Our next meeting is on March 6th when we will have a speaker, who has a surprise for us!!!!

The Trip for March will be to Aston Pottery.

New Members always welcome

The Writing Competition run in conjunction with the Deddington Festival, Oxfordshire, is open to all and offers a cash prize for the winner and runner-up in both the story (up to 2000 words) and poetry (up to 36 lines) sections. Additionally all whose work is shortlisted will receive a critique from the judge to help them towards more writing. The theme for the competition in both categories is open.

The closing date for all entries is 16 April 2012. Full details can be obtained from Hughm34@btinternet.com or by sending a stamped addressed envelope to *DWG Competition, 7 The Daedings, Deddington, Banbury OX15 0RT*

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The annual social evening of the Society was held in the village hall on the evening of 26th January. The event which was attended by 58 members and guests included a bring and share supper, a quiz, a raffle and entertainment provided by members,

and according to the feedback it was thoroughly enjoyed by all those that came. Thanks to all who helped in any way.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 15th March commencing at 8pm, and members are reminded that subscriptions for the forthcoming year will be due.

This occasion will be our AGM which will be followed by a talk to be given by Margaret and Peter Whittle from Tadmerton. They will be talking about the fundraising which they have done for many years on behalf of the Katharine House Hospice at Adderbury. A wide variety of craft items will be available for sale with all proceeds for the Hospice. We hope for a large attendance from current and new members for what promises to be an interesting evening.



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TINA FRITH: 1933 – 2012

Tina Frith, who lived for nearly 30 years in Burdrop with her husband Colin, died suddenly but peacefully in her home in Somerset on Saturday 7th January 2012. Her funeral took place on Friday 20th January in a packed church of Thorne St Margaret in Somerset and a stone's throw from Colin & Tina's house. In his address, Tina's son-in-law George Middleton described her early life as the daughter of an acclaimed artist, Patrick Phillips who was away serving in the army for most of her later childhood. A beautiful and talented girl, she herself was also an accomplished artist and later a needle worker, and had a passion for horses. She encountered serious illness in her early teens and equally serious accidents in the hunting field. She was unhappy at school leaving at 16 and she met and married at 18 Colin, who was serving in the Somerset Light Infantry, a regiment in which his family had a distinguished record.

For the next 21 years Tina devoted herself to supporting Colin and suffered the lot of an Army wife, moving house every 9 months – to Malaya, to Gibraltar to Northern Ireland and to many other billets. During all this period Tina was a wise, competent and respected regimental wife, devoting her time and sympathetic, attentive ear to young officer, soldier and army family alike and remained unswervingly loyal to the regimental family throughout her life.

Colin retired from the Army in 1972 becoming Bursar of Magdalen College School for 14 years, having moved to Sibford Gower and Tina instantly threw herself behind Colin in supporting church and village. She was a founding member of the Fielding Day Centre, ran Fetes and Bazaars and took the lead herself in organising Poppy Day. Wherever Colin went she could be found in close and energetic support with friendliness and great good cheer. When in 2000 they moved to Somerset to live in converted stables on the farm of their eldest daughter and family it was a very great loss to Sibford.


As wife, mother, and carer, Tina remained intensely loyal to her husband and children. At the outset, a young mother in a strange country, with her husband fighting in the jungle, she faced the loss of her first child, Michael while pregnant with her second. Picking herself up, she went on to produce Sue, Annie and Mark and then with tolerance and humour to enjoy their children and grandchildren. She was never happier than with her family and with horses or small children, preferably all three together.

Tina's greatest act of devotion was the unquestioning care and support – both physically and emotionally demanding – given to Colin during his failing years until his death in 2008. Earlier they had both looked after, while still at Sibford, her elderly aunt Dame Anne Stephens and mother Susannah Phillips, who is now 103 and living in a care home in Cambridge.

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After his ministry and his music, Timothy's passion was for cricket. All at his funeral in St. Mary's in Banbury will remember the theme tune of Test Match Special playing as his coffin was carried out of the church. So it seems right to continue that theme by calling the appeal "Timothy's Testimonial" and I hope that you will give it your generous support. Details of how to make your donation are below and your gift will be most gratefully received.

Yours sincerely

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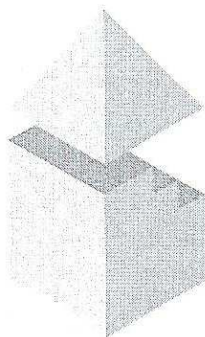
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If we do not win funding for the exchange to be upgraded to Superfast broadband we will not be upgraded in any way for the foreseeable future. This means that our access to broadband services will diminish as more users try to access more services from our already out of date and overloaded exchange. Our bid may be made either through a scheme run by Oxon CC, or the Rural Community Broadband Fund (RCBF). In either case we need to begin by establishing the demand in three user categories: homes, businesses and public organisations. Your contribution is essential if we are to win the funding we need. Please register your interest by sending us your email address and user category to paulalanhobson@btinternet.com

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OIL We have had warnings of oil thefts in the Banbury Rural Area. The police have asked us to be extra vigilant and report anything suspicious especially after oil deliveries. Many oil companies offer a regular delivery service making it easier for the rogue traders to collect the oil. Oil is now very expensive. If you need advice regarding the security of your oil tank please contact the police who are always willing to help you.

METAL THEFTS remain a serious concern so please keep all tools, equipment and bicycles etc. locked away and out of sight.

Like other villages in the Banbury Rural Area, it is up to us to remain aware, to look after each other and help the police to look after us.

If you see anything suspicious phone the police with as much information as possible.

HAVE YOUR SAY on 10th. April 3.00-4.00pm the police will be at Sibford Village Hall, the Women's Institute meeting. This is your opportunity to meet the police and discuss any concerns or ask advice.



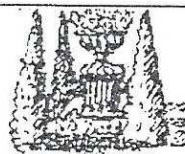
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Seventeen members were welcomed by President Glennis Hardman with a special mention for the return of Miriam Henbrey following her hip replacement operation and Greta Baadsgaard after her move to Chipping Norton. A colourful postcard sent by Jan Warner on holiday in Australia and New Zealand was enjoyed. A card of congratulations was signed by all for Jan and her husband Clive's forthcoming Golden Wedding.

I have only one positive comment to make about gloomy, cold, miserable February – at least it doesn't last as long as every other month. However the Sibford WI members were more than cheered up by our excellent speaker Malcolm Nelson. His subject was "Forty Years Catching Smugglers" and his humour and professional delivery quickly captured the attention of all. Malcolm spent 40 years of his life as a Customs Officer working both at home and abroad in such places as Port of London, Dover, Gatwick and Heathrow as well as training would-be customs officers in Russia, Malta and throughout countries in the EU. During the course of his talk he gave us facts such as in one year heroin and cocaine to the value of £4.5 billion was seized at Heathrow, that it is thought only 20% of drug smugglers are detected, that purchase of £1 worth of drugs will be funded by £5 worth of criminal damage such as burglary, theft, fraud etc. It was fascinating to hear there is generally a specific reason why a customs officer happens to be standing at the green channel awaiting the next flight arrival. Does he make a random decision to call a traveller to one side and search his baggage? Or is he responding to the information which has been gathered from the studies of the passenger list by the Detection Investigating Teams, or the observation of passen-

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gers' activities in the luggage reclaims area or the fact that a passenger has paid for his (or her) very expensive ticket by cash? And there again, has specific behaviour at any time during the journey alerted suspicions? Is it possible that the business man from Lagos in the slightly grubby suit, very loosely tied shoes and hot anxious appearance despite travelling overnight business class is not quite what he seems? It is also possible that one of the dog teams has identified an amount of drugs contained in a suitcase going through reclaim. These dogs are highly trained to search for drugs, alcohol, meat, tobacco, cash; they may be excitable and enthusiastic or quiet and passive (perhaps spaniels, Labradors or collies) and incidentally the "cash specialists" are always bitches – they always find the hidden hoard!! Some of the facts we heard were sobering- such as that drugs are sometimes smuggled through customs under a wig sewn on the head. That said, this talk proved to provide an interesting and often very amusing afternoon enjoyed by all. Kathleen Winter gave an inspired vote of thanks which included a short poem.

Margaret Gardiner and Valerie Taylor served tea with the usual high standard of home baked cakes. Mr Nelson judged the competition for an old passport awarding 1st to Gaynor Harper-Tarr, 2nd to Glennis Hardman and 3rd to Mary Hill.

Our next meeting will take place in Sibford Village Hall on Tuesday, 13th March at 2pm which promises some light hearted entertainment with Pam Goddard's talk on 'Hats and Millinery'. Please bring an Easter Bonnet for the competition. Visitors are welcome.

Margaret Gardiner



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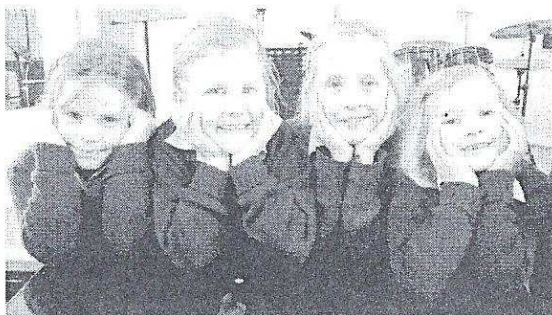
Children from Sibford School will be welcoming pupils from Friends' School in Saffron Walden, Bootham School in York and The Mount School, also in York, for the event, which will take place on Saturday 31st March. The youngsters are currently rehearsing for the festival, which will feature music from Nick Perrin's musical, 'Scheherazade'.

Patsy Howes, teacher at Sibford's Junior School, said: "The Quaker Schools' Junior Choir Festival takes place on a triennial basis and we are delighted to be hosting it in 2012."

Sue Sabin, music teacher, added: "Nick Perrin's musical is based on the classic tales of the 1001 Arabian Nights and tells of Scheherazade and the stories she must tell the King in order to save her own life and the lives of many other women.

"It is a wonderfully dramatic piece and we look forward to embracing the Quaker community and welcoming our friends from the other schools to help put on a really fabulous performance."

The festival, which is open to the general public, will take place between 2pm and 4pm.



Picture: Libby Griffiths (9), Darcie O'Dwyer (7), Jessie Urquhart (8) and Anja Wahlberg (7) are four of the 30-strong Sibford School contingent who will be part of the mass QuakerSchools' Junior Choir performing in Banbury.

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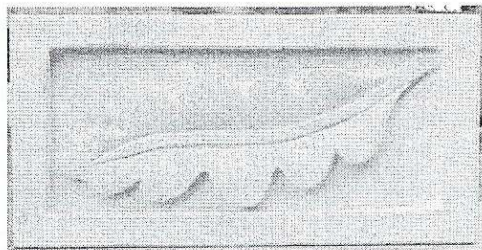
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Pictured: Example of work completed by a student on last year's course.

THIRD TIME LUCKY

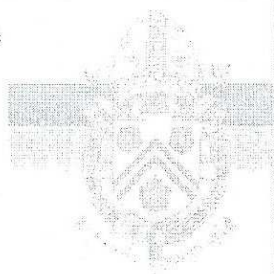
It was third time lucky for pupils at Sibford School when they finally managed to beat the elements and plant a new hedgerow on the edge of the school's conservation area.

Their earlier efforts had been thwarted ... firstly by frost, which made the ground too hard, and then by heavy rain, which made the ground too muddy. However the sun shone on the third attempt and, in near perfect conditions, Year 13 Countryside Management students were able to supervise as Year 7 pupils set about bedding in 150 plants. When mature, the 34-metre hedge will act as a buffer zone between the school and a neighbouring farm, helping to prevent the spread of agro chemicals into the conservation area and so encourage biodiversity. (see over for calendar)

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Monday 12 March: 6.30pm	Life Drawing
Thursday 15 March &	Sibford School's Music Department presents:
Friday 16 March	Sounds of the 70's at The Mill Theatre, Banbury Tickets 01295 279002
Saturday 17 March	I-stage academy
Monday 19 March: 6.30pm	Life Drawing
Friday 23 March ~	An Introduction to Stone Carving
Sunday 25 March	
Saturday 24 March	i-stage academy
Monday 26 March: 6.30pm	Life Drawing
Wednesday 28 March: 6.30pm	Community Reading Group
Saturday 31 March: 2.00pm	Quaker Schools Junior Choir Festival, St Mary's Church, Banbury.

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Sometimes I sits and thinks and sometimes I just sits.

We have been thinking back to our childhoods in the 1930's and doing a rough count of the village of Sibford Ferris from Little London to Margret Fell House, to the bend in Woodway Road and to the top of Mannings Hill. We reckon there were 48 dwellings with 58 children, 9 dogs, 8 cars and 1 riding horse. Since then there have been 89 more dwellings, plus the development at the Manor and the School houses, Penn, Lister, Margret Fell, Feilding and the junior school.

A village water supply and electricity both came to the village in the 1930's but the sewage scheme was later. We had a good local bus service and a carrier (lorry).

It seems that the children have been replaced with dogs, horses and cars, reflecting the fact that house prices here are mostly beyond the pocket of those with younger families.

Now we'll just sit for a bit.

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Charges £1 per child £1.50 per adult. Bar available. Win prizes!

Eggstravaganza!

Join in the Easter Egg Hunt on Good Friday, April 6th, from 2pm onwards at the Village Hall. There will be two classes, one aimed at smaller children, but families can choose which class will suit your group best. Charges £1 per child. Drinks and snacks will be available. There will be chocolate eggs as rewards.

Piano Stool

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Paint a Self Portrait

We would like to challenge you all to provide a self portrait (in any medium) so that they can be used as decoration in the Village Hall during the Jubilee celebrations. This is just for fun. Pictures should be A4 size and anonymous! We will collect them in the middle of May.

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Sibford Ferris Annual Litterblitz

Saturday 31st March, 10.00 am at Lanes End Corner

Once again we are undertaking a much needed litter collection from our parish roadsides. We will be meeting at Lanes End Corner, (the crossroads in the middle of Sibford Ferris) and hopefully we will have enough volunteers so that all the roadsides in the parish can be cleared of litter by lunch time. Bin bags and gloves will be handed out and roadsides allocated on the day. If you would like to help out but cannot make it on the day, please contact Adrian Lamb (details on the back cover) and offer to do a section at your convenience. All ages are welcome to come along but children must have an adult with them who takes responsibility for them.

It is unfortunate that we need to do this every year, but the habits of car users throwing their rubbish out of the window doesn't seem to change. I look forward to seeing lots of volunteers which will make it an easier task for all.

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This month we welcome to Sibford Gower Wendy Tong who has recently arrived from Oddington; she has 3 adult children and several grandchildren living in London. Wendy runs a small business involving hand dyed threads and fabrics.



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An extraordinary meeting of the PCC was held on January 16th 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 had a meeting last Wednesday in the Village Hall of the representatives of all six villages in the Benefice to agree the Benefice Profile, which will give detailed particulars of the Benefice and all the Parishes for any candidate for appointment as new Rector. The next meeting for these representatives will be to agree an advertise-



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ment and this meeting will also be attended by the Bishop of Dorchester and the three Patrons of the Benefice.

Lent will have started on Ash Wednesday 22nd February with a Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton at 8.00 pm and an informal service of Lent Worship in Sibford Church on Monday 27th February at 7.00 pm Lent courses on Tuesdays at The Gables, Upper Tadmarton and on Thursdays at 32 Danvers Close, Broughton both starting at 10.30 am. Austerity lunches on Mondays beginning with Broughton at 12.00 noon on 27th February and following Mondays at 12.30 am at Silver Birches, Backside Lane , Sibford Gower, 5th March, Swalcliffe Grange Farm on 12th March; Tadmarton Village Hall on 19th March; Epwell Village Hall on 26th March and Shutford Village Hall on 2nd April. Collections are made for the Charity of the choice of the host. Good Friday this year is on 6th April and Easter Day 8th April.

A most successful Family Service with the theme "Love" took place on Sunday 12th February and the next such service will be on 18th March at 10.00 am to celebrate Mothering Sunday.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place in church on Tuesday 20th March 2012 at 7.45. for the election of Churchwardens, PCC and Sidespersons, to review the accounts for 2011 and budget for 2012 and to conduct any other business to be notified. We have one possibility to replace Norman Nash as Churchwarden. We have also had an offer from a kind helpful person to work out the three times a year rota of church service helpers but we still need 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. We will also have to find a Treasurer, Peter Abbott having done the job extremely well for two years now wishes to hand over. There will be three retirements from the PCC, two of them due to the regulations which require the two longest serving to retire each year. We have one volunteer but we still need two more.

Congratulations to Canon Glyn Evans who has been appointed as Deputy Lieutenant for Oxfordshire.

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 Benefice Eucharist at Broughton 10.00 am (no service in Sibford)

Sunday 11th Holy Communion 9.30 am (Rev Canon Glyn Evans)

Sunday 18th (Mothering Sunday) 8.00 am Holy Communion BCP
10.00 am Family Service

Sunday 25th (Lent 5 Passion Sunday) 9.30 am Holy Communion BCP (Rev Heather Scargill)

Monday 26th 7.00 pm Lent Worship (Lay lead)

Methodist Chapel Preachers for March

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Sun 11th Rev. P Beuzeval

Sun 18th Rev Clewlow

Sun 25th Rev Bill Rolfe



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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 Ferris, Cross Roads	07.07	07.58	09.59	11.59	13.59	15.59	17.17
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Calendar of Events

March

- Mon 3rd Banbury Young Musician of the Year at Sibford School p14
Tue 6th Friendship Club at the Village Hall p4
Sat 10th & Sun 11th Primary School Art Exhibition
Sat 10th Village Hall Family Quiz. 4pm start. p16
Sat 10th Spring Art Focus at Upton House
Sun 11th Cricket Club AGM 7pm at the Wykham Arms p17
Tue 13th WI - Hats and Millinery. Village Hall 2pm p10
Wed 14th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
Wed 14th Horticultural Society Ideas for Herbaceous Borders. VH 8pm p3
Thu 15th Sibfords Society AGM and talk. Village Hall 8pm p5
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)
Sat 31st Ferris Litterblitz, Lanes End Corner at 10 am p18
Sat 31st Quaker Schools Junior Choir Festival p12

April (part)

- Fri 6th Eggstravaganza at the Village Hall from 2pm p16
Tue 10th Police at Sibford Village Hall 3 - 4 pm. P9
Wed 11th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
Wed 25th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

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