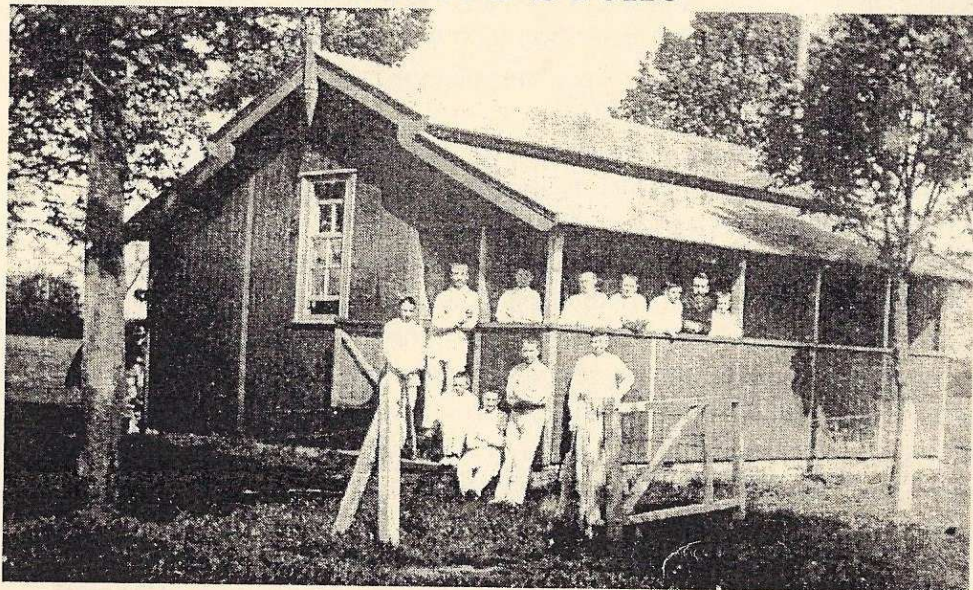


# Sibford Scene



May 2012

No. 342

## Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting

Monday April 30th 7.45pm at Sibford School  
in the upstairs classroom in the Sports Hall.

## Sibford Gower Spring Clean

Saturday 5th May. Meet at the Village Hall at 10am

## Sibford Horticultural Society Plant Sale

Saturday 12th May at Carters Yard, Sibford Gower. 10.30 - 12.30

## Concert in Sibford Gower Chapel

Wednesday 16th May at 7.30pm

## Coffee Morning in the Church

Saturday 19th May 10.00 - 12.00 noon

## Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting

Friday 25th May in the Primary School Hall at 7.30pm

## Nature Notes

Mar 27th This lovely, but too dry, weather is bringing out the butterflies that have over wintered. I have seen quite a few peacocks, a tortoise-shell, two brimstones and today I saw a comma. I always wonder how so many survive the winter.

Mar 31st In the first quarter of the year, I have only measured 3.45 inches (88 mm) of rain, which is about half the average.

Apr 13th Today, there was an orange tip and two speckled wood butterflies around the garden. These, along with the holly blue which I haven't yet seen, are usually the first to emerge in the spring.

Apr 15th I still don't know whether any of the ravens that are around, have nested in the parish. There are still some around, but they should have nested and have young ones by now. I don't know much about ravens as they are new to our area, but I wonder whether they could be young birds that have spread out to here and may not normally nest in their first year.

Apr 18th April is now looking as though it might produce at least an average rainfall. Reading some more of my grandfathers notes, I saw that on May 15th 1929 he saw a butcher bird (red-backed shrike) and on May 27th found a pair of redtails nesting in an old hovel on the common. I think we would now call them redstarts.



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## Sibford Gower Annual Spring Clean, Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2012

The Annual Spring Clean will take place on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2012 and volunteers are sought to give an hour or so of their time to help with the work of clearing litter from where it may have gathered in Burdrop and Sibford Gower. We will meet at Sibford Village Hall at 10am when Peter Abbott will allocate the areas which require attention. Clear recycling sacks (for paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and cans) and rubbish sacks (for other items) will be provided together with cotton gloves. The District Council supplies on loan only a minimal number of litter pickers and high visibility jackets so if you are able to bring along your own it will be extremely helpful.

Should anyone be willing to help but not be available on 5<sup>th</sup> May, please phone Peter Abbott (Tel: 780731) and he will discuss with you a particular area that would benefit from your attention on another day. The Members of Sibford Gower Parish Council hope that the occasion will once again receive the usual enthusiastic support and look forward to seeing you on the 5th May.

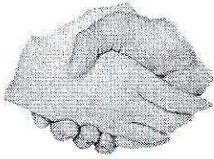
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## Sibford Ferris Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting April 30th 7.45pm

In the upstairs class room at Sibford School Sports Hall. This is a public discussion meeting reviewing the Parish Councils work over the last 12 months, giving details of the councils finances and an opportunity to air your views on what the council need to do in the next year.

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## Friendship Club

As I write this, the Club have just returned from a great carvery lunch at Wychwood Golf Club, I believe we all enjoyed ourselves very much. I would like to thank all the car owners who took

other members to the Club.

PLEASE don't forget the Meeting on May 1st, as it is our A.G.M. A very important one!!!!

The May trip on 15th we will be going to Twycross Zoo. Anyone wishing to join us on that day OR would like to join the Club please contact the Secretary.

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On 11th April Ann Anson came to talk to the Horticultural Society on the subject of flower arranging and ideas for your picking border. She demonstrated 3 very different arrangements; 2 classical arrangements around a standing figure, a 70's revival consisting of filling a large planter with a combination of living indoor and outdoor plants and filling in the gaps with living cut flowers and silk foliage - which caused surprisingly little consternation from the audience! and a modern arrangement where flowers were arranged in columns, all the while entertaining us with anecdotes from places where she has arranged flowers. We were so engrossed that we ran out of time for ideas for the cutting border.

The next talk will be given on 9th May by John Edgeley on How to grow prize winning Vegetables. Be there to have any chance of winning prizes at the summer show.

Our Spring Plant Sale will take place on May 12th from 10.30 until 12.30 at Carters Yard, Sibford Gower. Refreshments will be available so come and enjoy a coffee while sorting out a few choice plants.



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On the Saturday evening we plan a Disco with bar and refreshments, and would welcome anyone who has a talent for singing, telling jokes, playing music or doing tricks to come along to join us for an informal evening of fun! Please contact Ginny 780373 or Muriel 780025 if you wish to take part in the Talent Show.

On Sunday 3rd June there will be open gardens with teas available at one of the Gower gardens.

Monday is Family Sports day, centred around Sibford School where you can take your own picnic teas.

On Tuesday we are planning a treasure hunt, courtesy of two of our fellow villagers, which will start from the Wykham Arms, and teas will be available from there.

We would like helpers to offer their services please, as we have a lot of things going on. If you can run a stall, help set up or clear away then do contact Ginny 780373, or Muriel

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780025. We would appreciate bottles of wine for the "water or wine" stall, cakes for teas and cake stall, produce and plants too.

**PAINT A SELF PORTRAIT!** We hope that many of you are going to have a go at this! Portraits in any medium, A4 size and anonymous. We plan to display them at the Village Hall during the Fayre. They need to be collected in by May 25th and can be given to any committee member, or tel Muriel 780025.

**DAMN RIGHT I GOT THE BLUES are BACK!** on June 30th at the Village Hall. A licensed bar and BBQ will be there. Make sure you put the date in your diary. More details next month.

March Lottery winners were -- 1st prize Peter Neal, 2nd Neil Mattinson and 3rd Graham Wealsby.

### Jubilee Commemorative Mugs

As for previous village Jubilee celebrations, with support from our Parish Councils, we are planning to present commemorative mugs to all school age (below 6th form) and pre-school children living in the parishes of Sibford Ferris, Sibford Gower and Burdrop. In order to achieve this we need to gather a complete list of eligible children to ensure that we have enough mugs on order. To this end we ask all parents to contact Helen or Adrian Lamb either by phone 780380 or by email [adrian.lamb1@btconnect.com](mailto:adrian.lamb1@btconnect.com)

The mugs will be presented after the Family Sports Day on Monday 4th June. If you cannot collect them on the day, we will make arrangements to get them to you.

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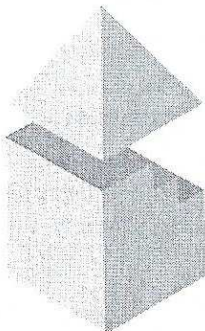
The April meeting of the Society was held on Thursday 19th in the Village Hall. It was very well attended by 40 members and guests. Everyone enjoyed an excellent presentation by Martin Quartermain from Hook Norton. His subject was the Hook Norton railway which was within the single track line between Adderbury and Kingham and the talk was illustrated with numerous slides relating to the years between 1887 and 1962 when the line was finally closed. Whilst the line carried passengers, the main use was for freight, in particular ironstone from a number of operations in the area which was finally delivered to South Wales. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 17th May when Gerald Lesinski from the Lord Leycester Hospital at Warwick will talk to us on his earlier ceremonial duties. All are welcome.

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## Sibford Ferris Annual Litterblitz

Many thanks to all those who joined in the annual litterblitz. It was nice to have enough volunteers to cover most of the parish and the improvement in the appearance of our verges was very noticeable. Unfortunately people continue to throw cans and wrappers out of their cars so our good work is already being undone.

Adrian Lamb (Ferris Parish Council)



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Any books are welcome but the Beavers will enjoy reading the children's books in the quiet moments, so plenty of them please.

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Helen Lamb

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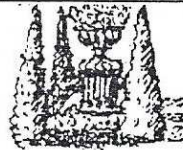
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This was our AGM. Secretary Lynda Conway gave a full and colourful account of our meetings and events over the past year. President Glennis Hardman followed with her address in which she thanked the committee for its unfailing support and efficient way in which responsibilities are carried out and the other members for the numerous tasks performed by them to ensure the smooth running of the monthly meetings. She mentioned that this year had personally been very satisfactory because her dream of a banner for Sibford WI is at last to be realised. The Committee for 2012/13 is unchanged: Glennis Hardman (President), Lynda Conway (Secretary), Rosemary Neal (Treasurer), Margaret Gardiner, Mary Hill, Val Powell, and Jan Warner. Glennis reported on the OFWI Annual Council Meeting at Oxford Town Hall on 28<sup>th</sup> March where a full hall was welcomed by Chairman Sue Cox. The Meeting was honoured by the presence of the National Chair, Ruth Bond, who delivered an excellent address focusing on the forthcoming Revision of the NFWI Constitution. In the afternoon, writer Janie Hampton gave a most entertaining talk on her book about the 1948 Olympics. On display were the many cushions competing for



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the Gold Award including one from Sibford member, Kathleen Winter. Although not a winner she gained a well deserved nineteen out of twenty points. Kathleen brought along her beautifully designed cushion to our meeting and her handiwork was much admired.

With the business completed, Valerie Currie and Joan Thomas served tea and a wonderful choice of home baked cakes. Mary Hill and Theresa Tovell ran a Bring & Buy stall attracting lots of interest and producing a pleasing profit for our funds. Prizes were presented for the most points gained in the competitions over the past year. 1st – Rosemary Neal, 2nd – Joan Thomas and 3rd – Eleanor Joynes.

We meet again on Tuesday, 8th May when Lynda will give details of the Resolution ‘Employment of more Midwives’ which is to be debated at the National AGM in the Royal Albert Hall, London on 30th May. Competition – A Flowering House Pot Plant.

Glennis Hardman

### Temporary Road Closure : Sibfords – Burdrop/Mannings Hill

With reference to the notice published in the April edition of the Sibford Scene, notification has been received from Oxfordshire County Council that the starting date has been altered from 26th April to 8th May 2012.



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## PAST AND PRESENT COMBINE AS SIBFORD CELEBRATES ARTWEEKS

Sibford School near Banbury is celebrating the 30th anniversary of Oxfordshire Artweeks by showcasing the talents of some its former pupils.

In addition to the now traditional exhibition featuring artworks by current pupils and staff, Sibford has this year invited former scholars and friends of the school to submit exhibits for the show.

Keen water colour artist, Erica Strofton, who joined the Quaker school in 1958 and who is currently president of the Sibford Old Scholars' Association, said: "I am delighted to have been asked to be part of this exhibition. It is a fitting tribute to Oxfordshire Artweeks, in this, its anniversary year, that the school is celebrating not only its emerging talent but also the talents of those whose school days are far behind them."

Another exhibitor is Daniel Hale. "Art was one of my favourite lessons when I was at Sibford and I left with the top grade in GCSE," said Daniel, who was a pupil between 1983 and 1988. "Today I paint mainly in oils and also gouache. My paintings feature, gardens with flowers, street scenes and churches, which I paint mainly in a decorative, ornamental style."

The Sibford Artweeks Exhibition, which will be open in the school's Mackenzie Thorpe Gallery from 5 ~ 13 May, will also feature work by local Quakers.

Derry Sharman, a member of the school's governing body, who is helping to co-ordinate the event said: 'This is a real opportunity for



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those connected with the school, whether as pupils, staff, old scholars or friends, to come together to celebrate art. From what I've seen so far we will have a very varied and entertaining exhibition.'

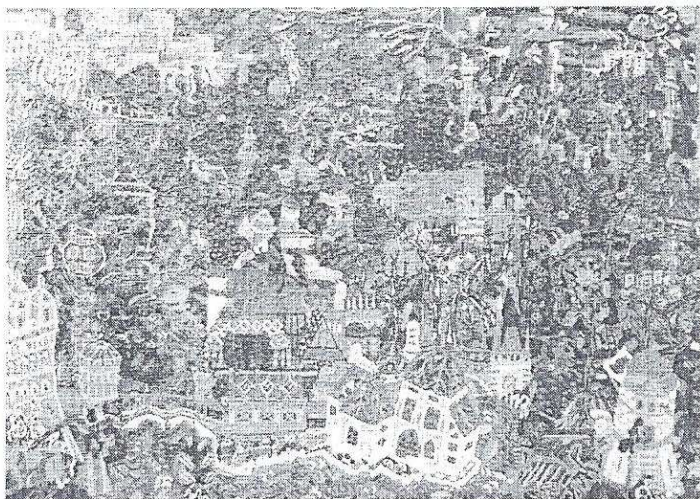
Other Sibford exhibitors taking part in Artweeks include: Bronwen Corral (ceramics), Elly Dunford Wood (jewellery) and Nicola Durrant (drawing, mixed media and painting) who will be exhibiting at Shrubbery Cottage, Small House Lane in the Ferris, and Maxine Chandler (various media) at 6 Shepherds Close, Burdop.

For details of opening times pick up a copy of the Artweeks 2012 festival guide (available from Sibford School).

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☐ 'Arum Lily' by Erica Strofton

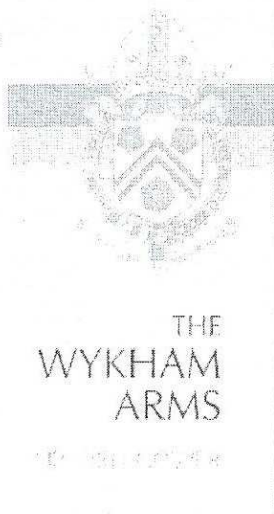
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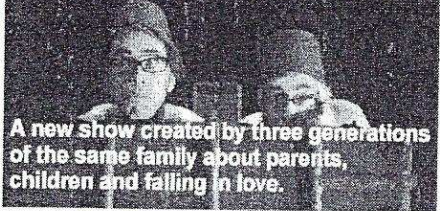
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Imagine a building full of decaying rooms, each with a story to tell. Some large, some small, some full of memories, others full of cobwebs; some leading to strange secrets, others to a dead end.

Now these rooms, home of the future Story Museum in the heart of literary Oxford, have each been given a voice. In an exciting creative collaboration, 25 writers, paired with 25 other artists, will bring them to life in an installation, *Other Worlds*, inspired by the distinctive character of the building.

At the moment, The Story Museum is a warren of empty, dilapidated spaces. In 2014 it will be home to 1001 stories and much more. But before its transformation into a fully-fledged cathedral of stories begins in earnest, an exciting creative partnership is allowing it to tell some tales of its own.

stories told through words, pictures, film, video - and even plants

The directors of the creative writing programme *Dark Angels*, who run master classes at Merton College, approached The Story Museum with the concept of *Other Worlds*. Their collective writing power forms the nucleus of the exhibition. They have been joined by a broad spectrum of invited artists, along with special guests including writer and broadcaster Michael Rosen, composer Nick Bicat and Oxford city poet Kate Clanchy.

Stuart Delves, a director of *Dark Angels*, said: "Discarded equipment, the last leavings of former occupants, abandoned spaces awaiting some magic: even when empty, these buildings are atmospheric; when adapted, with a storytelling purpose, they become extraordinary. We wanted to show our support for The Story Museum in an exciting, practical way."

Visitors to *Other Worlds* will go where their curiosity takes them, from room to room at their own pace, looking for items and clues of stories being made - and entering other imaginative worlds through these objects and places.

*Other Worlds* runs throughout May 2012 at The Story Museum, Rochester House, 42 Pembroke St, OX1 1BP. More information at [www.storymuseum.org.uk/otherworlds](http://www.storymuseum.org.uk/otherworlds)

Rooms with stories to tell: some examples

Room 28 A world filled with a very special sort of rain.

Room 32 What's old Bob doing in his hideaway? He's busy keeping a secret. Whatever it is (and he says he's just having a crafty fag), it's having a remarkably refreshing effect...

Room 35 A desk, a calendar, some pens - and a bit of time travelling.

Room 38 Where do lost things go? To the English Office of Lost Things Found of course.

## 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.

This month we welcome;

Chris, Dominic and Thomas (age 12) Powell have just moved into a house on Main Street, Sibford Gower. He commutes to Wales where he and his father have developed a successful native Red Kite feeding station. Chris and Dominic have only recently married and Thomas is settling into a local school.

Alan Parker who has moved to Main Street, Sibford Gower. He came to us from Carlisle, Cumbria and has a new job with (London) Oxford Aviation.

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## Coach Outing to Anglesey Abbey – Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August

For its annual outing this year Sibford WI will be travelling to Anglesey Abbey, a National Trust property in Cambridgeshire. This is a Jacobean style house which was formerly a priory set in extensive gardens and includes Lode Mill – a working watermill. The restaurant, Redwood Restaurant, serves home grown food including bread and cakes made from the locally produced flour. In addition there is a shop, plant centre and book stall.

This outing is taking place on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August. We are travelling by coach and the cost of a ticket is £16.50 per person. For non-National Trust members there is an entrance fee of £9.35 which is the group reduction price.

Non members are most welcome to join us with family and friends. If interested, please contact Margaret Gardiner on 01295 780979 or Glennis Hardman on 01295 780391.



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

The Benefice group of parish representatives, Bishop and Patrons will have on April 26th considered applications for the post of Rector and interviews will take place on May 10th. Both these meetings will be held in the Sibford Village Hall. It is very much hoped that an appointment may take place soon thereafter and assuming a three months period of notice, this might be taken up in September.

Volunteers would be welcome for providing refreshments and lunch for this 18 strong gathering on May 10th. If there is anyone able and willing to be available with food that day it would be greatly appreciated. Applications please to Norman Nash 780980 or [nnash@waitrose.com](mailto:nnash@waitrose.com). The final Benefice Profile can be seen on the website of the Diocese of Oxford which can be reached through a link from our own website. It is well worth reading for those who have the necessary equipment.

Grateful thanks to all who have contributed to Timothy's Testimonial. The final Benefice result is due to be published in the May edition of The



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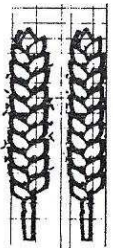
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Sibford Scene  
to the Shop or Editor  
by May 16th

Wykeham News and a presentation will be made to Erica Wimbush at the end of the Benefice service at Swalcliffe on May 6th. It is hoped that there will be a good gathering present.

On May 6th at 6.00 pm there will also be a rare opportunity to participate in a Choral Evensong to be sung by the Sibford Choir in Sibford Church. It is very much hoped that there may be a good turnout for this for it is a bit dispiriting for a choir to have no congregation to participate. The settings for the Versicles and Responses will be in E flat by Richard Ayleward (1626-1669) and the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B flat by Sir Charles Villiers Stanford. The choir continues to be grateful to Keith Allen for taking so much of his time in rehearsals and especially for this opportunity to sing Evensong.

The second Coffee Morning will have taken place on Saturday 21st April and the next will be on May 19th from 10.00 am to 12 noon.

Christian Aid Week is being held this year from Sunday May 13th to Saturday May 20th. There will as usual be a house-to-house distribution of Christian Aid envelopes in the preceding week for collection, hopefully generously filled during the official week. Our team of collectors., 22 in all, has been very depleted this year by unavailability on the days concerned and there are still a few blanks to be filled if we are going to cover the whole village. Please telephone Colette Stranack on 788968 or email [colettestranack@aol.com](mailto:colettestranack@aol.com) if you feel you can help. Thanks to so many in the team, the average number of houses to be visited by each collector is only about 15 so the time required is minimal. There will also be collection boxes at the Surgery, the Shop and the Sibford School for villagers who will be away. There will be a special Ecumenical service planned and run by the 4 Christian Churches represented in the Village on May 13th to start the week, to be lead by Canon Christopher Hall with Paul Langley a Director of Christian Aid as Speaker. At this service there will be a recycle box so please bring your used stamps, old coins English or Foreign, mobile telephones and used ink cartridges, all of which Christian Aid can turn into cash. The Church Summer Fete will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 23rd June 2012 from 2.30 pm and offers of help, gifts etc will be much appreciated by Catherine and Bruce Petter the organisers.

Many thanks to Amanda, Thea and Imogen Ransom who, under the watchful eye of Flora made such a lovely Easter Garden, a worthy and beautiful successor to all those lovingly made by Ian Warden over so many years and for which we are again so grateful.

## 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,  
Sunday May 6th. 10.00 am Benefice Eucharist at Swalcliffe, followed by presentation to Erica Wimbush of Timothy's Testimonial.

Sunday May 6th 6.00 pm Parish Choral Evensong by the Sibford Choir, director Keith Allen

Sunday May 13th 10.30 am Ecumenical Service for Christian Aid Week 13th -19th

Sunday May 20th 10.00 am Family Service

Sunday May 27th 9.30 am Holy Communion (BCP).

## Methodist Chapel Preachers for May

Sun 6th United Service at Wigginton 10.30am

Sun 13th Christian Aid Service at the Parish Church 10.30am

Sun 20th Steve Haley

Sun 27th Rev A Swann (Holy Communion)



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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
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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# Calendar of Events

## May

- Tue 1st Friendship Club AGM. p4  
Tue 1st Gower Parish Council Meeting 8pm Primary School staff room.  
Sat 5th Sibford Gower Spring Clean Village Hall 10am p3  
Sat 5th to Mon 13th Art Weeks Exhibitions at Sibford School and in the Village and surrounding area.  
Tue 8th W.I. Resolutions Meeting. p11  
Wed 9th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)  
Wed 9th Horticultural Society - Growing Prize Winning Vegetables p5  
Sat 12th Horticultural Society Plant Sale. Carters Yard 10.30 - 12.30 p5  
Sun 13th Christian Aid Week Collections around the Villages p21  
Tue 15th Friendship Club trip to Twycross Zoo p4  
Tue 15th Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm  
Wed 16th Concert in Sibford Gower Chapel p4  
Thu 17th Sibfords Society meeting p8  
Sat 19th Coffee Morning in the Church p21  
Wed 23rd Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)  
Fri 25th Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting Primary School Hall 7.30

## June (part)

- Sat 2nd Village Hall Fayre, Disco and Talent Show p6  
Sun 3rd Open Gardens around the villages p6  
Mon 4th Children's Sports at Sibford School p6  
Tue 5th Treasure Hunt from the Wykham Arms p6  
Wed 6th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)  
Wed 20th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)  
Sat 23rd Church Summer Fete 2.30pm at the Village Hall p15  
Wed 27th "As You Like It" at Holly House p15  
Sat 30th "Damn Right I Got the Blues" at the Village Hall p7  
Cover picture. The Cricket Pavilion in the The Piece, (Sibford School)

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