

June 2012 No. 343

Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting Friday 25th May at 7.30pm, in the Primary School Hall

> Jubilee Celebrations Saturday 2nd to Tuesday 5th June

Sibford Methodist Chapel Anniversary Service 7.30pm on Thursday 14th June

"As You Like It" in the open air at Holly House Wednesday 27th June 6.30pm picnic, 7.30pm performance

Church Summer Fete Saturday 23rd June, 2.30pm in the Village Hall

"Damn Right I Got The Blues" Saturday 30th June 8.00pm in the Village Hall

#### Nature Notes

Apr 21st. This evening a pair of mallard were walking round our lawn in a shower of rain. After walking around for a while and the drake had done a bit of preening the duck shook off the raindrops and they took off and flew towards the Colony.

Apr 22nd. There was a young robin on the lawn this morning looking very like an easy meal for a cat until it can fly better.

Apr 27th. There has been a lame cock pheasant around the garden for several days now. It could have been damaged in a cock-fight. I think it was the old one that became very tame over the last few years as it took a bit of food for a few days but yesterday it did not eat it and today it has disappeared.

May 3rd. We had an exceptionally wet April with 6.36 inches (161mm) of rain but the four week period up to today has been even wetter producing 7.30 inches (185mm)

May 4th. We have been lucky to be rabbit free in the past but there was a young one in the garden this morning. I had a row of cabbage and lettuce plants with a wire netting tunnel over them to keep the pigeons off and the rabbits have gone along the tunnel eating the cabbage but have not touched

the lettuce. Beatrix Potter must have got it wrong as Peter Rabbit was said to like lettuce best.

May 5th. I found a long tailed tits nest that had been destroyed by a predator with an egg left amongst the debris.



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This is only the second long tailed tits nest that I have found in the garden and the last one, about five years ago, suffered the same fate. May 11th. A flycatcher has come back to the garden in the middle of Sibford Ferris where it nested last year.

May 12th. My son saw 9 hares in one field in the Cherwell Valley. It is many years since we saw a sight like that at Sibford.

May 13th. We saw two or three pairs of swallows at Folly Farm today. May 14th I see that the swifts are back at Home Farm in the Ferris. May 16th. Walking along a much disturbed grass years between

May 16th. Walking along a much disturbed grass verge between Smiths scrap yard and Bloxham I was surprised at the number and selection of wildflowers growing there.

May 18th. An old rhyme says that

The cuckoo comes in April, Sings it song in May,

Changes its tune in the middle of June And then it flies away.

It is nearing the change of tune time and I have yet to hear one. If, as someone said on the radio the other day, the caterpillar of the garden tiger moth is an essential part of the cuckoos diet then the decline in the numbers of this moth seems to be the most likely cause of the drop in cuckoo numbers. These caterpillars were everywhere when we were children and were particularly noticeable to us when they were crawling at a lively pace across the road. It was known as the woolly bear and we were told not to stroke the long hairs on its back or we might get caterpillar eczema. So to get the cuckoos back we need to get the garden tiger moth back which could be difficult.

## I have a little moan!

I have just been checking the brook under the bridge at the bottom of

the Ferris hills and someone has thrown their full, black, dog pooh bags down there! They are hanging off the trees and off the rock wall. Could you please ask who ever has done it to stop and take their rubbish home or even put them in a proper bin.

Thank you

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## Friendship Club

We have just returned home from Twycross Zoo. I think we all had a lovely day, albeit with a couple of heavy hail storms. The Snow Leopards were my favourites!!!!

On June 5th, our next meeting is our Jubilee Party, don't forget members, RED, WHITE and BLUE.

The party starts at 2-00 for 2-30. Please pray for a sunny and warm day as we hope to party outside.

Also on June 19th our trip is to the Tram Museum at Crich not far from Matlock. More info from the Club Sec. on 263460

## Sibford Methodist Chapel Anniversary Service, Thursday 14th June 7.30 pm Chairman Rev A Swann, Preacher Rev Stephen Bywater

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The group has been going over 2 years now and was formed by keen readers in the community and happily given a base at the Quaker school. The fact that we meet in the comfortable yet neutral surroundings of the newly refurbished school library means for most of the members that we can come in and discuss the books for an hour and not worry about tidying or catering as would happen in a private group conducted in people's homes.

Examples of books that we have discussed include 'The Heart is a Lonely Hunter', 'Engleby', 'Year of Wonders', and all the titles are selected by members of the group on a rota system, once a month. Up to now, these have tended to be relatively recently published works mixed with classics. We often work with Oxford Libraries book list who loan books on their Book Groups list. The appeal of many of the books is that they are sometimes out of our 'comfort zone' and not what we would normally select but often these choices are the most exciting.

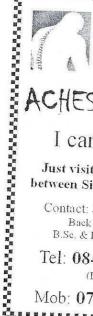
The group meets the last Wednesday of the month during term times - so about 9 times a year. We meet at 6.30 - 7.30 pm (which seems to be more favourable in winter) and make a small donation each session to give to a charity of our choice.

The next book titles up for discussion are

'Lolly Willowes' by Sylvia Townend Warner (31st May) and 'By Grand Central Station I Sat Down and Wept' by Elizabeth Smart (27th June).

Why not come along and give it a try, you can come to any number of sessions in a

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Class 6-Veteran [dog or bitch 7yrs and over]

Class 7-Best puppy [over 3mths up to 1yr]

Class 8-Free Fun class -best biscuit catcher

Class 9- FINAL - Top TWO from classes 2 to 7 go through to compete for The Top Dog Trophy. Rosettes given to 6th place.

All dogs on a leash. Clean up after your dog. Any dog showing aggressive behaviour will be asked to leave the grounds. The Judge` decision is final.

## DAMN RIGHT I GOT THE BLUES

will be playing their mix of rock, soul and blues at Sibford Village Hall on June 30th . Starting at 8pm you can listen to the band, dance the night away, enjoy the BBQ and licensed bar.

Entrance £12 by ticket only. This night is not to be missed! For those of you who do not know the band their singer is TV presenter Floella Benjamin with the most fantastic voice, the highest heels and shortest

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Jubilee Commemorative Mugs

As for previous village Jubilee celebrations, with support from our Parish Councils and the Town Estates charity, 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

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.

## Charity Quiz Night for Dogs for the Disabled

Sunday 1st July at 19.30

A special charity quiz night has been organised which will take place at the Wykham Arms on Sunday 1st July. Maximum team size will be 6 people with a team entry fee of £6.00.

The theme for the night will be the past 50 years with one question from each of the years from 1963 – 2012. In addition to the quiz there will be a charity raffle with all proceeds being donated to Banbury based Dogs for the Disabled. There's no need to book; simply turn up on the night.

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The May meeting of the Society was held on Thursday 17th. Our attendance was a little lower than usual, mainly due to holidays but those present enjoyed an excellent presentation by Gerald Lesinski who is the Master of the Lord Leycester Hospital at Warwick. The theme of his illustrated talk was Ceremonial Du-

ties in which he explained the functions carried out by the various Guards Regiments in fulfilling their duties in protecting the monarch and the various palaces including state occasions.

He also gave us some background details of his career starting as a guardsman and rising to an officer and this included some interesting and amusing anecdotes relating to his contacts with various members of the Royal Family.

Those members who were not able to attend missed a fascinating and informative evening.

Our next event will be on June 21st when a group will be visiting Oxford for a conducted walk by Mark Davies of the Oxford City waterways.

It is suggested that we should meet at the village hall at 10 am so that we can share transport.

Any members that have not yet booked and would like to do so, should contact Bryan Mills (780248) There is a small charge of £3.00 per person.



#### Sibford Horticultural Society

Sadly only 8 people attended our last meeting when we had a very interesting evening on growing vegetables

with helpful comments and advice.

June 13th is our evening visit to Woodpeckers we will leave the village hall at 6pm please let us know if you would like to go. (Gil Soden 780543)



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Following the recent Annual Parish Meeting, the longstanding Chair of the Council, Chris Franklin, has decided to step down from his role as Chair and a Councillor. The remaining Councillors, Adrian Lamb, John Simms, Maureen Hicks and Joanne Connor would like to thank Chris for all his hard work over many years. Chris has played a very active role on the Parish Council and he will be missed. Thank you Chris. Joanne Connor has taken over the role of Chair and Maureen Hicks is the Deputy.

We continue to have a vacancy on the Council for a resident of Sibford Ferris. Please do consider joining the Council and playing your part in the continued development of the village.

At the Annual Parish Meeting it was suggested that the phone box in Sibford Ferris should be removed or replaced with an old red. The Parish Council would like public opinion on this.

Please email: vanessa.dyble@btinternet.com

Sibford Ferris Parish Council

## Sibford Gower & Burdrop Annual Spring Clean

Sibford Gower Parish Council thanks all those who volunteered their services to help with clearing rubbish that had gathered in Sibford Gower and Burdrop. Also, very much appreciated are those who could not help on the day but had cleared some areas at other times

Sibford Gower Parish Council



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## Sibford WI Meeting – 8th May 2012

The main business of today's meeting was to debate and vote on the proposed WI Resolution for more funding for the "Employment of More Midwives". Secretary Lynda Conway summarised the details of this resolution which led to a general discussion resulting in the meeting voting for the proposal. Rosemary Neal then told us about her very interesting day-long tour of Dickens' London, which had included morning refreshments in an old counting-house. a tasty lunch in an atmospheric hostelry, a browse around the Persephone bookshop and finally to the Museum of London to view The Dickens Exhibition celebrating the bi-centenary of Charles Dickens' birth. There was to be no visiting Speaker today so Jan Warner had kindly agreed to tell us about her recent visit to Australia during which she spent some time travelling through New Zealand. Her description of places visited and amusing anecdotes grabbed and held the attention of all of us. It was, in fact, the wettest and coldest December on record when they flew from Sydney to Auckland, but clearly this failed to deter Jan's husband Clive and their daughter from travelling through both the North and South Islands of New Zealand.



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And so she was able to tell us about Napier, a town rebuilt in Art Deco style following its complete destruction in an earthquake - the original wooden cathedral in Wellington - we heard about sulphurous geysers, nocturnal kiwis, glow-worms. There was Queenstown with its marvellous views, 40 mile wide lake, cable car, mountains and the site of the first-ever bungee jump (sampled by Jan's daughter!). On to Dunedin and its beautiful railway station and finally to Christchurch. A scene of such devastation, its Cathedral, many of its businesses, amenities, homes all totally destroyed. And now a place of staunch, quiet no-whinging determination to rebuild the city and get on with life. Thanks are due to Jan for successfully providing an entertaining, amusing and informative account of her New Zealand trip - and without projector or props too! Thanks are also due to Val Powell and Gaynor Harper-Tarr for providing us with tea and very yummy cakes. Congratulations go to Lynda Conway, Glennis Hardman and Kathleen Winter for being awarded first, second and third place respectively in the Flowering House Pot Plant competition. The topic for our speaker, John Tearne, at our next meeting on

The topic for our speaker, John Tearne, at our next meeting on Tuesday, 12th June in the Village Hall starting at 2pm is "Monologues". Competition: 'Your Own Limerick'. You are reminded that visitors as well as members are welcome to attend.

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Children, families and the local community are invited to join in the fun for Playweek

18 - 24 June is Pre-school Learning Alliance's Playweek, and Sibford Tots and Babes based in Sibford Gower, are holding a special event for families and the local community to celebrate learning through play and all things early years. We would

love each of our young guests to bring along their favourite teddy bear or doll and join in on our tots and babes picnic. Join us on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st 9.30-11-30am in the small Village Hall, Sibford Gower. Sibford Tots and Babes is a voluntary run group and has been established since 2008. The playgroup setting will be throwing open its doors and inviting children, families and the local community to enjoy fun activities and find out more about the activities typically on offer in our regular sessions. Playweek is also a chance to celebrate play and have some fun! Play is fundamental to children's development and it is especially vital in the early years as the main way that children learn about the world around them. During the event there will be lots of opportunities for children to take part in fun and interesting activities, including messy play, games and even a teddy bears' picnic.

Sibford Tots and Babes organisers said "We are really looking forward to holding our Playweek event and welcoming children and families from the local community to our setting. It is a chance for parents to find out about what is on offer, for everyone to have fun and to celebrate this great local group."

Playweek is the Pre-school Learning Alliance's annual celebration of pre-schools and early years settings. During Playweek thousands of Alliance members throughout England will be holding events which highlight the fundamental importance of play for children's learning and development – an ethos the Alliance has championed for over 40 years.

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You are invited to take part. The Parish Meeting may by law discuss all parish affairs and pass resolutions about them. Invitations to be present, speak and answer questions have been extended to County & District Councillor George Reynolds, Oxfordshire Highways and Thames Valley Police.

Matters as set out below will be on the agenda:-

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2011 Matters arising.

Chairman's Report.

Clerk's and Financial Report.

Thames Valley Police Matters

Highway & Footpath Matters.

Report by The Town Estate Charity.

Report by the Neighbourhood Watch Representative.

Village Hall Report.

The Sibfords Community Plan

Any Other Business.

The Parish Council very much hopes that you will be able to be present and, if you wish, voice any comments or questions that you may have.

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Report of the Sibford Gower Parish Council Meeting - 1st May 2012 Chairman's Report: The Chairman reported on Bishops End, Burdrop (formerly The Bishop Blaize) where an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government by the owners in respect of an Enforcement Order by Cherwell District Council for Alleged Breach of Planning Control. The Sibfords Community Plan: An update was given by Mrs Sue Mattinson. Broadband: Mr Paul Hobson gave an update as to how matters currently stand. So far, 450 users have expressed support for a move to have our exchange area upgraded to Superfast Broadband. Affordable Housing: Oxfordshire Rural Community Council had advised that discussions are ongoing with the land owner of a possible Rural Exception site in Hook Norton Road, Sibford Ferris. Financial Matters: The Councillors approved the Receipts and Payments Account and the Annual Financial Return to the External Auditor. Highway Matters: On 19th April the Clerk had a site meeting with Mr Ralph Grant of Oxfordshire Highways with regard to maintenance work due to be started on the footpaths adjacent to the road from Burdrop to Sibford Ferris (Mannings Hill). The matter of making them suitable for mobility vehicles was discussed. Mr Grant undertook to see what might be done but a lot depends upon the financial constraints under which his department works. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations: Notification had been received from Cherwell District Council that a grant of £400 had been awarded to the Parish Council to assist with the cost of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and these monies will be passed over to Sibford Village Hall together with a further £500 as the Parish Council's contribution. Annual Parish Meeting: This will take place on 25th May 2012 starting at 7.30pm in the hall of Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School. Village Pond: In view of the shortage of water in the pond caused by the lack of rain, the number of fish has been reduced by approximately a half by transfer to one of the ponds of a local resident at his invitation. On 19th April, by arrangement, the pond was visited by Mr Ralph Grant of Oxfordshire Highways to discuss the movement of part of the pond wall apparently caused by the pressure of heavy vehicles entering and leaving

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the nearby farm. The condition of that part of the road requires attention with regard to resurfacing. Public Participation: A local resident at the Meeting raised the matter of potholes in Hawkes Lane and the poor condition of the road leading to the Doctors' Surgery. The Clerk was instructed to refer the situation to Oxfordshire Highways. Another resident at the Meeting asked where the responsibility of cutting a hedge at High Meadow lay and District Councillor George Reynolds advised that the Housing Association which owns the properties involved be approached. The subject of blocked gullies in Acre Ditch was the subject of another complaint and, here again, the Clerk was instructed to refer to Oxfordshire Highways.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Friday, 25th May 2012 starting at 7.30pm in the hall of the Primary School and the next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, 4th July 2012 starting at 8pm in the Staff Room of Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School.

#### 1st The Sibfords Beavers

The Beavers will be running a book stall at the Annual Village Hall Fayre and would like your contributions of saleable second hand books. If you have some books please contact Helen Lamb on 780380 or adrian.lambl@btconnect.com and we will arrange to collect them during the week before the Fayre. Any books are welcome but the Beavers will enjoy reading the children's books in the quiet moments, so plenty of them please. Many thanks Helen Lamb

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11am: An introduction to Sibford School a presentation to parents of prospective pupils

1pm: Senior House Sports Day

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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.

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NEWS

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On Thursday 10th May there was a meeting in the Sibford Village Hall of the Parish Representatives, Bishop of Dorchester, Patrons, Area Dean and Deanery Lay Chair to conduct interviews of candidates for the appointment of Rector of the Benefice. This was preceded at 9.30 am by a service of Holy Communion lead by the Bishop of Dorchester to which a great number from the Benefice attended. At the end of their deliberations, the Parish Representatives agreed that an appointment of one of the two candidates be recommended to the Patrons for them to propose to the Bishop. This was duly done and the Bishop accepted the proposal. An official announcement of the result will be advised to the Benefice as soon as possible. A small number of PCC members from the Benefice Parishes attended the lunch during the proceedings and were able to meet both candidates



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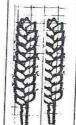
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## Contributions for the July Sibford Scene to the Shop or Editor

by June 19th

There were volunteers and much food provided for the lunch by each of the six Parishes in the Benefice and, as with the preparation of the Benefice Profile and in many other areas, the parishes are really drawn together and cooperated wonderfully since Tim was first taken ill in May 2010. It is hoped that this will even increase with our new incumbent. In the end there were 40 people at the lunch on the day and even more at the 9.30 am Communion service which preceded it.

Contributions from members of the Benefice to Timothy's Testimonial reached £12,050 for which a cheque was presented to Erica by Lord Saye and Sele, the Patron of the Fund after the Benefice Eucharist service at Swalcliffe on May 6th. Grateful thanks to all who contributed to this excellent sum. There was a good gathering present and brief speeches were made by Lord Saye and by Erica.

On May 6th at 6.00 pm there was a very good congregation present at a Choral service of Evensong sung at Holy Trinity by the Sibford Choir on its 25th Anniversary. It is very much hoped that there may be an occasional repeat of this kind of service and the choir members are very grateful to Keith Allen for helping us to sing it and conducting us from the keyboard where he provided the accompaniment.

Nearly the whole Sibford choir of 16 singers will also be singing at the Choral Evensong at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle on Saturday October 20th at 6 pm. in the annual Royal School of Church Music Oxfordshire Choirs Festival. Members of the public can attend but the security arrangements are most stringent and no places can be booked. It's a case of first come first served and as the choir has been restricted to 350 people; it is suspected that there will not be many places available for non singers.

Christian Aid Week is in full swing and the usual house-to-house distribution of envelopes is taking place as this is written. Very many thanks to Colette Stranack who has taken over the organisation this year and to her dedicated team of 22 collectors. The special Ecumenical service on May 13th planned and run by the 4 Christian Churches represented in the Village to start the week, was lead by Canon Christopher Hall with Paul Langley, Christian Aid Director as Speaker and Seren Wildwood gave a moving reflection on Giving Tools and Giving Hope. The recycle box for used stamps, old coins English or Foreign, mobile telephones and used ink cartridges, all of which Christian Aid can turn into cash remains in the church for use.

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.

#### Church Services

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Society of Friends Methodist		Sunday at 10.30 am Sunday at 11.00 am			
Roman Catholic Mass	Wroxton	Sunday at 11.00 am			
Dantist	Brailes	Sunday at 11.30 am			
Baptist	Hook Norton	Sunday at 10 30 am			

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower,

Sunday June 3rd. 10.00 am Benefice Eucharist, Trinity Sunday, the birthday of our Church (Rev John Tattersall)

Sunday June 10th 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) (Rev John Tattersall) 9.30 am Holy Communion (Bishop James Johnson)

Sunday June 17th 10.00 am Family Service for Fathers Day (Canon Glyn Evans) Sunday June 24th 9.30 am Holy Communion with Baptisms. (Rev John Tattersall) Sunday July 1st 10.00 am Benefice Eucharist at Epwell (Rev John Tattersall)

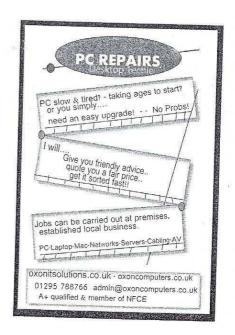
Sibford Methodist Chapel Preachers for June Sunday 3rd Rev B Rolfe Sunday 10th Mrs Chris Cond Sunday 17th Mr Steve Hayley Sunday 24th Mr Royle



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

Banbury, Bus Station	08.30	10.55	12.45	14.26	16.05	17.10	18.10
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

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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	07.53	09.59	11.59	13.59	15.59	17.17
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### Calendar of Events

## June

Sat 2nd Village Hall Fayre, Disco and Talent Show (see programme)

Sun 3rd Open Gardens around the villages (see programme)

Mon 4th Children's Sports at Sibford School (see programme)

Tue 5th Friendship Club Jubilee Party. 2 pm Village Hall p4

Tue 5th Walking Quiz and Quiz Night at the Wykham Arms (see programme)

Wed 6th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Tue 12th W.I. Monologues 2pm in the Village Hall p10

Wed 13th Horticultural Society visit to Woodpeckers 6pm from V.H. p8

Thu 14th Sibford School Early Years Open Afternoon p17

Thu 14th Methodist Chapel Anniversary Service 7.30 pm p4

18th to 24th Pre School Play Week p12

Tue 19th Friendship Club visit to Tram Museum. P4

Wed 20th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Thu 21st Sibfords Society. Oxford Waterways Visit. 10 am p8

Sat 23rd Sibford School Open Day p17

Sat 23rd Church Summer Fete 2.30pm at the Village Hall p16

Mon 25th Ferris Parish Council Meeting. Upstairs Sports Hall 7.45pm

Wed 27th "As You Like It" at Holly House p17

Sat 30th "Damn Right I Got the Blues" 8pm at the Village Hall p6

## July (part)

Sun 1st Quiz Night for Dogs for the Disabled 7.30 pm, Wykham Arms p7

Wed 4th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Wed 4th Gower Parish Council Meeting 8pm Primary School staff room

Wed 4th Frankland + sons. At Sibford School p17

Sat 14th Open Air Concert at Leasowe House. See insert.

Wed 18th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Cover picture. The bridge at Debrook (on the road to Shutford)

#### Sibford Scene

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