

Sibford Scene



July 2012

No. 344

“Damn right I got the blues”

Saturday 30th June, 8pm at the Village Hall

Charity Quiz Night at the Wykham Arms

Sunday 1st July 7.30 pm start

Village Hall Film Night

The Artist

Thursday 5th July 7.30 pm

Open Air Concert at Leasowe House

Music from the Movies and Musicals

Saturday 14th July. Picnic from 5pm Concert 6 - 8 pm.

Nature Notes

May 22nd. A young grass snake crossed our very dewy lawn early this morning. It was lying in the sun when I first saw it and I thought it might be dead but after a while it went on and was quite ok. The sunshine brought out the first holly blue butterfly that I have seen this year.

June 2nd. I have now seen several holly blues and a few orange tips but very few other butterflies. This wet weather is not encouraging them to show themselves.

June 5th. A young great spotted woodpecker was sitting on the platform above our bird table while the male brought it peanuts from the feeder below.

June 8th. The tits all seem to be hungry. At one time this morning there were great, coal and blue tits as well as the young great spotted woodpecker and his dad, blackbird and dunnoek, which would be a crowd for a winters day, let alone midsummer.

June 9th. A female great spotted woodpecker was carrying nuts to a young one in a tree nearby, so it looks as though there may only be one or two young ones in the family.

June 10th. A young great spotted woodpecker has already learned to feed itself from the nut tube and is now coming on its own.



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June 15th. We have twice today seen a fox walking round our lawn so I think it must be hungry:

June 18th. The first quarter of the year was very dry bringing only 3.45 inches (88mm) of rain. The second quarter has so far brought 12.52 inches (318mm). This changes an exceptionally dry first quarter into a very wet half year.

FILM NIGHT AT SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL

THE ARTIST (PG) Thursday, 5th July

Oscar winner for Best Film, amongst many other awards, *The Artist* is the charming tale of a charismatic silent movie actor whose star wanes with the advent of talkies, but the friendship of a talented young fan brings light, hope and romance back into his life. If you have seen *Singing in the Rain*, the story of *The Artist* will feel very familiar. There are (almost!) no spoken words in the film, but plenty of music and a very cute dog! Jean Dujardin, John Goodman, Berenice Bejo star.

Doors open 7.30pm, film starts 7.45pm.

Running time 96 minutes.

Admission £1.00. Refreshments available

Charity Quiz Night for Dogs for the Disabled

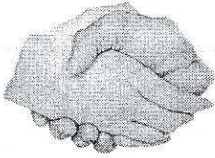
Sunday 1st July at 19.30

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.

Put the date in your diary for a fun evening with some great prizes on offer.

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Friendship Club

I have just arrived home from a great day out at the Tram Museum in Derbyshire. The weather was lovely once again (aren't we a lucky group) I think everyone enjoyed the day.

On July 3rd that we shall hopefully be in the Village Hall, then on July 17th we shall be in the Hall with one of the Little Boxes

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Diamond Jubilee celebrations were a great success and we hope that all of you enjoyed the events. The Fayre was well attended and there were lots of things to do. The Dog show was as popular as ever with 38 dogs taking part. Fifteen young handlers 13 yrs and under competed for their Trophy with Emma Higley, 13 from Tadmarton taking top spot. The lovely Sibford Top Dog Challenge Cup went to David Tarring's 4 month old short haired pointer called Delphi, shown by Nicola Durrant from Sibford Ferris. Runner up spot was taken by a young visitor from Spain, Carlos Ribas showing the Hardwood family's Sage.

Thanks to all those who opened their gardens on the Sunday.

Thanks also goes to the Lamb family who with a few helpers organised a fantastic sports afternoon on Monday {and some sunshine}!

The Walk Around The Village Quiz was won by the winning combination of the Kitchen and Lamb families. Many folks went to the Wykham for teas on Tuesday afternoon and to the Quiz in the evening so thanks to Damien and Debbie, and to Adam and Simon who did the Quiz.

Thanks to all of you who supported all the events and made all the hard work worthwhile.

DAMM RIGHT I GOT THE BLUES BAND are playing at the Village Hall on June 30th. Tickets £12 are going steadily and numbers are limited so get yours **QUICK!**

Tel Muriel on 01295 780025. Doors open 8 pm. Bar and BBQ from 7-30pm. Entry **ONLY** by ticket.

FILM NIGHT next one will be held on July 5th Thursday at 7-30pm.

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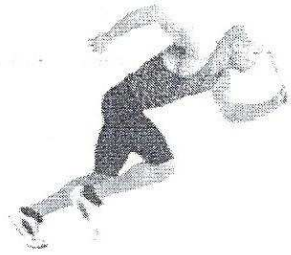
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More information will follow, but please put the date in your diary. Please contact Alex Rippon on 01295 788743 or email alex.rippon@btinternet.com with any questions.

I thought that it may interest readers to know and also I would like some advice as so far I have lost 5, yes 5, hanging bird feeders - not just the food, but the whole things and I can only say that there must be some particularly greedy squirrels. The last lot ran off with not just 5 fatballs, but again the tube feeder.

I use to live on 6 acres of an idilic private, beautiful garden, with copious amounts of wildlife and never experienced this problem, I cant believe that it would be a two legged variety as again, what would they need so many for, however were on earth would a squirrel go with a whole feeder, most certainly they would have problems burying


them, plus the last lot of feeders I tied on!

Advice please as otherwise this winter the birds will be having nought from me and I do miss seeing them feed. rowanwalton@hotmail.com

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Sibford Horticultural Society

Our June meeting saw us spending a lovely evening at Woodpeckers, Marlecliffe near Stratford upon Avon.

The garden is a real gem and such a surprise behind the modern white 1960's house. It has so many things to enjoy such as a gravel garden, large herbaceous borders, a knot garden, herb garden, topiary, numerous roses, specimen trees and a fantastic two storey summerhouse which gave great views over the garden and surrounding village.

A lovely evening was had by all and if it opens as a part of the National Garden Scheme, to be thoroughly recommended.

Our next event is the **Annual Flower and Produce Show on August 25th**. Entry night will be August 22nd.

With this issue of the Sibford Scene you should have received the schedule of classes for the show (if not ring Helen Lamb on 780380 or Gill Soden on 780234). Please do look through it to see what you can enter. **We only have a show if you enter!**

The Sibfords Society

Our 21st June meeting was a visit to Oxford when 19 members enjoyed a conducted walk of the City waterways. Mark Davies conducted the walk and gave a detailed explanation of how the river, canal and streams were associated with the development of the city and surrounding area.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday July 19th and will be a photographic quiz of the Sibfords which has been created by Maureen and Keith Hicks. Would members please meet at the village hall no later than 7.00pm so that a prompt start can be made. Refreshments will be available at the end of the evening.

IMPORTANT

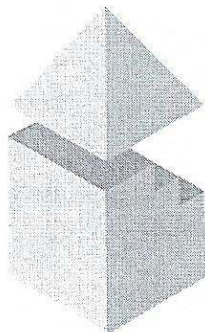
The date of our September meeting has been changed from 20th to 27th in order to avoid clashing with the inauguration service for our new vicar which is scheduled for 20th Sept.

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Report of Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting held in the Hall of Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School on 25th May 2012

The Meeting was attended by the five Parish Councillors, County & District Cllr George Reynolds, twenty local residents, PCSO Angela Alford and PC Duncan Vale of Thames Valley Police and the Clerk, PCSO Alford and PC Vale answered points raised concerning on-road parking and PCSO Alford said that she is always available to deal with any problems that may arise in this regard. She asked that consideration is given to leave passing space for buses and emergency vehicles. With regard to Highway Matters, it was with regret that no one was available from Oxfordshire Highways. A main concern expressed was that of the very poor condition of some road surfaces with potholes creating potential hazards. In this regard, Hawkes Lane and the road to the Surgery are particularly bad and an email received from a local resident living in that area strongly stressed the point. The Chairman (Dr Oswyn Murray) said that the Parish Council is well aware of the financial constraints under which Oxfordshire Highways operates but close contact is in place to try to resolve pressing matters. In his Report the Chairman spoke of the newly defined Conservation Area, the new rules for non-publicity of planning applications, the Village Pond and the move by the Parish Council to seek ownership, allotments, housing needs survey and affordable housing, priority snow clearance routes, response to Cherwell Strategy Plans, Churchyard and burial matters, Broadband, Bishop's End (formerly Bishop Blaize), the Parish Precept and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. With regard to The Bishop Blaize Appeal Hearing which is to take place in Bodicote House, probably on 14th & 15th August, there is considerable local interest and many residents have expressed a desire to attend. The Town Estate Charity has kindly offered to provide transport. The Clerk in his report gave details of the Parish Council's current financial position. The accounts for the year ended 31st March 2012 had been submitted to the External Auditor and thanks were extended to Mr David Soden for carrying out the role of Internal Examiner. The Report by The Town Estate Charity was presented by Mrs Jean White and she was thanked by the Chairman for the information



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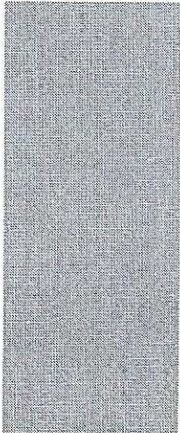
provided. The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Mrs Mollie Mulley gave her Report and she asked that residents take advantage of the 'Have Your Say' meetings when the police visit the village from time to time. The Chairman thanked her for the Report. The Sibford Village Hall Report was delivered by Muriel Chandler (Village Hall Committee Secretary). This included information about groups which use the Hall, fund raising activities and plans in place regarding the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. She concluded by saying that the Village Hall Committee appreciates the help and interest of the Gower and the Ferris Parish Councils. The eleven members of the Committee are all volunteers, some for many years, and work tirelessly so that people can enjoy using the venue. The

Chairman expressed his thanks for the Report. Because of prior commitments, neither Mrs Sue Mattinson nor Mr Richard Hartree was available to present The Sibford's Community Plan Report but it was made available in printed form. It is anticipated that The Community Plan will be published in July/August 2012. The Chairman expressed appreciation of the high Village responses to the Questionnaire and to both Sue and Richard

for the work they had willingly undertaken. In the 'Any Other Business' part of the Meeting Mr Fred Inns raised the matter of road markings where Bonds End Lane joins Main Street, Sibford Gower. In times gone, by the right of way was marked as the turning from Main Street into Bonds End Lane indicating that those approaching from the Village Pond area should give way at the junction with Bonds End Lane. This would appear to be a sensible and safe arrangement and the Clerk was instructed to approach Oxfordshire Highways. The Chairman announced the almost imminent departure from the village of Cllr Roger Alder when he moves to a new home. He will be very much missed by the Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council and all who know him.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present for attending and declared the Meeting closed at 9.03pm.

Full details of the Meeting are contained in the Minutes copies of which are available upon request from the Clerk (Peter Hardman. Tel: 780391) or on the Council's web page.



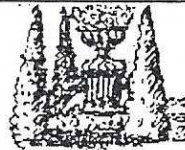
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Sibford WI Meeting - 12th June 2012

In opening the meeting, President Glennis Hardman said that she was pleased to welcome back Carol Evans Gill from her long stay in New Zealand. She also welcomed one guest, Mary West. A number of apologies were received, including one from Gwen Whitehead recovering from a fall. Secretary Lynda Conway read out the full report of the National Federation of Women's Institutes AGM which took place at the Albert Hall, London on 30th May written by the Sibford Group Delegate, Celia Crook, President of Bloxham WI. The Resolution "Employment of more midwives" was carried by a 96% majority. Lynda, Glennis and Val (Powell) were three of the six thousand or so ladies who attended the meeting and particularly enjoyed the main speaker, Julian Fellowes, who spoke about the writing of his scripts for "Downton Abbey" and "Titanic". Appetites were whetted for the forthcoming Autumn TV series of "Downton". The day concluded with a dancing demonstration by some of the professionals from "Strictly come Dancing".

"Monologues" was the title of this months variety entertainment presented by John Tearne. His performance was made up of classic/vintage monologues and comedy songs and involved several costume changes. The Sibford meeting was John's WI performance number 142 - he is hoping to celebrate when he achieves 150! The first monologue to be performed was "The Lion and Albert" a classic recorded by Stanley Holloway. Its creation was inspired by a macabre news story about a child being mauled by a lion. John educated us in the history of mono-



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logues and the people who perform them. For example, Flanders and Swann, Cyril Fletcher, Al Reed, Johnny Morris, Pam Ayres Jack Warner and Jasper Carrot. He then performed "Didn't Ought To Have Ate It" and changed quickly into military attire for the very entertaining tale about Anne Boleyn, "With Her Head Tucked Underneath Her Arm" followed by another Holloway favourite, "Sam Pick Up Thy Musket". The monologues were followed by a challengingly alliterated comedy song "Sister Susie" created by a group of people sewing uniforms for the 1914 - 1918 war. John then told us about his mixed experiences auditioning for Britain's Got Talent in 2007. Let us just conclude that Simon Cowell and Piers Morgan are not getting Christmas cards! He continued with a delightful song from the music halls of the 1860's, "One Morning in May" and several Jack Warner monologues. Finally he regaled us with the very clever Victor Borgas "Inflationary Language". For an encore, John recounted the saga of Piddling Pete with a guest appearance of Pete himself! It was a very amusing and entertaining performance and cheered everyone up on a cold and miserable June afternoon.

Barbara Crabtree, assisted by Gaynor Harper-Tarr, served teas with cakes baked by Lynda Conway and Glennis Hardman. Our speaker judged the competition for "Own Limerick" giving 1st to Jan Warner, 2nd to Gaynor Harper-Tarr and 3rd to Joan Thomas. Our next meeting on Tuesday, 10th July will take the form of a garden party hosted by Ann Benham at Windswept, The Level, Shenington. Please bring your own garden chair. No raffle or competition. If wet, it will be necessary to relocate to the Village Hall.

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AUTHORS VISIT SIBFORD SCHOOL

Literary matters have been high on the agenda at Sibford

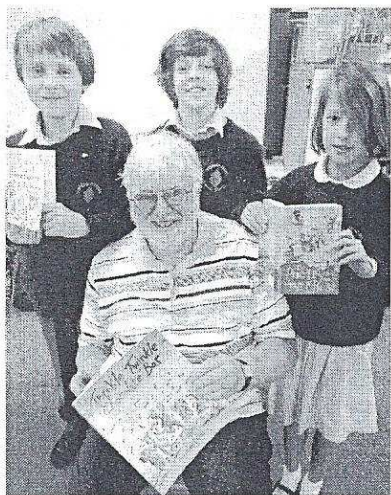
School in the Ferris recently following the visit of two popular authors. Year 5 pupils got their tongues in a proper twist when children's poet John Foster popped by. John, who has published numerous books including 'My First Oxford Book of Poems' and 'Twinkle Twinkle Chocolate Bar' (both published by Oxford University Press), encouraged youngsters to chant rhymes and raps as he



explained how they might write poems of their own. He is pictured with Edward Goundrey-Smith (11), Louis Baker (10) and Lottie Attfield (also 10).

The following week American author Susan Meyer visited to speak with Year 9 pupils about her recent children's novel 'Black Radishes', which tells the story of the escape of a Jewish boy from Nazi-occupied France.

Susan is also the author of a picture book 'Matthew and Tall Rabbit Go Camping', which she read to some of the youngest children in the school.



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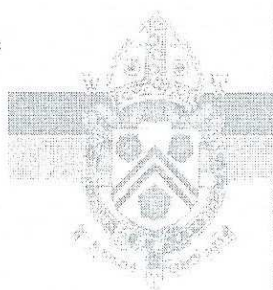
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The Sibfords Jubilee Celebrations provided events in the villages on each day. On Saturday 2nd June the Village Fayre and Dog Show transformed the Village Hall and its grounds into a colourful cornucopia of stalls, games and sideshows. Despite the chilly weather villagers and families had a great time enjoying the many different Jubilee themed attractions. Children could enjoy free rides on the Cup and Saucer roundabout and the Bouncy Castle and Candy Floss were also free during the afternoon. The Karate demonstration by members of the village club was excellent and the Dog Show provided entertainment during the afternoon. Delicious teas, a bar-b-cue and licensed bar catered for everyone and ensured a relaxed afternoon for everyone. The Egg Throwing Contest was keenly contested and many sticky hands were licked by grateful dogs before the winning pair was rewarded with their prize.

Stalls were packed up, straw bales collected, gazebos dismantled and tables packed away – all by 7pm for the start of the Disco and Talent Show in the Village Hall. This was well supported and our young people presented a great range of talent and skills providing brilliant entertainment. Families and adults danced the night away bringing the first day of celebration to a close.

A Service of Thanksgiving was held on Sunday morning in Holy Trinity Church. This Benefice Eucharist jointly celebrated the life of service and dedication of our Queen and the 172nd birthday of the Church in Sibford.

Various gardens in the Gower and Ferris were open during the afternoon. The weather was cold and rain only managed to hold off for part of the afternoon but those who braved the elements were treated to a peep behind gates and hedges to enjoy some garden jewels. A hot cup of tea and homemade cakes were most welcome although we did have to be indoors and the wood-burning stove had been lit! We were, however, not as wet as those on top of the final boat of the Queen's River Pageant who sang their hearts out while being drenched to the skin!

Monday 4th June was drier and during the Village Sports afternoon at Sibford School the sun did grace us for a brief and warming spell. The youngsters entered with great energy and

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enthusiasm into all the races and some of their parents were also persuaded to take part. Many medal ceremonies were performed as gold, silver and bronze winners were decorated with Olympic-style medallions. Commemorative Jubilee Mugs were presented to all village children (below 6th Form age). Families stayed on for a picnic tea and some continued to play a game of inter-village rounders until late into the evening. The residents of Barley Close even managed to enjoy their Street Party out of doors! With the extra Bank Holiday granted for Tuesday 5th June, The Sibfords' Society organised a 'Walk Around the Village' Quiz. During the afternoon groups of puzzled people, trying to keep their answer sheets dry in the drizzling rain, could be seen searching for the answers to 40 clues. Finishing at the Wykham Arms afternoon teas were available to reward those who had persevered.

Back at the Pub in the evening, teams of six enjoyed a Jubilee Quiz. All the questions and answers had a flavour of royalty or diamonds and kept all the competitors focused on the Diamond Jubilee Theme.

Many thanks are due to all those who worked so hard in many different ways to provide the varied activities in the village to celebrate this most memorable occasion. Financial support from Cherwell District Council, the Town Estates Charity and the Gower and Ferris Parish Councils was fundamental in defraying all the costs involved and we are most grateful for their support. Thank you also to the children who wrote to say thank you for their Jubilee Mugs and to say how much they had enjoyed the Jubilee activities in the village.

Why not visit the village website: www.thesibfords.org.uk to see some of the photographs of the Jubilee celebrations in the Sibfords.

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As new comers, of almost nine years now, we still remember how we were welcomed and helped to integrate so well that we felt we had arrived "home". The people of the Sibfords have a truly remarkable gift of hospitality.

However, having had to go through a period of discernment regarding our move, we now feel it is the right time to move nearer our respective families. BUT YOU HAVEN'T GOT RID OF US COMPLETELY YET!

We will be back regularly to visit Roger's Mum who is in Wardington House. We look forward to joining you for village events and Church services when we can.

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SIBFORD CRICKET CLUB NEWS

By The Boundaryman

The new season started with a change of leadership after promotion 3 years ago was followed by back to back relegations, so Sibford stepped into the new season under the stewardship of Mark "the saviour" Luker. Unfortunately Mark was comprehensively beaten by the weather in the first 4 games.

Eventually when the rain relented it was the Sunday team that got us under way against Milton, Sibford batted first and made 147-8 (Richard Ferley 50*) in reply Milton edged a close game reaching Sibford's target with nine balls to spare.

When the Saturday side finally got going it was against Gawcott, with "the saviour" opening the batting and leading the way with a century (Ian Wollerton 79, Nicky Barton 43*) helped Sibford to an impressive 256-3, Gawcott fell short thanks to some solid bowling (Sabin 3-49, Oberascher 3-57).

The Sunday side again lost out in nail biter, Long Compton posting a modest 84 all out (Gilbert 5-3) Sibford unfortunately collapsed to 83 all out in reply. Sibford started their annual chase for cup honours with a comfortable victory, Wardington's total of 98 (Sabin 4-20), was quickly chased down thanks to Sam Smith's unbeaten 56.

Sibford's unbeaten Saturday team notched up their second win in yet another close game, Sibford making 190-7 (Steve Glanville 70) held on with Marston needing a six off the last ball, they eventually fell just short with 187-7 (Chard 4-34).

A successful start to the season was completed when Sibford eased past an under strength Dunchurch, the visitor's making 142, before Sibford scrambled to victory with 5 wickets to spare. For those wishing to cheer the team on supporters are welcome at home games on the

main field of Sibford School, the highlight of which is the annual Bert Gilbert Memorial game which as in previous years will feature two teams of Sibford cricketers, a BBQ, raffle and others competitions.

July 1st vs. Round of Grass (Friendly)

July 14th vs. Wardington (league)

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July 21st vs. Braunston Paddox (league)



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Tickets are still available for the Concert on July 14th so don't leave it too late. We are so fortunate to have the 45 piece Birmingham Symphonic Winds, a band of professional musicians led by Keith Allen who will be playing Music from the Musicals and Movies from 6.00 pm to 8.00 in Leasowe House gardens. We are hoping for a really big response. For a concert of this standard the prices are not excessive (£12 an adult, children aged 4-17 £5, family tickets for 2 parents and 2 children £30) so in the remaining time do please support us. Apart from the annual fete and bazaar this is the only special fund raising event this year at a time when we are particularly short of funds and with a new Rector due. Tickets from Norman Nash, The Vine House, Sibford Gower, 01295 780980 nnash@waitrose.com.

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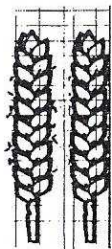


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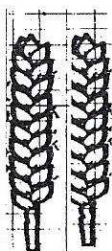
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guished themselves with their variety of readings, prayers and some entertaining items about Fathers. The choir, directed and accompanied by Keith Allen, sang an anthem, Psalm 23 to a tune by Howard Goodall, very well known as the signature tune of BBC television series *The Vicar of Dibley*. It is very much hoped that some of our younger followers might like to join the choir as we have had many of them in the past who are now in the main married and living far away. Their parents would also be very welcome to join as we would like some new recruits and get some younger voices.

The Christian Aid Week house-to-house collection raised an excellent sum of £966.76 and with Gift Tax relief totalled £1,064.78. This was considerably up on last year and very nearly reached the total of our first year. The whole village is to be congratulated on this result for over 50% of the homes responded despite collections by other major charities taking place close before and afterwards. Colette Stranack is also to be congratulated on her first and highly successful management of the organisation together with her team of 19 wonderful volunteers...

Following Christian Aid Week, 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 just inside the church for general use.

The condition of the churchyard is greatly regretted but with a pause in the rain, the help of our volunteers and above all, the generous contribution of a Sibford Ferris resident to bridge the gap in funds to pay the costs, we very much hope that Cedric will soon have it back to its previously immaculate condition.

Congratulations to Evey Boughton for yet another excellent Coffee Morning. So far she has raised £522.50 from those she has organised this year to help with our hard pressed funds, and they are always good fun too.

Meanwhile we anxiously await our new Rector Rev Ronald Hawkes and his wife Rev Liz Hawkes who will also be helping in the Benefice. We hear that unfortunately Ronald has recently undergone an operation for appendicitis and all in the Benefice will wish him a speedy recovery. His Service of Induction will take place in Broughton Church on Thursday 20th September at 7.30 pm followed by a reception in Broughton Castle on the kind invitation of Lord and Lady Saye and Sele. Ronald and Liz are a most distinguished and highly experienced team and we are truly fortunate to have them coming to minister to us all in these villages and the wider Benefice and Deanery.

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 July 1st 10.00 am Benefice Eucharist at Epwell (Rev John Tattersall)
Sunday July 8th 10.00 am Family Service (Lay led)
Sunday July 15th 9.30 am Holy Communion (Rev Canon John Whitwell)
Sunday July 22nd 9.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) (Rev Canon Christopher Hall)
Sunday July 29th 9.30 am Holy Communion & Baptism (Rev John Tattersall)

Sunday August 5th 10.00 am Benefice Eucharist at Shutford (Rev John Tattersall)

Sunday August 12th 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) (Rev John Tattersall)
10.00 am Matins (Rev Canon Hugh Marshall)

Sunday August 19th 9.30 am Holy Communion (Rev Canon Tom Moffatt)

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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
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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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July

- Sun 1st Quiz Night for Dogs for the Disabled 7.30 pm, Wykham Arms p3
- Tue 3rd Mens Breakfast Club at Wyatts.
- Tue 3rd Friendship Club in the Village Hall p4
- 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
- Thu 5th Village Hall Film Night. The Artist 7.30pm p3
- Tue 10th W.I. Garden Party p10
- Sat 14th Open Air Concert at Leasowe House. p13
- Tue 17th Friendship Club - Little Boxes p4
- Tue 17th Deadline for contributions to the Aug & Sept issue p20
- Wed 18th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
- Thu 19th Sibfords Society Photographic Quiz 7pm at the Village Hall

August (part)

- Wed 1st Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
- Tue 7th Mens Breakfast Club at Wyatts.
- Sat 11th Sibford 2.6 mile Marathon p6
- Wed 15th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
- Wed 22nd Entries Night for the Flower and Produce Show p7
- Sat 25th Sibford Horticultural Society Flower and Produce Show p7
- Wed 29th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

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