



March 2013

No. 350

Village Hall Film Night

Quartet

Thursday 28th February, doors open 7.00pm

Sibfords Society Social Evening

Thursday 7th March, 7pm at the Village Hall

Art Exhibition at the Primary School

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th March 10.30 - 4.30

Sibford Cricket Club AGM

Sunday 17th March, 7pm at the Wykham Arms

Easter Egg Trail at the Village Hall

Good Friday 29th March from 2pm

Nature Notes

Jan 19th We had a female reed bunting feeding on the bits that fell from the bird table this morning. Many years ago we used to see them occasionally on the bird table at the farm in very cold weather but I cannot remember seeing one here in the village.

Following the sightings of crossbills last month a flock of redpolls has been seen. These sightings are from a young woodland that has now grown big enough to carry cones for these birds to feed on. It is well placed as it is in a position where groups of birds following the valley along, as they tend to do, to feed on alders etc are sure to find it and as it faces south it must be a comparatively warm wood. Flocks of up to about 100 peewits have also been seen which is not a common sight in this area these days.

Jan 21st With about 6 inches of snow now lying, tracks show that badgers are not finding it easy to move around. Most seem to force their way through it leaving a deep groove. While doing this one slid down over a small retaining wall in our garden and I could see where it struggled to get out again. Another one seemed to bound along. I would think that either method is hard work. It used to be said that they stayed in the sett in such weather but there seem to be fresh tracks made each night.

Jan 23rd Two fieldfares came to feed this morning and a very nervous stock dove momentarily joined the wood

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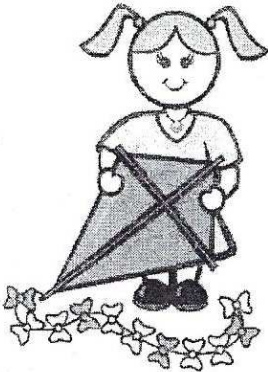
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pigeon and collared doves that were picking up a few grains of wheat. Feb 6th A scattering of moss outside our back gate must mean that the rooks nesting in the trees above are already relining their nests. I think it is mostly dropped in fights that break out when they try to steal material from neighbouring nests. I saw 2 rooks fall 20 or 30 feet through the branches while they were fighting the other day.

Feb 7th My wife got a good view of a male and female blackcap when they both came together to feed on the window ledge.



Sibford Tots & Babies is a voluntary-run group that meets every Wednesday and Thursday from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. throughout the year including school holidays. We are located in a purpose built, bright and airy room within Sibford Village Hall with a dedicated and enclosed outdoor play area. We welcome all children from babies to pre-schoolers.

Along with the provision of a variety of toys for the children to play with, we offer a number of activities including arts and crafts, singing, stories, dressing up, role play, messy

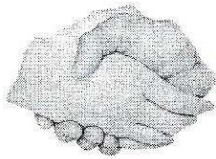
play, outdoor play and ride on toys.

Last summer the children enjoyed a teddy bears' picnic, celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by hand printing union jack pictures and commemorated the Olympics crafting some very impressive Olympic torches. More recently the children dressed up for Halloween and made some splendid Jack-o-lanterns and spooky pictures. Christmas was celebrated with a party, festive music and a visit from Father Christmas who arrived with a sack containing presents for the children.

Why not come along with your child/children and meet other parents/carers for a chat, a coffee and experience what we have to offer.

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Friendship Club

In February we went to the Toby Inn for lunch, not too far, but a trip out. I think we all enjoyed ourselves. For our Meeting on March 5th we WILL have a speaker, then on March the 19th

another trip.

April 2nd brings us to our Easter Tea which will be in the Village Hall. Would Members please put a note in their diaries that on MAY 7th is our AGM which they should try and attend



You are invited to a friendly get-together.

The Sibfords Society Social Evening postponed from 24th January 2013 due to bad weather, now to be held on **7th March 2013 at the Village Hall.**

Doors open 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

FILM NIGHT on 28th February, Thursday. Come to see "QUARTET", a great film starring Maggie Smith, Tom Courteney, Billy Conolly and Pauline Collins. Directed by Dustin Hoffman, it is set in a residence for retired musicians.

Entry £2, doors open 7pm, film will start at 7-30pm. Hot/cold drinks available.

EASTER EGG TRAIL on March 29th. Entry £2 per child at the Village Hall, from 2pm onwards. Two trails to choose from, one easier and one longer and more challenging. An Easter Egg for all young finishers. Additional competition - Guess who is the Easter Bunny?

VILLAGE FAYRE and DOG SHOW is planned for June 18th, Saturday afternoon. We are holding meetings to arrange the Fayre so if anyone would like to join us, or has any great ideas please call Ginny on 01295 780373.

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY Please call Muriel if you would like to join the lottery. 01295 780025.

Multi coloured large umbrella found in the Village Hall ladies toilets - please ring 780025

BOOKING SECRETARY at the present time is Anita on 01295 788557.

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 Nic Durrant on 788865 (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.

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Sadly residents in the Sibfords and local villages have been targeted and have lost valuable work tools and equipment as well as suffering the distress of a break-in and time wasted sorting out the insurance and replacing the goods.

We are in the Banbury Rural Area. The police cannot be everywhere, so it is up to us to be alert, to follow the police advice and look after each other.

Please, if you see anything suspicious, phone the police with as much information as you have regarding the people concerned and their vehicle etc. 999 for Emergency Calls.

Congratulations to Gordon and Alice Fowler

on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary (60th)
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Talks will take place in several venues across Chipping Norton, including the Theatre, the Crown and Cushion hotel, the Blue Boar and Jaffe and Neale bookshop and cafe. A range of free children's events has been planned in the Methodist Church, supporting the extensive schools programme which puts a well-known author into every single school in the Chipping Norton Schools Partnership, at no cost to the schools.

If you're an aspiring writer you'll be well catered for, with a series of 'how to' sessions covering subjects such as writing for television, creating 'real' characters, building your story and writing historical fiction.

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Novice Kart Racer Wins End of Season Test Drive

Novice Kart racer Calum George 13, from Sibford Gower was spotted by the British Champions Team owner, Mark Allen of Jade Karts during a recent Race meeting at Kimbolton in Bedfordshire.

Mark Allen was impressed with Calums pace and offered one of his factory Jade karts for Calum to test. This was even more impressive as young Calum has only completed 4 race meetings in his old 2004 budget kart.

During the test at the Shenington race track Calum was one of the 10 "Jade Team" drivers for the day with exclusive use of the 2011 Jade kart No 47 as well as the teams impressive race support facilities.

Mark Allen gave Calum some race tips during the day and Calum finished the day by handing the 70mph kart back to the team with no damage and a big thank you to Jade karts for the opportunity to drive their great machinery.

Calum was impressed with how much sharper the handling was and how the engine performed better than his own kart.

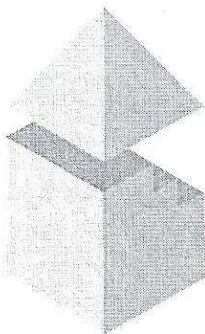
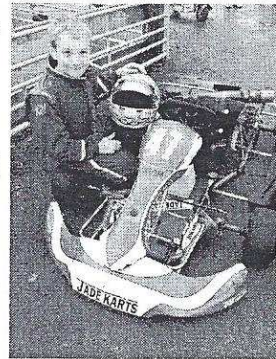
During the day Calum came to within 1.9 seconds from the British Champion, Jack Partridge's lap time driving a similar kart.

Calum now looks forward to racing in 2013 and hopes that he will be able to move up from his old £350 budget kart to a more competitive one.

Thank you to Mark Allen and the Jade Karts race team at Edge Hill for their support during the day.

Calums web site is

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The Warriner School Farm Shop

The Warriner School Farm Shop is open on **Saturday mornings from 9am to 1pm**, selling the farms own beef, lamb and pork as well as gammon, bacon and sausages. Seasonal vegetables, eggs, homemade cakes, jams and chutneys are also available.

The meat is all produced on the farm in a welfare friendly environment and locally butchered in order to minimise the animals stress and reduce food miles.

It is very important for the farm to sell it's produce to help offset the cuts in funding they have recently suffered so the more people who go and buy their produce the better.

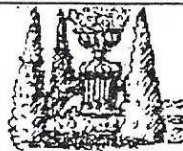


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Report of Meeting on 12th February 2013

President Glennis Hardman welcomed members and a guest, Rowan Walton. Our scheduled speaker for this month, Dr Tony Maisey, was unable to be with us due to being hospitalised for an operation.

At short notice our Programme Secretary, Val Powell, managed to replace him with Sherell Cunningham.

“Dowager Duchess” was the title of her talk. We were all intrigued as to the identity of the Duchess. Sherell was brought up on a farm in South Africa, at the foot of the Enselburg Hills. It was an idyllic childhood playing out in the bush and befriending wild animals - including an orphan baby hippo that Sherell installed in her bedroom. Her aunt was not impressed! There were three influential people in her life. Her father, Ian Cunningham, a well known tennis coach, her great aunt, Beryl Markham, the first woman to fly the Atlantic non stop against headwinds and lastly the legendary “Cats Eyes Cunningham” who downed 20 German bombers and was famed for his ability to see in the dark. Beryl Markham was a true eccentric, marrying three times and having several affairs. She was part of the famous Kenya Happy Valley set and featured in the well known Out Of Africa book. Her flight in 1936 across the Atlantic was in a westward direction into the headwinds. The achievement was not sufficiently recognised in the press due to her alleged affair with the Duke of Gloucester. Her true love was actually a test pilot called Hubert Stanford. Sherell herself has had a rich and varied life, training as a pilot and setting up a flying school in South Africa. Eventually this business



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folded and she founded Africa Charter Airlines with just £100, a fax machine, a huge mortgage to pay and two daughters to support. At last we discovered the identity of the Duchess - it was one of the planes (a DC3) owned by the company. Sherell flew all over Africa including dangerous war zones delivering freight, passengers and food aid. She described the atmosphere of the time and place very vividly. If your plane developed a technical fault you did not want to hang around for long in such places. One of the planes did break down and had to be abandoned in Angola. Sherell and a group of mercenaries attempted retrieval. She survived a vicious attack only because she had insisted on sleeping in a Land Rover. Sherell left Africa eight years ago and has settled into a much quieter life in Shipston. This was a remarkable tale of ambition, adventure and triumph over adversity, told with down-to-earth realism and self-deprecating good humour.

She was appropriately thanked by Kathleen Winter for her fascinating and very entertaining talk. Eleanor Joynes produced a splendid tea of delicious shortcake and her speciality cherry cream scones. It was pleasing that our Speaker was a winner of one of the raffle prizes, a handsome brass fox with which she was delighted. The competition for an item of old medical paraphernalia was originally matched to Dr Maisey but Sherell was happy to do the judging and she chose:- 1st Jan Warner, 2nd Valerie Taylor and 3rd Lynda Conway. We meet again on Tuesday, 12th March when Clive Jones will be talking and showing slides on The Mountains of Nepal. Competition "A Photo of a Mountain Vista". Visitors welcome 2pm Village Hall.

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Pupils reach for the stars

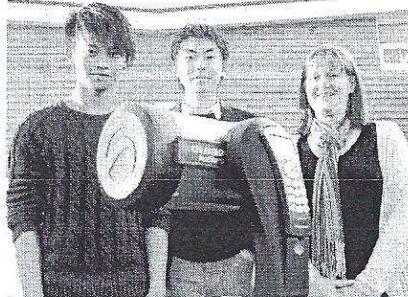
Pupils at Sibford School the Ferris are reaching for the stars following the delivery of a state-of-the-art telescope.

The computerised telescope can help locate planets and stars at the touch of a button. It was purchased after Sibford received a cash donation ... which stipulated that it was to be used to enhance the science provision at the Quaker-run school.

Head of Science, Cath Harding, said: "The new telescope will be used to enable us to run astronomy workshops with our science students.

"It will provide them with a fantastic opportunity to observe stars, planets and deep-space objects using equipment that is not often found in schools."

Pictured: Sixth form students Danny Chang and Tony Fan are pictured with Cath Harding alongside the new telescope.



Open Morning: 8 March 2013 10am. If you're considering sending your child to Sibford School in September 2013 or 2014, here's an opportunity to find out more. Head Michael Goodwin will give a presentation about the school starting at 10am after which pupils will take visitors on a guided tour of the campus. For those interested in boarding, there will also be a chance to visit one of the boarding houses. Sibford School is a co-education day and boarding school and is home to more than 400 pupils aged between 3 and 18. For further information contact admissions officer, Elspeth Gregory, on 01295 781203 or visit www.sibford.oxon.sch.uk

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MASQUERADE MAY BALL

Sibford School parents' association is organising a Masquerade Ball to be held in a marquee in the school grounds on Saturday 18 May 2013. The event will include a formal dinner, live music from local band 'Under the Covers' and a disco. There will also be an exciting charity auction for things that money can't buy! Tickets are on sale now, £50 per person or £500 for a table of 10. Call 01295 781200.

Sibford Community Reading Group

Hello readers

Thanks to those who came to discuss 'Lifting the Latch' recommended essential reading for all those interested in local farming history.

Out next two are:-

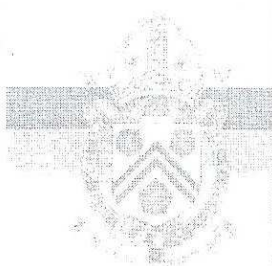
'A Sense of an Ending' by Julian Barnes, Weds 27 Feb 6.30pm - refreshingly short!

'The Casual Vacancy' by JK Rowling - Weds 27th March 6.30pm - critics are split on this one. Hope one or both appeal.

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The programme is posted on thesibfords.org.uk website.

Sue Bannister

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A Sibford Solar Farm

It seems that quite a number of Ferris people, in response to the anonymous A4 sheet against the proposed Solar Farm, have actually written to Cherwell to support it as I have. Well done them!

I will give my own reasons for supporting this initiative:

It is one of the million small things that need to be done to avert the climate changes that are going to kick us out of our nice, comfortable, farming friendly, Holocene Era existence. We may have had some very cold winters recently but the heat is on elsewhere and we are still warming. We love our gardens and our warm homes in winter, and where would we be without the Horty (especially if all we can grow is cacti)? Whatever! All these take fuel and electricity on a daily basis. Burning CO₂ is such a bad idea when you can replace this with clean energy. CLEAN energy!

Personally, I don't care if some enterprising soul makes a profit out of a Solar Array. There is a very impressive one outside Geneva surrounded by fields of wonderful wildflowers. It looks just fine.

The impact in fields south of the village here isn't going to be all that great and perhaps we should take pleasure in the thought that The Ferris will have something of true benefit to humanity. I will be even more delighted if the hedgerow they plant around it gives an improved habitat for birds who currently lose out on many of our local hedgerows, because they are too regularly stripped of their winter sheltering and feeding capabilities. I hope too that any long established wild animal paths will remain unblocked by the fencing. Easy enough to leave or create a small access. And security cameras? Perhaps they can have the dual purpose of providing sites for nestboxes?

There are some brilliant and innovative people Globally, Nationally and Locally who are putting in great efforts to solve future climate problems now. The A4 circulated may have been well meant in terms of preserving the visual beauty of the area (and incidentally, it is not the whole of that field. You can see the white markers and it is much less, and from most aspects very discreet). This is something we need and I speak as one who never much liked pylons.

National Grid is trying to act responsibly by encouraging low carbon energy markets. They want to reduce their carbon emissions by 80% before 2050. That is when

the children of today may already be struggling to survive in a more hostile climate than we have already. Lets not let them down. Join with it and marvel at our human ingenuity.

The Interweb is full of facts and figures about the looming disaster but if anyone wants inspiration and hope, Kate Raworth of Oxfam has an interesting and informative 'Donut' to offer. See

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Entrance tickets £6, obtainable in advance from Jaffé and Neale, Chipping Norton, at the door on the evening, or from Diana Hughes: 01295 780506.



Sibford Horticultural Society

Our next meeting is on March 13th at 8pm in the Village Hall when Tony Clear will come and talk to us about Spetchley Park in Worcestershire. Spetchley has been voted one of the finest gardens in England so it should make a fascinating subject.

Don't forget that our Spring Show and Plant Sale will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 18th May from 2.30 - 4.30pm. The classes will be for photography, Cookery, handicrafts, spring flowers and the children's sections.

As this is a new departure from our traditional show please make every effort to enter something! The schedules will be with the next issue of the Sibford Scene.

Our annual Plant Sale will be held at the same time as the show so think of us when you are dividing plants or sowing seeds.

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Its door is open all day every day, so if you ever seek a place of peace and quiet and somewhere to sit and think do please use it.

The church is open for worship every Sunday too.

Is there anything we can do to attract more of you to join in worship?

Would you take just 2 minutes and send me an email giving your thoughts about the church? reverendronald1954@gmail.com

would you like.....

Services at other times? If so when? What about Saturday tea time or Sunday afternoon?

Would you like a regular (weekly? monthly?) midweek evening service maybe with candle-light, Taize chants or similar?

Would you like more modern music....or do you like trad hymns?

Would you be part of some occasional drama or dance?

Do you think we cater well enough for children? Would you help run a weekly or monthly club for them maybe at tea time after school?

Would you like a regular/occasional thought and discussion provoking evening meeting with maybe a speaker and the chance to debate issues such as.....climate change, gay rights, euthanasia etc?

Would you like an Explorer's/Enquirer's course teaching you the basics of the Christian FAITH rather than how to behave in church? or maybe an ALPHA course?

Please, would you send me all your ideas? I cannot promise that we could do all that you might suggest, but if you respond at least we'll have no excuse for not trying harder!!

best wishes, Ronald

Swalcliffe Exchange Group

The broadband campaign was very successful, 338 registrations were accepted by Oxfordshire CC from broadband users in our exchange area. This was by far the strongest demand registered in the county. We await Oxfordshire's decision as to which areas of the county will get funding to improve broadband connectivity to a minimum of 24Mbps and those that will be left behind with a minimum of 2Mbps.

Thank you to all who helped achieve this impressive result, here's hoping it impresses the decision makers.

If you want to know more you can contact the group at paulalanhobson@btinternet.com

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

Holy Trinity Church

Sun 3rd Benefice Eucharist at Shutford 10am
Sun 10th Mothering Sunday Family Service at 10am
Sun 17th Holy Communion at 9.30am
Sun 24th Palm Sunday benefice Eucharist
and Procession of Palms in Epwell at 9.45am
Fri 29th Good Friday Devotional Service 2pm to 3pm
Service of Music and Readings in Broughton 7.30pm
Sun 31st Easter Sunday Family Communion at 10am + Easter Egg Hunt

Methodist Chapel Preachers

Sunday 3rd Rev. Bill Rolfe
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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

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

March

- Sat 2nd "Escape from Tibet" 7pm in Chippy Town Hall p18
Mon 4th Sibfords Walking Group p16
Mon 4th Ferris Parish Council. Sports Hall classroom at Sibford School 7.45
Tue 5th Men's Breakfast Club. 9.15 at Wyatts
Tue 5th Friendship Club Meeting in the Village Hall p4
Thu 7th Sibfords Society Social Evening. 7pm p4
Fri 8th Sibford School Open Morning. P12
Sat 9th Bee Keeping Course in Brailes.
Tue 12th W.I. Mountains of Nepal p10
Wed 13th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
Wed 13th Sibford Horticultural Society talk. 8pm Village Hall p18
Sat 16 & Sun 17th Art Exhibition at the Primary School p20
Sun 17th Sibford Cricket Club AGM. Wykham Arms, 7pm p16
Mon 18th Sibfords Walking Group p16
Tue 19th Friendship Club Trip p4
Tue 19th Deadline for contributions to April Sibford Scene p20
Wed 27th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
Wed 27th Sibford School Reading Group p13
Fri 29th Easter Egg Trail at the Village Hall from 2pm p5

April (part)

- Tue 2nd Friendship Club Easter Tea. p4
Wed 11th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)
Wed 25th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Cover picture A rare Snow Rabbit spotted in Sibford Gower

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