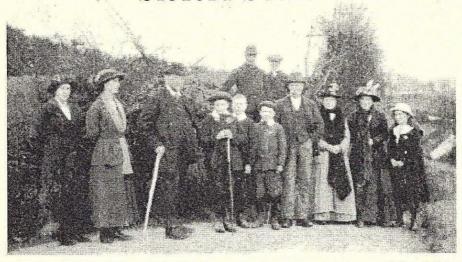
Sibford Scene



April 2013

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Village Hall Easter Egg Trail
Friday 29th March 2pm

Sibford Ferris Litter Pick Saturday 30th March 10am at Lanes End Corner

Sibford Gower Spring Clean Saturday 6th April 10am at the Village Hall

The Carice Singers
Saturday 6th April at Holy Trinity Church 7.30pm

Village Hall Film Night Tuesday 23rd April 7.00pm

Coffee Morning in the Church Saturday 27th April 10.00am

Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 29th April 7.30pm Sports hall class room at Sibford School

Nature Notes

Mar 5th The stock dove was brave enough to come down and take wheat from the path by our back door again this morning.

After a frosty start it has turned into a beautiful sunny day. The warmth brought some butterflies out of hibernation. A yellow brimstone was flying round our garden for much of the day and my daughter saw a small tortoiseshell.

Mar 8th While we were having breakfast the area of the lawn that we see from the table became quite crowded with one cock and three hen pheasants and a muntjac all apparently happy to be there together. The rook that has a squeaky voice is back at it's nest again. At times it seems to get a bit agitated which makes it squeak even more. It has nested here for 3 or 4 years now.

Mar 10th This morning the stock dove brought its mate to feed with the pheasants, wood pigeons and collared doves. The stock doves are by far the most nervous feeders. While I was watching the bullfinches, that now come to eat sunflower hearts several times a day, a thick cloud of feathers came down from the old apple tree that grows close to the bungalow. As the feathers were in a thick cluster when I first saw them it

must mean that a bird of prey, most likely a sparrow hawk, had taken a bird from the tree only just above my line of sight. I did not see the bird of prey or which way it took its catch but

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could see from the feathers I picked up that it was a collared dove that was taken.

Mar 12th I read a piece about bumble bees that are being imported from Europe to pollinate greenhouse plants. It is thought that they may be carrying mites and diseases and those that escape are spreading them into our wild bees which could be another factor in the decline of our bumble bees. As with the imports of diseased ash trees it seems to be such a pity that we do not grow or breed our own stock. Mar 17th Since the collared dove was taken a week ago we have not seen more than one come to feed at a time. 5 hen pheasants spent an hour or more in the garden preening and occasionally shaking the snow, that was falling, off their feathers.

Mar 22nd Last nights rain turned to snow giving us a white world and more is forecast.

Sibford Cricket Club

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Dogs and Livestock Don't Mix!

It's that time of year again when there are new lambs and newly turned out cattle in the fields so dog walkers need to ensure that their dogs are on leads and under close control. We have had a couple more cases of loose dogs around livestock in the parishes in March

and I very much hope that there will be no more to report in future. Please also remember to pick up after your dog wherever you are and take it home. There are many dog bags being thrown into the fields which may be out of site but is not the right solution.

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Friendship Club

On our latest trip we stayed close to home and had lunch at Wyatts. I must Thank the staff for a lovely meal and looking after us so well.

The next meeting of the Club is our Easter Tea on

the 2nd of April in the Village Hall.

The trip for the month is to Becketts restaurant and farm shop not far from Birmingham.

Please, again, I remind Members about the AGM on May 7th.

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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Sibfords Society



The annual Sibfords Society Social took place on March 7th, having been postponed due to freezing January weather. Approximately fifty members attended and brought with them a great selection of food, which was

set out beautifully in party style by Barbara Crabtree and her helpers. After a relaxing glass of mulled wine, wits had to be re-sharpened in order to find answers to the amusing quiz, which brought back memories of past advertisements. Three birthdays were celebrated, and the unsuspecting birthday girls and boy were subjected to three renderings of 'Happy Birthday to You' from the whole assembly. (I think they were quite pleased!) After this we were entertained by Barbara Brockway's highly witty do's and don'ts list to her pet animals - never a dull moment in that household for sure! Barbara produced some convincing arguments as to why sharing your house with your animals is far better than with your own offspring!

The Sibfords Society AGM was held on March 21st. It was reasonably well attended, given that there was a blizzard raging outside. Once the formal proceedings were completed - approval of last year's AGM minutes, reelection of the committee with a couple of changes, Chairman Bryan Mills' address on the past year's events and some to come this year, the rest of the meeting was devoted to a pottery demonstration by Penny Varley, who has had her studio in Tysoe since 2005. Her talk was vivacious and inspiring and her passion for her work really came across; she brought a big shaft of sunshine into our chilly hall! There was the opportunity to purchase some lovely pieces of her craftwork, and a visit to her studio is an absolute must.

The next meeting will be on Thursday April 18th, and the speaker will be Martin Quartermain on Old Hook Norton (1880 - 1930).

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VILLAGE FAYRE and DOG SHOW will be held on Saturday JUNE 15th [not 18th as in last Scene]. Any great ideas or offers of help do call Ginny on 01295 780373. We would love to put on an exciting afternoon for the Fayre but our small committee cannot do it without help. VILLAGE LOTTERY As part of our continual findraising Muriel is starting the lottery again from April. To sign up please call her on 01295 780025 and maybe win some cash prizes!

Our BOOKING SECRETARY at present is Anita on 01295 788557.

EPWELL GARDENERS GROUP

Epwell Gardeners Group is pleased to announce that Steve Brookes will be visiting Epwell Village Hall on Monday 8th April at 7.30pm. Steve Brookes broadcasts live every Sunday morning at 10am on BBC Radio Coventry & Warwickshire advising on garden problems and answering queries. The Village Hall will be open from 6.45pm so come and enjoy a drink before Steve's talk on "The Greatest Gardening Tips in the World." Cost £2.00 including refreshments.

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At the end of May, I will be travelling to Siem Reap, Cambodia, and will be doing a 6 week voluntary placement Teaching English as a Foreign Language. I will be taking part in an on-going project which aims to make a difference to the lives of children who live a life of poverty, and help make a difference to their lives.

Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting Monday 29th April 7.30pm Sibford School Sports Hall upstairs Classroom

This is a public discussion meeting reviewing the Parish Council's work over the last 12 months, giving details of the council's finances and an opportunity to air your views on what the council need to do in the next year. There are many areas of discussion including the closure of the churchyard and the resulting financial implications for the parish council, ongoing work to meet the community plan recommendations and any topics of concern to parishioners.

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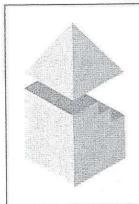
who will tell how easy it to join us.

We understand people have other commitments so we let our volunteers tell us when they would like to work and whatever you do you will be fully supported. Upton has a really friendly team of staff whose primary role is to tell the story that brings the place to life.

Upton was owned by Lord Bearsted, the Chairman of Shell, during the 1930s and he left his art and porcelain collection in the house to the Trust. The amazing gardens have quite history and it's a story our visitors like to hear as well as enjoying the whole ambience with their families.

So do drop in any time between 11am and 4pm on Sunday 28 April. You will be made to feel most welcome and we will show you round and answer any questions you may have.

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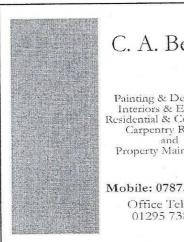
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There have been burglaries in Sibford Ferris, a burglary in Burdrop and one in Sibford Gower since Christmas. Burglaries are a very distressing, time consuming and costly experience. We now have Easter and the summer ahead and more visitors, many of whom we will not know. Please follow Police advice. If you see any strange behaviour please phone the Police 101 with as much information as possible: how many people male and female what they are wearing, vehicle colour, registration number and direction of travel etc. If you think a burglary/crime is in progress phone 999 for immediate attention. Keep tools in locked sheds, windows closed and doors locked when out of your sight. The Police are always willing to advise you on security. Never buy or sell at the door. Bogus callers frequently wear uniform/suitable clothing. Do not allow unknown callers you are not expecting into your house; always close the door, phone the company to check their identity first. Seven Trent Water now advertise a Bogus caller hotline 0845 604 1655. Thames Water do not have a special number but you should call 0845 922 888.



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Sibford WI Meeting -12th March 2013 On a bitterly cold afternoon, thirteen members and one

guest, Rowan Walton, braved the elements. Val Powell brightened the hall with a colourful arrangement of Spring

flowers. Details were given of the Oxfordshire Federation Annual Council Meeting at Oxford Town Hall on 26th March. Lynda Conway, Rosemary Neal, Val Powell and Glennis Hardman will be attending. Names were taken of those wishing to go to the Group Meeting at Bloxham on 25th April. Glennis Hardman has been successful in having one of her photographs chosen for the 2014 Oxfordshire WI Calendar - a picture of Sibford Village Pond.

This month's talk was meant to be "Mountains of Nepal" by Clive Jones. Unfortunately, a technology gremlin struck and his projector failed to work. As the presentation was largely based upon photographs he decided that he could not go ahead. However, he did agree to tell us the story of how he had got into mountain walking initially as a hobby and then as an occupation. It was a gradual process building from short walks to weekend breaks and then to walking holidays. Eventually, Clive applied, successfully, to be a mountain walks leader for the HF (Holiday Fellowship). His first job was a Christmas break on the Isle of



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Wight. Evening entertainment had to be provided in addition to walks and he was volunteered as the barn dance caller - an interesting experience when you have never attended a barn dance! Clive progressed to leading walks in Scotland, the Lake District, North Wales and the Pennine Way. And then he headed overseas to the Pyrenees, Swiss Alps, the Dolomites, Slovenia and New Zealand. He continued with HF until age 65. He then went on a photographic holiday to Nepal and discovered the impact of altitude on human physiology! The group walked to and from Everest boot camp and were advised to walk slowly and to drink lots of water. He is now happy to be a home bird but has continued with photography as a hobby with a new focus on sports and particularly hockey.

This was a very interesting and entertaining talk with Clive demonstrating his powers of innovation after the initial problem with the projector. The competition for a photograph of a Mountain Vista was judged by our Speaker. He gave first to Jan Warner, second Eleanor Joynes and third Kathleen Winter. Barbara Crabtree and Theresa Tovell served warming cups of tea and a choice of cakes.

Our Meeting on Tuesday, 9th April will be the AGM. There will be a Bring & Buy stall in place of the usual raffle and competition.

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Award winning author visits Sibford School

Award-winning author Rachel Ward visited Sibford School in March. Rachel is the author of the 'Numbers' trilogy of books for teenagers and young adults. Her latest novel, 'The Drowning' is due to be pub-

lished in May.

She spoke to pupils about her life as a writer, explaining what influenced her story lines and answered questions. She also conducted two book-signing sessions.

"My advice is to anyone who thinks they might want to be an author is to write every day," she told pupils. "You have to be persistent and you have to believe in yourself."

Pictured: 12-year-old Julia Beaumont has her copy of 'Numbers' signed by author Rachel Ward.



Easter fun at Sibford School

Sibford School's 'Fun in the Country' holiday activity club will be running in the Easter holidays from April 2 – April 12. 'Fun in the Country' is open to all children aged between 5 and 11. Activities include arts and crafts, music and drama, cookery, sports, swimming and outdoor activities. Cost is £28 per day. The club will also be operating during May Half Term. For further details or to book a place please contact Elspeth Gregory on 01295 781203 (email egregory@sibfordschool.co.uk)

Sibford pupils pay tribute to musical legends

Students from Sibford School will be paying tribute to musical legends past and present when they perform at The Mill Arts Centre in Banbury later this month. For two consecutive nights, pupils will be presenting hits from the likes of Abba, Adele, Bruce Springsteen, Jimi Hendrix, Dusty Springfield, Coldplay and Amy Winehouse. Sibford's annual take-over of The Mill has become a firm fixture in the Arts Centre calendar since 2005. Previous gigs have featured tributes to the Beatles and Queen plus hits from the Seventies. Music teacher Matt Platt said: "There are so many good bands and artists that it was difficult to decide who to include and who to leave out, however, we hope that the ones we have selected will provide a fun and entertaining evening."

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Open Morning ... Advanced notice:

The next Sibford School Open Morning will take place on 3 May starting at 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 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

MASOUERADE MAY 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.

Jo Plumley from Serenity at Sibford visited Sibford School on Friday (15 March) to help raise money for Comic Relief. Three boys from the sixth form agreed to undergo a sponsored leg-waxing ... and Jo was happy to help out.

Pictured: Pupils watch as Jo gets to work on the leg of sixth form Toby ... the face tells it all! student Toby Seely.



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It's always worth bringing the family along to join in as it is very handy to have the youngsters to do the burrowing into the bottom of the hedge!

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Annual Spring Clean – Sibford Gower & Burdrop Saturday, 6th April 2013

The Annual Spring Clean will take place on Saturday, 6th April 2013 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 6th April, 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 6th April.

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29 April Longer circular walk from Hook Norton, Ascott, Gt. Rollright Times to be confirmed, walk around 3 1/2-4 hours

13 May to decide

3 June to decide

Except for 29 April the walks should take around 2 hours. Conditions are still muddy so walking poles or a stick are recommended. Lunch at a pub local to the walk will usually be a possibility if you would like. Please contact Sue on sebannister@gmail.com or 01295 780365 to confirm attendance and for any queries.

Working together - An update from your Parish Councils

As part of the action plan following the publication of the Sibfords Community Plan a site in each village has been identified for the installation of a glass re-cycling facility. Working with Cherwell District Council, a bottle bank will be installed at the lay-by near to the cross-road junction by the Elm in Sibford Ferris. In the Gower, with grateful thanks to Debbie and Damien, you can already recycle glass in the containers in the car park at the rear of the Wykham Arms Sue Bannister has kindly agreed to liaise with Oxfordshire County Council to bring matters concerning Footpaths and Bridleways in our

LOGS, HAY, STRAW Garden Manure Half pigs for the freezer (limited) Antony Sabin 01295788421 parishes to their attention. If anyone notices anything which may need attention regarding our footpaths or bridleways could they please contact Sue by telephone on 780365, by leaving a message on the Walking Group page on the Sibfords website - thesibfords.org.uk or email her on sebannister@gmail.com



Sibford Horticultural Society

For our first meeting of the year, Tony Clear talked to us about Spetchley Park, home of the

Berkley family. We were shown slides of the grounds and told the history of the family.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 10th April at 8.00pm in the Village Hall when Gerald Sinclair will talk to us about hemerocallis.

On Wednesday May 8th we have an afternoon trip to Coton Manor. The coach will leave the Village Hall at 2.00pm for the 1 hour journey to Coton and leave Coton Manor at 5.30pm for the return to Sibford.

There is a tea room, superb garden centre as well as impressive gardens with flamingoes. Entrance to Coton Manor is £5, the coach cost is £5 for Horticultural Society members, £7 for non members. Names and numbers to Jupe Marshall, 780348 johnandjupe@btinternet.com

With this Sibford Scene you should have got the schedule for our Spring Show. Please do have a look to see what you can enter. This is our

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Dog Fouling

Once again, Sibford Gower Parish Council has received a complaint about dog fouling and particular concern has been expressed about Bonds End Lane and the grass verges on Acre Ditch adjacent to the School. The Parish Council is well aware that many dog owners are most conscientious in clearing up what may be left behind by their dogs but an appeal is made to others to co-operate in ensuring that our roads, footpaths and verges are left as clear and clean as we would all wish to find them.

It has been suggested to me that the Sibford Scene should print a list of the clubs and societies that regularly use the Village Hall. Since this information is on the parish website thesibfords.org.uk I have not, in the past done so. Is this something that would be appreciated? Please let me know adrian.lamb1@btconnect.com



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Contributions for the May Sibford Scene to the Editor by April 16th

Church News

A cheerful Lent Lunch at Gil Soden's home on Feb 18th raised funds for POLLY; a speaker from POLLY will come to one of our Family Services later in the year. Looking forward to April 6th there will be a splendid concert in church by the Carice Sing-

highly regarded vocal group of young singers. Details and tickets from john Marshall 780348 - I cannot recommend highly enough that you attend what will be a wonderful

event.

At the end of the month - Sat April 27th - we commence our new series of Coffee Mornings in church; you are all welcome for coffee, a chat, a few stalls, and the chance to meet people. Choir Practices start at 6pm on Wednesday April 10th. Do come!

On May 12th there will be a PET SERVICE at 3pm; do bring your dog, cat, stick insect, horse, reptile...and even your parents or grannie! Everybody warmly welcomed. tea and buns (dog chews, catnip etc) afterwards.

Easter 2013 at Banbury Museum

Easter Opening: Good Friday 10.30am - 4.30pm, Saturday 10am - 5pm, Bank Holiday Monday 10.30am - 4.30pm.

Step into Spring

29 March - 13 April 10.30am - 12.30pm and 2 - 4pm Family drop - in. Suitable for all ages.£2 per child.

Marvellous Masks

Tuesday 2 April 2-4 pm (tickets from 1.50pm) Family drop - in. For children aged 3+ years old. £2.50 per child. Come and be inspired by the museum collections and the arrival of spring and make your very own mask.

Thursday 4 April 2-4pm (tickets from 1.50pm) Family drop - in. For children aged 3+ years old. £2.50 per child. Come and spend a lovely afternoon making your very own springtime/Easter wreath.

Pond Party

Wednesday 10 April 2-4 pm (tickets from 1.50pm) Family drop - in. For children aged 3+ years old. £2.50 per child. Come and make your very own shoebox pond complete with frogs, fish and lots more.

Springtime Surprise

Thursday 11 April 2 - 4 pm (tickets from 1.50pm) Family drop - in. For children aged 3+ years old. £2.50 per child. Come and make lots of little springtime animals and hide them in a secret little home.

Art Cart Action: Making a Scene

Until 27 April, Drop in 10.30am-12.30pm and 2-4pm on Saturdays and every day during the Oxfordshire school holidays. Appropriate for 4+ years. £1 per child.

'Through the Keyhole' Prize Trail

Until 27 April Available during museum opening times. Suitable for children of all ages. Children under 8 years old may need a little help. £1.50 per trail booklet

'Small Talk' Activity Backpacks. Perfect for children aged 3 - 5 years old.

'Drawing for All' Cart. Available throughout the year, during museum opening hours. For all ages. Free. Enjoy sketching the fascinating artefacts on display or the view along the canal. Materials, ideas and inspiration provided!

For more information phone: 01295 753752, email: banburymuseum@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or visit

our website www.banburymuseum.org

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

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Baptist Hook Norton Sunday at 10.30 am

Holy Trinity Church Services

Easter Day; 10 am Family Communion followed by Easter Egg hunt

April 7th 10am Benefice Holy Communion

April 14th 8am BCP Holy Communion

10am Family Service

April 21st 9.30am Holy Communion

April 28th 9.30am BCP Holy Communion

Methodist Chapel Preachers for April

Sunday 7th Ada Cooper

Sunday 14th Mairi Radcliffe

Sunday 21st Rev Soba

Sunday 28th Rev Cook



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Stagecoach – Timetable commencing 31st May 2009 Mondays to Saturdays (No services on Sundays or Public Holidays)

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

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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Return £6.30 (Child £4.20)

Unlimited travel Cards are available for 1, 7 or 28 days but are regional and need to be bought in advance. Contact the Stagecoach sales office in Stratford tel; 01789 294155 for more details.

Calendar of Events

March

Fri 29th Easter Egg Trail at the Village Hall from 2pm p5

Sat 30th Ferris Litter Pick 10am at Lanes End Corner

April

Tue 2nd Friendship Club Easter Tea. P4

Tue 2nd Cricket Club Net Practice starts p3

Sat 6th Sibford Gower Spring Clean 10 am Village Hall p6 Sat 6th "The Carice Singers" at the Church 7.30pm p14

Mon 8th Walking Group p17

Mon 8th Epwell Gardeners Group Talk p6 Tue 9th W.I. AGM and Bring and Buy. p10

Wed 10th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Wed 10th Horticultural Society talk on Hemerocalis 8pm, Village Hall p18

Sat 13th Tadmarton Golf Club Open Day p15

Sat 13th "The Hall That Rocks" p7

Tue 16th Yoga class starts. Village Hall 9am p18

Tue 16th Deadline for contributions to the May Sibford Scene p20

Thu 18th Sibfords Society talk on Old Hook Norton. P5

Mon 22nd Walking Group p17

Tue 23rd Village Hall Film Night 7pm p6

Wed 24th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Sat 27th Church Coffee Morning p21

Sun 28th Upton House Volunteers Day p8

Mon 29th Walking Group p17

Mon 29th Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting 7.30pm p7

May (Part)

Fri 3rd Sibford School Open Morning p12

Tue 7th Friendship Club AGM p4

Cover picture The Landslide off Tyne Hill which blocked the main road

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