

July 2013

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# Village Hall Film Night Anna Karenina Tuesday 9th July. Doors open 7pm

Birmingham Symphonic Winds present a Family Picnic Concert
Stage and Screen

Saturday 13th July at Leasowe House Picnic from 5pm Concert 6 - 8 pm

# Sibfords Walking Group

Monday 1st July- Rollright Stones & Salford 10.15am from V Hall Monday 15th July - Swinbrook 9.15am from the Village Hall

# Nature Notes

May 24th From the road at the bottom of Mannings Hill I caught sight of 5 or 6 fluffy ducklings swimming away up the stream. I presume their mum had gone in front and they were the last of the ducklings that were following her. The ducklings were still swimming in the shallow water but mum probably had to walk.

May 30th After the rain I saw a very good selection of snails that had climbed up the vegetation that surrounds the transformer posts by the footpath in Sibford Ferris. I think there were 6 different sorts and not one of them a garden snail.

June 11th A cock bullfinch died when it flew into our kitchen window but there are still 2 coming to feed.

June 12th We are still seeing goldcrests on the shrubs by our windows. I think they must have a nest nearby but I have not managed to spot it. June 14th When badgers dig up my lawn we often put the soil and bits of grass back into the hole and tread it down. Birds usually peck it out again as it is an easy place to look for a worm. I have often seen blackbirds doing this but was surprised today to see a male great spotted woodpecker not only throwing the pieces of turf out of the refilled

holes but pecking into some undisturbed turf. While I watched it stopped pecking and was still for a moment with its beak in the ground. I thought it might be collecting ants

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with its long tongue as green woodpeckers do but I think it may have been poking something with its tongue to make it come to the surface as it suddenly leapt forward about 6 inches and grabbed something from the surface and flew away with it. It was probably taking it to feed to its young ones.

June 18th The male great spotted woodpecker was pecking the lawn again and this time it had a young one with it. The young one sat still and watched for a while before it joined in and pecked as vigorously as its dad. On the lawn I found the shells of 3 recently eaten song thrush eggs. I doubt whether the woodpecker was responsible for stealing these but I think it is very likely that it was what pulled several of the tubes out of our bee box this morning. Two young bullfinches came to the bird table with a male bird this morning.



Friendship Club

Today we have had a lovely trip to Longleat, we were lucky with the weather, although cloudy, stayed fine. Our next Meeting in the Village Hall is on July 2nd, when we will have our friends

from OCC with one of their Memory Boxes. If you would like to join us please come along and pay 50p.

Our next trip is a train ride with cream tea on board which is on July 16th. More info on this at the

Village Hall get together.

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# Village Hall News

VILLAGE HALL FAYRE. The Annual Fayre last Saturday despite showers and high winds and a little sunshine was enjoyed by a good crowd, and final results will be announced shortly. The Dog Show. had twenty six fantastic well behaved dogs competing in the eight classes judged bravely by our local retired vet Peter Abbott. The Top Dog Trophy was won by Holly, a twelve and a half year old Pointer owned and shown by the Reverend Liz Hawkes, who has recently moved to Sibford Gower .Holly (a rescue dog) has been owned by Liz since an eleven month old puppy. Holly also won the best Pedigree class. The Reserve Trophy went to Kofi, owned and shown by David Watsom from Sibford Gower. Kofi had won the Most handsome dog class. The Best Young Handler went to six and a half year old Imogen Norris from Banbury showing Pippa, a four year old very well behaved Collie owned by her grandmother. The Aunt Sally was jointly won by Cedric Brown and Charles Glazebrook, with the Junior prize going to Henry Taylor, aged nine, from Banbury.

The Egg Throwing Competition, although not as well supported as some years was keenly fought and won by the Gray family.

The VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE would like to thank all those who helped to make the day such a success, and those who worked hard before and on the day, and donated gifts.

FILM NIGHT Our next film is ANNA KARENINA, a 2012 film. on Tuesday July 9th. Doors open at 7pm . Film starts at 7-30pm. Entry £2 per adult, students £1. Refreshments available. September film night is planned for September 10th..

BOOKING SECRETARY from July will be Ginny on 01295 780373.

# CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY

Thank you to everyone who contributed, via a CMS box or donation to this worth while charity.

This year the sum raised is £554.54p an increase on last years £518. It would be good to see a further rise next year and if anyone who hasn't a box or would like to donate, please contact me on Tel 780 731.

Judy Abbott CMS Representative

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off long enough for us to appreciate them. One was a small paved area but packed with shrubs, perennials and over 70 clematis. An absolute inspiration to anyone with a small garden. The other was larger but equally inspiring with lovely borders and made use of the views over the neighbouring gardens. Refreshments were very kindly provided and a lovely evening was had by all.

Our next event is the show on Saturday 24th August. This will be for flowers, fruit, vegetables, flower arranging, preserves and one children's class. You should have received the schedule with this Sibford Scene. Entries to be made on Wednesday 21st August from 7 to 8.30pm in the Small Hall or in advance to a committee member using the form in the schedule.

Donations of cakes, plants, produce and books for the stalls would be appreciated nearer the time.

Lets hope the weather improves so we can find something to enter!

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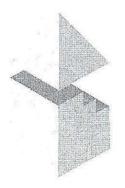
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# Sibford Gower & Burdrop Annual Parish Meeting 29th May 2013

The Annual Parish Meeting took place in the hall of Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School and was attended by all the members of the Parish Council, County Cllr George Reynolds, twenty one residents and the Clerk. Thames Valley Police and Oxfordshire Highways had been invited to have representatives to be present but, unfortunately, no one was available. Dr Oswyn Murray gave his Chairman's Report which included Planning Matters, the Village Pond, Allotments, Sibford Churchyard, the Cherwell Strategy Plan and Co-ordination between local Parish Councils. With regard to Planning Matters he reported on two recent Public Inquiries about Bishop's End, and the representations of the Parish Council at these. A straw vote was taken on the willingness of the village to support a buyout of the former public house should it come on the market: the meeting was unanimously in favour and the Chairman was invited to contact Sibford Ferris Parish Council with a view to joint action. The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented his report. Mr Fred Inns gave the report on behalf of The Town Estate Charity. Mrs Mollie Mulley in her capacity of Co-ordinator presented The Neighbourhood Watch Report. The Village Hall Report had been prepared by Muriel Chandler (Village Hall Hon Secretary) but she was unable to be present and the Report was delivered by a Member of the Parish Council. Mrs Susan Mattinson presented an update of the Sibfords Community Plan. The detailed reports are contained within the Minutes of the Meeting and are available



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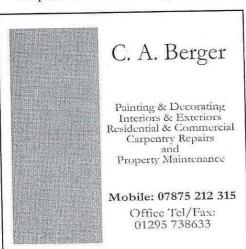
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from the Clerk upon request. The Minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council's webpage. With regard to Any Other Business, a local resident, present at the Meeting, raised considerable concern about the danger to drivers coming from Bonds End Lane into Main Street created by cars parked in the road at that junction and thus obscuring drivers' views. After some discussion, the Chairman said that contact would be made with Oxfordshire Highways and Thames Valley Police with a view to arranging a site meeting with residents who are concerned. Another resident, present at the Meeting, expressed concern about the Village Pond which he maintained is owned by the Village. The Chairman explained that, in fact, the pond is according to the Land Registry 'ownerless', but steps are being taken for the Parish Council to become the legally registered owners and Cllr Peter Abbott is in the course of preparing a claim to be submitted to the Land Registry. The same resident raised the subject of the poor condition of the surface of Colony Road and other roads in the Parish were referred to by other residents. Cty Cllr George Reynolds explained the system of the different coloured markings of potholes by Oxfordshire Highways indicating the timings of remedial work. The general feeling of the Meeting was that the results were not all that effective!

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked all present for attending and declared the Meeting closed at 9.30pm





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Sibford WI Meeting Tuesday, 11th June 2013. A good attendance was welcomed by the President, Glennis Hardman. Secretary Lynda Conway (Delegate) read out her report on the National AGM which took place in Cardiff on 1st

June. The 2013 Resolution (Decline of our High Streets and Town Centres) was carried by an 87% majority. Arrangements were completed for the Sibford Members Lunch which will take place on 25th June at the Mill House Hotel, Kingham.

"My Life as a Journalist" was the title of this months talk given by John Chipperfield. This is an Oxfordshire based career that started at age 15 and continues into retirement. As a schoolboy John wrote to the editor of the Oxford Mail offering his services as a Saturday football correspondent. The next week he filed his first report, a lucrative Saturday job at 15 shillings a go. He was eventually taken on as a trainee and worked his way up to become News Editor. To John the appeal of journalism is the great variety of experience it provides, every day is different. Newspapers can help fight battles, spread messages, support local events and amuse people. He entertained us with a selection of his favourite experiences and stories. One day he was sent off to report on a childrens party in a village hall with a photographer, from a world of jelly and ice cream they were redirected to Leatherslade farm, the hide out of the great train robbers. It was swarming with police and press. The paper wanted photos of this national event. All in a days work. He once got into trouble with the local vicar for reporting on a parochial church council meeting, accurately, that a council



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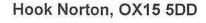
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member thought it was 'disgusting that so few parishioners were in attendance'. His editor reassured him that bad press sells newspapers. John retired 5 years ago but still edits his Nostalgia column in the Oxford Mail. People are asked to send in suitable material and stories: One of the best headlines evolved from Bill Quarterman having his tonsils out at home on the scrubbed kitchen table at age 4. The tonsils were placed in a metal bowl on the floor and the cat ate them. "Whoops - the cats stuffed my tonsils". Another favourite, when William Walker, the oldest man in England in 1928, was asked about the new fangled fashion of short skirts he commented that women will soon be wearing next to nothing! Jan Warner gave the vote of thanks for this interesting and entertaining talk presented by a true enthusiast.

An excellent tea was served by Valerie Currie and Joan Thomas. The Competition for An Old Newspaper was judged by Mr Chipperfield and he chose 1st Barbara Crabtree, 2nd Eleanor Joynes and 3rd Valerie Taylor.

On Tuesday, 9th July we are having our Annual Garden Party hosted this year by Eleanor Joynes at Silver Birches, Back Side Lane, Sibford Gower. If wet, Eleanor is happy to accommodate us inside. No Competition. Tickets will be on sale for the National WI Raffle.

Mary Hill

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New course to help students improve GCSEs

A new one-year intermediate course designed to help students improve their qualifications before attempting A-Levels has been launched at Sibford School.

The course is intended to help those who need to improve English and Maths and at the same time enable them to gain additional qualifications in subjects such as catering, business and ICT. It is hoped that students might then be able to start their A Level courses at age 17.

Michael Goodwin, head of Sibford School said: "The pressure of exams on young people is considerable and is not helped by the Government's continual change of ideas over exam policy. We are concerned that there are a number of youngsters, particularly in the state system, who, effectively, get 'written off' if their GCSE results don't come up to scratch.

"We already operate a similar course for our overseas students who need to improve their English language capabilities before studying for A Levels and it therefore seemed an obvious step to extend this provision. Students who join us for this course will be part of Sibford Sixth Form and we hope that, when they leave us in three years time, it will not only be with good academic qualifications but that the experience will also have built up their confidence and helped prepare them to meet the challenges of the 21st cen-

Anyone interested in enrolling on this course should contact Sibford School on 01295 781200. The school is open to take enquiries throughout the summer holidays and teaching staff will be on hand to discuss options.

## Sibford pupils set new world record

A new record for the world's largest memory game has been set at 2,109 participants, and 48 pupils from Sibford School were among them.

Participants at 40 venues across the UK and one in Bahrain simultaneously played a 10-minute memory game. The game was also played live on BBC Radio 1.

Organised by the Society of Biology as the climax to Biology Week, the game, took place at 2.30pm on Friday 19 October 2012 and explored the phenomenon of false memories. But it was only this week that Guinness confirmed it as a world record. Sibford School science teacher. Felicity Dyndor, said: "We were very excited to been the

Sibford School science teacher, Felicity Dyndor, said: "We were very excited to hear the news that a world record had been set and to know that we had played our part in it. We

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University's Nuffield Department of Medicine, and Kath Randall, a member of our school governing body, who joined us to verify our involvement."

Dr Mark Downs, chief executive of the Society of Biology, said: "The way our brains store memories is fascinating, and it is important to study this to help us tackle diseases such as Alzheimer's. We are delighted to have set such a large world record – congratulations to everyone who took part."



Pictured at the start of the world record attempt at Pupils Louise O'Donnell and Stephen Katterman, science teacher Felicity Dyndor, Dr Jennifer Bardsley and Kath Randall.

#### Summer Holiday Activity Club

Sibford School's 'Fun in the Country' activity club will be running during the summer holidays from July 22 – August 23 (weekdays only).

'Fun in the Country' is aimed at all children aged between 5 and 11-years-old. Activities include arts and crafts, music and drama, cookery, sports and outdoor activities. There will also be the opportunity to swim in Sibford's 25m indoor pool.

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# YOUNG KART RACER STEPS UP THE PACE

Calum George, 13 from Sibford Gower near Banbury, having recovered from a 50 mph crash at a race meeting in April this year, set his fastest lap time ever and went on to take the top novice trophy in the kart meeting at Shenington on Sunday 19th May.

During the heats Calum chased his main novice rival who was backed by a professional race team. Calum driving a British Gillard kart set up by his father was one place behind him on the grid for the final.

In the final both drivers made good starts with Calums rival quickly overtaking the slower backmarkers. Despite being two places behind him with 8 laps to go Calum set his personal fastest lap and closed the gap to the team driver. With just 4 laps to go Calum made a great overtaking move in front of the spectators to take the place of Top Novice. The two battled to the finish line with Calum taking the Novice win by 0.6 seconds in just his 6th Race.

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# Sibford Walking Group

1 July Circuit of Rollright Stones and Salford

Regretfully after the 1 July walk, owing to a health problem, I will not be organising any walks until 9 September when we will start the fortnightly walks again. Please get in touch to confirm your attendance and to get directions to the starting point. If you prefer to meet us at the Village Hall, Sibford Gower, we leave there at 10.15 and the starting point at 10.30. It is very helpful to know who is coming along so please do let me know. Sue Bannister 780365 or sebannister@gmail.com

15 July 2 hour circular walk from The Swan Inn, Swinbrook (near Burford), taking in the churchyard where members of the Mitford family are buried. Approx.4 miles, and well worth the 40 minute drive. Lunch recommended at the Maytime Inn, Asthall; great sandwiches, not too expensive!

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The concert takes place from 6.00 - 8.00pm and the evening will be



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Birmingham Symphonic Winds (conductor Keith Allen — Sibford resident) has gained an international reputation as one of the finest wind orchestras in the UK. It is a flexible group, equally at home performing popular music as well as giving premiere performances of commissioned works in concerts halls at its home in Birmingham at the CBSO Centre or on the international stage including the Lincoln Center, New York and at music events in Chicago, Austria, Ireland and France.

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## Vist to Chedham's Yard

Twenty-one members of the Sibfords Society drove down a bewildering succession of leafy lanes and stepped back in time at Chedham's Yard in Wellesbourne. We visited the blacksmith's and wheelwright's

workshop and the wood-drying shed which had been owned and worked by five generations of the Chedham family for 150 years, until the yard was closed and left undisturbed for thirty-five years. It was purchased in 2002 from Bill Chedham, the last member of the family to work there, and when Chedham's Yard won BBC2's Restoration Village competition in 2006, a funding of £1.15 million enabled the buildings to be restored authentically, the entire contents of the workshops to be categorized and returned to the exact positions whence they had been taken, and a visitors' centre to be built.

So how did it feel to be standing in this once feverishly busy place, surrounded by all the tools and paraphernalia these skilled and hard-working men had needed for their wheel-building and horse-shoeing? A little melancholy that all this activity here had long since ceased, but equally it was a rare experience to be in this time-capsule, gaining a glimpse into their world and hearing their stories from the patient volunteer guides. Our imaginations were sent straight back to a time when carriages and carts were a vital part of daily life, before even rubber tyres were reality. On arriving back in the present, we made our way to the historic Stag's

- Head pub for lunch, after an original and informative morning.

  The meeting on 18th July, starting at Sibford School at the Swimming Pool Car Park at 7 p.m. a photographic quiz in Sibford Ferris, organized by Maureen and Keith Hicks, will end up at the Village Hall for the quiz answers and refreshments, and not in the Wykham Arms as previously advertised.
  - From Saturday 29th June until Sunday 14th July Penny Varley and five other Tysoe artists will be opening their studios to the public. Trail maps are available from all sites. Visit www.warwickshireopenstudio.org for further information. Tysoe Tea Rooms will be offering a freebie in conjunction with the trail map. Penny says," if you are looking for something for the garden, a gift for yourself or a friend or you just fancy coming for a chat it would be lovely to see you."
  - Saturday 6 July and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July *Pilgrimage walk* following the route of the rowing trip of 4 July (when Alice was first created), towards the Treacle Well at Binsey, to end at Jericho: £7, with Mark Davies. For tickets, details and additional dates: (also available at Alice's Shop, St Aldates): <a href="www.oxfordalicewalks.eventbrite.co.uk">www.oxfordalicewalks.eventbrite.co.uk</a>

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The result of the house-to house collection this year for Christian Aid came to a magnificent £1,071.84 with an extra £159.75 from Gift Aid, a total of £1,231.59. With over 60% of householders returning an envelope this was again a wonderful achievement of those in the village. The collection is organised by "Sibford Churches Together" a co-operation of the Roman Catholics, Anglicans Methodists and Quakers, with 22 collectors, to all of whom we are most grateful. Christian Aid is a well run charity with many hundred projects worldwide, all endeavouring to bring change that eradicates the causes of poverty, striving to achieve equality, dignity and freedom for all, regardless of faith or nationality, accomplished with supervised local partners charged with carrying out the necessary work.

Birmingham Symphonic Winds, the 45 strong wind orchestra lead by local resident Keith Allen, is returning once again to play an open-air



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concert entitled "Stage & Screen" on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July. This wonderful event takes place in the garden of Leasowe House, Bonds End Lane by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Harwood starting at 6pm with grounds opening at 5pm. Refreshments available. This is in aid of the Primary School PTA, Holy Trinity Church and the Orchestra. Tickets may be purchased from Norman Nash (The Vine House, Main Street telephone 780980 email nnash@waitrose.com) or from Sue Arnaboldi, Primary School PTA (telephone 780193 email

susannah.arnaboldi@gmail.com) Prices: Adults £12, children £5 (aged 4-17, under 3 free) Family £30 (2 adults 2 children) (on the gate £17, £8, £35) Cheques in favour of Sibford PCC or Sibford Gower Primary School PTA.

There was a glorious spring clean in church on June 8th including vigorous carpet cleaning; we now need some new underlay and the carpet securely fixed down.

Polly Preedy spoke most movingly and inspiringly at the service on June 9th. She described her illness, her miraculous healing, and her call by God to serve the homeless people of Banbury—something she has done now for a number of years. Even as she was speaking to someone about how "the Lord will provide" (for she relies entirely upon charitable donations) a young visitor from Uzbekistan, a Muslim, in church with his mother, handed her a large bank-note. But that was only a "coincidence" wasn't it!

The Wednesday Choir, which has been meeting for a couple of months now, plans to sing Choral Evensong in church at 6pm on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Our short rehearsals are mainly enjoyable! If you fancy joining us to sing a huge variety of music – not all of it religious by any means – you would be very welcome. 6pm on Wednesdays in church.

## 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.

## 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 Services for July

Sunday 7th Benefice Service at Epwell, 10.00am Sunday 14th Family Service 10.00am Sunday 21st Holy Communion 9.30am Sunday 28th Holy communion 9.30am



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

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Banbury, Bus Station	08.30	10.55	12.45	14.26 1	6.05	17.10	18.10
Sibford Ferris, Cross Roads				14.48			
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Shipston,	09.15	11.40	13.35	15.11 1	6.50	17.55	18.55
Stratford on Avon, Wood St.	09.40	12.09	14.04	15.40 1	17.19	18.24	1924

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

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	Sibford Gower, School							
5	Sibford Ferris, Cross Roads	07.07	07.58	09.59	11.59	13.59	15.59	17.17
						14.21		
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All buses will operate low floor wheelchair accessible vehicles. For complete details of all the stops that are served by service 50A, timetables are obtainable from the Tourist Information Centre in Castle Quay, Banbury.

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# Calendar of Events

July

Mon 1st Walking Group - Rollright Stones & Salford 10.15am V Hall p15 Tue

2nd Mens Breakfast Club meeting 9.15am at the Gate Hangs High.

2nd Friendship Club Memory Box p3 Tue

3rd Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm) Wed

9th W.I. Garden Party, p10 Tue

9th Village Hall Film Night - Anna Karenina 7pm p5 Tue

13th Stage and Screen Family Picnic Concert at Leasowe House 5pm Sat

15th Walking Group - Swinbrook 9.15am Village Hall p15 Mon

16th Friendship Club Train Outing p3 Tue

16th Deadline for contributions to the Aug & Sep Scene p20 Tue

17th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm) Wed 18th Sibfords Society Picture Quiz 7pm start p18 Thu

23rd Accordion Concert at Swalcliffe Church 7.30pm p4 Tue

31st Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm) Wed

# August (part)

6th Mens Breakfast Club meeting 9.15am at the Gate Hangs High. Tue

15th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm) Wed

21st Horticultural Society Show Entries Night. Village Hall 7-8.30 p7 Wed

24th Horticultural Society Show p7 Sat

29th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm) Wed

Cover picture; Haymaking - as it used to be.

# Sibford Scene

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