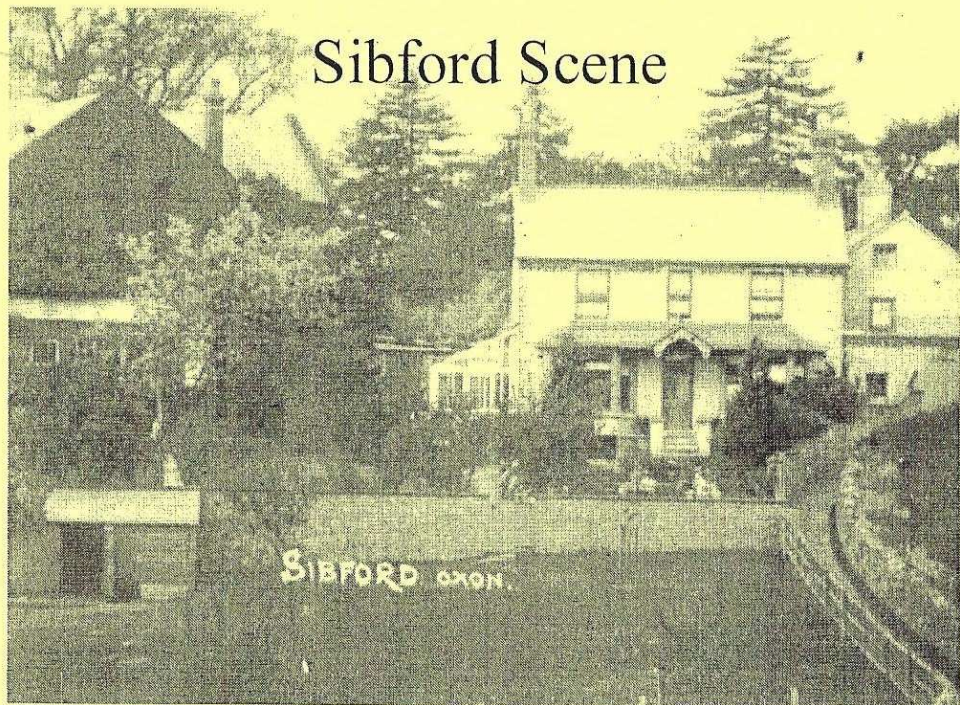


Sibford Scene



August and September 2013

No. 355

Church Coffee Morning

10 - 12 noon Saturday 17th August & 28th September

Sibford Horticultural Society

Horticultural and Produce Show

Saturday 23rd August

Entries - Wednesday 21st August 7.00 - 8.30 at the Village Hall

Village Hall Film Night

Tuesday 10th September. Doors open 7.00pm

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust

Sponsored Ride + Stride

Saturday 14th September 10am - 6pm

Nature Notes

June 27th A male great spotted woodpecker brought two young ones to peck into a mossy area of our lawn this morning. They seemed to be finding some grubs and at the same time pecking out some of the moss.

June 29th I was lucky enough to see a hare cross the road near the Elm crossroads this morning.

July 7th Everything seems to be blooming exceptionally well this year so perhaps last years weather suited the flowers.

July 11th I saw a red kite flying over Tadmarton today. I was shown 2 scarlet tiger moths and have since heard of another one being seen. My book says that they like streams and moist meadows so Sibford will not suit them at the moment.

July 12th I would think the young blackbird that I found dead on our lawn today was not more than a week old. Hopefully it was one that had died in the nest and had been removed and dropped there and was not from a nest that had been raided by a predator.

July 13th We have found the shells of several pheasants eggs around the garden recently. I wonder whether a fox has found a deserted nest and is carrying them away.

July 14th There seem to be more swifts around than at this time last year. I think there were a dozen or more racing round the buildings at

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the bottom end of Sibford Ferris this morning but they were very difficult to count.

July 15th There seem to be a lot less butterflies, moths and bumble bees than there were a few years ago. Perhaps a better summer would help their numbers rise again, but if it keeps as hot and dry as it is now it might even dry up the nectar supply.



Friendship Club

Today we have had a lovely trip on a train from Toddington to Cheltenham with cream tea on board. We were warm but had a great time.

On Aug 6th Mr Keith Hicks will join us for an afternoon of history and the trip for this month is on Aug 20th. The arrangements for Sept have not yet be finalised but Members will be informed.

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Sibfords Society Meeting on 18th July

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(No report possible as this was written prior to the event, due to publication date.)

The next meeting will be on 19th September, 2013, commencing at 8 p.m. (doors open 7.30 p.m.) Richard Smith will be talking about 'Oxford Eccentricity'.

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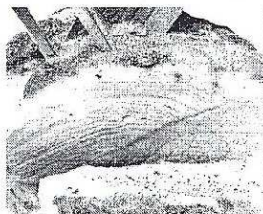
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Sibford Horticultural Society Horticultural and Produce Show Saturday 24th August 2.30 - 4.00pm

Our next event is the Autumn Show with classes for Fruit, Vegetables, Plants, Flowers, Flower Arranging, Preserves, Wines and Gardens in Seed trays.

Your schedule of classes came with last months Sibford Scene so I hope you have all found at least one class you can enter.

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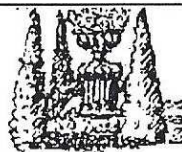
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Sibford WI Meeting – Tuesday, 9th July 2013

It is unusual not to have to worry about the weather for our Garden Party. This year it couldn't have been more special.

Eleanor Joynes at Silver Birches, Sibford Gower was the hostess. With the help of husband, Brian, their attractive back garden had been set out with tables, complete with cloths and pots of pretty flowers picked from the borders with canopies and fruit trees providing the essential shade. An inviting scene, indeed, to greet the sixteen members who arrived to enjoy Eleanor's delightful hospitality. At this meeting we do not have a speaker, so, after brief business and the sale of National WI raffle tickets there was plenty of time to socialise and help ourselves to tea and an amazing choice of cakes baked by Eleanor and the Committee set out in the cool of the kitchen. Our thanks to Eleanor (and Brian) for providing such a lovely venue for the most perfect outdoor meeting.

On 13th August we have our annual coach outing to Tyntesfield, near Bristol. Coach will leave the village hall at 8.30am.

On 10th September Keith Rowley will be coming to tell us about dog training. The competition will appropriately be 'A Dog Ornament'. Visitors welcome. Village Hall - 2pm. Glennis Hardman



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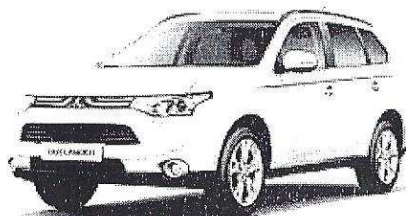
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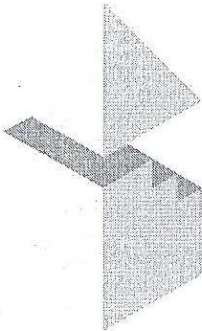
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Harrison and Emily appointed as head boy and girl

Sibford School has announced the identity of its head boy and girl for 2013/2014. Harrison Donley and Emily Sloan will be continuing a tradition that has been running at the school since 1907 when Ralph Hall and Ruth Taylor were appointed as the school's very first head boy and girl.

Harrison, who joined the school as a year 7 pupil in 2007, said: "I am really honored to be chosen as head boy and will do my very best to ensure that I bring credit to the role." Added Emily, who also joined the school in 2007: "I am looking forward to having the responsibility and to

helping other people to get the most out of life at Sibford School. I'll embrace the opportunity that has been given to me."

Harrison and Emily take over from outgoing head boy and girl Adam Cooley and Bernadette Wagerfield. Pictured: Harrison Donley and Emily Sloan.



Senior School Open Evening

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Summer Holiday Activity Club

Sibford School's 'Fun in the Country' activity club continues until Friday August 23 (weekdays only).

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The first Sponsored St/Ride in Oxfordshire was held in 1986 as just a bicycle ride and the event has been growing ever since. Last year, the St/Ride raised just over £120,000.

The Ride + Stride is also an effective way of raising funds for our church as 50% of the sponsorship money (excluding gift aid) comes straight back to the church if it is designated by the Riders and Striders.

The Parochial Church Council is very grateful to those who have taken part in the past and hopes that there will be a desire to take part this year. Information and sponsorship forms are available from Peter Hardman (Hon Secretary to Holy Trinity Church PCC) – Tel: 01295 780391 or Email: hardman214@btinternet.com

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We have planned some more dates for our film shows and will advise which films nearer the time. The next one is on September 10th 7pm for 7-30pm. Entry £2 for adults, £1 for students/children. Refreshments available. After that October 8th, November 19th, and hopefully on December 14th, a family film during the early evening.

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Plantlife have just launched *Flowers on the Edge*, their annual road-verges campaign. They are asking communities to record how their road verges are looking this summer by taking photos and sending in stories.

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Sibford Choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 6pm for an hour in church. We sing all sorts of music, as well as stuff for church! You are all welcome to join us whether or not you describe yourself as a "good" singer. We're having August OFF but do join us at the start of September.



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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

August 4th 10am Benefice Eucharist at Shutford. We shall be keeping "Lammas-tide" =
 "loaf-mass" remembering the first fruits of the early grain harvest
 Aug 11th 8am BCP Holy Communion and at 10am Morning Praise....a short, cheerful service for all the family
 Aug 18th 9.30am Holy Communion
 Aug 25th 9.30am BCP Holy Communion
 Sept 1st 10am Benefice Eucharist in Sibford
 Sept 8th 10am Morning Praise
 Sept 15th 9.30am Holy Communion
 Sept 22nd 9.30am BCP Holy Communion
 Sept 29th St Michael and All Angels 9.30am Matins/Holy Communion

Methodist Chapel Preachers

August 4th Mr Lunn
 August 11th Rev Rolfe
 August 18th Rev Cook - Sacrament
 August 25th Rev Bywater



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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

NS = Not Saturdays

All buses will operate low floor wheelchair accessible vehicles.

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Return £6.30 (Child £4.20)

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Calendar of Events

July

Mon 29th Sibfords Walking Group. Bourton on the Water 9.15 V. Hall p9

August

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

Tue 6th Friendship Club - History p3

Tue 13th W.I. Outing p8

Wed 14th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Sat 17th Church Coffee Morning 10 - 12 noon in the Church p16

Tue 20th Friendship Club Trip p3

Wed 21st Horticultural Society Show Entries Night. Village Hall 7-8.30 p6

Sat 24th Horticultural Society Show p6

Wed 28th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

September

Tue 3rd Mens Breakfast Club meeting 9.15am at the Gate Hangs High.

Sun 8th Swalcliffe Funday Sunday p5

Mon 9th Ferris Parish Council meeting 7.45pm Sibford School sports hall classroom

Tue 10th W.I. Dog Training p10

Tue 10th Village Hall Film Night 7.00pm p13

Wed 11th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Sat 14th Oxfordshire Historic Churches Ride + Stride 10am - 6pm p12

Tue 17th Deadline for contributions to the October Sibford Scene p16

Thu 19th Sibfords Society - Oxford Eccentricity Village Hall 7.30pm p4

Sat 21st Messy Church 4.30 - 6.30 p16

Wed 25th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40 - 4.10pm)

Sat 28th Church Coffee Morning 10 - 12 noon in the Church p16

October (part)

Mon 14th Sibford Gower Parish Council meeting 8pm Primary School
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