

Sibford Scene



October 2013

No. 356

Methodist Chapel Harvest Festival

Sunday 29th September 11 am

Vintage Ploughing and Open Farm Warriner School

Sunday 6th October from 10am

Village Hall Film Night

Tuesday 8th October

Church Harvest Supper

Friday 11th October at the Village Hall 7pm

Sunday 13th Church Harvest Festival 11am

Advanced warning

Primary School Bonfire and Fireworks

Saturday 9th November Gates open 5.30pm

Nature Notes

Jul 18th Last night a badger dug out a bumble bees nest in our wild flower patch.

Jul 19th A bat that was found dead near the church porch has been identified by an expert as a young natterers bat. He tells me that having checked a good many churches with his bat detector that for some reason natterers bats seem to favour churches as their roosting place.

Jul 29th During this spell of hot weather the numbers of butterflies and bumble bees in the garden has increased greatly so perhaps I worry too much about their decline and a few good summers would solve the problem. With the buddleia and wild marjoram coming into bloom we may see even more shortly.

Jul 31st There was a very flat vole on our mown grass path this morning. I wondered whether it was a road kill that had been carried there by a crow or magpie. When I found it there were three wasps that seemed to be fighting for the only blood spot on a very dry carcase.

Aug 5th The number of bumble bees on our wild flower area is still rising on each sunny day. I also saw a small copper and a holly blue to add variety to its butterflies.

Aug 15th I see that a female common blue butterfly has settled down for the night on our wild flowers.

Aug 28th Overnight a polecat became a road casualty on the Brook Hill. (the Sibford Ferris to Hook Norton road down to the Stour) The person who

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threw it off the road said he was having a job to get rid of the smell from his hands. I am told that while a combine harvester was working, two hares came out of the crop but instead of running away they stayed around and eventually quite a young leveret came out only for a buzzard to come down and carry it away. I expect buzzards have learned to watch where combines are working for anything that comes out.

Aug 29th At least three wasps nests, two in our garden and one just outside have been dug out by badgers this summer which must have greatly reduced our wasp numbers. Many years ago when Cotswold Close was an orchard my grandfather used to try and find and destroy all the wasps nests near the orchard so that the plum pickers didn't get stung so much. Sep 13th I saw a maggot fly (greenbottle) fly into a spiders web and while it was struggling to free itself a wasp came down and after a struggle, during which I presume it subdued it with a sting, the wasp carried it away.

Sep 14th Looking back over the summer I have seen good numbers of the more common butterflies. More than usual of peacock, tortoiseshell, small white and grey veined white. About the usual number of Large whites, ringlets, gatekeepers and meadow brown but less than usual of brimstone, speckled wood, skippers, small coppers, orange tips, comma, holly blue and common blue. Red admirals and painted ladies which are migrants have not come in any great numbers this year. I have only seen one humming-bird hawk moth and very few lady birds.

Sep 17th In past years I have pruned our weeping ash tree to stop it brushing the lawn but this year the muntjac have kept it trimmed for the

whole summer. It is a pity that it also ate most of the snake head fritillery buds before they bloomed.

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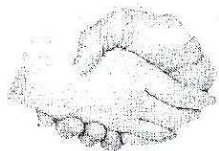
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The Sibfords Society

Our summer meeting on 18th July was a walk around pictorial quiz in Sibford Ferris. This was organised by Maureen and Keith Hicks and followed a similar event last year, which was based on Sibford Gower and Burdrop.

Twenty-five members attended and were invited to identify a total of 40 photographs of objects of interest, architectural features and other items, all of which could be viewed on a circular route starting and finishing at the swimming pool car park of Sibford School. The route included Hook Norton Road, Main Street and the footpath back to the car park. It was interesting to note that nobody managed to identify all of the photos, despite our knowledge of the village.

The evening concluded with refreshments in the village hall, and Maureen and Keith were thanked for organising the event.

On 19th September we were visited by Richard O. Smith, writer for the 'Now Show' who took us on a very funny romp through the history of Oxford, dashing around from century to century. He managed not only to convey an enormous amount of information on the university and the city, but also described in his unique way, a multitude of quirky happenings, pranks and gaffs which have occurred there over the years. There was the hapless Cuthbert, helper at the oldest museum in Europe, now the Science Museum, who in 1755 inadvertently burned the last remaining Dodo specimen, thinking he was helpfully tidying up. The beak and one foot are all that remain, now in the Natu-

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The next meeting, on October 17th, will be a departure from local history: Helen Phillips will give us a colourful talk about her trips into Kashmir to visit the people who make "the real pashminas". There will be a chance to buy pashminas and other crafts from the Himalayas, and don't have too much supper as there is a Kashmiri snack (£2.50) with a complimentary glass of wine.

STOP PRESS! Richard Smith has just invited us all to the launch of his new book, 'As thick as thieves', to be held at Blackwells on 16th October! Please get in touch with Diana Hughes (780506) if you are interested.

I am looking for someone who may be willing to visit my ageing mother, for a few hours per week, to help with getting lunch, light housework, or just a chat. She is a Sibford resident and is in the early stages of dementia in that her memory is very poor. However she is perfectly lucid and just needs a bit of a hand. This would be a paid arrangement and hours can be flexible and to suit the applicant. Please ring 01295758108 or 07866763940 for more information.

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Sibford Horticultural Society

Our August Show was a great success. The Hall looked superb with many vases of flowers, flower arrangements and an excellent array of vegetables. Many thanks to all who entered and supported us and to the hard-working committee who makes it all run like clockwork.

All the money raised goes towards paying for the speakers who came to us over the year. These costs rise every year so we need to raise as much as we can.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday October 9th, 8.00pm in the Village Hall, which will be our Annual General Meeting (short!) followed by a talk on "Wonderful Irish Gardens" by Dr. John Page.

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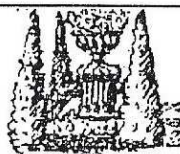


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Sibford WI Meeting Tuesday, 10th September
Although a number of Members were on holiday, the Meeting was well attended and President Glennis Hardman welcomed a guest, Barbara Brockway (Kathleen

Winters sister). Glennis reported that the annual coach outing to Tynnesfield National Trust House and Gardens had been greatly enjoyed by Sibford Members and friends plus sixteen from Bloxham WI. Thanks to the efficient organisation by Lynda Conway the day ran smoothly and we were blessed with perfect weather - thankfully not too hot.

This months speaker, Keith Rowley, brought a friend with him, his black Labrador called Daisy May! Keith is a locally based dog handler, with experience in the RAF, the police force and also the private sector. He competes in working dog trials with Daisy May and judges the Newfoundland breed at dog shows in addition to providing dog training sessions.

Keith's main message for owners is that dogs get bored if their minds are not occupied, they enjoy learning and working. Daisy May demonstrated her skateboarding skills, how to fetch two slippers at once and searched out a tin of treats hidden in the room.



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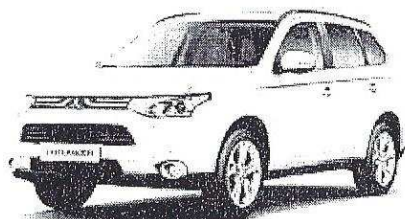
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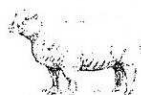
Later, Bill and Barbara Crabtree introduced Keith to one of their Lancashire Heelers, Dizzy. Not being familiar with the breed, Keith was very interested.

It was a different and entertaining Meeting and the speaker was thanked by Kathleen. Val Powell and helpers served delicious cakes and tea. The competition for a dog ornament was won by Barbara Crabtree, second Valerie Taylor and third Glennis Hardman.

Mary Hill



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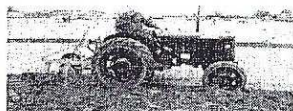


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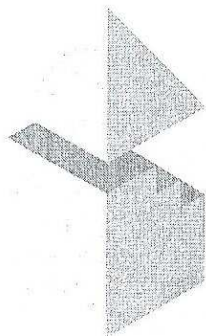
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Neuroscientist is guest speaker at school prize-giving
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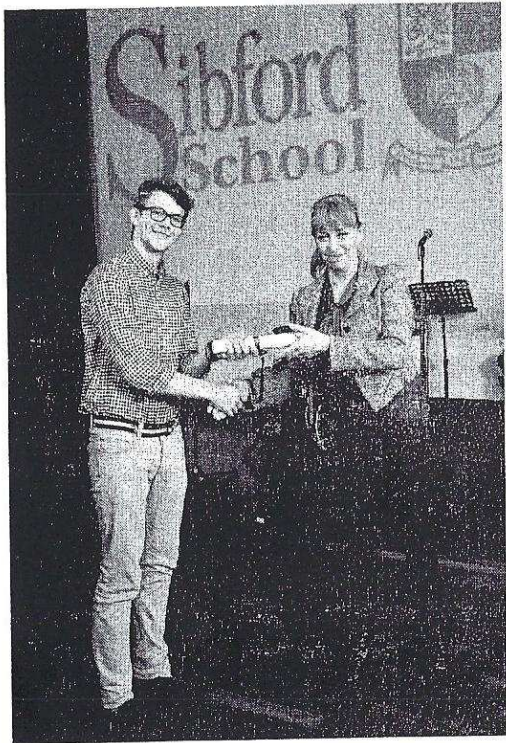
Guest speaker was scientist, writer, broadcaster and member of the House of Lords, Susan Greenfield.

Susan, who is Professor of Pharmacology at Oxford University, told students: "Each one of you is a unique and special person ... and that uniqueness is down to your brain. There never has been and never will be a brain the same as yours, so don't be frightened to be you."

Sibford enjoyed a 100% pass rate at GCSE with 87.9% of pupils gaining at least 5 A*-C grades. The school excelled in triple science with all pupils taking Biology, Chemistry and Physics gaining A* - C grades.

At A level there was wide ranging success with top grades being spread across 13 different subjects. Sibford head Michael Goodwin said: "To have A Level students achieving so highly in so many different areas really does demonstrate the strengths across our whole curriculum."

Students have now gone on to their courses and destinations of choice including English Language and Literature at Kings College, London; Biochemistry at University College, London; and Mechanical Engineering at the University of Bristol.



Pictured: Baroness Susan Greenfield is pictured with Sibford student Will Hawkes who received the award for Outstanding Contribution to Academic Drama.

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The following evening (October 15) the focus will be specifically on 6th Form studies, when prospective pupils and their parents are invited to visit the school to discuss AS and A Level options. The event starts at 6.30pm.

For further information visit the website (www.sibford.oxon.sch.uk) or call the school's admissions officer, Elspeth Gregory, on 01295 781203.

Half-term Holiday Activity Club

Sibford School's 'Fun in the Country' activity club returns for October half-term (Monday 28 October ~ Friday 1 November)

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SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL NEWS

FILM NIGHTS

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Our next film night dates are October 8 th and November 19th .

December 14th may be a family film but yet to be confirmed.

VILLAGE HALL QUIZ

This is planned for November 23rd. More details next month, but put the date on your calender!

VISITORS TO THE VILLAGE

On the night of November 30th from 10pm, during the night there will be orienteers leaving the Village Hall to walk. They will use the hall as a base only, and go home on the Sunday morning before 10am. They will be quiet and considerate and should cause no concern.

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We apologise to all our friends here and in the Circuit who help, bake or man stalls and share coffee with us.

It is hoped to be back in business next December, so, please put Saturday, 6th December in your 2014 diary now.

As this is our only fund-raising event in the year, we should like to hold a 'Gift Day' nearer December when those who support us may like to help towards the maintenance of the Chapel in this place.

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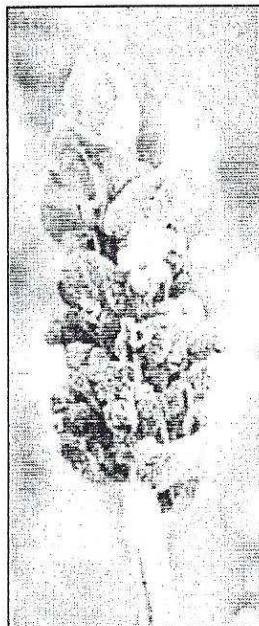
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We welcome Sarah Alexis-Moss and Simon Moss who recently moved into Bonds End Lane in Sibford Gower from Sutton Coldfield. Simon is employed at BHS headquarters in London and Sarah does personalised embroidery. Sarah is keen to get involved locally in Pilates and Yoga.



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November
Sibford Scene
to the Editor by
October 15th

Holy Trinity Church News

You are ALL most warmly welcomed to the Harvest Supper in the Village Hall from 7pm on Friday October 11th. There will be delicious food - and you could even bring a SMALL plateful to share; good company, a glass of something cheering - we'll provide tea and coffee you bring "hard liquor", entertainment that won't go on too long, and the chance to hear about our vision for the future of ministry in the parish and how you can help this by giving generously of your time talents and money. please DO come.

Closure of Holy Trinity Churchyard, Sibford Gower, Oxon

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Secretary of State for Justice, acting on an application by the incumbent and churchwardens, to apply to the Privy Council for an Order requiring the discontinuance of burials in the above churchyard.

Provision would be made for the following exceptions:-

- a. in any vault or walled grave in the churchyard, burial may be allowed but every coffin in such vault or grave must be separately enclosed by stonework or brick work properly cemented;
- b. in any existing earthen grave in the churchyard, the burial may be allowed of the body of any member of the family of the person or persons previously buried in that grave, but no part of the coffin containing the body shall be less than one metre below the level of the surface of the ground adjoining the grave; and
- c. in any grave space in which no interment has previously taken place, the burial may be allowed of any person for whom, or any member of the family for which that grave space has been reserved and appropriated, with the exclusive right of burial there, but no part of the coffin containing the body shall be less than one metre below the level of the surface of the ground adjoining the grave.

Any representations about the proposed closure should be sent to the Coroners and Burials Team, Ministry of Justice, 102 Petty France, London SW1H 9AJ (quoting reference OPR/075/241) within 21 days of this publication.

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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

Oct 6th 10am Benefice eucharist @ Swalcliffe
Oct 13th 8am BCP holy communion &
11am Harvest Festival service for EVERYONE
Oct 20th 9.30am holy communion
Oct 27th 9.30am BCP holy communion &
6pm Choral Evensong - more for the congregation to sing this time!

Methodist Chapel Services

September 29 Rev Malcolm Cook - Harvest Festival
October 6 Mr David Lunnn
October 13 Mrs Mairi Radcliffe
October 20 Rev Soba Sinnathamby - Sacrement
October 27 Mrs Ada Cooper



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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

	NS					Sch Hols	Term time	
S on A, Wood St	06.20	07.10	09.05	11.10	13.10	15.10	15.24	16.24
S G, School	07.04	07.55	09.56	11.56	13.56	15.56	16.10	17.14
S F, Cross Roads	07.07	07.58	09.59	11.59	13.59	15.59	16.13	17.17
Ban, Bus Station	07.28	08.25	10.21	12.21	14.21	16.21	16.35	17.39

NS = Not Saturdays

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Calendar of Events

September Sun 29th Methodist Chapel Harvest Festival 11am p22

October

- Tue 1st Friendship Club - Little Boxes' p4
- Sun 6th Vintage Ploughing and Open Farm Warriner School 10am p11
- Mon 7th Sibfords Walking Group 10.30am at the Village Hall. P14
- Tue 8th Village Hall Film Night p15
- Wed 9th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40-4.10pm)
- Wed 9th Horticultural Society AGM and Irish Gardens talk. V.H. 8pm p8
- Fri 11th Church Harvest Supper at the Village Hall 7pm p21
- Sat 12th Spinners, Weavers and Dyers Exhibition, H. Norton 2-4pm p5
- Sun 13th Church Harvest Festival 11am p22
- Mon 14th Sibford School Open Morning p12
- Mon 14th Sibford Gower Parish Council meeting 8pm Primary School
- Tue 15th Deadline for contributions to the November Scene p20
- Thu 17th Primary School Open Afternoon 1.15-2.45 p17
- Thu 17th Sibfords Society - Kashmir p6
- Mon 21st "A Different Drum" Warriner School 7.30pm p21
- Tue 15th Friendship Club - Infantalia Museum Visit. P4
- Wed 23rd Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40-4.10pm)
- Sat 26th Mini Cottage Crafts. Taddy Village Hall 10-12.30 p5

November (part)

- Tue 5th Friendship Club Kathy Yorke p4
- Wed 6th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40-4.10pm)
- Sat 9th Primary School Bonfire and Fireworks 5.30pm p9
- Mon 11th Ferris Parish Council Meeting S.Sch. Sports hall classroom 7.45
- Tue 19th Friendship Club Trip, p4
- Tue 19th Village Hall Film Night. P15
- Wed 20th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40-4.10pm)

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