

# SIBFORD SCENE

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## ED'S THOUGHTS

Front page pics by Colin Lamb to get us in the mood for the Annual Virtual Flower Show on th 20th June

Hopefully by the time this Scene gets to you, it will be SUNNY!!! Still, it's nice to be back at the Wykham.....

Thought for the month:

"Evil men flourish when good men do nothing"

Edmund Burke



## LETTERS AND NOTICES

### VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY!!

**The winners of the May lottery are:**

- 1st prize Chris Leyburn - £66
- 2nd prize Colin Lamb - £39.60
- 3rd prize Andrew Boyd - £29.40

Picked by Juliette Glazebrook and David and Marianne Allen

Don't forget to sign up for the June Lottery!!

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## LETTERS AND NOTICES

### HOOK NORTON ROAD DEVELOPMENT

Cllr Bennett asked that it be noted that there was an article published in the last Sibford Scene regarding the Hook Norton Road Development that, due to its placement in the Sibford Scene, many parishioners are under the impression that Cllr Bennett wrote this article. Cllr Bennett wishes it to be known that she did not write the article.

(Taken from SFPC meeting minutes)

### NGS SIBFORD OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2-6pm

Combined admission for all gardens £7 adult – children free



A group of 5 very different and interesting gardens with two newly opening for this year's NGS event.

Do come along and enjoy the socially distanced afternoon, support the NGS and its Nursing Charities (plus many more) and enjoy some tea and delicious homemade cakes at the village hall in aid of Holy Trinity Church.

Sue Bannister will also be having a plant stall at Carters Yard on the day

### CAR BOOT SALE

Did you buy the Indian Tree China at the Village Hall at boot sale?

I have the missing coffee cup – Please ring 780475

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## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

### JAZZ PICNIC

The New York Jazz Quartet will entertain us on **JUNE 12th** on the Village Hall field. You are welcome to bring your own picnic, drinks, chairs, tables and rugs. Hopefully umbrellas will not be needed this year!

Gazebos /event tents can be erected but only at the perimeter of the arena. The Stewards will show you on arrival.

Only cars for the disabled or infirm will be allowed to park on the field.

You may sit with your bubble and one other household as per Government guidelines.

GATES open 5pm . MUSIC plays from 6pm until 8pm with a short interval.

Contact numbers will be required or you can scan the QR code for `Track and Trace`

TICKETS will be available from any Village Hall Trustee or contact Ginny on 01295 780373.

Adults £5 ,School Children £2.

### VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENTS

We are busy tidying up the garden which has grown wildly this year, and having a general clear out.

We welcome anybody who would like to come and help . The hall itself is in need of some repairs, and 'spucing up' so a priority list is being drawn up.

The goal posts have been relocated by Baz and Dave -many thanks to them.

The grass will now have a chance to recover. It is great to see the field being used so regularly.

### BOOK SWAP SATURDAY

Our next sessions are on June 19th and July 17th. From 10am until 12 noon. No charge for books but donations welcome. Now we will be able to serve tea and coffee and perhaps cake too ,so come and have a sit down and chat , whilst you browse the books.



## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

### **Friends of Sibford Village Hall**

This is a new group to support the Trustees of the Village Hall when running events and with other small maintenance chores.

If you feel you have a little time and would like to give support please contact Joan Broady on 780410 or [joanfbroady@gmail.com](mailto:joanfbroady@gmail.com)

### **Sibford Slimming Club**

Starting soon, nothing too serious -just a helping hand to lose your lockdown weight or just stay as you are. A cup of coffee, a chat and perhaps some useful tips to keep the flab at bay.

If you are interested please contact Joan Broady 780410 or [joanfbroady@gmail.com](mailto:joanfbroady@gmail.com)

### **CONTACT AND INFORMATION**

If you have any queries or to make a booking please contact Ginny via [thesibfords.org](http://thesibfords.org) website or the phone number above.

## **Sibford Photography Club**

Sibford Photography Club is an informal group with a shared interest in photography that began holding monthly meetings (currently online) in 2020. Activities include instructive presentations and regular photo topics with the resulting images presented and discussed at meetings (face to face or virtual). For example, in June we will be discussing member's photos of "Water". We will also have an outdoor activity still to be arranged, possibly a visit to a nature reserve. In the future, we also hope to put on a club exhibition. We would like to welcome more members to the club, so if you are interested in joining, please contact Colin Lamb at [colinlamb.cl@gmail.com](mailto:colinlamb.cl@gmail.com) or phone 01295 780357

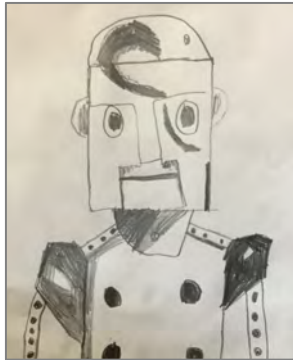
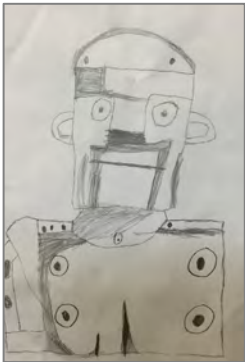


Despite the variable weather, we love the summer term here at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School. The slight easing of restrictions has allowed us to re-start our after school football and netball clubs and children in KS2 and the children are starting to use the Big Field at lunchtimes as well as for P.E lessons and Forest School. We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful space where the children can spread out as they play.

The children have been enjoying our thematic approach to learning. The younger children in Acorn and Beech classes are exploring the theme of The Enchanted Woodland and have spent some time exploring the trees in the Millennium Wood. They used rolls of paper to measure and compare the circumference of tree trunks and were encouraged to notice and describe the differences between trees, the shades and shapes of leaves, the texture of the bark, whether they are deciduous or "forevergreen" and so on. They made tree bark rubbings and have been learning the names of the different trees. There are so many changes and details in Nature for the children to notice, explore and learn about and our focus on outdoor learning develops our young learners in all sorts of positive ways. They show a real interest in, and care for, our natural environment.

Willow Class children, Years 3 & 4, are exploring the theme of Mighty Metals. As part of this, they have been exploring 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes as their 'class book' this half-term. This text is a rich resource for learning and the children have used it to develop their understanding of characterisation and enrich their vocabulary. It is also a very 'good read' and a story that we are sure the children will remember into adulthood.

The children explored pencil technique in creating their own drawings of the Iron Man.



To find out more about our wonderful, welcoming village school, please take some time to visit our school website at <http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk/>



[www.sibfordschool.co.uk](http://www.sibfordschool.co.uk)

Sibford School is an independent co-educational day and boarding school that welcomes pupils from the age of 3-18

## Explore Sibford School at the next Whole School Open Event

Sibford School is delighted to be opening its doors once again for a whole school open morning on Friday 25 June.

The Sibford School open morning will be held from 9.45am –12pm and will offer the opportunity to talk to staff, meet current parents and take a tour of the school with student guides. The morning will begin at 9.45am with a presentation giving attendees an overview of what the school has to offer for students aged from 3 – 18 years by the Head, Toby Spence.

Toby explains 'At Sibford we value holistic education where the happiness and well-being of pupils is paramount. We encourage pupils to live adventurously and foster resilience and we look for the unique talents in every individual that comes to the school. It's not too late to enquire about entry for September 2021 or beyond, so please do come along to learn more about what Sibford has to offer.'

Sibford School is a co-educational independent day and boarding school set on a 50-acre campus that offers a junior school, senior school and separate Sixth Form, as well as its own forest school, a state-of-the-art climbing wall and 25 metre swimming pool.

The School offers a gifted and talented programme for the most able pupils, a wide range of sporting opportunities and an excellent support for learning department to support those students with additional learning requirements. Scholarships and bursaries are also available.

Booking for this open morning is essential. To book a place visit [www.sibfordschool.co.uk/events](http://www.sibfordschool.co.uk/events), or call Elspeth Dyer, Admissions Officer on 01295 781 203.

## Fun in the Country Summer Holiday Club with Active Camps

Book your children in to join us for a multi-activity summer camp at Sibford School during the summer holidays. For ages, 3- 14, Fun in the Country with Active Camps will provide over 40 activities. To book your place visit: [www.sibfordschool.co.uk/summer](http://www.sibfordschool.co.uk/summer).

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The spacious cottage has an open fire place in a cosy sitting room, while the dining room boasts a log burner. New, fully equipped kitchen and separate utility room for sorting out sportswear after a day on the beach or walking the breathtaking countryside.

Lots of good local pubs and restaurants, shops and galleries. Excellent public transport connections, including Newquay airport (half an hour by car).

For more information, please contact Linda on 01295 780 242 or 07973 226 032 or [llindalaneyolo@gmail.com](mailto:llindalaneyolo@gmail.com)





## SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

### WALKING DATES

7 June; 21 June; 5 July; 19 July; 2 August

We will discontinue the booking a place system unless the covid rules change as we should be able to be a group of up to 30 from 17 May.

Leaving the village hall on foot or by car at 10.00 am sharp to do a circuit of approximately 2 hours' duration. It is therefore recommended that you get there for 9.55am.

Dogs welcome provided they are put on leads when requested. Walking boots and poles recommended but not compulsory. (Some routes include stiles). Walkers should either park on the road or on the grass field at the village hall

I am happy to answer any queries. Phone: 780365

Email: [sebannister@gmail.com](mailto:sebannister@gmail.com)

Sue Bannister

### FOOTPATHS

Ian Sharp, [ian@iansharp.net](mailto:ian@iansharp.net), Lamb's Croft, Back Lane, Sibford Ferris, OX15 5RE. Tel. 01295 780790, is the footpaths warden and anyone who has a problem or complaint should contact him.

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## SUNDAY SMALLHOLDING

April was bitterly cold and dry, and seeds required watering daily. May however, has been quite the opposite, warmer but with hardly a day without rain. One expects winter to be an uncomfortable time to be a smallholder, but not May! I have found the return to muddy animal pens, milking in the wind and rain, the struggle to get the mower out and young plants in, hang washing out, bring washing in, jumper on, jumper off, and worrying about young fledglings in wet nests, decidedly depressing and there seems little sign of improvement.

As the flowers emerge on the blackcurrant bushes I note the bottle of 2020 syrup is almost empty. I use it sparingly but it cannot go on forever. My dwindling supplies of 2020 harvest include tomato and basil sauce, butternut squash and carrots. The seemingly never-ending supply of spinach in the veg plot has finally faded to a pale green and is sending up seed heads. I have started digging it up, putting some in the freezer and delighting the chickens when another plant full of leaves lands at their feet. The rain this month has helped to bring on my vegetables and in particular the four patches of spuds; I eagerly await the first digging of Charlotte new potatoes in June. To be perfectly honest the restricted diet I have currently is becoming tedious, but that is reflective of a life of self-sufficiency as opposed to a ridiculous amount of choice on a supermarket shelf. I'm making and eating more bread than I should; it's good that I like poached eggs on toast!

As a treat, I bought a rib of beef from Carol Beasley in Oxhill. She has a couple of Dexter cows and sells the meat locally. The cooking was a period of anxiety and stress but it was the first beef I have eaten since September and honestly, the BEST I have EVER tasted! The family joined me for Sunday lunch, their vegetables having been bought in as my supplies are so low. I was happy with my beef, carrots and spinach! Rhubarb has successfully completed the year with the last frozen supplies being overtaken by this year's delicious young stalks. It was rhubarb for dessert yesterday and when I finish writing this, I will be harvesting some more to make 2021 syrup.

# SUNEDAY SMALLHOLDING

## Goats

Belinda and Beryl were born on 30<sup>th</sup> April to Rosie Red Collar. Two good strong goat kids quickly set about finding their mother's milk but both decided to drink only from Rosie's left teat. This is very likely due to the humongous size of the right one! I am therefore having to milk Rosie's right side until the kids are large enough to tackle it themselves. Luckily I have an extra mouth to feed by way of Boris, a British Alpine kid donated to me by a local goat milk farm. Boris was born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May which makes him, at time of writing, just over two weeks old. As he is being bottle fed (and because of the dreadful weather), he spent his first week partly with the other goats and partly in the house, getting lots of cuddles, sleeping in the dog crate and following anything that moved. He has now joined the other goats permanently and seems very happy. He will follow in Alan's footsteps and will hopefully become my second pack goat.

## Pigs

There are two new pigs on the block! A black Berkshire female (Betty) and a white Gloucester Old Spot male (Gus). These young pigs have come from a farm in Cherington. In time, and with careful handling, Betty will hopefully become my second sow. These pigs are not pedigree animals but cross breeds. When I started with the pigs I thought it would be important to preserve the rare breed status of one of our native breeds; the Oxford Sandy and Black. However, keeping a rare breed has its problems, one of which is finding a pedigree boar. Over the last four years I have had limited success with artificial insemination and without my own trailer, collecting and returning boars has not been easy. It does not make financial sense to keep a boar all year round for just two sows. Cross bred boars can be found more locally and the registration process for them as opposed to pedigree is vastly easier and far less expensive. Meanwhile, Washington is booked in with the abattoir on 27<sup>th</sup> May. Esme is not pregnant and her future is undecided.

# SUNEDAY SMALLHOLDING

## Chickens

Bertie Morley has had two incubators working at her home over the past month. The first successfully hatched 5 out of 7 chicks and the second is hatching as I type! The egg round continues with Alan carrying 126 eggs into the village every Friday morning...except last Friday (due to the awful weather), when I whizzed them around in the car. So far...no broken eggs!

## Dawn Chorus

On the third attempt (due to the awful weather), ten villagers met up with Iain Brown at 0430 for the Dawn Chorus walk. It was a lovely morning, starting with very little wind and mainly clear skies. Robins and Blackbirds sang as people arrived, but just prior to this, at about 0420 Wendy Wealsby heard the male cuckoo calling. I missed it as I had popped back inside to use the loo! Luckily we all had another opportunity to hear it as one called again at around 0600. Examples of other birds heard were the all year round residents; Great Tit, Blue Tit, Long Tailed Tit, Bullfinch, Chaffinch, and Dunnock. The Wren stood out not only because, for one of our smallest birds it has the loudest and arguably most striking song, but the fact that there was one singing at every point on our walk. Song Thrushes were also notable for their abundance and in fact were heard more during the morning than blackbirds, probably due to the latter which, being early nesters, were busy feeding their young. Iain picked out the song of a Mistle Thrush singing somewhere near Gibraltar Quarry and Goldcrests were heard at Temple Mill singing their very high pitched 'jangling keys' song above the din of the rookery. Warblers, which, along with the cuckoo, have migrated here to breed, included Blackcaps, Willow Warblers and Chiffchaffs. A Raven, Red Kite and a Herring Gull featured as the largest of the morning's birds. My thanks to Iain for leading the walk and, for anyone still not sure of the Wren's song, please pop back for another listen.



## DID YOU KNOW?

### SIBFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL HEAD STARTS BISCUIT BUSINESS

Joseph Huntley was born in 1775. His father, Thomas Huntley, was a Quaker school master in Burford and Joseph followed his father into teaching and was appointed Headteacher at Sibford Gower Endowed School. However, Joseph who had lived in Sibford Ferris with his wife Mary, left Sibford Primary School in 1811 and moved to Reading with his young family. He opened his own private school which was not very successful due to Joseph's inability to manage his financial affairs very well. In 1817 he sent his eldest son, Thomas to be apprenticed to a grocer and to learn the baking trade from an uncle. In 1822,



Joseph opened a baker's shop on London Road, Reading, and he and the newly qualified Thomas ran the shop. The bakery, at 72 London Road, was opposite The Crown Inn, a posting inn for those travelling from London via Bristol to the South West.

The food at the inn was poor and expensive so, in addition to local trade, Thomas successfully sold biscuits and baked goods to travellers making the stop in Reading. Thomas soon sent a boy carrying a basket of wares to meet each arriving horse drawn coach. Once passengers reached their destinations, they often asked their own local grocers to order and stock Huntley's goods so they soon enjoyed a thriving and growing market.

Thomas had a younger brother, Joseph who, following an apprenticeship with a Quaker ironmonger and tin plate worker in Reading, set up a separate business manufacturing tins near to the bakery. To keep the biscuits fresh and whole for delivery across the South East, Joseph was able to supply the tins keeping business in the family.

In 1829 Thomas, became a partner in the business and he and his father traded as Huntley and Son until Joseph Senior retired in 1838. In 1841 Thomas, who was very conscientious but lacked the drive to run a successful business joined with a fellow Quaker, and cousin by marriage, George Palmer, to form the successful biscuit company Huntley and Palmer.



*To be continued ...*

*Maureen Hicks*

# SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

## **Community Speedwatch**

The Parish Council has been contacted by a number of parishioners in relation to concerns about speeding in the village and on the road between Sibford Ferris and Sibford Gower. The Parish Council sought guidance from Oxfordshire County Council about what options are available to us (full details of the response can be found in the minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> May meeting) and it appeared that the options are limited, costly and with limited likely benefit. Due to this the Parish Council have decided that the best option initially is to run a Community Speedwatch Scheme in conjunction with Thames Valley Police. Taking part in the scheme would provide us with data that can help identify the level of speeding issues in the village informing future plans for speed reduction whilst also educating and encouraging drivers to drive sensibly. Please see the accompanying newsletter from Thames Valley Police for further information about the Community Speedwatch Scheme.

If you would be interested in volunteering to take part in the Community Speedwatch Scheme in the Sibfords please advise the Parish Clerk by e-mailing [sfpc@thesibfords.org.uk](mailto:sfpc@thesibfords.org.uk) or telephone 01295 275372.

## **Hook Norton Road development**

We have identified a number of potential anomalies with the Section 106 Funding Agreement that was produced to support the Hook Norton Road Development.

Through our District Councillor we have asked to review the agreement and understand the consultation process that was undertaken, the concept behind fund allocation and how if anomalies are identified these can be corrected. We will provide an update to parishioners when clarification has been obtained.

Please note the article about the S106 monies published in the May 2021 edition of the Sibford Scene was not written by the Parish Council or any of the current councillors.

Gade Homes have now erected fencing around the site in preparation for future works. Parishioners have previously used an informal path around the edge of the field but as this is now private land and will eventually become a building site with the associated health and safety risks we have been asked to remind parishioners that they should no longer access the site without the prior permission of Gade Homes.



## HORTI SOCIETY

The Horti Spring Show couldn't go ahead this year, but the Horti will hold a virtual flower show on the Sibford website, rather like last year's Chelsea in Sibford. This year we welcome both flowering and non-flowering plants the deadline for entries is **midnight on Friday 18th June**. The show is open to anyone who has a connection to the Sibfords, whether by residence, work, family tie or membership of the Horti. There are no age limits - and no prizes, just glory! Choose up to 3 favourite, spectacular or unusual plants in your garden and enter them into the show via the online form at <https://thesibfords.uk/springshow> . The show will open on that same webpage at 9am on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

Sue Bannister is still keen to sell you plants which can be bought after May 23rd. Make an appointment by either phoning 01295 780635 or emailing [sebannister@gmail.com](mailto:sebannister@gmail.com). She and her team will also be selling at the NGS garden open day on 27th June when 5 gardens in the Sibfords will be open from 2-6pm. (Tea and cake at the village hall)

We will be making an afternoon visit to Rousham on July 14th. If you haven't been there, you should! It is the most perfectly preserved William Kent designed garden in England and a haven of unspoiled tranquility and loveliness. The house is still inhabited by the Dormer family for whom it was built in 1635. We will be leaving the village hall at 4.00pm, the cost of entry is £8.00 a head. As we are arriving after closing time, we will have the run of the gardens to ourselves. If you would like to take a picnic tea or something stronger to imbibe, then by all means do so, but **NB, THERE ARE NO LOOS OR TEA ROOMS AT ROUSHAM**. Please contact Veronique Tyrell if interested so she can organise car sharing, to make sure that no one who wants to go is left out. Veronique: [veronique53t@humangivens.com](mailto:veronique53t@humangivens.com)

And last but not least. I want you to focus on our second summer outing of **July on Thursday 22nd to Ashwood Nurseries**. We have booked a huge 52 seater coach, leaving the village hall at 9.30, to this exceptional nursery which has an international reputation for its hellebores but has so much more to offer besides. Have a look at their website. The Horti has agreed to fund the cost of the coach, with non-members paying a token contribution of £5.00. There is a guided tour of the garden costing £7.50 per person, there's a tea room, a gift shop, a 3 acre private garden to explore as well as plant-buying opportunities! Please will you contact me if you would like to reserve a seat. We need at least 25 people to make the expedition viable and non members are most welcome to join, on the understanding that members will get first refusal. I must give final numbers and payment by 14th July so that's your cut off date.

Diana Thompson





## In Your Garden - June

This Spring has been the coldest for many years, and all our gardens suffered - we were pretty fed up too. Many plants have been frosted, and growth is about three weeks later than usual. I give many of my perennials the Chelsea Chop in May, but the miserable looking things were still whimpering in the cold, so I have put it off until they have made enough growth. Now, after all this rain they have started to shoot up, so the first job to be done is to stake everything, to stop it flopping.

1. Annuals can be sown now in neatly raked soil, to fill any spaces in the borders, and to fill up the picking border. I particularly love cosmos, in rich colours, poppies, and malopes, and cornflowers..

2. The tulips are going over. You can carefully lift them, shake off the soil and put them to dry in a cool, dark place. Then replant them in November. I like to fill up their space with small sparkling dahlias, who fill the place with colour in August and September. Remember to label the tulips, or like me, you might not remember which colour they were.

3. It is warm enough now to get on with planting urns, pots and hanging baskets .(I don't actually do hanging baskets any more, as John was prone to knocking himself out on them, and I found them a bit of a faff to keep watering.) But don't let me put you off!

4...Do not put the hoe away. Still keep going at the weeds. Never stop.

5. Watch out now for blackspot, and spray your roses. Also greenfly and whitefly, and keep a constant eye out for lily beetle. If plant pots suddenly flag, and you have been watering them properly, turn them upside down and check for vine weevil. Quite fun to squidge.

6. Tomatoes can now go into the final pots, and side shoots must be pinched off. Early potatoes will need earthing up.

7. Lawns are growing like mad, and need cutting regularly. Lower the cutting blade down. And always trim the edges.

8. Beans, lettuces, carrots can all be sown, and frequent small sowings of lettuces and radishes will keep you supplied all summer. Put pots of basil in the sunniest place near the back door, or even on the kitchen windowsill.

9. Hellebore seeds will be ready to collect, and they do not like being stored, so sow them now, in seed trays, and pop them into the back of the cold frame. Forget them, and then have a nice surprise when they emerge in the spring. Aha! Did you forget to label them?

10. June can be such a glorious month; roses romp away, so keep tying in new growth, help the clematis and sweet peas to climb up their supports by tying in shoots, and take time off to dream, on a rug, in the sun, with a hamper perhaps

. Jupe Hitching

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Deddington Farmers - 4th Saturday of the month (click & collect)

Chipping Norton - Every Wednesday

Stourton Farmers - 1st Thursday of the month. 6-8pm



## SIBFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our last Zoom talk for 2021 will be delivered by Stephen Barker on 17<sup>th</sup> June at 8p.m.

Stephen is already well known to the Sibfords Society. He is an independent Heritage Advisor, who works with museums, universities and other heritage organisations. He worked with Banbury Museum and Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum. Stephen has delivered projects for the University of Oxford, Oxford Brookes University and the Battlefields Trust. He gives presentations and organises tours related to the First World War and the British Civil Wars.

'Soldiers, Saints and Sinners - Oxfordshire characters from the British Civil War, 1642 -51.' Oxfordshire played a significant part in the First Civil War - Oxford became the Royalist Capital in late 1642, and the country was on the frontline with parliamentary Buckinghamshire. This participation has left a legacy of wonderful stories and fascinating characters, many associated with local Oxfordshire communities. The talk is fully illustrated, is replete with anecdotes, character studies and tales of daring do!

Look for details of how to join the Zoom talk on the website nearer the time.

Diana Hughes



## FUN CORNER

A lady walked into a chemists shop and told the pharmacist that she needs some cyanide.

The pharmacist said, " Why in the world do you need cyanide?" The lady then explained she needed it to poison her husband. The pharmacist's eyes got big and he said, "Good grief, I can't give you cyanide to kill your husband! That's against the law! They'll throw both of us in jail, and I'll lose my license."

Then the lady reached into her handbag and handed the pharmacist a picture of her husband in bed with his wife. The pharmacist looked at the picture and said "Well now you didn't tell me that you had a prescription"

John Marshall



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## NATURE NOTES

On 16<sup>th</sup> April we spotted a group of 7 Roe Deer in the valley between the villages.

On 17<sup>th</sup> April, in the sunny weather, I was surprised at how many different species of bee were visiting the gooseberry and red currant flowers in our garden. I did manage to identify one species – a Tawny Mining Bee where the females are a distinctive shiny ginger colour.

On the same day a number of Blackbird fledglings appeared in the garden begging for food from the adults.

Both Colin Lamb and Fiona Pidgeon reported seeing Orange-tip and Holly Blue butterflies towards the end of April. Fiona also spotted a Swallow around the 19<sup>th</sup> and managed to get a photo of a couple of them a few days later. Both Swallows and Swifts are now being reported fairly regularly in the area.

I have heard that Hares have been seen boxing in the local fields.

In the Sibford school tree planting area Megan Gilkes found an attractive plant which neither us could name. It turned out to be Meadow Saxifrage.

There are Kestrels nesting in the area which is good to hear and hopefully they will join the Tawny Owls in keeping the mouse population under control. Colin Lamb managed to get a good photo of the pair mating.

Please send contributions for the next Nature Notes to [ajnewbold88@gmail.com](mailto:ajnewbold88@gmail.com)

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Hello everyone, my name is Bertie Morley, I am 10 years old and I go to Sibford School. At school, I am taking part in something called the Discovery Award, and as part of that I am doing a project to reduce mine and other people's carbon footprint.

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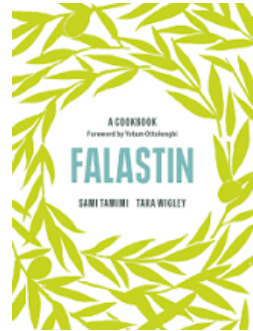
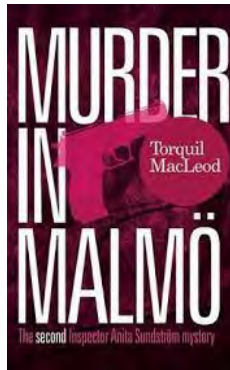
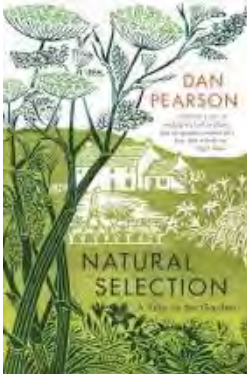
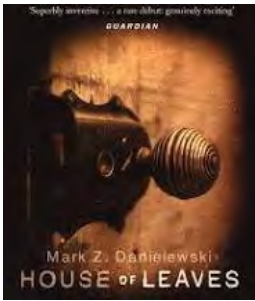
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I was sat in the back garden of a family recently, having been welcomed by them into their home, sharing a strong cup of tea and large piece of homemade Victoria sponge cake and a couple of gooey homemade biscuits. The sun was shining, the sparrows were chattering away in the hedgerow and a blackbird was whistling it's merry song. In those moments I felt a very strong presence of peace and also of being happy, not just because of the cake and biscuits, but because in welcoming others unconditionally we open our lives to grow in relationship with each other and, as a Christian I believe, we also open up our lives to welcome God in and through those encounters.

There is a very famous passage from Paul's letter to the Hebrews where he tells them to think carefully about how they welcome others, because he says that in doing so some people have entertained angels without even knowing it. Although angels may not necessarily need a cup of tea and a slice of cake and a few biscuits to be happy!

I'm so looking forward to welcoming back once again into our village church, families who are bringing their children to be christened, as well as those who might want to hold their happy occasion of their wedding day in church. If you or if you know someone who might like to arrange the christening of their child in your village church, then please do be in touch as it would be lovely to welcome them into the church family.

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## JUNE

- 12th - New York Jazz & Picnic - Village Hall Field: 6.30pm  
17th - SHS talk: "Saints, Soldiers & Sinners" - Zoom: 8pm  
19th - Village Hall Book Swap: 10am - Noon  
19th - Valaai's - 5pm - 7.30pm - Village Shop  
20th - Horti Spring Show - Online: 9am  
27th - Sibford Open Gardens - 2pm

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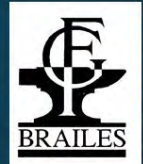


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