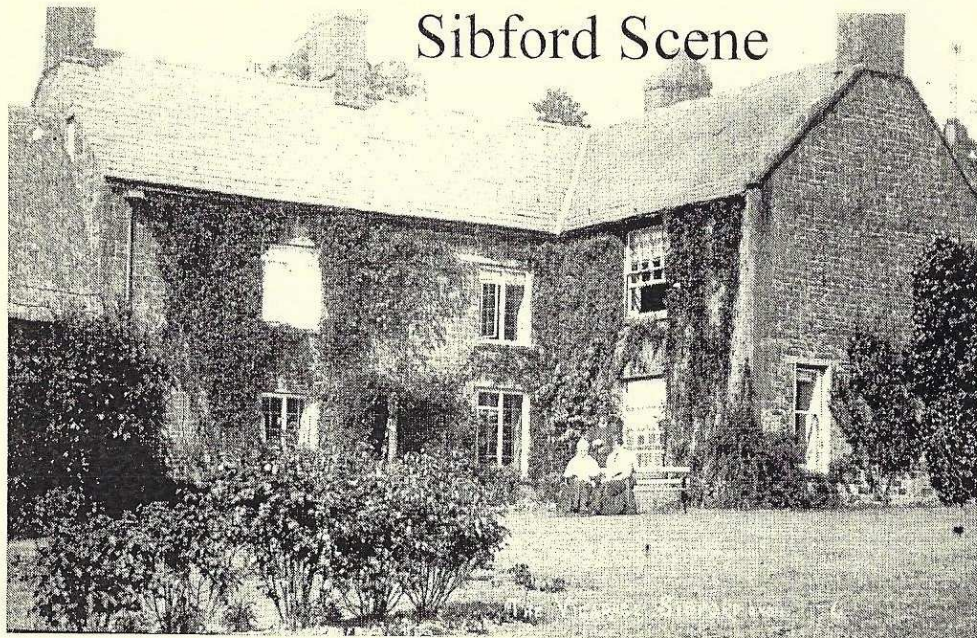


# Sibford Scene



March 2014

No. 360

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Saturday March 8th 10 - 12

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Sibford Horticultural Society

The History of Rococo Gardens at Painswick

Wednesday March 12th 8 pm in the Village Hall

Sibfords Society AGM and Talk.

From 7.30pm Thursday 20th March in the Village Hall

Sibford Cricket Club Social AGM.

Sunday 23rd March in the Wykham Arms 7pm.

Village Hall Film Night - Captain Phillips.

Tuesday 25th March 7pm

Friday 29th & Sat 30th March

"Sibford Rocks" at Sibford School

## Nature Notes

Jan 23rd Another cock bullfinch died today when it crashed into a different window.

Feb 2nd Although two cock bullfinches died as window casualties in January there are still four cock birds amongst the ones coming to feed.

Feb 4th A male blackcap came to the bird table this morning.

Feb 16th A friend rang to say that he could see seven hares playing around in one field. He later rang again to say that as he watched the hares a black headed gull came and settled amongst them. A buzzard then came down and took the gull away after pecking its head off. I wondered whether the buzzard had been harassing the gull and it had settled amongst the hares to try and escape. I have heard that 2 butterflies have been seen out today.

Feb 17th Hopefully this winters second exceptionally wet spell of weather is now over. In the month from Oct 13 to Nov 12 I measured 7.56 inches (192mm) which equals more that 3 months average rainfall. In the second period from Dec 16 to Feb 15 I measured 13.72 inches (348mm) which is equal to half a years average fall. It is no wonder that the rivers are overflowing. The last comparable floods in 2007 were in the summer months and followed a very dry spring. On that occasion May, June and July together produced 15.88 inches (403mm)

Feb 18 My granddaughter has seen red kites flying over the parish several times recently.

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## Sibford Village Hall Refurbishment

The Sibford Village Hall was built nearly 60 years ago. Since 1957 the management committee have spent time and effort maintaining the fabric of the building, updating the kitchen, building the small hall and generally ensuring that the building is fit for the various village organisation that use the two halls on a weekly or monthly basis.

With the accelerating cost of heating oil and electricity, the committee commissioned an Energy Audit last year which suggested three areas of improvement: Main Hall Lighting, Main Hall Insulation and Lobby and Main Lavatories. Initial research indicates that the cost of these improvements will be between £15,000 and £25,000 depending on the level of energy saving achieved. The plan is to greatly reduce the running costs of the hall which in turn will help keep the hiring cost to local organisations to a reasonable level. Currently village organisations enjoy a substantial discount on the actual hourly cost of running the hall; the shortfall being made up with income from village hall organised events (annual fayre, films nights etc.)

The committee will be looking for grant funding and donations to meet the bulk of the costs but in the current climate a substantial amount has to be raised as 'pump priming' to obtain any grants at all. To this end the committee plan to run a series of events where *ALL* the proceeds will go into a Refurbishment Fund. The first two events are An Evening with Wine & Cheese and a Dog Walkers Breakfast (see details elsewhere in the Scene). Our village hall is a great asset and we look to the whole community to enthusiastically support our efforts in this major project. If you would like any further information or would like to make a donation, please contact a committee member: Joan Broady; Muriel Chandler; Nicki Kitchen; Ginny Bennett; Diana Hughes; Clive Warner; Lesley Bishop; Helen Lamb; Keith Hicks; Becky Skinner; Debbie Court; Sally Hopkyns

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## Friendship Club

The Club met for the first time in the year early in Feb and it was a fine day!!

We meet again in the Village Hall on March 4th and I hope to have a speaker

The trip on March 18th, is only a local one, to Moreton Market and afterwards to a local Garden Centre for lunch. Anyone who would like to join us please contact the Secretary on 263460, we will leaving SIBFORD GOWER at about 9-45am

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There will be a quiz and a raffle, and Ilone Antonius -Jones plus another member of 'The Antonius Players' will be entertaining us with a variety of music. Not to be missed!

The AGM will be on March 20<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8 p.m. Doors open 7.30 p.m. This will be followed by Alan Benjamin giving us a talk on funny happenings during a long career with the Police Service , 'Constabulary Tales'.

Looking ahead Please keep May 15<sup>th</sup> free as we are showing a very special film, 'Away from it all', recently retrieved from the BBC archives . In 1956 Sir Chris Chataway, who sadly died in January, came to Sibford as a young reporter and interviewed various people in Sibford, including some of the cast of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', which was being performed at the Manor House. If you or your relatives were living in Sibford at that time, they or you ,may well be in the film.

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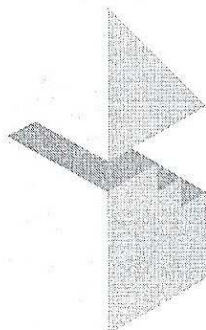
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## Village Hall News

### An Evening with Cheese and Wine

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Tickets £12.50 from committee members or phone 780506. Bar opens at 7pm. Proceeds to the Village Hall Refurbishment Fund.

### Easter Egg Hunt

Our popular Egg Hunt Trails will again be held on Good Friday, April 18th. Two trails will be detailed, one a bit shorter for younger children and one more adventurous. £2.50 entry per child, Easter eggs for all who finish. Refreshments available in the small hall to sustain Mums, Dads and kids etc. All welcome. Start at the Village Hall from 2pm to 4pm.

### Dog Walkers Breakfast

On Sunday April 27th why not treat your dog to a walk before breakfast - suggested routes 2 miles and 5 miles approx. Start from the Village Hall and return for breakfast, served in the small hall between 8.30am and 10am. Tickets £5.00 (children under 16 £3.50) Family ticket £15 (2 adults & 2 children) Tickets from committee members or 788015. Proceeds to the Village Hall Refurbishment Fund.

### Fun Dog Show

This will be a separate event this year on June 7th, with lots of extra classes to suit all shapes and sizes of dogs. We plan to have a bar and refreshments/food and all sorts of doggy oriented stuff. Contact Ginny on 780373

### Village Hall Fete

This will be held on July 12th, in the afternoon, with a range of stalls, games and attractions, bar and refreshments.

Booking Secretary Ginny will be happy to help with any bookings you need - 780373 or contact via [thesibfords.org](http://thesibfords.org) website.

### Film Nights

March 25th - "Captain Phillips" with Tom Hanks

April 29th - "Philomena" with Judi Dench and Steve Coogan

Films start at 7-30pm with doors open from 7pm. Hot/cold drinks available. Entry £2 for adults, £1 for students



### Sibford Tots & Babies

Sibford Tots & Babies is a voluntary-run group that meets every Wednesday and Thursday from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. throughout the year including school holidays. We are located in a purpose built, bright and airy room within Sibford Village Hall with a dedicated and enclosed outdoor play area. We welcome all children from babies to pre-schoolers.

Along with a wide variety of toys for the children to play with, we offer a number of activities including arts and crafts, singing, stories, dressing up, role play, messy play, outdoor play and ride on toys.

Last year the children enjoyed making pine cone bird feeders, a Gruffalo Jumping Jack decoration, painting and planting up terracotta plant pots, creating cress seed heads, a seagull glider and decorating cards to celebrate special occasions. The children have been introduced to lots of different crafting materials such as clay, sea shells, marbling inks, salt dough, play dough and pastry.

During the summer holiday the group enjoyed a number of outings including a trip to Redwings Horse Sanctuary in Oxhill and a picnic, paddle and play at St Nicholas Park in Warwick.

Why not come along with your child/children and meet other parents/carers for a chat, a coffee and experience what we have to offer.

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Sibford WI Meeting - 11th February 2014

A well attended meeting with two guests, Barbara Brockway and Mary West.

This month's speaker, Mark Billen, entertained us with a talk entitled "Creating Books for Children". A self confessed child at heart, Mark has written a series of books about a family of teddy bears. The books are sold to raise money for the charity, Action for Children.

Mark introduced us to Henry Bear who is 28 years old and his cousin Fred also the twins Martin and Miriam. The books tell of their adventures and challenges in the format of photographs and captions. They are all self published to keep costs to a minimum and this process was explained to us. For each book sold £3 goes to the charity.

Mark displayed several of the books on screen and talked us through them. They are simple and charming and targeted at children age 3 and upward. He also explained some of the trickery required to create the bear photographs for example getting a kite into the right position.

This was a fascinating insight into the world of bears and creating books. The speaker was thanked by Joan Thomas and then we had the opportunity to browse and purchase from the book collection.

Mark and his wife, Ann, judged the competition "A Teddy Bear" - what else! There were many entries but they eventually decided on 1st Theresa Tovell, 2nd Val Powell and 3rd Kathleen Winter. Members also brought along all the teddy bears that they could muster and they were placed on window ledges and tables, charmingly adding to the Bear theme. Val Powell and Valerie Taylor served an excellent tea.

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Transylvania is the subject of a talk to be given by Pam Newall at our next meeting on 11th March (2pm - Village Hall). Competition - A Seashell. Visitors welcome.

Mary Hill



### Teacher gains masters degree

Sibford School head of Early Years, Nicola Watson, has been awarded an MA in Early Childhood Education from the University of Sheffield.

Nicola, who was a family lawyer and mediator before becoming a teacher, did her dissertation on Supporting Social Development in Young Children. "I'm really interested in encouraging the social and emotional well being of very young children," said Nicola, who joined Sibford School in 2009. "This course gave me the opportunity to build on the mediation skills I gained over my years in the legal profession and to re-focus them as principals for working with young children.

"Encouraging children to interact and communicate effectively and peacefully with each other is also very in keeping with the Quaker ethos of Sibford School."

### Open events at Sibford School

Sibford School will be hosting two open events this month.

A whole school open morning will take place on **Friday 7 March**, offering visitors the chance to find out more about the Junior School, Senior School and Sixth Form. The event starts at 9.45am with refreshments and will be followed by presentations and tours of the campus. Two weeks later, on **Wednesday 19 March**, Sibford will be inviting youngsters between the ages of 2 and 4 to attend a free Creative Fun Afternoon.

The children will be able to enjoy a range of hands on activities including painting, salt dough modelling, printing and sand & water play. Meanwhile parents and carers can enjoy refreshments and find out more about Sibford's Early Years provision. To find out

more about both events call Elspeth Gregory on 01295 781203.

### Sibford Rocks

Sibford pupils will be taking to the stage at the end of the month when they present Sibford Rocks. Talented pupils will be joined by former scholars to present a two-night musical extravaganza.

Performances will take place at the school on Friday 28 March and Saturday 29 March, starting at 7.30pm.





Music teacher Matt Platt said: "At Sibford we're lucky to have a mixed and varied set of young people with a host of musical talents and we're delighted that we will be joined by some of our former pupils, many of whom are now out and performing on a regular basis with their own bands."

Tickets for Sibford Rocks cost £10 (£8 concessions) and are available from the school.

**Change of day for life drawing classes.** Sibford has announced a change in the time and day of its life drawing classes.

The new class, which will be run by Sibford's head of art Tracey Leigh, will take place on Tuesday evenings between 5.45pm and 7.45pm.

The class is aimed at experienced artists, enthusiastic amateurs or those wanting to try something completely different. Cost is £9 per session for adults and £6.50 for students (age 14 and over). For further information or to register interest call 01295 781216.

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## Report of the Sibford Gower Parish Council Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014

The Meeting was well attended by local residents. The present liaison between the Parish Councils of Gower and Ferris was working well; it was agreed that the two Councils should organise a defibrillator to be sited at Sibford Village Hall for the benefit of residents of both Parishes. The Parish Council had failed in a second application to the District Council to have the Bishop Blaize registered as a Community Asset. Remedial work to secure dangerous tiles on Mawles Farm barn roof was in hand. Since the previous meeting, six planning applications had been considered and seven decisions received. The maintenance contract for the Churchyard & Parish Council Burial Ground had been awarded to Thomas Fox Landscaping. Cllr Susan Bannister said that organised walks by the Walking Group are going well and that she informs Oxfordshire County Council of any problems encountered. *Excess Speeding:* Residents in High Meadow and Colony Road had complained about vehicles exceeding the speed limit in Pound Lane; they will liaise with Thames Valley Police to carry out a speeding check with hand held equipment. *Bonds End*

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*Lane:* It had been very difficult to arrange a public meeting with Oxfordshire County Council about the exit to Bonds End Lane. Finally at short notice the Clerk had met with the officer concerned; who confirmed that the question of double parking at the exit was not an OCC matter. OCC was unwilling to change the markings in the road junction because of the poor state of the surface; reinstatement was not in prospect for the foreseeable future. The chairman reported that the owners of the adjacent property have agreed to cease from double parking at the junction in an attempt to alleviate the problem. Subsequently the OCC officer confirmed that the licence to maintain the green area issued in 1994 was valid, and the OCC had no grounds for seeking to revoke it. It was therefore agreed to leave the matter for the present. Residents of Bonds End Lane were urged to prevent delivery and workmen's vans from parking in the area. *Parking:* A general discussion of parking problems in the village ensued. It was pointed out that the problem was common to every village in the area, and no solution had ever yet been found. The issue had first arisen around 1979, and was being exacerbated by the village development as a commuter village and the practice of owning two or more large cars. But in fact a survey showed that there was no daytime problem in parking around the pond. The problem existed only at night and at weekends, and was therefore caused by the residents themselves. It was pointed out that only 4 houses in the area had no parking space at all available. Various solutions were suggested. Further layby parking along Pound Lane might be considered at great expense. Neighbouring owners of suitable land could be approached to ask if they would sell or lease land for parking. The chairman stated that he was unwilling to summon the police to any particular area, because of the likely impact on other areas of the village; but other villagers could do so if they wished. For the present it was agreed to insist that the Police and the OCC Highway Officer attend the next annual parish meeting. Residents of Bonds End Lane were encouraged to continue their practice of helping each other out with parking space. Landlords with rented property were asked to insert a clause requiring tenants to park on their own land. Owners of those properties in Bonds End Lane that were undergoing building works were reminded of their duty to insist that their builders show proper respect for neighbours. *Village Pond:* The application to register the Village Pond as a Village Green was in the hands of the District Council's legal department. The Clerk will pursue Oxfordshire Highways about the blocked gullies in Acre Ditch.

Sibford Village Hall Committee

# An Evening With Cheese & Wine

**Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> 2014**

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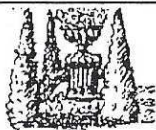
A lot of people keep bees because they produce honey, one of the healthiest and most natural foods and one which has been valued by man since prehistory as a sweetener. Others keep bees because they are interested in the study of bees and of their habits; bees are fascinating creatures and there is always something new to learn about them. With no means of dealing with the varroa mite that is now present in all UK honey bee colonies, a feral honey bee nest is unlikely to remain viable for more than a couple of seasons. With the help of beekeepers it is only managed colonies that can survive to carry out the essential pollination our food crops. Beekeeping is an enjoyable open air hobby bringing you in contact with people from all walks of life. Bees can be kept by almost everyone except a very small minority who are allergic to bee stings. We can all, however, play our part in supporting the honeybee and other pollinating insects by planting bulbs, shrubs and trees in our gardens - especially varieties that flower early in the year.

### Introduction to Beekeeping

Shipston Beekeepers are holding an "Introduction to Beekeeping" day on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at Oxhill Village Hall, Main Street, Oxhill CV35 0QU. The day will deal with the basics of beekeeping for the complete beginner or those with very limited experience of this craft.

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Please be aware crimes do happen in The Sibfords. A white Ford transit has been seen driving around Sibford Gower by a resident. The female occupant looked like an opportunist who removed a battery from another resident's property last year. This has been reported to the police.

We have had reports of goods being removed from cars in the Banbury Rural Area and I have recently been told that a resident in Sibford Gower had her handbag removed from her car. This crime only takes minutes. Please report anything suspicious to the police.

## YOGA

Sibford Village Hall

Tuesdays 9.00-10.00am

Fridays 9.00-10.00am  
(beginners welcome)

Hook Norton Memorial Hall

Fridays 9.30-10.30am

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**AGM - Wykham Arms, 7.00pm, Sunday 23 March**

Cricket Nets in April - Wednesday 2 and 9, 6.00 to 7.00pm,  
Sibford School Sports Hall, and Wednesday 16, 23 and 30,  
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Our first meeting of 2014 will be on Wednesday March 12th at 8.00 pm at the Village Hall.

Paul Moir will be talking on the history of rococo gardens at Painswick which we will be visiting in May. Please come along and enjoy the back ground now to make the trip in May even better.

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## Sibford Walking Group

Walks are planned for;

10 March 24 March 7 April 21 April Easter Monday.

5 May Early May Bank Holiday 19 May

As ever I may be contacted by email or phone for further information.

[sebannister@gmail.com](mailto:sebannister@gmail.com) and  
01295 780365.

We leave the village hall car park at 10.00 am sharp. Walking boots or wellingtons and poles or a stick are recommended but not of course compulsory.

On other Mondays Diana Hughes may lead walks starting further afield.

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Contributions for the  
April  
Sibford Scene  
to the Editor by  
March 18th



Once again we have reached the time of year when we see the new lambs in the fields and the cattle get turned out onto the new spring grass. As ever this means that we have protective ewes looking after their lambs and skittish cattle in the fields that the local footpaths cross. It becomes very important that dogs are on leads and under close control to avoid disturbing the livestock more than you have to.

It would be lovely to have a year without any reports of problems with dogs in livestock. The Countryside Code tells us it's always good practice (and a legal requirement on 'Open Access' land) to keep your dog on a lead around farm animals and horses, for your own safety and for the welfare of the animals. However, if cattle or horses chase you and your dog, it is safer to let your dog off the lead - don't risk getting hurt trying to protect it. Your dog will be much safer if you let it run away from a farm animal in these circumstances and so will you.

Everyone knows how unpleasant dog mess is and it can cause infections, so always clean up after your dog and get rid of the mess responsibly - 'bag it and bin it'. Make sure your dog is wormed regularly to protect it, other animals and people.

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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 in March

March 2nd Benefice Eucharist at 10am at Swalcliffe

March 5th Ash Wednesday; Holy communion with the imposition of Ashes  
9.30am at Epwell and 8pm at Sibford

March 9th 1st Sunday of Lent Morning Praise 10am

March 16th 2nd Sunday of Lent Holy Communion 9.30am

March 23rd 3rd Sunday of Lent Holy Communion 9.30am

March 30th 4th Sunday of Lent BCP Holy Communion 8am

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## Stagecoach – Timetable commencing 31<sup>st</sup> May 2009

Mondays to Saturdays (No services on Sundays or Public Holidays)

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

Banbury, Bus Station	08.30	10.55	12.45	14.26	16.05	17.10	18.10
Sibford Ferris, Cross Roads	08.52	11.17	13.07	14.48	16.27	17.32	18.32
Sibford Gower, School	08.55	11.20	13.10	14.51	16.30	17.35	18.35
Shipston,	09.15	11.40	13.35	15.11	16.50	17.55	18.55
Stratford on Avon, Wood St.	09.40	12.09	14.04	15.40	17.19	18.24	19.24

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

	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

## March

- Tue 4th Friendship Club at the Village Hall p4  
Thu 6th ORCC Dementia Awareness Event 2-4pm in the Village Hall  
Fri 7th Open Morning at Sibford School. p12  
Sat 8th Hospice Coffee Morning in Sibford Gower p19  
Mon 10th Sibfords Walking Group. 10am from Village Hall. P20  
Tue 11th W.I. "Transylvania". P11  
Wed 12th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40-4.10pm)  
Wed 12th Horticultural Society Talk. Village Hall 8pm p20  
Wed 12th World Dance in Swalecliffe  
Tue 18th Friendship Club outing. P4  
Wed 19th Early years open afternoon at Sibford School. p12  
Thu 20th Sibfords Society AGM and Talk. From 7.30pm p6  
Sun 23rd Sibford Cricket Club Social AGM. Wykham Arms 7pm. p19  
Mon 24th Sibfords Walking Group. 10am from Village Hall. p20  
Tue 25th Village Hall Film Night - Captain Phillips. 7pm p9  
Wed 26th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40-4.10pm)  
Fri 29th & Sat 30th "Sibford Rocks" p12

## April (part)

- Wed 2nd Cricket Nets begin p19  
Sat 5th An Evening with Cheese and Wine at the Village Hall p9  
Mon 7th Sibfords Walking Group. 10am from Village Hall. P20  
Wed 9th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40-4.10pm)  
Fri 18th Easter Egg Hunt at the Village Hall from 2pm p9  
Mon 21st Sibfords Walking Group. 10am from Village Hall. P20  
Wed 23rd Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40-4.10pm)  
Sun 27th Dog Walkers Breakfast at the Village Hall p9  
Tue 29th Village Hall Film Night - Philomena. P9

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### Sibford Scene

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