



April 2015

No. 371

## Parish Spring Clean

Saturday 28th March 10am

Please meet at the Village Hall or Lanes End Corner

## Good Friday Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 3rd April starting at the Village Hall from 2pm

## Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 15th April in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Village Hall Film Night

## “The Imitation Game”

Thursday 23rd April in the Village Hall - doors open 7pm

## Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 27th April at 7.30pm

In the Sports Hall Classroom at Sibford School

## Nature Notes

Feb 20th The rooks have been very noisy at times recently and today have started breaking twigs off the beech tree so they are nest building now.

Mar 1st I found the photograph on the cover of the March Scene very interesting. The cottages that were near the Bishop Blaize look quite smart as if they are still occupied, perhaps by the Belgian refugees that were there in the first world war. The roadside hedge, that had just been cut off must have been very overgrown judging by the stack of wood by the gate to the road. On the Ferris side a child is walking along the top of the bank by the wall where there used to be a narrow path made by the smaller children as they walked too and from school. The child gives the impression that they have been asked to keep still while the picture is taken, and by the buildings, is the spring with its safety rail where we could stop for a drink as we walked home from school. There were always lots of water clearers (shrimps) which we thought were a sign that it was safe to drink there.

Mar 6th The rooks use the same way of building their nests each year. They start with beech, ash or sometimes larch twigs followed by finer silver birch twigs, then a lining of moss and mud. They never seem to use any dead twigs, which would be

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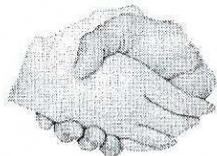
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easier to get, but struggle to break off the live ones. I think that jack-daws may nest in the bottom of the big old nests.

Mar 7th I was told today about a bullfinch that from one side looks like a male and from the other a female, the division coming at the centre line of the beak. He also has seen a chaffinch which is hampered by having 2 bad feet. He wonders whether the apparent growths on the feet might be birdlime which would mean that someone here or abroad has tried to trap them but failed.

Mar 16th A hen pheasant and a stock dove were competing for the food on the top of a wheelie bin. The stock dove eventually developed the method of raising its wings a bit away from its body and flicking out the right wing to hit the pheasants head very like a boxer throwing a right hook at a much taller opponent. I expect that it could be called a drawn contest as neither gave way and they both got some of the food. They were both slipping a lot as the top of the bin was wet with rain.



## Friendship Club

We have just returned from a most enjoyable day at Slimbridge, The weather was beautiful.

We watched swans being vaccinated. Geese being geese. And some VERY fat pigeons!!!!

We are already into April and on the 7th the Club will hold our Easter Tea. Then on the 21st is another outing which will be discussed at the tea. PLEASE WILL MEMBERS REMEMBER THE A.G.M. IS ON MAY 5TH and try to attend. Our (dues) will be (due)!!!!

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It is now over twenty years since I got involved with the Sibford Scene. I started printing out the Nature Notes to help out the editor Ray Henbrey, and then from March 1997 produced alternate issues for a couple of years until taking over as editor when Ray became ill. Since then I have put together every issue of the Sibford Scene. I still believe the Sibford Scene is an important way of passing information around the villages and want to see it continue to be so in the future. I would, however, like to pass on the editorial responsibility as I seem to have less time available each time the contributions date rolls round. I would be very happy to discuss the role with anyone who would like to take it on. The job has got much easier as most items come by email and with desk-top publishing, putting the Scene together is a lot simpler than sticking articles and adverts on with glue used to be. I'm sure there are many people better fitted than me to fulfil this role so please volunteer your services. My contact detail are on the back cover.

Adrian Lamb

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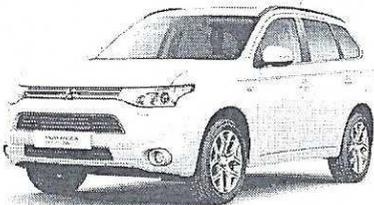
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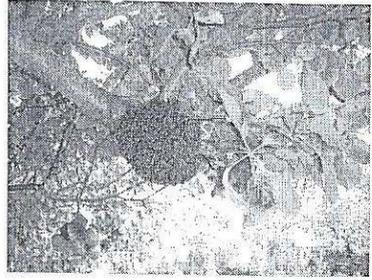
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## Is it a Swarm?

If the 'swarm' is thousands of bees in flight darkening the sky or a grapefruit sized or larger accumulation of bees clustered together – then Yes. Otherwise – No.



Most honeybee colonies swarm each year when the old queen leaves the nest with half of the bees to find a new home. Whilst scout bees search for a suitable nest site the rest of the swarm cluster around the queen, perhaps in a tree, somewhere near their old home where at least one virgin queen is waiting to hatch, mate, and be the new matriarch of the colony.

Unless disturbed, a cluster of honeybees is not a problem and, if accessible, your local beekeeper will be pleased to come and take them away to his / her local apiary. All other manifestations of bees – be they honeybees in chimneys, garden bumble bees in compost heaps, miner bees in the ground, tree bees in bird boxes, masonry bees in soft mortared brick walls – are of no interest to a beekeeper other than for the part they play in the wonderful world of nature.

No honeybee or variety of bumble bee is naturally aggressive if left alone. Be grateful that they have temporarily chosen your home as a 'des res' – all bee colonies die off in the autumn other than honeybees and even they will not survive as a colony for more than a year or two unless they are in a hive competently managed by a beekeeper.

A feral honeybee colony cannot be enticed out of its chosen home. It will not cause any damage to the fabric of a building and only in extremis should a pest controller be employed to eradicate any specie of bee. Wasps are a different matter!

In the months of April, May and June the British Beekeeping Association (BBKA) routinely receives a thousand telephone calls a week from ill-informed members of the public who are gently (normally!) directed to the BBKA website [http://www.bbka.org.uk/help/do\\_you\\_have\\_a\\_swarm.php](http://www.bbka.org.uk/help/do_you_have_a_swarm.php) where there are pictures of bees, wasps and hornets for identification purposes.

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Should the so-called 'swarm' be exactly that (see beginning of article!), the nearest registered beekeeper(s) can be found by the simple expedient of entering the affected property's post code.

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TO ALL RESIDENTS OF  
SIBFORD GOWER & BURDROP  
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

You are invited to take part. It will be held in Sibford Village Hall  
on WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2015 commencing at 7.30pm  
under the Chairmanship of

Dr Oswyn Murray (Chairman of Sibford Gower Parish Council)  
The Parish Meeting may by law discuss all parish affairs and pass  
resolutions about them.

AGENDA

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19<sup>TH</sup> May 2014  
Matters arising.

Chairman's Report.

Clerk's and Financial Report.

Thames Valley Police Matters

Highway & Footpath Matters.

Report by The Town Estate Charity.

Report by the Neighbourhood Watch Representative.

Village Hall Report.

The Sibfords Community Plan

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## Sibford Horticultural Society

At our first meeting of the year we welcomed Harriet Rycroft to talk to us about the art of planting up pots with a wide variety of plants. She used to plant the pots at Whichford Pottery so has extensive experience of planting for year round colour and texture. It was a very well attended evening and everyone enjoyed the beautiful slides and we certainly know that to get a good show you need to cram the plants in!

The next meeting is on Wednesday 8th April in the small hall when Richard Hopkins from Applegarth Nursery will be coming to talk to us about his life as a nurseryman. He will be brining a selection of plants for sale and will be happy to answer members questions.

With this edition of the Sibford Scene you should receive your Spring Show schedule. This show includes cookery, handicrafts, photography and children's classes so there is something for everyone to enter.

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## SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL -- CHANGES IN HIRE RATES

During an open meeting on March 16th with several of the regular user groups, the Village Hall Committee made a number of decisions which make our hiring charges more easily understood. However the changes will not achieve being fully supported by hiring charges even with these proposed increases, so it is inevitable they will need to increase again next year. The New hire rates will come into effect on April 1st 2015. Current confirmed bookings will be honoured at the present rate. Villagers who live within the Parish boundaries of Sibford Gower and Sibford Ferris, will be charged £8.25 per hour [for 1 hall] and £15.00 per hour [for 2 halls], on all 7 days of the week. People who live outside the Parish boundaries will be charged £12.00 per hour [for 1 hall] and £18.00 per hour [for both halls] on all 7 days of the week.

The Village Hall Committee do need to raise more revenue in order to take on a caretaker, continue our refurbishment plan if possible and reserve some money towards the replacement roof. If any of the hiring groups or villagers feel they could help support the Hall by running fund raising events, this would greatly improve the situation. The Village Hall Committee will continue to put on our usual events this year, but we are a small group and can only do so much!

### VILLAGE HALL NEWS

EASTER EGG TRAIL will be from 2pm on Good Friday, April 3rd. There are two trails --one shorter for little ones and one a bit more challenging for big kids. £2.50 entry and everyone gets an egg. Light refreshments and drinks available at the hall. Just turn up on the day.

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FILM NIGHT on April 23rd is "The Imitation Game" starring Benedict Cumberbatch as Alan Turing who broke the Enigma Code. Film starts at 7-30, doors open 7pm. Drinks available or you are welcome to bring your own wine. May film to be advised next month.

#### DOG SHOW

will be held on June 6th. More details next month.

DAMN RIGHT I GOT THE BLUES! are playing their usual mix of fantastic music on June 27th. Put this date in your diary as you would not want to miss it !! Bar and BBQ .

VILLAGE FAYRE is in September this year on the 26th.

#### FEBRUARY LOTTERY WINNERS

1st prize P Hardman /2nd D Cole / 3rd A Meyler / 4th M Hopper. Congratulations!

The Village Hall Committee would like a BIG THANK YOU to Muriel for persuading so many people to join the Lottery this year. She worked very hard at it for months.

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**IT'S ELEMENTARY ... SIMON MAYO TALKS ITCHCRAFT**  
Broadcaster and author Simon Mayo visited Sibford School in March to chat to students about his book trilogy ... *Itch, Itch Rocks and Itchcraft*.

Sibford pupils were joined by pupils from other local schools, including Sibford Gower Endowed Primary, to hear the BBC Radio 2 Drivetime host speak about his writing and his character Itchingham Lofte, a 14-year-old boy who collects elements.

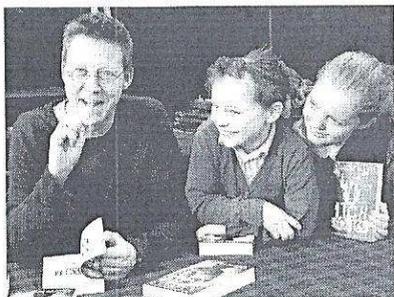
Sibford student Sophie Hills said: "The talk was really inspiring. Not only did we learn about his stories but he also taught us a lot about the different elements in the periodic table."

Simon Mayo caused gasps from the audience when he set fire to a 10€ note ... just prior to reading an extract from his latest novel, *Itchcraft*, where Itch and his classmates find themselves in the midst of a riot in Madrid caused by money spontaneously combusting.

Edward Goundrey-Smith said: "We've had a few authors in school but none have ever burnt money on stage before! It was really exciting."

Simon Mayo later tweeted: "Fine morning@SibfordSchOxon talking platinum, rhodium and Itchcraft (and best snacks evs)"

Librarian Frances King said: "We were thrilled that Simon was able to come to Sibford. His talk was entertaining and informative and it was great that so many other schools were able to join us."



After the talk Simon took time out to sign copies of his books. Then, in an about turn, he took the role of interviewee and was grilled by Sibford pupils Nat Williams and Fergus Bertie in a special interview for BBC School Report Day.  
Pictured:

Simon Mayo with Brailes CofE Primary School pupil Jessica Bradford (age 10) and Sibford pupil Lottie Hunt (also 10).

#### OPEN MORNING

The next Open Morning at Sibford School will take place on Friday 1 May starting at 9.45am. The following week, on Wednesday 6 May, the school will be hosting an Early Years Open Afternoon between 2pm and 3.30pm. For further details on both events call Elspeth on 01295 781203 or visit the school website ([www.sibfordschool.co.uk](http://www.sibfordschool.co.uk))

#### EASTER FUN IN THE COUNTRY

Sibford School's popular Fun in the Country holiday club will be operating over the Easter holidays from Monday 30 March – Thursday 2 April and Tuesday 7 April – Friday 10 April. Children can enjoy a range of activities including swimming, crafts,

sports and cooking. Cost is £28 per child per day. To book a place call Elspeth Gregory on Banbury 781203 or email: funinthecountry@sibfordschool.co.uk.

### SWIMATHON

There's still time to enter Swimathon 2015, the UK's biggest charity swimming event, which will take place later this month at Sibford pool in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care. Individuals can choose to swim 1.5km, 2.5km or 5km while teams can opt for the 1.5km or 5km challenge. Sibford pool will be open for the Swimathon Challenge on Saturday 18 April (from 4.30pm ~ 7.30pm) and Sunday 19 April (from 3pm ~ 7pm). To register visit [www.sibfordschool.co.uk](http://www.sibfordschool.co.uk) and click on 'swimming pool'.

**SIBFORD TO SPONSOR TALK BY QUAKER ACTRESS AND AUTHOR**  
Sibford School has given its backing to Chipping Norton Literary Festival 2015. The Quaker School is to sponsor an appearance by actress and author Sheila Hancock who will be speaking about her debut novel, *Miss Carter's War*. Sibford head Michael Goodwin said: "We were delighted to discover that Sheila Hancock was one of the authors appearing at Chip Lit Fest. Sheila is a member of the Society of Friends and so, as a Quaker school, her talk was the perfect event for us sponsor."

Sheila Hancock will be appearing at Chipping Norton Theatre on Saturday 25 April between 4pm and 5pm. Tickets cost £12 and are available from the theatre.

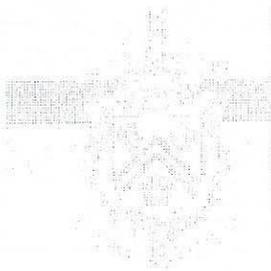
### RAIN OR SHINE THEATRE COMPANY

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The AGM was held on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, and the small hall was full, despite a number of apologies.

Chairman Bryan Mills reminded members of the past year's meetings, and in the absence of the Treasurer, Ivor Hopkyns, dealt with his report. He thanked Barbara Crabtree on her retirement from the committee, for her twenty-two years of work for the Sibfords Society, and presented her with a pot full of spring-flowering plants. Marianne Allen has kindly agreed to join the committee and was duly voted in. Mike Harper-Tarr collected subscriptions for the coming year.

Bryan introduced the speaker, Chris Mason, local coordinator of the Cherwell Swifts Project. Chris, who has been a swift enthusiast since his childhood, showed us a marvellous film - 'Swift Stories', which together with his obvious passion for swifts and their protection, was an inspiration to us, not only the confirmed 'swifters', but also to those of us who had been hitherto unaware of the decline of the swifts, and the conservation project. We were shown a number of people in local villages who do all they can to encourage the birds to their area and like the film-maker, who at first regarded them as highly eccentric 'swifts nuts', came to admire and respect their total enthusiasm for these "Formula One" birds, and shared their sadness when they left, Africa-bound, in early to mid- August.

Chris will be taking us on a walk round our villages in late June/early July, looking for swifts, so if you would like to join the group, please look out for further information on this nearer the time. There may be a chance at a later stage to see the second half of Chris' film, some of it made at Broughton Castle,

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Do come along and find out what the Sibfords Society is about. Visitors are always welcome, and you may decide to become a member. There are some very interesting talks lined up for this year. Diana Hughes.



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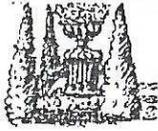
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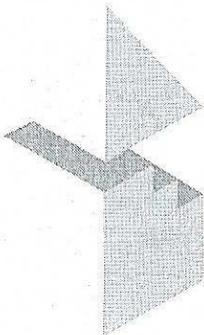
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## REPORT ON SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 9 MARCH

The meeting was attended by all parish councillors, the clerk, District Councillor George Reynolds, Mr and Mrs J Thompson and two members of the public. Interests were declared by Councillors Connor, Huckvale, Lamb and Robinson. The following items were addressed: the proposed alterations to the vision splay at Wade Lane for the Small House planning; the provision of faster broadband; the January inter-parish meeting; progress on plans for a community first responder scheme; repairs to the notice board and Hook Norton Road bench; the setting up of a community first response team; the affordable housing scheme on the Hook Norton Road; progress on the Rural Community Energy Fund; minor repairs to the fitness equipment at the MUGA and a review of the risk assessment; the mowing contract for the Cotswold Close play area, agreement on risk assessments for the play area and for mowing, repairs to the digger handle, and vehicles obstructing the car park at Cotswold Close; the revised Cherwell Local Plan; gravel heaps at Sibford Hall; new street nameplate for Mannings Close; Boundary Commission review of Cherwell wards; fly-tipping at the bottle bank layby; Spring Clean 2015 on 28 March; registers of interest; insurance renewal; Annual Parish Meeting 27 April; proposals for unitary council; transport consultation for Oxfordshire; councillors' allowances; finance – including the precept request/grants, review of financial risk assessment, review of assets register, review of effectiveness of internal audit, review of annual internal audit plan terms of reference, appointment of internal auditor, budget/actual comparison on 9 March, payments/receipts; planning – four applications, including amendments to the Grange Farm application,



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and one decision. Fly tipping on Grange Lane was reported under Any Other Business. The next meeting of the parish council will be the annual parish council meeting on Tuesday, 5 May at 7.45pm. The Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting will be on Monday, 27 April at 7.30pm. All meetings are in the Sports Hall Classroom, Sibford School. All are welcome.

The full draft minutes of the meeting are available to view on the Sibfords website at [www.thesibfords.org.uk](http://www.thesibfords.org.uk) or from the Clerk on 788557 or via [sibfordferrisparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:sibfordferrisparishclerk@gmail.com).

SIBFORD FERRIS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING  
Monday, 27 April at 7.30pm

If you would like to hear what has been happening in your village over the past year, wish to make comments or suggestions or to ask questions, you are very welcome to attend the Annual Parish Meeting. The Chair of the parish council and the Responsible Financial Officer will give reports and the District and County Councillor, George Reynolds, will be there. It is hoped that representatives will also attend from Sibford School, Sibford Village Hall, Thames Valley Police and Oxfordshire Highways. The venue is the Sports Hall Classroom (first floor), Sibford School, Sibford Ferris. If you would like any more information, please contact the Clerk on 788557 or at [sibfordferrisparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:sibfordferrisparishclerk@gmail.com).

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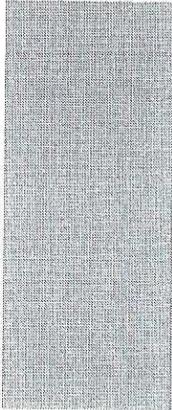
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Do not buy or sell at the door. Do not allow strangers into your home. Do not pass on any information regarding your neighbour's movements; do not leave parcels on their doorstep or letters/papers showing in their letterbox. We all like to be helpful and it is very easy to be taken in when we are caught unexpectedly. Please remain aware and observant at all times and report anything suspicious to the police with as much information as you can. A white van is not very informative but if you can add, the reg. no., the make or type and the direction of travel it will help. The same advice goes for people. We wish you all a very happy Easter weekend.



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## Sibford WI Meeting - 10th March 2015

We had received prior notice that the electricity would be switched off during the afternoon, so it was decided that our Speaker, Jane Stubbs, should do her presentation first. A successful author, she entertained us with a talk about the lives of women in Victorian England. Victoria came to the throne in 1837 and died in 1901. This was an era of great progress and change. At the start, 80% of the population lived a rural life and this life was hard and basic. At the end, 75% lived in towns and life was easier all round. For example women spent a lot of their time sewing by hand, making clothes. The shops sold only fabric. The poor got sewing the rich employed dressmakers. The only ready made items available were hand me downs. The drudgery gradually lifted as infrastructures were put in place, for example railways, sewers, flushing toilets. Inventions such as light bulbs, the sewing machine, zip fasteners, the telephone and the carpet sweeper appeared on the scene. Factories drew people to towns providing better employment opportunities. Women's legal and social rights also progressed in the Victorian era. Having a woman on the throne in such a position of power and influence was key and others campaigned for improvements. Jane providing an insightful and well researched snapshot of life in the Victorian age and she was thanked by Jan Warner.

Then, Val Powell and Valerie Taylor just had time to make and serve teas before the power went off. Fortunately, the weather was warm and sunny so the hall stayed a comfortable temperature for our business meeting. Glennis Hardman and Rosemary Neal will be attending the Annual Council Meeting at Oxford Town Hall on Tuesday, 24th March. As part of the W.I. Centenary celebrations, there is to be a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 2nd June, in the presence of HRH The Duchess of Cornwall - herself a W.I. member. There will be room for up to 8,000 W.I. Members but only one lady per Institute may attend. Barbara Crabtree, as our longest serving member, is chosen by us to represent Sibford W.I.

Jane Stubbs judged the competition for "Something Victorian" and this was won by Miriam Hembrey, second - Glennis Hardman, joint third - Rosemary Neal and Valerie Taylor.

Tuesday, 14th April is the date for our AGM. No raffle. No competition. Instead, a Bring & Buy stall.

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Holy Trinity Church

## Services in April

Thursday 2nd Maundy Thursday 8pm Washing of feet. Thanksgiving for Holy Communion Ronald

Friday 3rd Good Friday 10am-12noon Messy Church for all younger children with an adult helper Ronald

Sunday 5th Easter Day 9.30am Family Communion - everyone warmly welcomed to a cheerful service that's not too long. Ronald

Sunday 12th Low Sunday 11am Joint Service with the Methodist congregation

Sunday 19th Easter 3 8am BCP Holy Communion Ronald  
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| 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 |

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| 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 |
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# Calendar of Events

## April

- Fri 3rd Good Friday Easter Egg Trail from the Village Hall 2pm p10  
Tue 7th Friendship Club Easter Tea p3  
Wed 8th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40-4.10pm)  
Wed 8th Horticultural Society talk 8pm Small Hall p9  
Mon 13th Sibfords Walking Group 10am V.Hall p6  
Tue 14th W.I. AGM p21  
Wed 15th Gower Annual Parish Meeting - Village Hall 7.30pm. P8  
Thu 16th Sibfords Society "Edgehill and Beyond" 7.45pm 14  
Sat 18 & Sun 19 Swimathon at Sibford School p12  
Sat 18th Alyth Choir at Swalcliffe Church 6pm p15  
Mon 20th Sibfords Walking Group 10am V.Hall p6  
Mon 20th Gower Annual Parish Council Meeting in Primary School - 8pm.  
Tue 21st Friendship Club outing. P3  
Tue 21st Deadline for contributions to the May Sibford Scene p20  
Wed 22nd Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40-4.10pm)  
Thu 23rd Village Hall Film Night - The Imitation Game p10  
Mon 27th Ferris Annual Parish Meeting Sib. School Sports Hall 7.30pm p19

## May(part)

- Fri 1st Sibford School Open Morning p12  
Mon 4th Sibfords Walking Group 10am Village Hall p6  
Tue 5th Friendship Club AGM p3  
Tue 5th Ferris Parish Council Meeting  
Wed 6th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40-4.10pm)  
Wed 13th Horticultural Society Show Entry Night 6.30 - 7.30pm p9  
Sat 16th Horticultural Society Spring Show 2.30 - 4pm Village Hall p9  
Wed 20th Mobile Library in the Sibfords (2.40-4.10pm)

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