

SIBFORD SCENE
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"Oops! " by Fiona Steane



ED'S THOUGHTS

Lovely front cover this month of Eleanor Brace - see page 33 "5 minutes with..."

I would also like to thank Ivor Hopkyns who retires as the Scene's Adman/Treasurer after 25years (!) and welcome Oonagh O'Neill who steps into his shoes.... (more about this on page 9)

Thought for the month:

"So bye, bye, Miss American Pie

Drove my Chevy to the levee but the levee was dry"

Don Maclean



LETTERS AND NOTICES

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY!!

The results of the **July** lottery drawn by Norman and Mary Nash are...

1st prize - Issi George - £68

2nd prize - David Allen - £40.80

3rd prize - Amanda Ransom - £27.20

August results drawn by David and Amy Brace

1st prize - Nic Durrant - £68

2nd prize - Alex Hilton - £40.80

3rd prize - Petina Godman - £27.20

VISITING CAT

On late evenings and early mornings, a large friendly ginger cat comes into our kitchen via the catflap. He is fluffy and has white fur on his paws, bib and at the end of his very long tail. We think that he must have a good home in Sibford Gower and would be interested to know of the owner/s. If you recognise the description, please ring 780391



LETTERS AND NOTICES

Holy Trinity Church, Sibford The Great Sibfords Photographic Competition. THE RESULTS

The date for the Photographic Exhibition will be held on Saturday 4th September 10 am – 4pm when the twelve finalists photographs will be on display with a chance for visitors to vote on the day for the Peoples' Choice; the winning photograph will receive of a prize of Sunday Lunch for two at the Wykham Arms. There will also be a chance to see all the entries on a rolling digital display with refreshments available. **It is intended to have the calendars on Sale on the 4th September;** please don't buy the Countryfile calendar until you have seen ours.

Barbara Foster. Churchwarden

Live Music

Would anyone be interested in meeting one evening per week to play some acoustic music with the view to forming a group for live performance? Night of the week, time and location to be discussed but will be within the Sibfords or Burdrop .

If any vocalists or instrumentalists are interested, please contact Adrian on 01295 788690 or 07960967344..

BOTTLE BANK

When the bottle banks are full users should take their empty bottles to another bank (Wykham Arms, Alkerton etc) Dumping bottles at the base of the banks is potential dangerous and can be classed as fly tipping.

Also would users take their cardboard boxes and carrier bags home with them not dump them behind the bottle banks or jam them in between.





LETTERS AND NOTICES

Cornish Cream Tea Party

We would like to thank everyone who came, in unexpectedly good weather, to our Cornish Cream Tea Party, on 25th July. The Grand Total raised for Holy Trinity Church was **£388**. A marvellous amount, which would not have been possible without the help of so many people. Barbara Foster's event shelter, erected with the help of Tom West and the BT man! The dismantling being aided by David Gill. Alan Berks and Lee for so kindly emptying our loft of all the 'garden bits'. Jan and Clive Warner for their stalwart help with the entrance arrangements and the raffle. Evey Boughton and Barbara for making all those lovely preserves, and not least, all the people who so kindly made cakes, and those who made such generous cash donations. It was a wonderful community effort all round.

Thank you all so much. Eleanor and Brian Joynes

Parking outside the Manor, Sibford Ferris

It is becoming increasingly difficult for traffic, especially farm vehicles, to get past the Manor in Sibford Ferris. There are often 10 cars or vans parked there regularly and I gather that most of them belong to the Manor development. Since all the Manor properties have garages and parking spaces within the estate, it would help traffic flow through the village if they were used.

Helen Lamb

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Our popular **BOOK SWAP SATURDAYS** are continuing with the following dates- September 25th; October 23rd; November 29th; December 18th. Usually held in the small hall. Tea/Coffee and cakes available. Come and have a drink and a chat whilst you browse the books. We have a good selection to suit all ages and tastes. No charge , but donations accepted towards Village Hall funds. Cards will be available to buy. 10am until 12 midday

HALL HIRE

Most of our regular groups have restarted again now, thank goodness. We still have some Covid advice in place to help keep you all safe, so please respect others and remain careful.

Hand washing and/or sanitising is still a priority , and do keep space around you whenever possible, and open the windows for ventilation. If you want to chat after an event, do it in the fresh air!

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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

GOODBYE TO IVOR AND HELLO TO OONAGH!

Many thanks to Ivor for looking after the finances and advertising for the Sibford Scene for the past 25 years! He thought he might be entitled to a final salary pension until I pointed out that he didn't receive a salary!

He took over from Ray Henbry in 1996 and has now happily handed over this responsibility to Oonagh Garnham. Welcome Oonagh!

Ed



THE HANDOVER!!!

AND A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OONAGH.....

My husband Martin and I moved to Sibford Ferris in March 2014 having lived in London, New York and Sydney. I moved to the UK in 1988 from Dublin, having grown up in Cork which is in the south west of Ireland. We run a self catering holiday cottage in Sibford Ferris and are involved with The Fielding Club (Wednesday lunch club). Having both grown up in the countryside we enjoy long walks and the stunning scenery all around this beautiful part of the country. Looking forward to my new role as Treasurer and Advertising Manager!

Oonagh

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SUNDAY SMALLHOLDING

I have just checked the calendar and 15 days remain during which I eat and drink only home/locally produced food. What will change after the year has been completed? I have been asked this question enough times that I should by now have an answer. Not a great deal I expect. I have been very comfortable eating a seasonal diet. I have not felt hungry nor bored of the food choices. Last night's dinner was courgettes fried in butter made using cream from The North Cotswold Dairy (next to Wyatts) with onions, garlic, tomato and basil alongside some Maris Bard 2nd early potatoes. This is a popular dinner for me this month and every serving is mouthwatering; who could want for anything more?

Having said that...The Indian Queen is booked for a celebratory sensory stimulating Spice Fest! I joke about going for a curry and I will enjoy visiting a cafe, but really there is not much more I need.

The new crop grown in the veg plot this year was soya. The pods, around 4 to 5 to each plant, contained approximately 5 small bright green beans. Most of my plants grew well in the plot having been started off in the greenhouse but only two made it to harvest as the plants were very popular with pests that come out in the night. I had become concerned about the damage growing soya for human consumption was doing to the planet, only to find that 80% of the world's soya crop is used in the production of animal feed. There is a lot to research about soya, from husbandry to environmental issues but, as with all the food I buy in the future, I will be paying more attention to its provenance and transportation.

Chickens

Disaster struck in the chicken pen in the form of the tiny bug Red Mite (*dermanyssus gallinae*). The class it belongs to is Arachnida...a spider mite - but is so incredibly tiny that I could not check it had 8 legs! These mites have been multiplying in my chicken houses and en-mass have killed three chickens. I had heard about red mites attacking chickens but had not been vigilant enough to spot the population increase. The entire flock has been treated with a mite pesticide and all the houses are being thoroughly cleaned and creosoted. Total eradication is almost impossible and so regular observation of the mites at night (when they feed) from now on is essential.

SUNEDAY SMALLHOLDING

Goats

The egg round has been going well; Alan carried 9 dozen last Friday which is a record load. He not only knows which houses we stop at but also who has the best tasting ivy on their walls. Boris, now just three months old, happily trots alongside Alan, easily covering the two and a half mile round trip. The goats are enjoying homegrown hay. On July 12th I started cutting the long grass strip behind the animal pens with my strimmer. The forecast was for 5 to 10 days of excellent haymaking weather, well it took three days to get it all cut. Then it simply lay out on the ground and baked in the heatwave. When I could walk amongst it and hear the dried grass crackling under my feet I knew it was ready. I collected up all the hay with a wheelbarrow and grass rake and began to build the haystack. Such peaceful and satisfying work. The goats have been eating it now for a couple of weeks and I estimate it will run out in another couple of weeks...and then I'll have to buy some in.

Apple Day will be on Saturday 30th October. The main aim of the day is to press and bottle as much apple juice as possible. We will once again run the Windfall Cafe and so even if you don't have any apples that need juicing you would be very welcome to come down and enjoy a drink and some cake or savoury snack and spend some time around the animals or have a sniff in the soap shop. No doubt there will be more information in the October Scene, or please contact me 07891 249526 or sue5595@aol.com.

Wooden Sunday Sign

So many people comment on the sign I have which stands on the small piece of grass to the north west of the bungalow. This is a complete slice of a leylandii trunk that was felled in the garden. I wanted to turn the trunk stump into a plinth for a table. Local forester John Napier built the table for me and in doing so sliced this section of trunk which, when it was stood up, looked (to me) just like a goat's head. I have heard suggestions of other animals it looks more like, but I just ignore them. The beautiful lettering was carved by Mike Spring (LETTERCARVE.com) and I think it's awesome!

Sue Sabin



Explore Sibford School at an upcoming Open Event

Sibford School is delighted to be opening its doors once again for a series of whole school open mornings from September.

Sibford School open mornings will be held from 9.45am –12pm on Friday 10th September, Friday 1st October and Friday 12th November. These events will offer the opportunity to talk to staff, meet current parents and take a tour of the school with student guides.

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.

'If you are interested in entry for September 2022 or before, we encourage you to come along and learn more about what we offer here at Sibford. We also have scholarships and bursaries available.'

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.

Year 7 entry days for a September 2022 start will take place in January 2022, so don't miss out and book your place at an open morning today. Please note that booking is essential: www.sibfordschool.co.uk/events, or call Elspeth Dyer, Admissions Officer on 01295 781 203.

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NATURE NOTES

Caroline Long reported that for the second year running her bee house which had almost 100% occupancy had been raided and almost totally destroyed. The most likely culprit seems to be a woodpecker looking for grubs.

Caroline and many others have also noted that it has been a good year for the brightly coloured Scarlet Tiger moths which are often seen in the basking in the sunshine. This is a species that is on the increase in the UK.

I have been told that a Hedgehog was seen in Sibford Ferris in early August. A large, healthy-looking adult. As far as I am aware this is the first sighting in the area for many years.

We have quite a few Bank Voles in our garden often seen feeding on the bird food under the feeders. One individual has now managed to jump onto a feeder from the surrounding bushes.

There is a family of moths called Clearwings. Their wings are sometimes likened to stained-glass windows. They are day flying and very rarely seen. However, recently artificial pheromones have been developed that mimic the chemicals released by the female moths to attract the male. I decided to give these lures a try this year and to my amazement between June and early August had recorded 6 species in the garden and one more elsewhere in the area. My favourite was the Lunar Hornet Moth which as the name suggests is a Hornet mimic. I decided that I would have a final try with one of the lures and managed to catch a Raspberry Clearwing never before recorded in Oxfordshire!

Please send contributions to the next Nature Notes to ajnewbold88@gmail.com

Andy and Gill Newbold



Lunar Hornet Moth



Raspberry Clearwing



HORTI SOCIETY

Despite the fact that the summer show was unable to take place again this year, it was a relief to see that some things have returned to normal. Thanks to all who opened their gardens in aid of the NGS and to everyone who turned up to support the event. We raised a staggering £4,000 in aid of NGS charities including a mammoth plant sale contribution thanks to Sue Bannister. We also had a very successful balmy summer evening visit to Rousham gardens, one of the few remaining William Kent designed gardens, on July 14, and to Ashwood nurseries on July 22 when, despite the heat, no one expired and most of us managed to find at least one essential plant to bring back. Look out for the Horti stand on September 18th at The Sibford Extravaganza in the village hall. We can tell you all about our (reasonably priced) membership and give you info on next year's fixtures. We plan to resume our lecture programme on October 13th with a talk by Martin Gascogne-Pees on local butterflies and how to attract them to our gardens but more of that in the October issue.

Please send all Horti society enquiries to Diana_thompson@btinternet.com



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Sibford Friendship Club met on Aug 17th for the first time in nearly 18 months. It was a great afternoon to celebrate getting together again AND a birthday for one of our members, Many Happy Returns to Beryl. The Clubs thanks Miss T for the wonderful spread.

There will be a trip on Tuesday Sept 21st to Cirencester Garden Centre, (covid permitting)

Anyone wishing to join us, please contact trip sec.on 263460.

Eveline Boughton



In Your Garden - September

It has been a difficult summer for gardeners. We had a cruel frost in April, that blackened the blossoms on fruit trees, and my lovely large magnolia tree. Followed by endless rain, flooded streets, sodden plants, then came the most extreme heat our poor plants have ever suffered from. All of this made the plants shoot up to be tall and lanky before I had even managed to put in stakes and supports. Disasters! But I will stop moaning, because the borders were wonderfully colourful in the end, even if they were growing at rather wonky angles, and leaning on each other for support. So - jobs, jobs, jobs for you:-

1. Keep deadheading is the most important thing to do. That will keep roses, dahlias, penstemons, and phlox flowering for as long as they can, but leave some seed heads on for the birds.

2. It seems far too early to think about Christmas, but if you want bowls of hyacinths in the house, or to give away as presents, they should be planted this month, and put away in a shed covered up with a black sack, until they are up about an inch, then put them in the light. Do not over water them - they only need a sip now and then.

3. Bulb catalogues are whizzing through the letterbox now, so get ordering all your treasures. Indulge yourself - it has been a difficult year. A garden stuffed with spring flowers is a splendid tonic for reviving your spirits. But do not plant tulips until beginning of November. I will remind you!

4. Climbing roses are sending out long new shoots. Time to tie them in as horizontally as you can, and cut out any old or dead shoots at the base. Any long wispy shoots on wisteria must be lopped off at once.

5. Salvias are coming on to their peak flowering, and they are the most useful, colourful plants for popping in to spaces, and their perfumed leaves are delicious when you scrunch them up and sniff 'em. Not all are hardy, so take loads of cuttings, and keep some safely in pots over the winter.

6. Whilst the soil is still warm you can still sow rocket, lambs lettuce and salad leaves to keep your salads going. And dig up your potatoes now.

7. If your lawn suffered in the heatwave, and the August rain hasn't quite sorted it out, a bit of autumn lawn feed will cheer it up. Do not cut the grass too short.

8. My pot plants are looking tired, and I rather forgot to give them a dose of tomato feed. Everything that is flowering needs feeding regularly, even me - though I must admit I'm not exactly blossoming this morning.

9. When your perennials have finished flowering, they can be divided, and moved, particularly if they were getting too close to other plants. It is very easy for borders to get too crowded if, like me, you have such a passion for plants, and need another acre or two.

10. Trimming. Time to go round with the shears, and trim hedges, lavender, lawn edges particularly. Even if the borders are getting a bit straggly, every thing looks better for a trim. We know that girls, don't we. Ring the hairdresser.

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



SIBFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Sibfords History Society

We are happy to be able to resume our face-to-face talks. On Thursday, 16th September, Martin Sirot-Smith will be telling us, in his inimitable way, about 'Life in Tudor Times'. Those who remember his talk on George Washington and Sulgrave Manor will know that it will be a lively event!

We are changing the timing of our meetings: talks will begin at 7.30pm, which means that the Village Hall doors open at 7.15pm. We are asking you to bring £3 per person; this will include refreshments, which we are now allowed to serve again.

Come and see our stall at the Village Showcase on September 18th. We'll be showing you a selection of talks, outings and photos from social evenings from the past and letting you know what we plan for the future, as well as telling you about the research some committee members have been doing. Diana Hughes



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WALKING DATES

6th Sept; 20th Sept' 4th October; 18th October (TBC)

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Dogs welcome provided they are put on leads when requested. Walking boots and poles recommended but not compulsory. (Some routes include stiles).

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Sue Bannister

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

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

Services at the church in September: 5th 10am Holy Communion,
12th 8am Holy Communion, 9.30am Morning Praise service,
19th 9.30am Holy Communion,
26th 11am **HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE**

Every Wednesday at 9am there is a short (30mins) morning prayer service in church. An opportunity to begin the day with some quiet time and reflection. Also, on a Wednesday evening at 6pm, we have an online zoom service for 25 minutes. If you would like more details and to receive the log in just be in touch with Revd Neil.

Sibford Photography Club

Sibford Photography Club is an informal group with a shared interest in photography. Activities include instructive presentations and regular photo topics with the resulting images presented and discussed at meetings (face to face or virtual).

It was a pleasure on 27th July to once again be able to meet face-to-face in the Village Hall. Even better, we were treated to a fascinating talk by local photographer, Jane Stillwell, explaining the path of her photographic journey from her early days using film and photographic paper right through to her currently favoured style, creative abstraction. She showed us many beautiful prints illustrating the different stages of her journey. After her talk, we viewed and discussed the members' black and white images, which were of a very high standard.

Our photo topic in August was 'Modes of Transport', so at our meeting on 31st August, we viewed our pictures for members to make constructive comments on them.

On 28th September, we will have a practical session on the basics of studio photography led by James Hayward, Creative Director of Pixel Barn Studios. We will also be viewing members' images on the monthly photo topic of 'Hidden Treasures'.

Amongst our other activities are outdoor photoshoots, for example walking round the Sibfords finding photo opportunities or visiting a local nature reserve. In the future, we 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 or phone 01295 780357.

Adderbury, Deddington & District Photographic Society Annual Exhibition

This will be held at the Adderbury Institute on Saturday, September 25th between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm? There will be a wide range of excellent photographs on display including one of my own:



"Tree Peony" by Colin Lamb

SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

It is a while since the Sibford Ferris Parish Council posted an article on the S106 payments related to the Hook Norton Road development. We stated that there looked to be some anomalies and we planned to raise these with Cherwell District Council (CDC). We have received an update and below are the main points. The Parish Council have asked CDC to revise the current document, remove named parties and when completed engage with the community and landowner (Gade Homes) to agree best and most appropriate use of the available payments to benefit the Sibford Community.

Key points from CDC response:

- The current S106 was created very quickly and with limited time prior to the planning appeal.
- There is a legal method to alter the S106 document but the payment categories can not be changed.
- An updated document could remove the currently named payment beneficiaries and allow CDC to consult the community and land owner to agree maximum benefit from payments awarded.

For further information please contact the Sibford Ferris Parish Clerk or Councillors.

The Parish Clerk can be contacted by e-mail: sfpc@thesibfords.org.uk or telephone: 07419 126206



WHAT WE'RE READING.....



Sibford Church Family

**Bring and Share
HARVEST SUPPER**

Sibford Village Hall at 6 p.m.

Saturday 25th September 2021



To conclude the successful gathering of the Harvest for another year we would like to invite all villagers and their families to come together to celebrate the hard work of our local farmers with a Bring and Share Harvest Supper in the Village Hall at 6 p.m. on Saturday 25th September.

The evening will give us a chance to meet with friends and neighbours to enjoy a relaxed, sociable time together with fun for children and families. As seating is limited and so that we can prepare for you all please contact:

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DID YOU KNOW?

Following the piece last month about the plaque sculpted by Frank Lascelles in memory of his mother, Isabella Stevens, some readers might like to know a little more about our famous villager.

Lascelles, as Pageant Master to Queen Victoria, became known as the 'Man who staged the Empire'. His artistry inspired both participants and audiences at all his Pageants. They were held in different parts of the Empire including India, South Africa and Canada as well as many major cities in England. He overcame great difficulties to create harmony between different races and creeds. His work inspired greatness, loyalty and patriotism in those who came to take part or to watch. He was the master of colour and movement and a marvellous manager of great crowds. Thousands of local people took part in his pageants. He used nature and space as his stage enabling thousands throughout the Empire to see the colour and beauty of their heritage.



In 1924 the British Empire Pageant was staged at Wembley as part of the the Festival of Empire. It had a cast of 15,000 people, 300 horses, 500 donkeys, 730 camels, 72 monkeys, 1000 doves, seven elephants, three bears and one macaw. It took three days to see the whole performance. There was an orchestra of over a hundred musicians selected from three London orchestras. The large choir was selected from local choral societies, who gave their services free.

Margaret Baxter, who was Mistress of the Robes for the Australian Scenes wrote this about Frank Lascelles, 'His skilful and magical handling and blending chaotic crowds of men, women and children of every race and clan and creed, who responded to his extraordinary vital personality in a way that is indescribable.'

He was a man of unique and varied gifts. An old friend of many years, Sir George Frampton, said of him 'Lascelles should have been the greatest sculptor of his day.' Some of his subjects included The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, Earl Grey and the Aga Khan. Painters have said he might also have been one of the greatest painters of his time. Sir Herbert Tree said that the country had stolen Frank Lascelles from the theatrical profession where he would have worn the mantle of Betterton, Garrick, and Irving.¹

In spite of the acclamation and affection of thousands of various classes and race, Frank Lascelles remained a true artist. His passions were those of an artist, his soul's home was in the atmosphere to be found in Florence. In the tower of his home in the Manor, Sibford Gower, overlooking distant hills or among the scent of roses in his flower garden he reached the atmosphere of his beloved medieval Italy.

Although his courteous, overwhelming enthusiasm affected thousands, each Pageant was just a passing show and his theatrical work has not lasted through the ages. The Millennium Pageant performed in the Sibfords by the villagers in 2000, focussed our thoughts on our rich, rural heritage and all those who took part in any way hoped that the greatest Pageant Master of all time would have enjoyed our tribute to him.

Maureen Hicks

¹Thomas Patrick Betterton, 1635-1710, was a leading male actor and theatre manager in Restoration England. David Garrick was an English actor, playwright, theatre manager and producer throughout the 18th century. Sir Henry Irving, 1835-1905, was a Victorian stage actor and manager who supervised sets, lighting, direction and casting as well as playing leading roles.

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Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?

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This beautiful beginning of possibly his most famous sonnet, Shakespeare not only captures, I'd suggest, the beauty that comes to us in a Summer's day, but also the very essence of human love so clearly and so succinctly. That even though the world around us might change and even when there comes the moment of not seeing someone we love any more, even in those moments, the love we have for others goes on.

As I write this letter, we are beginning to see a new pattern of social and village life opening up and the reality of a new 'normality' is gradually beginning to emerge. But even if the uncertainties continue we are assured that a time will come, when we will hopefully once again be able to do all the things we did before. That is because as a Christian I believe, as it says in St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians;

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures of things. 1 Cor. 13:7

Individually and together as a community, we are also assured I believe that whatever might be happening in our lives and in the World, we have God's unconditional love to hold us and strengthen us, through whatever we might be going through. Because as it says in 1 John 4:7,

God is love, and those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.

Whatever Summer might have already brought and might still bring for us, let us give thanks for the joy and love that people bring into our lives, be it through our families or our friends, be it through doing the things we enjoy doing, as well as the beauty of the countryside around us.

It has been wonderful to once again to be able to celebrate weddings and Christenings in the churches across our Benefice and if you or someone in your family might be thinking of arranging one these services in our village churches then do be in touch. I've also had great joy in the past arranging wedding blessings and thanksgivings for the birth of a child, as well as the renewal of wedding vows as part of a big anniversary. All of these great celebrations make visible the presence of God's eternal love.

Love & prayers, Revd Neil, Rector Tel: 788005

HOOK NORTON GARDENS

Gardens will be opening on **Saturday 4th, and Sunday 5th September**, from 2 to 5 p.m. Tickets and maps of where to find the gardens, will be on sale at the Hooky village shop, and at the Church. They are raising money for the village primary school, the Church and Katherine House. There will, of course be delicious teas, and the tickets, with maps, will cost £6, per adult, cash only. Children under 16 will go free.



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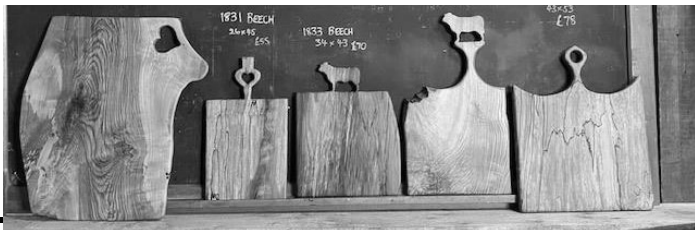
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HELP WANTED = DO YOU HAVE WEB DESIGN EXPERIENCE?

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We look forward to welcoming everyone.



5 MINUTES WITH.....

I'm delighted to bring back this regular feature and to re-start we have Eleanor Brace!!!!

1. Who are you and where do you live?

My name is Eleanor and I live in Burdrop. I'm 5.

2. What's great about living in Sibford?

Everyone is really friendly. I like the village hall because it's flat so I can ride my scooter and bike there.

3. What is your favourite food?

Lasagne and chocolate ice cream with lots of sprinkles

4. What is your favourite animal?

I like hamsters and I hope that I can keep one as a pet one day

5. What do you want to be when you're grown up?

I want to be a firefighter, an architect, a cafe owner, a rockstar and a babysitter.

6. What is your favourite subject at school?

Sports because I really like sports day, it's really fun. We get to do lots of different races.

7. What do you like to do in your spare time?

I like to make little models of houses and I like to get outside and play.

8. If you had superpowers what would they be?

They would be flying and laser eyes and digging power. I'd use them to beat the baddies.

9. If you could change anything about the world what would you change?

I would stop people using plastic and I would also make people plant more trees.

10. What are you most proud of?

When I rode 5 miles on my bike. I fell off my bike and hurt my knee but I kept on going.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 1st - Ladies Coffee Club - Wykham Arms: 11am
3rd - Mens Brunch - Gate Hangs High: 1130am
4th - Photographic Exhibition - Church: 10am -4pm
4/5th - Hoook Norn Gardens Open - 2-5pm
11th - 'Ride & Stride' - See page 22 for details
16th - SHS - "Life in the Tudor Times" - Village Hall: 730pm
18th - Village Showcase and Extravaganza - Village Hall:2pm onwards
21st - Friendship Club - Cirencester Garden Centre trip -See page 16 for details
25th - Harvest Supper - Village Hall:630pm
26th - Harvst Festival - Church: 11am
28th - Photography Club - Practical Talk - Village Hall

SEPTEMBER BIN COLLECTIONS

- Green Tuesday: 14th; 28th
Blue/Brown Tuesday: 7th; 21st

Unwanted clothing and shoes may be recycled anytime at the Textiles/ Recycling Bank at Sibford School Swimming Pool. Bottle banks at Sibford Ferris: Elm crossroads and Sibford Gower: Wykham Arms car park.

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