

SIBFORD SCENE
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Number 437



The Stationery has arrived!



Thank you to everyone who so kindly and generously donated stationery for our collection for children in Malawi. Ella and I were so overwhelmed by your kindness. We are excited to let you all know that the stationery arrived, finally! We chose 2 rural schools which we found via various contacts. It was especially rewarding because neither of the schools are supported by any other charities. Ella and I would really like to thank Sarah Miller and Loan Planet, without whom we could never have got the stationery to Malawi. Sarah generously paid for the courier.

The schools were taken aback by the large gift of stationery. Some of what they wrote includes;'this gift will motivate both teachers and learners. Thanks a lot for this gift. May you extend my thanksgiving to Olivia and Ella for making this possible and Sarah for providing transport money to let the package get us here in Malawi. We don't take this for granted. You have shown that you have great love with teachers and learners of the school and even Malawians at large because this will be in the history of the school.' 'May God bless you, Olivia, Ella, Sarah and the community members to allow Olivia and Ella to collect the stationery from them.'

Because of the schools touching response, we have decided to do another collection at the start of this school year in September. We will also be looking for transport sponsorship. More to follow on collection points. Hope you enjoy the photos they sent us.

Olivia and Ella





ED'S THOUGHTS

Another great picture for the front cover! 'James, Lewis and Darcy' by Fiona Steane

It was nice to meet up with villagers at the Extravaganza on the 18th September and I hope to see many suggestions on what more should go into the Scene. Thankyou to you all!

Thought for the month:

"It's the honky tonk women

That gimme, gimme, gimme the honky tonk blues"

Jagger/Richards

In memory of Charlie Watts



LETTERS AND NOTICES

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY!!

Lottery winners this month picked by Kat and Harvey Davison

1st prize - Judy Hine - £68

2nd prize - Pat Warren - £40.80

3rd prize - Rachel Levell - £27.20

POPPY APPEAL.

This year we are able to have a house-to house collection as well as the usual static points in the schools, village shop, surgery etc. Please support this if you can to show our gratitude for the sacrifices so many people have made and continue to make for us all.

Peter Abbott

CORNISH CREAM TEA PARTY - JULY

I realized, to my horror, that in my thank you note of last month to all our helpers, I had neglected to mention Keith Hicks; who never fails to end on a happy note with his splendid winding up of the raffle.

Apologies, and thank you Keith.

Eleanor and Brian Joynes



LETTERS AND NOTICES

Hook Norton Community Energy Survey

Thankyou to all of you who contributed to the Hook Norton & Surrounding Villages Community Energy Survey run by Hook Norton Low Carbon

All the results are now being analysed independently & will appear in the November issue of the Scene.

Hugh Pidgeon



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Our popular **BOOK SWAP SATURDAYS** are continuing with the following dates - 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!

HALL BOOKINGS

Contact Ginny Bennett via the sibfords website or tel 01295 780373 or email

ginnybennett@googlemail.com

“THREE GENERATIONS AND THE 40TH GREAT NORTH RUN”.

On Sunday, the 12th September I was delighted to complete my 35th Great North Run in the company of my daughter Suzie Taylor and eldest grandson Henry Taylor (18) making his debut. The Great North Run has been a family affair since 1984, Suzie and brother Jon had taken part in the Junior Great North Runs in the 80's before graduating to the main event in the 90's and Ginny too was pleased to take to the roads on no less than 10 occasions.

For several years I have had had a dream of Henry joining us, sadly, frustration in 2020 as a result of the pandemic, the event was cancelled. This year, the dream came to fruition with the three generations taking their place in the White Wave of 10's of thousands competitors. A cool but dry start with a double fly pass from the Red Arrows, much encouragement from spectators along the route, bands at regular intervals playing a range of music. The last 3 miles were testing, instead of the sea front at South Shields, it was generally inclines to be taken, nevertheless running through the City Centre was a new experience and with Ginny greeting us at Grey's Monument, we were pleased to cross the finishing line together in 2H 23M 17S and a placing of 19,360.

It would be remiss of me not to record my thanks to many people in the villages for their support in the course of my early morning training runs in recent weeks, horns, waves have been a great help and in particular it was pleasing to learn of plans by fellow competitors in the villages who were taking part in the event.

Most importantly, we were all running for charity, Suzie for SCOPE, Henry for CHILDREN WITH CANCER UK and in my case for MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION. Thank you for the generous support received to date. Sunday, the 12th September was a wonderful day, a memorable occasion and we all hope to be on the starting line on Sunday, the 11th September 2022!

David Bennett T:-01295 780373 [E:-dbennett77@googlemail.com](mailto:dbennett77@googlemail.com)



CHURCH SERVICES

Quakers	Sibford Gower, Sunday, 10.30 am
Roman Catholic	Brailes, Saturday, 5pm; Shipston, Sunday 9am
	Kineton, Sunday 11am
Baptist	Hook Norton, Sunday, 10.30 am

HELP WANTED = DO YOU HAVE WEB DESIGN EXPERIENCE?

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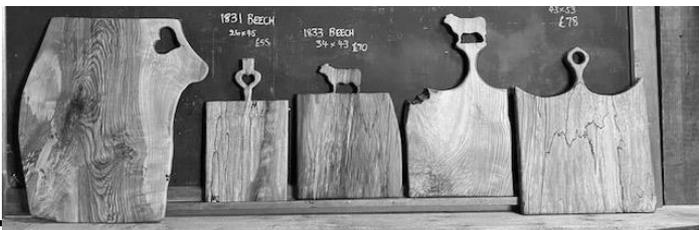
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NATURE NOTES

As well as frequent sightings of groups of native Roe Deer individuals of the introduced Muntjac are now often seen in the area.

This year there seem to be more caterpillars than ever of the Large White Butterfly on my Brassicas. In some years wasps have kept them under control but this year that is certainly not the case. I have the feeling that there may be fewer wasps around this year although I have seen plenty of Hornets.

As many of the summer flowers are reaching the end of their flowering season Ivy blossom becomes an increasingly important source of food for many pollinating insects. The blossoms are often covered in an impressive variety of insects on a sunny day and at night will be visited by quite a few types of Autumn flying moths.

Several people have commented that it has been a good year for Dragonflies. Garden ponds will provide a home for these magnificent insects along with much other wildlife. It is thought that several species of Dragonfly are extending their range northwards probably as a result of climate change.

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

Andy and Gill Newbold



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SUNEDAY SMALLHOLDING

As I write this update, I am able to look up from the page and gaze out at the Bristol channel from the loveliness that is Lundy. I am spending a week on the island helping with a bird-ringing study. Notable birds so far, a Redstart, Common Rosefinch, a Knot, and a juvenile Manx Shearwater that was found wandering in the men's toilet!

Apple Day at Sunday Smallholding

Saturday 30 October 10am - 4pm

The aim of the day is to turn lots of apples into juice, or cider, allowing our village community to celebrate the harvest and lay down stores for winter.

The idea is that during the week of 20 October, as many apples as possible will be dropped off at The Brambles, Woodway Road, **unwashed** (to preserve natural yeast) but clear of leaves and mud. Towards the end of the week, the apples will be scrapped (cut up) by our teams of scratters in preparation for the mass pressing on the 30th. From 10am on the 30th, you are invited to bring bottles/ jugs/ buckets to take your juice home in. There will be a bottling charge of 20p/litre. We will endeavour to use your apples for your juice...

Apple juice can be pasteurised at home by heating it to 75 degrees c. for 20 minutes. The juice will then store well for the coming year. Unpasteurised apple juice can be turned into cider simply by leaving it to ferment in a demi-john (I have some you can borrow) with an air-lock. Advice will be on hand from experts on the day.

The understanding is that 'many hands make light work', but we are also aware that 'too many cooks spoil the broth' so please bear with us and let's see how it goes.

THE WINDFALL CAFE will be up and running from 10am selling hot and cold drinks and savouries. The profits from the cafe will be used to buy animal feed. Visitors are very welcome to come along just for the cafe, or simply to see the animals or to help with apply pressing. This event will go ahead regardless of the weather, but if it is raining the animals will sensibly be hiding in their shelters.

Sue Sabin



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It is so lovely to be back at school with no bubbles in place and the children able to eat, play and celebrate assemblies together. These simple things make such a difference and really contribute to what it means to be a school.

The children have settled quickly into the new term, whether their teachers are familiar or knew to them, and school feels a very happy place to be.

Staff in the new EYFS Unit have welcomed our first nursery children too. They are an absolute delight and we look forward to welcoming more nursery children across the school year. Our next admission point is the beginning of the Spring

Term for children who have reached the age of three. For more information about this facility, and how to apply for a place, please look on our school website at <http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk/nursery-provision.html> or call the school office during term time.



Weeding is fun with Mrs Evans!



Exploring water in the outdoor area



Playing in the 'mud kitchen'



Printing with colours and shapes

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/>

Explore Sibford School at a Whole School Open Event

Don't miss your chance to attend a Sibford School open morning on Friday 12th November. Our other Autumn open events are now fully booked so book your place today.

This event 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 today online at www.sibfordschool.co.uk/events, or call Elspeth Dyer, Admissions Officer on 01295 781 203.

October half term holiday club

Book your children in for a multi-activity holiday camp at Sibford School during the October half term. For ages 3 - 14, Fun in the Country with Active Camps will provide over 40 activities including multi sports, arts & crafts, sessions on the climbing wall, swimming, drama, dance and much more! Click here to book your place:

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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Scamdemic - a wave of texting fraud is hitting the UK. Here are 5 of the favourite scams:

1. **Fake Covid information.** Texts offering Covid-19 financial support or warning of fines for breaking local restrictions.
2. **Pay for a vaccination.** A fake NHS text inviting you to register for your jab.
3. **Track a missed parcel.** Fake Hermes delivery tracking and fake missed delivery notification.
4. **Fake test and trace.** A link will ask you personal information and bank details.
5. **A fraudulent friend.** You receive an SMS text with a six-digit WhatsApp code. A scammer is on the end of it!

These are all very convincing scams. Just be a little cautious. If you believe you are the victim of a scam, report it to Action Fraud, 'actionfraud.police.uk'. Suspicious texts should be forwarded free of charge to 7726 - this reports the message to the mobile operator to investigate, and is how such activity gets shut down. If you have been affected, contact 'thecyberhelpline.com.' a volunteer organisation which helps victims of crime.

Peter Hine Sibford and Burdrop neighbourhood watch. 788830



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club is still around, so please keep in touch with each other. We hope we will be able to have a Christmas Party of some sort. So keep your fingers crossed

Keep safe everyone

Evey Boughton



HORTI SOCIETY

Our Horti Autumn Programme opens with a talk from Martin Gascoigne-Pees on Sibford Butterflies and how to attract them to our gardens. This will take place on Wednesday 13th October at the village hall at 7.30pm and teas and coffees will be served before the talk so do come along from 7.00pm if you would like to have time to greet gardening friends and enjoy light refreshment.

Our **Spring Show 2022** will be taking place on Saturday 21st May at the village hall, from 2.30 - 4.00pm. Here is an early posting of the schedule so that you can start creating, snapping and pondering right now.

Cookery Section B

1. Standard Victoria sponge with raspberry jam filling (6oz/175g mix)
2. Chocolate cake - recipe given
3. Quiche Lorraine.
4. Loaf of brown bread
5. 5 white rolls
6. 3 croissants
7. 5 oatcakes
8. 5 flapjacks
9. Apricot frangipani tart
10. Bara brith
11. 5 Shortbread biscuits
12. 7 inch diameter cake, any type, decorated to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee. (Decoration only judged)
13. Box of Honeycomb
14. Coffee cake (men only class) own recipe

Handicrafts

1. A piece of pottery
2. A patriotic apron
3. A hand knitted article
4. An item of cross stitch
5. A piece of metal or woodwork
6. A greeting card, including greeting! Made from any medium other than computer generated.
7. A piece of dough craft. Please state size
8. A handicraft exhibit
9. A handicraft exhibit - age 16 and under

Photography

1. Landscape/country scene
2. A season
3. -Doorways and entrances
4. Macro
5. Water
6. On the farm
7. The beauty of plants
8. A night photograph
9. My best selfie - print from a mobile phone
10. 4 related views mounted on one sheet and named
11. A black and white photo any size, one only
12. An enlargement - any subject (Max size A4, black and white or colour)
13. A painting or drawing
14. A painting or drawing - age 16 or under.

Section E Children's

4 and under

1. cotton bud painting
2. an edible bracelet
- 3a. garden flower arrangement in a jam jar
- 4a. decorated wooden spoon
5. 3 decorated digestive biscuits

5 to 8 years

6. a cotton bud painting
7. a decorated pair of wellies
8. a Posy in a jam jar
9. 4 colourful rice crispie cakes
10. a junk model vehicle
11. an edible necklace

9-13 years

12. write out and decorate a haiku poem
13. junk model of a windmill (with moving sails)
14. 4 chocolate muffins
15. photograph of an animal
16. an arrangement of garden flowers in an unusual container

Diana Thompson



In Your Garden - October

The berries in the hedgerows are red, the apples need picking, chutney needs making, and it is coming up to the time for bonfires. How I love a bonfire! As the day fades, standing around the fire, raking in the outside twigs and branches, hearing the crackle, and watching the sparks shoot up into the evening sky. And of course one must be careful of sleepy hedgehogs and thatched roofs. Gardens can still have loads of colour in autumn, apart from the glorious foliage in the trees, and dangling berries. If your borders are looking a bit dull this year, let me suggest some plants you could order, so that next autumn it will bloom and dazzle.

1. Phlox are great. They come in purples, blues, softer whites and vibrant pinks. The diva in the garden right now is an Aster called Alma Potschke (what a name), who belts out loud and is brilliant pink. If they are deadheaded and kept watered, they have a second flowering. Salvias have also been flowering for months now. Can't do without them.
2. Autumn flowering bulbs are indispensable. Nerines, colchicums and sterbergias suddenly appear. The latter grow in scrubby sparse hillsides and rockeries, and look rather like crocuses, but belong to the daffodill family. And they are very tough, grow anywhere except boggy soil. My colchicums grow in shade under a magnolia tree, along with cyclamen.
3. My favourite flowering shrub at the moment is caryopteris. Covered with bright blue flowers, fairly hardy, and cuttings take very easily - so worth doing every year, just in case. Hebes still look good, although some of mine got blasted by that late spring frost we had. They are recovering, and they take very easily from cuttings too.
4. A reminder. Did you do your bulb order? You can start planting now to have a glorious spring garden, but leave the tulips until the start of November, and plant them as deeply as you can.
5. If you are trimming hedges, leave the holly for now, as you may want some berries for Christmas, and the birds like them too.
6. When you are feeling full of energy, take all the plants out of the greenhouse, plonk them on a garden table, and spend the day cleaning the place out. Especially the spiders, who leave sticky nests under the staging. I take a radio outside with me, and blasting out cheerful music is quite invigorating, along with mugs of coffee, a Mars bar, cheesy biscuits, and when its all done, a glass of wine. You deserve it.
7. Rake up fallen leaves, and compost them. Avoid putting in weeds, and if your roses have had black spot this year - mine have - make sure the leaves do not go into the compost.



In Your Garden - October

8. Wallflowers, polyanthus and pansies are all coming into the garden centres, and I like having pots of colour and scent by the back door, and in the porch. Wallflowers go brilliantly in a tub with tulips flowering through them.

9. Best time of the year to plant new roses, trees and shrubs now, but keep them very well watered.

10 After we have the first frost, the dahlias will blacken. You can choose whether to leave them out for the winter, in which case cover them deeply with compost, wood chips, bracken, or anything else you can get hold of, or dig them up, clean them off, brush off the soil and leave them upside down to dry out for a bit in a frost free place. Then store them in a box covered with dry compost or sand, in a totally frost free place. I was so busy going on about flowers, I forgot to remind you that potatoes and carrots should be dug up by now. I have learned that planting carrots in soil that has been manured will produce carrots with extra legs, knobbly arms and grotesque, and sometimes rather rude shapes. So I am chopping mine up and making a big batch of carrot soup. Delicious for lunch, with a sprinkling of coriander on top.

Jupe Hitching

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4th October; 18th October (TBC); 1st November; 15th November

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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).

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

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Sue Bannister

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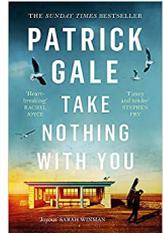
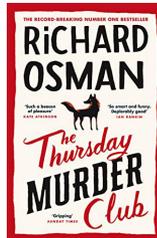
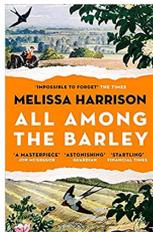
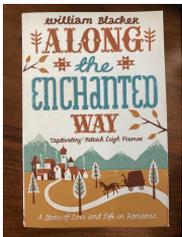
Gillian is well known to us for her very entertaining talks and we invite her to come back every year. She is a 16th Century History specialist and has worked at Hardwick Hall and lectures at Leicester and Oxford Universities.

Also, do keep the evening of 18th November free, as Professor John Wass will be giving us a talk on 'plagues,' comparing 1665 with 2020/21. He proposes to focus on the medical aspects of plague now and then.

Both talks will begin at 7.30pm. We ask you to bring £3 per person to pay at the door. Refreshments will be served. Doors open 7.15pm. Diana Hughes



WHAT WE'RE READING.....



FUN CORNER

There was a man name of Crocket

Who stuck his foot in a socket

Then along came a witch

Who turned on the switch

And Crockett went up like rocket

(boom boom!!!)



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October News

What's coming up later this autumn and into winter?

We may be most of the way through the year, but there are still plenty of ways to get involved and events to enjoy. Your support helps us to make every moment matter for local families living with a life-limiting illness. Below is news of just some of what's coming up in the next few months.

Make a Will Fortnight – 4-15 October

Our Make a Will event is back and this time it's running for two weeks. Between 4-15 October, a number of local solicitors have very generously agreed to waive their fee for writing or amending a basic will, and are instead asking for donations to Katharine House. Check our website for a list of participating solicitors and to find out how to make an appointment.

Blenheim Fun Run – 10 October

On 10 October, why not run, jog or simply take in the spectacular scenery at Blenheim Palace and raise money for Katharine House at the same time? To find out more about the event and how you can get a 20% discount on entry fee when fundraising for us, visit our website.

Oxford Half Marathon – 17 October

There's still time to sign up for the Oxford Half Marathon and represent Katharine House! Challenge yourself to complete the 13.1-mile route through the beautiful city of Oxford.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Mrs Isabella Hannah Stevens, 'Bell', was the wife of Rev Edward Stevens, who was vicar at Holy Trinity Sibford from 1874 -1898. Her husband wrote detailed diaries recording life in the Sibfords during his tenure and are available to read on the Sibford website. They had four children, Isabella Rosa, Harry, William (who died in infancy) and Frank. Their youngest son, Frank was a dreamer, writer, traveller, musician, sculptor, painter and lover of peace. While his mother lived and looked after her family in the Rectory (now The Old Rectory by the pond in Sibford Gower), Frank, after attending Sibford School, studied at Keeble College, Oxford and moved to London to act in drama productions. He mixed in theatrical, philanthropic and royal circles and was appointed Pageant Master to Queen Victoria.

His Pageants were performed all over the world and attracted large crowds of people both taking part and as spectators. He took on a flamboyant persona and when not conducting one of his dazzling pageants with casts of thousands, he loved to come to his home in Sibford Gower where, as 'Lord of the Manor' he enjoyed a lavish lifestyle entertaining his extravagant London friends. He was a familiar sight in the villages holding the reigns and driving his carriage pulled by his matched, white Arab ponies. He loved his garden and enjoyed painting and sculpture in his studio. When his mother Isabella died, he sculpted a memorial to her which is on the east wall, to the right of the altar in Holy Trinity Church. He lovingly chiselled the face of an elderly lady of tender grace looking out from a bower of roses on a mosaic background. Verses written by Tennyson feature below the sculpture. His skill as a sculptor were recognised by dignitaries of the day and other commissions included The Prince of Wales, The Duke of Connaught, Earl Grey and the Aga Khan.



Rev. Edward Stevens and his wife Isabella are both buried in a grave just outside the door at Holy Trinity Church and a bronze angel, sculpted by their son Frank in 1928, sits at the foot of the grave as a lasting memorial to his parents. Following his death in Brighton in 1934 Frank's ashes were interred in his parent's grave here in Sibford.

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LOCAL NEWS

25th Annual Tadmarton Charity Fun Ride – Sunday 22nd August

Having had weather warnings of torrential rain, high winds and thunderstorms, we were holding our breath for better weather – fortunately the inclement weather went through the day before – not so good for those of us putting the marquee up the evening before!

Our 10 mile route this year started at Swalcliffe Park Equestrian, meandered its way over to Traitor's Ford via Guy Wilson's field, which he kindly let us put a few jumps on, up Ditch Edge, along Begger's Lane, over a few footpaths, (thank you to The Epwell Trust, Basil Page and the Prickett family – especially Nigel for moving the donkeys!) to the Chandler's Arms at Epwell where a few drinks were had! Onward over the bridlepaths that cross Chillaway, Blenheim and Brakelands Farms and back to Swalcliffe for a spin around the Cross-Country course. There was a shorter route branching off from Ditch Edge, through Sibford and back to Swalcliffe Park Equestrian.

After expenses, we have been able to send £1500 to each of our charities, namely Thames Valley Air Ambulance and Frank Wise School. We have now raised over £74,000 in total over the past 25 years.

Many thanks to the farmers and land owners who allow us to cross their land that is not usually ridden and as always, a special thank you to Swalcliffe Park Equestrian for the ongoing use of their Cross-Country course.

Roll on 2022!

Sarah Wild & the Tadmarton Charity Fun Ride Committee

LOCAL MARKETS

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O hushed October morning mild,
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;
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Should waste them all.

The crows above the forest call;
Tomorrow they may form and go.

O hushed October morning mild,
Begin the hours of this day slow.
Make the day seem to us less brief.
Hearts not averse to being beguiled,
Beguile us in the way you know.
Release one leaf at break of day;
At noon release another leaf;
One from our trees, one far away.

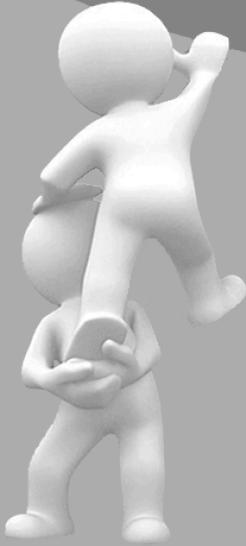
Dear friends,

The above opening of Robert Frost's poem, simply titled 'October', captures the essence of the changing season that we are about to embark upon. October is a time of change, as we travel towards the 30th October when Summer time ends and we put back our clocks an hour. Gone will be the days of long summer evenings as the night draws in. It also is a time when I have to remember to get my torch out, especially after the evening services and events in church. I've also become ever more aware of the thousands of leaves on the Sycamore tree directly opposite me here at the Rectory, knowing full well that autumn will also bring with it for me, a sweeping brush and lots of days of leaf collecting.

It was another poet, Emily Dickinson, who reflected upon time in her famous poem 'Forever is composed of nows,' in which it's suggested she presents the idea that every small moment is happening now and collectively adds up to 'forever' or a lifetime. When we think about time it might seem so intangible, almost impossible to define and yet the journey of our lives is being created out of the experiences that we have.

October and the beginning of November have been times, that across the generations, has been used to reflect and remember maybe not only those whom we continue to love but see no more, but also as well as of course those whom we remember on Remembrance Sunday on the 14th November.

So as we journey in our lives through time and the changing season of Autumn, let us individually and together not only be aware of the moments of the here and 'now' but also how they are formed together to build our lifetimes together in our villages and communities. Love and prayers, Revd Neil 78800



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This month we welcome **Tom and Sofia Dyson** from Delly End near Witney who have just moved into the manor house in Sibford Gower. One of their 2 daughters is studying for A levels and the other is on a gap year before university. They have a dog and look forward to becoming involved in village activities.



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OCTOBER

- 1st - Mens Brunch - Gate Hangs High: 1130am
- 4th - Womens Tour - Sibford Ferris - 1.45pm
- 6th - Ladies Coffee Club - Wykham Arms: 11am
- 13th - Horti Talk: 'Butterflies' - Village Hall 7.30pm
- 23rd - Book Swap - Village Hall 10am
- 28th - SHStalk: 'The Most Dissolute Man in London' - Village Hall 7.30pm

OCTOBER BIN COLLECTIONS

- Green Tuesday: 12th; 26th
- Blue/Brown Tuesday: 5th; 19th

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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