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ED'S THOUGHTS

I am reading 'Taste' by Stanley Tucci. It is sublime. If you love food, this is the book for you!

If anyone is celebrating Bonfire Night with fireworks, then please think of horses, dogs and cats and tell your neighbours in good time

Cover photo by Fiona Steane

Thought for the month:

"If you don't loosen up the buckle
On your heart heart and start to chuckle
You're gonna die of boredom,
Safety Joe"

John Prine



LETTERS AND NOTICES

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY!!

The winners of the October Village Lottery are

1st prize - Sue Tompkins

2nd prize - Jean Giles

3rd prize - Charles Glazebrook

The winning numbers were picked by Veronique Tyrrell and Fiona Steane

SCOUT GROUP LEADERS

The Sibford Scout Group needs more leaders to help support our thriving group of Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. Becoming a leader is immensely rewarding in developing young people to gain awards and badges. You don't have to be able to light fires or camp or climb, just be enthusiastic and want to be part of a team. Nor do you have to commit to help every week. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to find out more, please contact Ian Broome at ian.broome@btinternet.com.



LETTERS AND NOTICES

THE WOMENS' CYCLE RACE

The cyclists came through at great speed at the scheduled time, there was much encouragement from spectators, pupils from both the primary school and the Quaker School, the support teams and the Police force keeping everyone safe. The cyclists carried on through Broughton to Banbury before coming back through villages including Sibford culminating in finishing the race back at South Bar in Banbury . A memorable event .

Sue Lovatt



TO ALL GARDENERS AND GARDEN LOVERS

I am sure some of you will remember our Millenium open garden weekend in the summer of 2000.

A few of us walked round the Hook Norton open garden weekend last September.

It was such a lovely weekend that we thought we should do it again in the Sibfords and raise money at the same time for Holy Trinity church, Katharine House and possibly one other local cause.

Of course we cannot do this without opening our gardens. We'd like to hear from you if you are interested in opening your garden the 1st weekend in September 2022.

If you like further information please contact one of us. We look forward to hearing from you.

Marianne Allen 780151

Petra Berry 780462

Gillian Soden 780543

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

It is with regret that we feel we must cancel our annual Christmas Coffee Morning for yet another year, due to the continuing Covid problem. We hope for better times next year!

Eleanor and Brian Joynes



LETTERS AND NOTICES

A legacy for future generations

This is a follow up to my note in the last edition of the Sibford Scene thanking all of you who contributed to the independent Community Energy survey run by Hook Norton Low Carbon.

This was a "first step" consultation with the community in and around Hook Norton to establish what level of support there was for addressing climate change and larger scale community energy within the area where the benefits of the scheme would flow back into the local community.

HNLC was very keen not to develop any idea without clear support for the general concept from the local community.

An overwhelming majority of the respondents supported the community in taking an active role in tackling climate change, **92.6% (326)** and a similar percentage was in favour of some form of community owned community energy in **Hook Norton** benefitting the village and surrounding villages of **Wigginton, Swerford, Great Rollright, Sibfords** and **Whichford: 88.5% (346)**.

The excellent HNLC website carries a more detailed summary together with a frequently asked questions (FAQ) section: <https://www.hn-lc.org.uk/> under the heading 'Community Energy'. The site also carries a lot of information about the group's wider network memberships and wide-ranging activities which includes a newly established and well-resourced co-working centre, the Hooky Hub - an alternative to working at home without going into the office!

Hugh Pidgeon [hugh.pidgeon@collectiveintelligence.co.uk]

The **Mulberry Trust** would like to invite you to:

"The Climate Agenda after COP 26"

Sir Stephen Gomersall, former Ambassador to Japan and Director of a leading environmental engineering company, will share insights gained live from the Glasgow conference, and discuss how and whether the goal of "net zero carbon emissions" by 2050 can be achieved.

It will be an evening for listening, questioning and thinking with wine and nibbles to help the process.

Wednesday 1st December 2021 at 6.30pm

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Quiz Night is back! Doors open at 6.30pm, Quiz from 7pm - 10pm, Saturday 27th Nov

- Get your team together now and be ready to test your knowledge against our legendary Quizmasters Simon Chard and Adam Leyburn!
- Teams of up to 6 are welcome to enter. Entry is £10 per head, to include a hot supper.
- Please let us know of any Vegetarian /Vegan / Gluten free requirements in advance.
- Entries are in advance only. Team representatives should email their team name and number of people in advance, to Jo at joanneconnor@rocketmail.com
- Contact Jo as above for more information or on 07970483917

Book Swap Saturdays: 10am - 12pm, Saturday Nov 27th and Dec 18th

- Books for all ages and genres at this popular event.
- Come and have a drink and a chat in the Small Hall. Teas and coffees available.
- No charge, but donations welcome towards the Village Hall fund.

Village Hall AGM: 7.30pm, Wednesday 10th November

- Anyone from the village is welcome to attend our Annual General Meeting. At this year's meeting we will be reviewing the activities and events we have been able to host and looking forward to an exciting year in 2022.



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

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Village Hall Committee and Friends Group

- The Committee is a diverse group of individuals of all ages who each bring a unique mix of skills including experience in business, DIY, drama, finance, law, parenting, and teaching. We do have a space for a new committee member, so if you would like to find out more, please contact Charlotte Davies (Chair) on 07855 499172 or charandjas@icloud.com
- The Friends Group is run by Joan Broady and has been formed to support the Committee in holding events and looking after the Hall. If you have a little time and are looking for ways to be more involved in the village, we would love you to join us. Please contact Joan on 780410 or joanfbroady@gmail.com

Hall Hire

- Remember we still have some COVID guidance in place, so please continue to prioritise hand washing and sanitising, keeping space around you and opening windows to improve ventilation. It's also a good idea to chat with friends after an event by moving outside into the open air!

Hall Bookings

- We have preferential rates for village residents, only £10/hr (one hall); and £18/hr (both halls). Please use us for your next birthday party or for your community group. Contact Ginny: ginnybennett@googlemail.com or 780373 for more info.

Charlotte Davies

Filmnight update

Just to let you know that at the moment we are still not sure if or when we can restart our filmnights.

The filmnight is an initiative of Age UK but is funded by Cherwell District Council. AgeUK it is still waiting to hear whether the Council will fund it in the future.

We may have to look at other solutions how to fund the film license as it would be great to be able to show the films again.

Petra Berry



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).

Many thanks to member James Hayward for leading a basic studio session on 21st September, which gave attendees an opportunity to photograph objects in a controlled environment, with lighting and background used to enhance the image. We will review the resulting images in a subsequent meeting.

On 26th October, Carol Henson will give an illustrated talk on Photographing Concerts and Festivals. She has many years experience in photographing live music events, so as well as showing us some of her dynamic images, she will tell us about how she makes them, including the kit and settings she uses. We will also review members photos on the topic of "Hidden Treasures".

On 30th November, founder of the Sibford Photography Club, Colin Lamb LRPS, will give a talk about the process of selecting and presenting to assessors at the Royal Photographic Society the ten photographic prints that on 7th September earned him the distinction of Licentiate of the RPS. The Royal Photographic Society is an educational charity promoting both the art and science of photography. The RPS exists to educate the public, promote the highest standards of photography and encourage the public appreciation of photography. The RPS is one of the world's oldest photographic societies with continuous existence since 1853 and has a membership of over 11,000 photographers worldwide. Membership is open to all, irrespective of experience or knowledge. The RPS is situated in the photography hub at Paintworks, Bristol, UK.

Sibford Photography Club also hold outdoor photoshoots, for example walking round nearby villages finding photo opportunities or visiting local nature reserves. 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.

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NATURE NOTES

Chris and Sue Beach spotted a large Hare running across the Gade Homes field one afternoon. I assume this was before the building work got started. Eventually gardens may act as a better habitat than agricultural fields for some wildlife. Recent research has shown that bees have to travel shorter distances in towns than they do in rural areas to find nectar and pollen.

Some early morning walks looking for mushrooms, which have been in rather short supply so far this year, have been ideal for seeing spider's webs. On occasions there has been a complete blanket of web across the whole of the Sibford School playing fields as well as impressive webs hanging from dead grass stems.

The Roe Deer that I mentioned last month have now started visiting my vegetable plot to eat the leaves of Chard, Spinach and Beetroot.

Moth trapping in October yields reduced numbers of individuals and species but there is still a fantastic range of moths of different shapes, sizes and colours to be seen. Perhaps one of the most impressive is the Merveille du Jour camouflaged to blend in with lichen covered branches.

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

Andy and Gill Newbold



Merveille du Jour



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The autumn term continues to be successful at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School with special activities going on to support and enrich our curriculum. Willow Class and Oak Class welcomed visitors in from the Oxford Museum to run workshops on Stone Age to Iron Age and Ancient Greece, respectively. This really brought aspects of their topic themes to life. The children in Willow Class learned techniques to make Stone Age flint cutting tools and made sketches of other early tools too.



We are saying goodbye to two valued members of our school community. Miss Meadows has worked in our school office for nearly twelve years.



Sadie is moving into a role in the care sector, supporting the re-enablement of people as they leave hospital after long-term stays. We will miss her and wish her well in this new and very worthwhile venture.

Our longest serving school governor has also decided that it is time to step down from a formal role in the life of our school. Mr Fred Inns, who attended our school as a boy, has served as a governor here for an incredible 42 years. During this time, as well as carrying out the formal requirements of this voluntary role, he has done much to enrich the lives and education of the children here, over many generations. Fred has welcomed classes into the air raid shelter in his garden so they can get a real taste of what it was like to experience an air raid during World War 2. He has also made numerous visits to school to talk with the children and answer their questions about all sorts of things connected with the history of the school and the local area, including his own boyhood experiences here. His willingness to share his detailed knowledge of many hidden aspects of the school site has also been invaluable to a succession of headteachers! The generosity Fred has shown in his commitment to the school, the staff and the children is something we value enormously. The children have loved spending time with him and having the opportunity to learn from someone who knows so much local lore. We are hoping that Fred will continue to come into school to share his memories with us for some years to come.



Thank you, Fred

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Booking for this open morning is essential, please visit sibfordschool.co.uk/events, or call Elspeth Dyer, Admissions Officer on 01295 781 203 to book your place today.

Christmas Fayre 2021

Join us for the 2021 Christmas Fayre at Sibford School on Friday 19th November from 2.30pm - 5pm.

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The restrictions of the pandemic made that difficult, but we are delighted to announce the first of 3 planned training courses at

6.00 – 8.00 pm on Monday 15th November in the Village Hall

The sessions are to be run for us by First Responders from the South Central Ambulance Service who have already held enjoyable and popular sessions in Hook Norton, Adderbury and Chipping Norton.

We are continuing COVID safety provisions and appropriate spacing, and for this first session we will have **20 spaces** available.

For any of you who run or take part in any social or sporting events in the villages, we would especially encourage you to join up if you haven't already. Just drop a note to our Parish Clerk Kirsty Buttle and she'll put your name on the list:

Kirsty Buttle: sibford.gower.pc@thesibfords.org.uk

You will probably have seen the invitation on the Sibfords website by now. Do sign up!

CIIs John Wass and Hugh Pidgeon
Sibford Ferris & Sibford Gower Parish Councils

The Family of Fred Inns and the Town Estate Charity

The Town Estate Charity of Sibford Gower and Burdrop was founded in the reign of the first Queen Elizabeth by two old ladies who left the Sibford Heath Farm to the community to provide a school master, poor relief and for other village purposes; it is one of the oldest charities in England and has survived for four hundred years through Civil War, Commonwealth, several different monarchies, the Great Plague, and two World Wars, carefully administered by a board of local feoffees or trustees; the old village names of Gilkes, Soden, Inns and Hopkins recur throughout its history. In 1668 there was a great dispute at the time of the restoration of Charles II; in 1772 we were one of the beneficiaries of the redistribution of land under the Enclosures Act. In 1891 there was a dispute about the status of the new elementary school, as to whether this was to be a Church of England School or a non-denominational one; the Non-Conformists won, which is why the primary school to this day is simply described as 'Endowed'. Our set of Minute Books is complete from 1836 to the present day, and there are many documents stored in the Oxfordshire History Centre in Cowley, Oxford.

Prominent in the history of the last century has been the name of Inns. The first Frederick Inns recorded in our minute books was a Trustee from 1899-1909, his son served from 1919-1939, his grandson from 1944-1979, and his great-grandson from 1979-2020.

With the departure of our own Fred Inns 122 years of service to our charity has now come to an end. During that time, as the minutes record, the Inns family has protected the records (on one occasion almost burned by the village schoolmaster's wife), and given wise advice on the running of the Farm and the distribution of our funds. For 42 years Fred was first a Trustee and then Chairman of the Trust; he was the Trust's representative on the school governors, the repository of all our history and the great expert on the mysterious Ram that provides a perpetual water supply to the Farm. We shall miss his wise advice and his deep knowledge of the roots of our history in the local inhabitants of the village.

Fred, thank you for all that you and your family have done for the villages, and we trust we can look forward to still being able to call on you for advice to help us in the future.

OSWYN MURRAY, Trustee



HORTI SOCIETY

Our October speaker, Martin Gascoigne-Pees was going to talk to us about our local butterflies and give us all sorts of tips as to how we might attract more of them into our gardens. Sadly though, Martin was unwell on the day and we were not able to find another speaker at such short notice. Many apologies to you all and in particular to anyone who missed our emails and who arrived to find the village hall in darkness.

We do however look forward to welcoming you from 7pm on Wednesday 10th November when Timothy Walker (former head gardener of the Oxford Botanic Garden) will be entertaining us with his enigmatically entitled talk, "From Diaz to Diamonds". He will focus on one of the most botanically diverse areas of our planet - South Africa. Timothy has a wealth of knowledge and his talks are always entertaining and fun.

This will also be our last meeting before Christmas, and to help get us in the mood for the festive season, we will be treated to mince pies and Val's fab mulled wine as well as the usual teas and coffees.

Those of you who enjoy photography and handicrafts have the winter months to enjoy preparing your entries for the Spring Show to be held on 21st May 2022. The schedule for the Show was in the October edition of the Scene.

Véronique Tyrrell



In Your Garden - November

I love the changes in the seasons, and now the colour is altering in the trees and shrubs, and the huge numbers of berries this year make me smile, and the birds happy. When the leaves have finally fallen, I can view the sunset through the bare branches, and watch the squirrels chasing each other from tree to tree. But there are still a few jobs that need doing:-

1. Cut down the perennials when the flowers have finished. You can split them up and replant, or give some away. A good covering of mulch will protect them from frosts. But do not cut back penstemons until the spring. Agapanthus need a good protection of mulch as well.
2. Cut back and lift dahlias when the frost has blackened them. Leave them to dry, and brush off as much soil as you can, then store them away in dry sand, or compost in a totally frost-proof shed.



In Your Garden - November

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3. OR... you can leave them in the ground, (put a marker to remind you where they are) and protect them with a black sack, covered with a good 4 inches of mulch. It worked for me last year. Fingers crossed...
4. Pot up some Hippeastrums (amaryllis). They make a lovely present to give your gardening friends. If you have planted hyacinths and paper whites to bloom for Christmas, they should be moved into the light when they are about an inch showing. And give them a little drinkie.
5. Bring in your succulents - aeoniums, echeverias etc., and keep them fairly dry in the winter. When you bring plants in that have spent the summer in the garden, always check the pots for slugs lurking underneath.
6. Hellebores will be glad to have some of their old and heavy leaves removed, to make room for the new flower buds to reach the light. You may find lots of little seedlings under the leaves, and they are worth potting up and moving to another shady part of the garden. But they do take 3 years to bloom.
7. If you are quick you still have time to sow some overwintering broad beans, and salad crops, and don't leave it any later to finish winter planting bedding and pots of wallflowers, bellis perennis, primulas, violas and forget me knots. November is always the best time to plant tulips. Plant them deeply.
8. Long growths on climbing roses need tying in - always as horizontally as possible. Tall shrubs - e.g. buddleia, lavatera, could be pruned back half way, then a brutal chop in spring. This can stop them suffering from wind rock.
9. Clear the leaves from the pond or cover it with netting. Keep raking them up from the lawn, and put them in the compost bin or in black sacks to rot down. They make marvellous compost.
10. Did you clean your glass house? Just asking.... But a general tidy up is a good idea. Put stakes and bamboos away, and bring your geraniums in to a warm sunny windowsill. Have you put the comfy garden chairs away? Right. That is enough. I will stop being bossy, but have you ever tried how good and warming a very small glass of ginger wine is when you come inside with frozen fingers, and a drippy nose - a real November treat.

Jupe Hitching



SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

WALKING DATES

1st November; 15th November; 29th November

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

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

Walkers should either park on the road or on the grass field at the village hall

I am happy to answer any queries. Phone: 780365

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Sue Bannister

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SIBFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On September 16th, Martin Sirot-Smith transported us back to Tudor Times. Martin, Managing Director at Sulgrave Manor, has educated over 11,000 schoolchildren with his Living History approach, immersing visitors in the life of the ancestors of George Washington.

Martin appeared in his full regalia of green woollen doublet and hose (well padded as chairs were so uncomfortable in those days) and his cloak and hat, feathers only allowed from the owner's estate, his status immediately recognisable - a wealthy landowner of considerable power but not nobility or royalty.

We learned about the awful diet of the Elizabethans; peasants had only pottage and peas with exception of Harvest and Christmas time, whilst the landed gentry ate far too much meat so were quite unhealthy too. There was no milk for babies and children; beer and wine were drunk in the main. Nine out of ten people who went to the dentist died, hence Elizabeth I never visited one.

As always, Martin was a wealth of information, delivered in his quirky and amusing style.

On 18th November, our very own Professor John Wass is going to talk about 'Plagues, Then and Now: 1665 vs 2019/21.' John proposes to focus on the medical aspects of the plague, and is happy to answer questions. This promises to be immensely popular so come early if you want a good seat!

At Sibford Village Hall: doors open 7.15p.m. The talk begins at 7.30p.m. Please pay £3 p.p. at the door; refreshments included in the price.

Diana Hughes

LOCAL MARKETS

Banbury - Every Thursday & Saturday. Farmers Market - 1st Friday of the month

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

Chipping Norton - Every Wednesday

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



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

Here are just a few things that are coming up...

Are you a wrap star?

If you're nifty with ribbons and a dab hand at wrapping, then we need your help! We're looking for volunteers to help with our gift wrapping on 3 and 4 December at Banbury Castle Quay. These sessions help us to raise much needed funds for the hospice, so if you could donate some time to help then email getinvolved@khh.org.uk or visit www.khh.org.uk/collectiondays to find out more.

Care for a Curry

This autumn, why not host a #CareForACurry event and help raise money for Katharine House? Simply pick a date, get some friends and family together and enjoy! It's a simple and tasty way to raise money for Katharine House.

What's on the cards this Christmas?

We have a fantastic range of Katharine House charity Christmas cards this year. As well as some great traditional designs, we have cards ranging from snow-covered local scenes to a rather glitzy partridge in a pear tree! So why not stock up on your Christmas cards now and get ahead of the game. Cards are available to buy in our shops as well as online.

Santa Fun Run – 5 December

Forget mistletoe and wine, if you truly want to feel festive this Christmas then make sure to sign up to our Santa Fun Run. The race is taking place on Sunday 5 December at Spiceball Park, Banbury, and you have a choice of the 1.5km route or the full 5km – kitted out in stylish Santa suit, of course. Tickets are available to buy online now!

Digital monthly newsletter – keep up to date with your hospice

Sign up to receive our Katharine House digital monthly newsletter, which is designed to keep you in touch with all our latest news and fundraising events at the hospice.

Find out more

Head to our website to find out more about all these events and news:

www.khh.org.uk

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Men from Sibford who died during both World Wars We will remember them ...

1914 -1918 – ninety one men and women from the Sibfords served in WWI and eighty one returned safely. Here are some details from the SHS Archive of the ten men who paid the supreme sacrifice for our future:

GEORGE BODFISH served as a Lance-Corporal with 24th Battalion of The Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry when he died, on 12th April 1918, from wounds received during the Lys offensive. He was one of eight children, born to George and Mary Bodfish of Sibford Ferris. He worked as a farm labourer and in October 1917 he married Sarah Dumbleton and they lived in Hook Norton. After one week's honeymoon he returned to his battalion. George died of wounds received defending Amiens behind the River Somme and never returned home to his wife and family.

THOMAS HENRY BORSBERRY was serving as a Private in the 5th Battalion, The Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry when he was killed in action on 29th September 1915. He was aged 29 and is commemorated on the Ypres Menin Gate Memorial, having no known grave. Born in Hook Norton in 1886 he worked as a farm labourer with Sibford farm workers.

HORACE BURDEN was born in Brailes in 1886 to parents George and Emma Burden, but moved to Sibford Gower at a young age. He served on HMS Princess Irene which exploded when being loaded with mines for a mine-laying deployment. On 27th May 1915, Horace Burden was killed when his ship exploded and sank off Sheerness, Kent with the loss of 352 lives.

THOMAS DYER was serving as a Private in 12th Battalion, The Duke of Cambridge's Own Middlesex Regiment when he was killed in action on 29th December 1916 aged 21. Thomas Dyer was born in Sibford Ferris in 1896 to parents John and Annie Dyer. At the time of his enlistment he was living at 6, The Colony and working as a farm labourer. He had also served with the 10th Prince of Wales Own Royal Hussars.

HORACE WILLIAM HAWTIN was serving as a Private in the 11th Battalion, The Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment when he died of wounds received on 10th October 1918, aged 21. Horace Hawtin was born in Sibford Ferris in 1897 to parents William and Caroline Hawtin, one of 6 children. He had previously served in The Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.



DID YOU KNOW?

ARTHUR CHARLES HAYNES was serving as a Driver with "C" Battery, 68th Brigade, The Royal Field Artillery when he died of illness, in hospital in Alexandria, on 24th January 1918. He was aged 27 and is buried in the Alexandria Hadra War Memorial Cemetery. Arthur Haynes was born in 1891 in Sibford Ferris to parents Arthur and Jane Haynes and had worked as a farm labourer before the war.

HARRY LINES was serving as a Private with the 2nd Battalion, the South Staffordshire Regiment when he was killed in action on 30th August 1918, aged 23. Harry Lines was born in Sibford Ferris in 1897 to parents Joshua and Mary Lines. In 1910 he married Elsie Green and they lived at Gallows Hill, where he worked as a farm labourer. He had also served in The Prince of Wales's North Staffordshire Regiment.

CHARLES DAVID WADE was serving as a Private in the 3rd Battalion, the Canadian Infantry when he was killed in action in France on 10th August 1918. As a private secretary to Frank Lascelles he was working with a film company in Paris when he signed up to join the Canadian Military. Frank Lascelles ensured that he was remembered in Sibford by having his name added to the War Memorial.

WILLIAM HENRY WEBB was serving as a Private in the 2nd Battalion, The Duke of Edinburgh's Wiltshire Regiment when he died of wounds received on 5th December 1917, aged 20. William Webb was born in Sibford Ferris in 1897 to parents John and Mary Webb and before enlistment worked as a farm labourer. He had also served in The Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.

WILLIAM JOHN BARTON was serving as an Air Mechanic 2nd class with The Royal Air Force when he died of his wounds on 5th June 1918. He was 21 and is buried in Sibford Gower Holy Trinity churchyard. William Barton was born in 1897 to parents John and Julia Barton of Sibford Gower and had worked as an errand boy prior to the war.

1939-1945

HUGH ODDIE was born on 21 July 1914 in Croydon, the elder son of Sidney and Mary Oddie. His grandfather, Robert Oddie was a former Headmaster of Sibford School (1880-1906) and Hugh and his family frequently visited Sibford. As part of the Royal Airforce Volunteer Reserve, he served as a Pilot Flying Officer with the rank of Major. On 26 June, 1943 he was piloting his Halifax Bomber JB928 on a raid to Gelsenkirchen, western Germany when he was shot down by a German night raider over NW Holland. His heroic self-sacrifice saved the remaining six members of his crew who were able to bail out and all survived. He is buried in Bergen, Holland, but a stained-glass window in his memory can be seen in Holy Trinity Church, Sibford.



DID YOU KNOW?

ARCHIE KAYE was listed as missing, presumed dead, on the beaches of Dunkirk during the evacuation of Allied Troops from France in June 1940. He was born in Sibford Ferris to parents William and Ann Kaye. Following the deaths of both parents, he joined the Royal Gloucester's as a regular soldier in 1932. He served 7 years and was demobbed in February 1939. He was recalled in September 1939, went to France, and following orders to defend his post in Calais to the last man to protect the evacuation of troops from Dunkirk. With only 5 or 6 men remaining, he received a further order to make his way to Dunkirk to await evacuation back to Britain. He never returned to his young wife and daughter.

Maureen Hicks



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHATTER

COFFEE MORNING

There will be a coffee morning on Nov 6 in the church from 10 - 12. Entry. £2-00 Also there will a raffle and food stuff to buy
All for church funds

ALL ARE WELCOME

Church services at Holy Trinity church in November

14th November Remembrance Sunday
8.00am Holy Communion service
10.55am Remembrance Sunday Service

21st November
9.30am Holy Communion service

28th November
9.30am Holy Communion service



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WHAT WE'RE READING.....



CHURCH SERVICES

Quakers
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Brailes, Saturday, 5pm; Shipston, Sunday 9am
Kinton, Sunday 11am
Hook Norton, Sunday, 10.30 am

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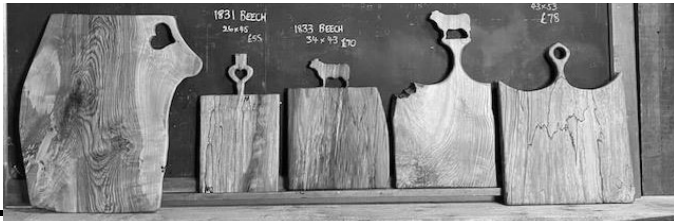
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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

We shall keep the Faith

Oh! You who sleep in Flanders Fields,
Sleep sweet—to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the Faith
With All who died.

We cherish, too, the poppy red
That grows on fields where valour led;
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies,
But lends a lustre to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders Field.

And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honour of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for nought;
We'll teach the lessons that ye wrought
In Flanders Field.

The above poem by Moina Michael, can be thought of as maybe encapsulating beautifully how we might remember those who have lost their lives across the generations. We carry the torch of remembrance and with it our faith, so that we might not forget the ultimate price that many thousands upon thousands of people have paid, so that others might live in peace.

We today individually and together as a community and as a church family have so much to be thankful for and are encouraged also by Jesus to 'keep the Faith'. So that no matter what we might be living through in our lives and as a community, we too might find the strength to continue to carry the torch that illuminates our Christian lives and journeys.

They grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we Will remember them.

Love & prayers Revd Neil
Tel: 788005

WELCOME TO SIBFORD

If you are new to the Sibfords and would like any advice on our village, please call Ivor Hopkyns on T: 788367 (Gower & Burdrop) or Nic Durrant T: 788865 (Ferris). We are lucky enough to have a really great village website at: thesibfords.org.uk



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

To All Members please make a note of this date.
DEC 7th at 2-00. A Christmas Tea will be held in the village hall. Will members please inform Sandra or Evey who will be attending.

If any member is sending Christmas cards this is a good time to distribute them

Eveline Boughton

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SIBFORD BUS SERVICE




Service 50A via the Sibfords and Tadmarton is being renumbered 75/75A, with the same number of inbound journeys (although with time changes) but a reduction from five to four return journeys. Here is the latest timetable:

SOA (adj Natwest bank)	6.15	7.35	9.15	11.15	13.15
Shipston (opp garage)	6.42	8.21	9.50	11.50	13.50
Sibford Ferris (opp school)	6.58	8.37	10.06	12.06	14.06
Banbury	7.21	9.00	10.29	12.29	14.29
Banbury	9.35	11.35	14.35	17.30	
Sibford Ferris (opp school)	9.53	11.53	14.53	17.48	
Shipston (opp garage)	10.11	12.11	15.11	18.06	
SOA (adj Natwest bank)	10.45	12.45	14.45	17.45	



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 3rd - Ladies Coffee Club - Wykham Arms - 11am
- 4th - Youth Drama Group - Village Hall - 4pm
- 5th - Mens Brunch - Sun Inn, Hook Norton - 1130am
- 6th - Coffee Morning- Holy Trinity Church - 10am
- 10th - Horti Talk: 'From Diaz to Diamonds' - Village Hall 7.30pm
- 12th - Art Class - Village Hall - 9am
- 15th - Defibrillator training - Village Hall - 6-8pm
- 18th - SHS talk - 'Plagues, then and now' - Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 20th - Book Swap - Village Hall 10am
- 27th - Village Quiz Night - Village Hall - 6pm
- 30th - Sibford Photograbphy Club talk - Village Hall - 7.30pm

NOVEMBER BIN COLLECTIONS

- Green Tuesday: 9th 23rd
- Blue/Brown Tuesday: 2nd; 16th; 30th

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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