

SIBFORD SCENE

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"Hives" - Painting by Nigel Fletcher



ED'S THOUGHTS

I'd like to ask you all for feedback on our front covers - do you like them or should I revert back to the original cover with selected events and a smaller picture? I'd be very grateful if you could e-mail me with your thoughts

Following on from my comment about the Sibford Action Group last month, please have a look at page 7 for more details

Cover pic by Fiona Steane

Thought for the month:

"Broken hearts and dirty windows
Make life difficult to see "

John Prine



LETTERS AND NOTICES

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY!!

Can you believe it has been a whole year since we started the Lottery!! It's been great fun and all in a good cause as this year we have building work to do at the Village Hall so every penny counts!! Please remember to pay your subscription fee for this year so we can keep the Lottery going strong.

All enquiries to juliette53@btinternet.com

This month's Lottery winners were picked by Kat Davison, Issi George and Keith Allen

1st prize £71 - Roger Mallows, 2nd prize £42.60 - Barbara Crabtree,

3rd prize £28.40 - Catherine Berks



LETTERS AND NOTICES

ENERGY ALERT

Did you know that the freezer is guilty of using the most energy out of all kitchen appliances.

In use 24/7 it can cost on average **£280** to run a year. So again, keep it full - if not with food, then with bags of ice ND

CPR TRAINING

Dear Editor, I just wanted to say a big thankyou to everyone involved in organising and delivering the recent CPR training at the village hall.

Two hours spent learning how to save a life was a very good way to spend an evening and the training itself was extremely professional, clear and easy to understand. It was especially useful to understand how to use the defibrillators now installed at the Village Hall and Sibford School.

I hope there will be more sessions in the future to enable many more people to gain these potentially life-saving skills. AA

ARTWEEKS 2022

Don't forget to save the date:

This year's Artweeks will be just down the road at Temple Mill on

21st to 29th May

Cleaning and Flower Rota at Holy Trinity.

Is there anyone on Sibford Ferris. Sibford Gower & Burdrop who would like to join the cleaning or flower rota.

Flower rota would be two weeks in the year

Cleaning approx five times during the year

If you feel you could help please get in touch.

Gilian Soden780543.



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Book Swap Saturdays: 10am – 12pm March 19th, April 23rd, May 14th, June 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.
- It's free to borrow books but donations welcome towards the Village Hall Roof fund.
- Please visit our website www.sibfordvillagehall.org.uk to request a booking. 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 community gathering.

Village Hall Committee and Friends Group

- 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 and Heating

- If you are hiring the Hall and need to adjust the temperature, please check the thermostat first (next to the stage) before adjusting the radiators. When leaving, please reset the thermostat to 18°C and radiators to between 3 and 4. This way we can keep the Hall cosy for everyone this winter. There is a stall in the kitchen if needed to get a better view of the thermostat.
- 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!



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SIBFORD ACTION GROUP

The Sibford Action Group (SAG) was set up to help residents of Sibford Ferris, Sibford Gower and Burdrop receive information about inappropriate and unsustainable developments that go against the Sibfords' Community Plan.

Please email sibfordactiongroup@gmail.com if you would like to be included on our email list. At present we have 160 residents receiving information.

Large areas of land have been put forward as potential development areas around Sibford Gower and Sibford Ferris. United with our local Parish Councils we are working to ensure that these sites will not be included on the CDC Revised Local Plan.

25 homes are going to be built on the Hook Norton Road by Gade Homes and now a second application by Blue Cedar Homes has been submitted and is likely to be followed by a third large development in the near future. How can our villages survive with a severe lack of infrastructure and traffic already exceeding capacity?

The latest planning application 21/04271/F will be voted on at the Cherwell District Council Planning meeting on March 10th at 4pm at Bodicote house. We encourage as many residents as possible to attend this meeting.

The Sibfords are wrongly categorised as a single Category A Village, which leaves them vulnerable to speculative development. We are working with our Parish Councils, our community and our local MP to seek a review on this as soon as possible.

Please join us and help to "Protect our villages."

If you have experience in planning matters we would welcome your expertise.

Thank you to all those who have donated to the "Just Giving Fund" to pay for professional help needed to defend against unsustainable developments.

You can donate at [JustGiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com) and search for The Sibford Action Group.



What a blustery end to the half-term it has been, but a wonderful half-term nonetheless. The children are really enjoying their topic themes and have built up a strong body of knowledge over the last few weeks with our youngest children learning all about London, as our capital city, including key buildings and landmarks such as the Houses of Parliament, Buckingham Palace, the Millennium Wheel and the River Thames. They have learned about important figures, including Queen Elizabeth and the Prime Minister. The children made a very impressive version of London Zoo, sorting the animals into different species and labelling their enclosures with interesting facts and information. They painted portraits of the Queen and have built an adult height version of

Big Ben's tower in the classroom, with a fully working clock face to help them learn how to tell the time!

Over in Key Stage Two, both classes ended the term with practical workshops that reflected some of the key learning they have been doing in different areas of the curriculum. The Willow Class focus on 'Natural Disasters' culminated in 'Volcano Day' with the children working collaboratively to design, build and decorate their own mini-volcanoes which then erupted in our very own 'ring of fire'. The very impressive lava flows were created by using either bicarbonate of soda and vinegar, or mento sweets with cola. All very exciting!



Oak Class have been exploring the theme of The Victorians. In D & T, they explored how different pulleys, gears and levers work and revised their knowledge of electrical circuits. They then used this knowledge within an extended workshop in which they designed and built their own, fully moving Victorian fairground rides. They learned a lot about construction including how to use glue guns.



It's been really fun and I've got to draw horses for our carousel, which is a bonus!"
Hattie H.



One thing all of these practical activities have in common is the opportunity they provide for the children to work collaboratively. They love working together and the regular opportunities we plan for this during the academic year mean that, by the time the children are in their final years here, they are able to cooperate effectively on joint tasks with a courtesy and maturity that is a delight to see.

To find out more about our wonderful, welcoming village school and nursery for children from 3+, and the things that are going on in each class, please take some time to visit our school website at <http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk/>



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Sibford School is an independent co-educational day and boarding school that welcomes pupils from the age of 3-18

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Toby (Head) 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.

Sibford School is offering a whole school open morning on Friday 29 April which offers the opportunity to talk to staff, meet current parents and take a tour of the school with student guides.

If you are interested in entry for September 2023 and beyond, or perhaps for immediate entry, we encourage you to come along and learn more about what we offer here at Sibford.

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ALL CHANGE at the Sibford Gower PC



Whilst you are probably aware that Local Council elections happen in May of most years, you may not know that **in 2022 they will include elections for our own Parish Councils in The Sibfords.**

For Sibford Gower & Burdorp, some of the councillors who will have served a 4-year term, are unlikely to stand for re-election in early May, and we are now **hoping to encourage a diverse new wave of community-spirited Gower & Burdorp residents** to take on the worthwhile challenge of supporting and representing the parishioners in our unique and very special village.

Alongside routine Council business which includes managing landscape maintenance, administration of our village burial ground and making consultation responses to local planning applications, there are some emerging strategic issues, such as the Cherwell Local Plan Review and Climate Change ... **all big issues which will need the attention of some new councillors** who may have relevant expertise and/or a personal passion for influencing our community's response to these important challenges that will affect us all.

Sibford Gower & Burdorp are able to have up to 5 parish councillors who are all non-party political, and a contested election is only required if nomination applications exceed the allowed number ... so why not give it some thought?

Nominations forms for the upcoming elections on Thursday 5th May will be published in late March and **must be submitted between Tuesday 29th March and Tuesday 5th April** so, if you think you might be in a position to support and influence the wellbeing of our community as a Sibford Gower Parish Councillor, please:

- **browse** our website at:
<https://thesibfords.uk/pc/sgpc>
- **approach** one of our current team for a chat:
<https://thesibfords.uk/pc/sgpc/sgpc-our-team>
- or **contact** our Parish Clerk, Kirsty Buttle on **07419 126206** or at:
sibford.gower.pc@thesibfords.org.uk
for some more information.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Cllrs David Allen, Roger Mallows & Alan Berks
18 February 2022



NATURE NOTES

Now Crocuses, Snowdrops and Winter Aconites are in full bloom it feels as if Spring is on its way. These are plants are mostly introduced or garden escapes although there may be native Snowdrops around the Welsh borders.

Another non-native species to look out for is Winter Heliotrope that produces vanilla scented flowers throughout the Winter months. It is an attractive plant and provides nectar and pollen when there is little else around but is probably a bit too invasive for many gardens.

For the first time ever, I actually took part the Big Garden Bird Watch. This has been going since 1979 and now attracts over one million participants. It is an excellent way of getting children and adults to take an interest in what is in their gardens. Although it is not very scientific the enormous size of the data set generated is useful to pick up trends in bird populations. When I was entering my results, I realised how few Starlings we have seen in the garden over the last few years.

We have had a pair of Bullfinches visiting the bird feeders frequently over the last few weeks.

Although they are great to see I do feel that they are rather vulnerable to predation by cats in that they often feed on the spilt seed under the feeders and seem less alert than many other ground feeding birds.

There have been plenty of small mammals around this Winter which is good news for the local owl population but I was not happy when I discovered they had eaten out the hearts of all my overwintering Cauliflowers and Purple-sprouting broccoli. I have not encountered this problem previously.

It would be great to have some more contributions for future Nature Notes. These should be sent to ajnewbold88@gmail.com.

Andy and Gill Newbold

CHURCH SERVICES

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| Quakers | Sibford Gower, Sunday, 10.30 am |
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SUNDAY SMALLHOLDING

The winter is ending and the early signs of spring are here. As I milk Sophie Goat each day I tend to gaze up into a row of six hazel trees. Milking takes just a couple of minutes but that is time enough to mentally take a photo of the daily growth stage of these trees. In the summer there is a thick canopy of leaves and many species of birds pass through. Last year a Chaffinch built a beautifully thick, cosy nest of fine twigs and moss. They are so well camouflaged that they usually go unseen, but in this case, the regular trips of both parents to bring caterpillars to feed their young led me to it. In my opinion, only Long Tailed Tits build a better nest. So, the hazel I gazed up into this morning is now decorated with hundreds of yellow catkins. I think they must be opening to release the pollen as the colour seems to have changed. I must keep an eye out for the female buds coming into flower. I have also noticed the bees bringing pollen back to the hives on their occasional winter sorties.

Goats

The goats are doing very well...by the size of Alan I think a little too well! It will be good to get him back out walking into the village, but with the weather and the fact that I have been busy back at school, the egg deliveries have been done by car. Shame. The Toggenburg goats appear to have long shaggy coats which I think will keep them warm, but Boris, a British Alpine who is now 9 months old has surprised me by growing a deep thick black winter blanket that is so soft to the touch. The shock of white hair that gave him his name has faded somewhat but his easy going affectionate personality just keeps getting bigger. Sophie continues to give plenty of milk. Now that there are no pigs to drink it there's more for me, more for the dogs and more for yogurt.

Chickens

The hens and one cockerel have settled well into the polytunnel and are totally isolated from any Avian Flu infection. There shouldn't have been any cockerels transferred from the field (and indeed four of them have ended up in the freezer), but moving the hens happened late at night when they were in their calm, easy to handle, roosting state and this one lucky cockerel was mistaken for a female. As so many of my hens have been 'home grown' it is important to bring a fresh cockerel in from another flock when I move the them all back to the field, hopefully in late March.

SUNDAY SMALLHOLDING

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The polytunnel is 7 bays long; five bays are for the hens and the other two have been kept free for seed growing. It has been a struggle to keep the hens in their side - how they get through the netting is beyond me. I continue to fortify the defences for the young seedlings and enter each morning with some dread. The good news is that we have managed three days without any escapees so problem probably solved.

Dawn Chorus

A heads up for anyone interested in coming along with Iain and I on May 1st (ish) to listen to the dawn chorus. Hopefully there will still be some Gus and Betty sausages left for breakfast. 2021 was not a great year for number of species for this event so hopes are for better this year.

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SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

WALKING DATES

7 March; 21 March

We leave the village hall on foot or by car at 10 am sharp to do a circuit of approximately 2 hours. You are advised therefore, to get to the village hall by 9.55 am latest.

Dogs are welcome provided they are put on the lead when requested. Walking boots and poles are recommended but not compulsory. Some routes include stiles. If you would prefer a shorter walk, please contact Sue to discuss as it is sometimes possible to leave a car about halfway, so the less energetic may drop off and drive home. At the village hall, please park either on the road or on the grass field beyond the tarmac.

Please don't hesitate to ring me on 01295 780365 or email sebannister@gmail.com if you have any queries.

Sue Bannister

FOOTPATHS

Ian Sharp, ian@iansharp.net, Lamb's Croft, Back Lane, Sibford Ferris, OX15 5RE. Tel. 01295 780790, is the footpaths warden and anyone who has a problem or complaint should contact him.

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FUN CORNER

What happened to the football player when his eyesight started to fail?

He became a referee

There was a young girl from Berlin

Whose nose was exceedingly thin

She could slice up the butter

With barely a mutter

And flip it down onto her chin

Holiday Cottage in Cornwall

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For more information, please contact Linda on 01295 780 242 or 07973 226 032 or lindalaneyolo@gmail.com.



In Your Garden - March

March should be the start of spring, but it can be wet, cold and frosty, especially up here in our glorious Cotswolds, so be wary about planting annuals and veggies outside. Wait until the soil has warmed up a bit, and it stays light for longer. You can make a start sowing seeds in a greenhouse, a sunny porch or a cold frame, and of course a sunny windowsill.

1. Time to get pruning. You have probably finished the roses by now, but if not, crack on with it and give them a treat of rose fertilizer to encourage new growth. Also prune clematis, buddleia, hardy fuschias, hebes and Hydrangea Petiolaris, (thats the climbing one) but DO NOT prune hydrangea Annabelle until April.
2. Dahlias can be started into growth towards the end of the month. Use a large pot and spread out the roots. Just cover with compost tucking the roots in, leaving the stump at soil level. Water, and leave for 6 - 8 weeks in a frost proof but light place.
3. Order some new bulbs for summer and autumn flowers. Small gladioli bysantinus are much more elegant than the loud, shouty brazen ones, and they come back each year. I love big pots of white Acidantheras, which bloom in August and September, and best of all, Nerines, which like to be snuggled in by a south-facing wall, and flower when nearly everything else has given up.
4. When the snowdrops have finished, dig up large clumps, divide and replant, and daffs will be flowering, so remember to deadhead them.
5. Hostas will be popping through, and they can be split up and replanted. You cannot have too many hostas, they are brilliant in shady places.
6. Flower beds will need weeding after you have cut back last years growth, and everything will enjoy a feed of mulch or compost. Large clumps of Michaelmas daisies,, hellebores and astrantias can all be divided and replanted, or given to friends.
7. I shall be planting some annuals soon in the greenhouse, and the absolute winners I used last year were Cosmos Rubenza, poppies, cornflowers, and malope Vulcan. My sweet peas are already emerging, but I do them a few at a time, as I am a bit short of room.



In Your Garden - March

Cont'd

8. While one waits for the soil to warm up, it is a good time to dig over the veggie patch, and add some manure, before planting carrots, spinach, parsnips etc. Main crop potatoes can be chitted now.

9. Lawns look a bit straggly after the winter, so wait until the grass is dry, on a nice mild day, before you cut it, and do the edges. Did you remember to have the mower serviced? I didn,t.....

10. Pests! The slugs are on the warpath. I picked up the pots in the greenhouse, and found quite of lot of little baby slugs were living underneath them, and also as new shoots come through on delphiniums, they need protecting from the little blighters. As it warms up, check for white fly and green fly in the greenhouse.. Enjoy Spring - when it finally comes. Jupe Hitching



HORTI SOCIETY

On 9th February, a hardy group of galanthophiles braved the chilly grey day to visit Evenley Woods and see the snowdrops. Great drifts of them carpeted the large woodland garden and who knew there were so many varieties? Anyway a good, bracing visit with restorative hot food and drink at the woodland cafe afterwards.

On March 9 Richard Turner will open our 2022 lecture programme with a talk on **Propagating exotic plants** at 7.30 in the village hall. It is also the AGM, which will be a brief affair. Doors open at 7.00 for refreshments. The annual £10.00 membership is due, (although non members are always welcome), so do arrive promptly and we can get all the financial transactions out of the way before our speaker starts. Diana Thompson



SIBFORD PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

During February, we visited Hart Silversmiths at the Guild of Handicraft in Chipping Campden. Housed in an old silk mill, this fascinating, old-fashioned workshop is brimming with opportunities for intriguing photographs capturing many aspects of this ancient craft. Some of the tools and equipment used were brought to Chipping Campden when the Guild of Handicraft moved there from the East End of London in 1902! We would like to thank David Hart and his colleagues for being so tolerant of us during our visits, which yielded many interesting images.



Tool racks



Derek hammers a pepper

On Tuesday, 22nd February, Colin Lamb gave a short talk on digital image resolution before members watched a demonstration of image processing using Adobe Lightroom and Adobe Photoshop, delivered by Colin Lamb and James Hayward. Although only dealing with basic editing, this illustrated how it is possible use software to enhance images to bring out desired aspects and to show images at their best. To finish the meeting, we discussed members' images on the topic of 'Golden Hours'.

On Tuesday, 29th March, when we will have a still life light painting session, in which members can create a still life image using a long exposure, selectively illuminating it with a hand-held light. This will be followed by a review of the members' monthly topic images.



SIBFORD PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Cont'd

The photographic challenge for our members in March is to make images on the theme of "Signs of Spring", with added considerations that there should be at least one image showing the subject in each of the following ways (not necessarily the same subject for each technique):

- in it's environment
- close-up
- in an unexpected way, from an unusual angle or in action

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).

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.



Bonds End Lane - pre-1907



Springing into action

Just like this time of year, we've got lots of exciting things coming up! From new partnerships and improvements, to a whole range of incredible events to raise money for our hospice. It's thanks to your ongoing support, we can continue to care for local people and families when they need us the most.

New lease of life for Banbury shop

We're excited to announce that we have signed a new 10-year lease and will be staying right where we are – at the heart of the Banbury community. But that's not all. We will also be giving our Banbury shop some TLC with a revamp that will make the most of all the fantastic donations we receive, as well as improve the shopping experience.

Recycle more with Paw Paw

As part of an exciting recycling initiative, Paw Paw will donate 5p to Katharine House for every plastic container that is returned in good condition when a customer orders their next meal. It's great news for our hospice and also helps cut down on plastic waste! The recycling scheme runs across all three of Paw Paw's Chinese takeaways in Banbury, Leamington and Warwick.

Growing our Open Gardens

We're always touched by the enthusiasm of our supporters to open their gardens for us – and we'd love to see our events grow...

You can find out more about how to get involved and where this year's events will be taking place on our website. We already have six Open Garden events lined up! But keep checking back for others added throughout the year.

High and mighty

Are you looking for a BIG challenge this year? Then why not sign up for the world's highest static abseil? At a staggering 127 metres tall, the National Lift Tower in Northampton makes Big Ben look positively little! Our Extreme Abseil event is taking place on 2 April and we'd love YOU to be part of Team Katharine House and help us to raise money for our hospice.

Find out more

Head to our website for more details, events and news: www.khh.org.uk.



VILLAGE PEOPLE

Introducing a very special village person this month:

James Kay Elliott!

James Kay Elliott was born on Tuesday the 18th of January weighing 9lb 3oz.

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Tom Elliott

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Saturday 25 June is the date to put in your diaries

- an occasion for the family
- refreshments and bar
- grand raffle
- more details next month





POET'S CORNER

A gander called Goose
had his own little hoose.
A hut very close to the lane.
He would watch who went by
with his beady goose eye
and honk when the postman came.
There can't be a grander gander,
though he has a damaged wing.
In the day he is quite free to wander
in his field of black sheep where he's king.
But high status can't stop him from wishing
that a girl-goose might land in the spring!

Jo the Po February 12



SIBFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our AGM will be held on Thursday, March 17th, when we will be opening the doors to the Village Hall at 7p.m. and serving wine before the meeting starts at 7.30p.m.

Please would members and potential new members bring your subs of £12 for the year, and visitors are asked to bring £3. (Exact money helps!)

The talk by Cathy Stoertz : ' One Saturday afternoon on the Home Front' will begin straight after the AGM . Aerial photographs taken over Moreton-in-Marsh by the US Army Air Force in May 1944, evoke stories ranging from the personal to the international.

Cathy's 35- year career in the Aerial Investigation and Mapping Department of English Heritage has enabled her to give her unique take on many fascinating sites and landscapes.

Due to the pandemic we have waited two years for Cathy's talk and it is exciting that it is finally happening!

Diana Hughes.



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While researching an inquiry received via the Sibford website I had the privilege of talking to a gentleman, called Peter Coombes, who was evacuated as a young boy to Sibford Ferris at the beginning of the Second World War. In 1939 he was living near Croydon with his parents and two sisters. His father was an ambulance driver at Biggin Hill aerodrome - one of the main fighter stations for the RAF and which played such an important role in the Battle of Britain in 1940. With his mother and two sisters, Peter was evacuated to Sibford Ferris where they lived in rooms rented from Mr and Mrs Hiles who owned and were living in Home Close. For three years they lived in part of what we now know as



Mulberry Cottage on Main Street, Sibford Ferris, in a group of cottages just before Rymells Corner. He remembers the Reading Room and the passage-way along the edge of the main meeting room which led to stairs leading to the room above where the Home Guard used to meet.

He remembers a boyhood visit back to Kent to see the area where he had lived. He recalls the total devastation caused by bombs aimed to destroy the aerodrome. His father became very ill and could no longer work, so he too came to Sibford to recover. Once well enough, he became a delivery driver for the Co-op and delivered to the Co-op store in Sibford Gower. While visiting other local villages he found a larger cottage to rent in North Newington. The family moved to North Newington after three years in Sibford, and lived there for a further three years until, with three further additions to their family, they were granted a council house in Adderbury. Peter gained a place to Banbury Grammar School and met up with boys he had known while living in Sibford. He remembers a lorry arriving at his house at the beginning of the school year delivering him a bicycle so he could cycle to school each day in Banbury.

Now in his 90's Peter still lives in the same house in Adderbury, which he subsequently bought, and lives independently with support from his son who also lives locally. It is good to know that his evacuation to Sibford and time spent in this area as a young boy, has led to a long and full life living in this part of North Oxfordshire.

Maureen Hicks

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www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see

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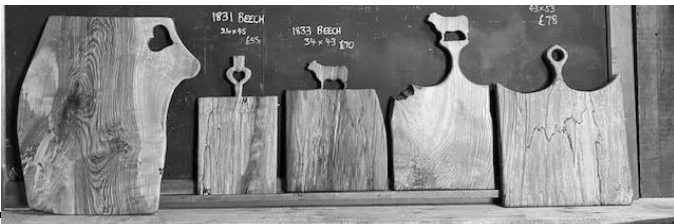
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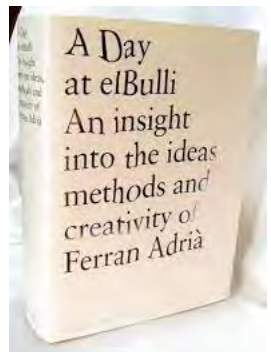
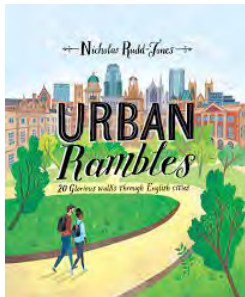
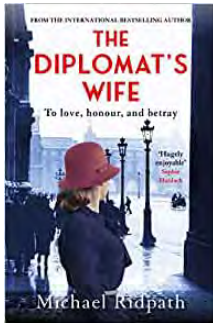
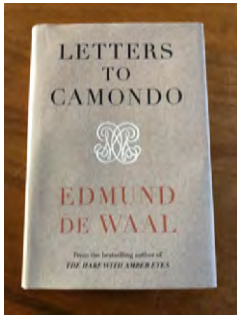




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| Shipston (opp garage) | 6.42 | 8.21 | 9.50 | 11.50 | 13.50 |
| Sibford Ferris (opp school) | 6.58 | 8.37 | 10.06 | 12.06 | 14.06 |
| Banbury | 7.21 | 9.00 | 10.29 | 12.29 | 14.29 |
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| Banbury | 9.35 | 11.35 | 14.35 | 17.30 | |
| Sibford Ferris (opp school) | 9.53 | 11.53 | 14.53 | 17.48 | |
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- 4th - Mens Brunch - Sun Inn, Hook Norton - 1130am
- 7th - Sibford Walkers - Village Hall - 10am
- 9th - Horti Talk - Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 15th - SFPC Meeting - Sibford School - 7pm
- 19th - Book Swap - Village Hall - 10-Noon
- 21st - Sibford Walkers - Village Hall - 10am
- 17th - Sibford Historical Society - AGM and talk - Village Hall - 7pm
- 29th - Sibford Photography Club talk - Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 31st - SGPC APM - Village Hall - 7pm

MARCH BIN COLLECTIONS

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