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- Commemorative Tree
Planting
- Village History Walk
- Platinum Flag Competition
- Plus other events

Full programme and details with the June Sibford Scene



ED'S THOUGHTS

Lots going on his month. Please have a look at what we're planning for the Platinum Jubilee and the great idea of a picnic area in the Millennium Field. And see if you can get to the Afternoon Tea in aid of Ukrainian Refugees.....

Have yourselves a very happy May!

Cover picture by Anne Skowronska "Spring Blossom"

Thought for the month:

"My fingernails are filthy, I got beach tar on my feet
And I miss my clean white linen and my fancy French cologne"

Joni Mitchell



LETTERS AND NOTICES

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY!!

April Winners

1st prize £70 - Ginny Bennett

2nd prize £42 - Jane Dorrell

3rd prize £28 - Tim Huckvale

The Millennium Field - Picnic area

The Town Estate Charity and Sibford Gower Parish Council, who are jointly responsible for the management of the Millennium Field, have agreed that part of the open space towards the top of the field should be closely mown as a picnic area for villagers to enjoy while admiring the views and trees. The field, accessible from Acre Ditch and Temple Mill Road, was purchased by the Town Estate Charity a few years ago, for the benefit of villagers who are encouraged to make use of the current mix of open space and woodland which the Charity and Parish Council are committed to maintain.



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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Birmingham Symphonic Winds Concert, Leasowe House, Sibford Gower, Saturday June 25th

- We are busy planning another amazing event, in collaboration with Keith Allen and the Birmingham Symphonic Winds. Please bookmark **June 25th** in your diaries and buy your tickets in advance (contact me for more info).

Book Swap Saturdays: 10am – 12pm May 14, June 18

- 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.

Book the Village Hall for your next event!

- 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.

The Sibfords Events Team

- We are setting up a Sibfords Events Team as part of the Village Hall Committee and are looking for volunteers. We are particularly interested to hear from those who are new to the village or find they now have a little spare time and want to be more involved in village life.
- How much time you want to give is up to you, we would love to hear from you if you even if you only have limited availability. The Sibfords Events Team will be pivotal to making The Sibfords an even more awesome place to live in the future. If you would like to join our fabulous team, please contact me to find out more.

General Notices

- After recent incidents of accidental window breakage and attempts to set fire to the porch, the Committee request the following:
 - Footballs must only be used on the grass area, and well away from the building perimeter



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

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If you witness or suspect any acts of vandalism, please report to me directly

- 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. 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!

Charlotte Davies: chair@sibfordvillagehall.org.uk



SIBFORD PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

On Tuesday, 26th April, members were challenged with assessing images. The idea was primarily to be able to make a more objective assessment of their own images, but also to be able and willing to provide constructive criticism to other members in a friendly and encouraging way. This was followed by a review of the members' monthly topic images on the theme "Inspired by ..." with members asked to create images that have drawn their inspiration from works of art or literature. As expected, members rose to the challenge of creating images that emulated or took inspiration from a poem, a book, a painting, a sculpture, a stained glass window, a photograph, or was in the style of a particular artist or photographer. Of course, after the session on assessing images, we were all set to be able to offer constructive criticism on the images presented.

In May, we will have a talk on composition and with that in mind, together with the newly found skills in constructive criticism, we will review the member's images on our monthly topic, which is "Four legs". There is scope here for depictions of animals, couples, statues and even furniture! Interpret as you will and be creative.

Sibford Photography Club also holds 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.



DID YOU KNOW?

Leslie Baily - Sibford School Scholar, Broadcaster, Historian and Villager



Born in St Albans, Hertfordshire in 1906 Leslie Baily started his long association with Sibford when, in 1918, he arrived as a pupil at Sibford School travelling from his home on the Isle of Man where he lived with his family. His father was working for Quaker Friends at the internment camp on the Island and the journey to Sibford School took him two full days. Whilst at Sibford School he was a contemporary of Godfrey Basely who created the long running radio series, *The Archers*.

Leaving Sibford in 1921 Leslie Baily completed his senior education at Cheltenham Grammar School. He started work in Bristol Docks in the wholesale market where, after selling bananas at too low a price, he was sacked by an irate merchant and decided that he was not cut out for a career in commerce. He earned the rest of his living by his pen.

He started his journalistic career joining the Yorkshire Evening News as a Junior Reporter where he became motoring correspondent, special correspondent (which took him all over the North of England) and wireless correspondent. During this time, he married his wife, Margaret Jasper and then promptly resigned his job to become freelance. He successfully extended his writing and joined the BBC in 1924 and was responsible for a succession of features, plays, adaptations and revues, first in the Leeds and Manchester studios of the BBC, and then in London.

He went on to produce a series of Scrapbooks which began as a BBC North Regional broadcast which was first broadcast in 1932. He later described it as "merely a selection of rather unusual items of music, drama and curious information, presented in a rapid panorama. There was no theme or period." After the fourth Scrapbook, in March 1933, the programme was given wider coverage and broadcast on the national network of the BBC.

From 1936, Leslie Baily and his co-producer Charles Brewer, broadcast *Star-Gazing*, which alternated with the *Scrapbooks*; in each of these programmes, a popular stage or screen star reminisced about his or her career.

Maureen Hicks
.... To be continued



The Sibfords Jubilee Celebrations

DESIGN A JUBILEE FLAG COMPETITION

To mirror the national competition, the Sibfords Jubilee Flag Competition is open to all village school children to design a Jubilee flag on the lines of "hopes and aspirations for the planet over the next 70 years." The design submitted should be A4 size and in colour.

There are two classes: children at primary school and children at secondary school, with a prize in each class. All the flags will be printed and used to decorate the village hall for the duration of the Jubilee. Entries must be submitted by Thursday 26 May to these members of the Jubilee Steering Group:

David Bennet, Anne Bishop, Revd. Neil Bowler, Keith Hicks, Tim Huckvale,
Gilian Soden, Tessa Sparks

The name and class entered must be written on the reverse of the entry.

Entries can also be submitted digitally (600/1200 dpi) to:
keith@hicks-sibford.co.uk

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

Simple Torch Design

Follow these simple instructions to make a torch for the Torch Light Procession.

Materials

A piece of wood (broom handle or 25mm sq) about 900mm long.

A empty tin can (400g size)

A small piece of towelling or other absorbent material

Construction

Screw the tin can through the bottom onto the end of the piece of wood. Push the towelling or other material into the tin can (not too tightly) until it is about half full. Soak the material lightly in paraffin (**NOT PETROL**), just sufficient to dampen the towelling so that none runs out of the screw hole down the wood. Wait until the start of the procession before lighting.



James Morbey and Cicely Glazebrook are raising money to support a range of Camps International projects they will be involved with in Kenya in the summer of 2023.

Each project is aligned to UN sustainable Development goals and aims to make a significant and lasting impact on the regions most critical issues while helping to protect Kenya's natural habitats and safeguard the future for local communities. Projects will range from beach clean ups to building houses for the locals.

(Important note: all our personal costs for the trip are being paid for separately)

Furthermore, we are looking for local businesses to sponsor half or a whole page of our quiz sheets. Please contact either Tracey Morbey (07774 211044) or Juliette Glazebrook (07703836856) for more information.



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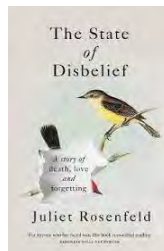
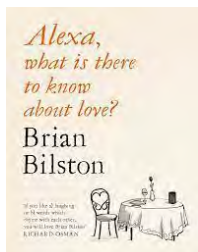
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20 June

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

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In Your Garden - May

I am writing this in the middle of April, but today I had a lovely tingle of excitement, when I noticed little yellow buds about to open on an early rose Canary Bird. Reassurance that Spring is here! But the frosts may not be over yet, so:-

1. Be wary of planting out your dahlias too soon but do them towards the middle of May. Then you can remove the insulation from wrapped up pots, and pull down the bubblewrap in the greenhouse.
2. Climbers are shooting up, so spend a morning with scissors and string, and tie up all the new shoots on roses and clematis.
3. Now is an excellent time to take cuttings. Try penstemons, salvias, pelargoniums, anthemis and fuschias, to increase your stock, or give away to friends, or to Sue Bannister to sell for the Horti Society.
4. If you need some colour in a sunny spot later in the year, planting Nerines will give you a thrill. The pink ones, Nerine Bowdenii is the most robust, and although it looks very exotic it will survive the winter cold settled in against a south wall. Lasts well in a vase too.
5. We need to get everything staked and supported now, before it flops all over the place, particularly tall delphiniums, and anything with large flowerheads, as they can get blown about in the wind, and snap off.
6. When you see it is time for Chelsea Flower Show, you know it is time for the Chelsea Chop. Late bloomers, i.e. Asters, can be cut back by almost half to prolong the flowering period.
7. Time to pot up the summer pots, tubs and hanging baskets. Use any good compost you have, or some multi-purpose compost with a little slow release fertiliser added. I recommend a trip to Phillip at Quarry Nurseries to buy his reliably good plants. He opens again on Sunday 29th April.
8. Wait until the end of May to plant Peas and beans, but you could ask Him to put up the bean poles, and supports for the peas.



In Your Garden - May

Cont'd

9. Aubretia is looking lovely now, gracefully decorating garden walls. It prefers to grow out of little crevices in a warm wall. When it is over, cut it back fairly hard to stop it getting bare and leggy. An old gardener told me that the best way to plant it was to mix some seed in a handful of muck, and chuck it against the wall as hard as you can. It will stick, and I hope it will thrive. (Better check your neighbour isn't on the other side of the wall first.)

10. And don't forget the lawns; time to lower the blades, and cut it shorter and regularly, and please do the edges. And watch out for red lily beetles and pests on the gooseberry and redcurrants. Enough! Most important is to enjoy the warmth, sit and relax, and look at that glorious garden you are so busy making.

Jupe Hitching

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HORTI SOCIETY

Our April speaker was Dr Richard Turner whose passion for propagation was evident. A self-taught enthusiast with a penchant for the garden design layout described in the 1970's Reader's Digest Gardening Year, his preference for exotic plants has led to his Oxford garden being rammed with such delights as *Beschorneria yuccoides* which he rates far above the rapier-sharp leaved yucca, numerous different varieties of fig, (although his most prolifically fruiting is still the Brown Turkey), and *Brugmansia*, which he advised to dig up in autumn and put in a bag, dry, and store for the winter and replant in spring. Dear gardening friends a note of caution. Oxford is a few degrees warmer than The Sibfords, we know all about frost pockets up here, so best to take cuttings of *Brugmansia* and dig up gingers, rather than leave them in the ground and cover them with leaves as he suggested.

Now then, May is bristling with Important Horticultural activities. Please put the following dates in your diaries. **The Plant Sale - Carter's Yard, 14 May.**

Interesting and unusual plants for sale. Side entrance, next to The Wykham Arms, Sue and Malcolm Bannister will kindly be hosting this again from 10.00 - 1.00pm. If you can't make it, contact Sue to arrange a viewing on another day. Sebannister@gmail.com, 07711 131399. All contributions of plants for sale, equally welcome! Sue will also be selling places for our summer outing on 13th July to Winterbourne and Martineau gardens.

The Spring Show, 21st May. 21 May, 2.30 - 4.00pm, entry night Village hall, 18th May 7.00 - 8.00pm. Please do come and have a go. It's fun,

honestly! Children's entries particularly welcome.

Diana Thompson



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

May 3 is the first time we're able to hold a AGM. Since 2019

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SIBFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Thursday, May 19th Margaret Leyland, whose ancestor Oliver Hooper was Headmaster of the Sibford Gower Endowed School from 1912 to 1932, will be coming to give us a talk on how she came to inherit log books, exercise books, legal documents, diaries and photographs from this time, and how she came to the decision to donate them to us, "to return them to where they belong". Margaret's talk will be followed by transcriptions from the log books and Oliver's son's notebooks, read by some of the committee members. There are many familiar names in these readings. There will be a display of photos and various other items.

This meeting has been a long time in the planning, as our first encounter with Margaret was then interrupted by the pandemic, and we are very happy that it is finally taking place. We hope that everyone who is interested in the village, in the school, and in family histories, will be joining us.

The talk, 'Memories of Sibford Primary School from 100 years ago' will begin at 7.30.pm Doors open 7.15 pm. Cost for visitors: £3, including refreshments.

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NATURE NOTES

The sunny spell in late March brought out a lot of butterflies. The ones I saw were the species that had overwintered as adults including Brimstone, Red Admiral, Comma, Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell. At the time of writing this I have not yet seen either Orange-tips or Holly Blues both of which should be emerging soon.

Early one morning, just as it was getting light, a Heron was seen flying low over the village. It was probably looking for a garden pond with frogs or goldfish for its breakfast.

A pair of Buzzards seem to have taken up residence in the corner of the Sibford school playing fields near the solar panels and may well be nesting there judging by their behaviour.

Megan Gilkes told me of a Rook's nest that had blown down in the lane by the village shop. We were both surprised that the nest which looks so messy when viewed from below was in fact so well constructed and lined with small birch twigs along with an inner layer of moss and horse hair.

For anyone interested in moths there is now an excellent website available that covers Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire.

www.upperthamesmoths.co.uk

If you want to find where Sibford is on the distribution maps search for the moth called a Silver Cloud as the only records in the area covered are from here.

Please send contributions for the next Nature Notes to

ajnewbold88@gmail.com

Andy and Gill Newbold

CHURCH SERVICES

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| Roman Catholic | Brailles, Saturday, 5pm; Shipston, Sunday 9am |
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| Baptist | Hook Norton, Sunday, 10.30 am |

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Dear friends,

So much has been happening in our villages since my last letter, I don't think that I'll have the space to fully share with you everything. What has, however, been wonderful to see and experience, has been the response to the terrible things that have been happening to the people in Ukraine. People across our villages have responded with so much love and compassion in all different sorts of ways.

As a Christian I believe that where love is then God is also present, so when I see acts of love, when I see acts of kindness and care, I also see God at work, even in what appears to be the most darkest of moments. If we allow the darkness to veil our sight from seeing these acts of love, of seeing this light, then the darkness has won, but as a Christian I believe that darkness that has been created purely by human action, can never fully overcome light and love.

We've had some wonderful celebrations of Christenings across our villages in recent weeks including here at Holy Trinity church, with the Christening of Chloe at our Mothering Sunday service. Great fun was had by everyone, including your Rector! Chloe's Christening was my first at Holy Trinity Church. In the picture she is with her proud parents, Richard and Amelia, just before the big event!

I'm looking forward to all the many different things happening across our villages in the summer months, particularly our Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

Love & prayers Revd Neil Tel: 788005



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|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 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 |
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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 - Ladies Coffee Club - Wykham Arms - 11am
- 5th - Polling Day - District Councillor - Village Hall
- 6th - Mens Brunch - Sun Inn, Hook Norton - 1130am
- 14th - Book Swap Cafe - Village Hall - 10am
- 14th - Plant Sale - Carter's Yard - 10am
- 19th - Sibford Historical Society - Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 26th - Sibford Photograpy Club talk - Village Hall - 7.30pm

MAY BIN COLLECTIONS

- Green Tuesday: 9th; 23rd
- Blue/Brown Tuesday: 3rd; 16th; 30th

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