

Bluebells in the Millennium Field - Carole Deleamont

VILLAGE HALL AGM 7th June - Village Hall - 7pm

LADIES LUNCH 16th June - Village Hall - Noon

"A DAY FOR TIBET" 18th June - Village Hall - 10.45am

FILM NIGHT - "LION"

21st June - VILLAGE HALL

30th June - Noon



ED'S THOUGHTS

Horses and Fireworks don't mix. If you're going to have a firework display at any time - then please let horse owners know.....

Speeding - the letter on page 4 reminds me of a Jasper Carrott joke: "90% of accidents occur within 1 mile of your home, so I moved...."



Saw this the other day at Wheathills. well, they alomost got it right! I'd like to meet the person who did this and ask **WHY**?!

Thought for the month:

"If you're going to San Francisco, be sure to wear some flowers in your hair"

John Phillips

LETTERS AND NOTICES

"Care for a Cuppa"

Clive and Jan would like to thank everyone who came to their "Care for a Cuppa" coffee morning on Saturday May 6th. £250 has been sent to Katherine House Hospice

Maggies Kitchen Table Day

We are delighted to announce we raised £580.00 with many thanks to cake cooks and consumers on Friday 5^{th} May. This was a nationwide event, where over 500 kitchen tables were dedicated to raising money for Maggies. A big thank you to all those who contributed, Jane, Annie and Fiona.

If anyone would still be interested in donating to Maggies, despite not eating a warm Madeline on the morning, here is the link to the just Giving Page https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jane-meyler1

LETTERS AND NOTICES

continued.....

Village Football Goals

A huge thankyou to the Town Estates Charity, the Sibford Gower Parish Council and all the parents who contributed towards the £1100 needed to purchase the new Village Hall football Goals.

On a serious note:

If your children are likely to use the them PLEASE ensure that they respect the goals and the people that live nearby by not using bad language or littering or swinging on the goals.

We will not be able to replace them if they become damaged due to ill-use. Nor will the Village Hall Committee allow the goals to be used if there is swearing or littering.

So lets keep it good clean fun!

Thankyou and Enjoy!



Football Goals Assembly Team

LETTERS AND NOTICES

continued....

Dear Editor,

I read with interest the article in the last Sibford Scene "Concerned resident Bonds End Lane"

I would like to use the item to impress upon drivers to be mindful of others when driving down <u>Colony road</u> in Sibford Gower – this road too has become similar to Silverstone Race Circuit with no thought for the damage that can be caused in a second by speeding vehicles.

I realise a lot of the traffic is from "outsiders" to the village and to some degree is out of our hands but it would be helpful if residents slowed down as an example to other drivers – there is a 30mph restriction on <u>Colony road</u>, most folk don't seem to realise this and think because they have left the village they can drive at 50mph, in a built up area.

The lane would benefit from furthers restrictions on it's use because MANY heavy tractors and trailers speed up and down the lane in a dangerous manner, daily. Colony road is a lane and was not built for heavy vehicles. Modern agricultural vehicles have increased in size 3 fold and not only are they speeding in a built up area but they are breaking up the road surface, recently the council have had to carry out "repairs" to the every increasing potholes on two occasions.

Apart from the heavy vehicles spoiling our lane, all drivers need to use <u>Colony road</u> with respect for others – speeding is dangerous to man and beast and can kill or mame

PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR SPEED and consider others when using Colony road in a vehicle name & address supplied

Public Footpaths

When using the gates on public footpaths and bridleways, please ensure that they are securely closed after passing through in order to prevent animals from getting out.

There have been instances recently where overgrowing hedges have been cut back, probably by well intentioned path users, but it was later found that the path being used was on private land well away from the designated footpath. There have also been cases of riders not sticking to the bridleways. The Parish Council requests that in future if someone is willing to carry out some hedge cutting that contact be made with Sue Bannister, the Parish Council's Footpath Officer (01295 780365) who will advise whether or not it is a public footpath and riders are requested to stick to the bridleways.

Sibford Gower PC



NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

Sunday 25 June 2pm-6pm

Gardens open for NGS

On Sunday 25 June five gardens in the Sibfords will open to raise funds for the National Gardens Scheme (the Yellow Book). Last year countrywide the NGS raised £3 million to distribute to the charities it supports. These include Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Carers Trust, Parkinson's UK, and The Queen's Nursing Institute. The five gardens are Buttslade House, Carter's Yard, Larkspur and Stickleys House in Sibford Gower and Home Close in Sibford Ferris. Please come to support the NGS's charities and we garden openers. Teas will be available at the Village Hall and there will be a plant stall at Carter's Yard. Combined admission is £6, children go free.



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SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

Sibford Gower Annual Parish Council Meeting

held in Sibford Primary School on Monday, 8th May 2017

Prior to the meeting a Planning sub-committee meeting was held. The application at Lane Head was discussed with input from residents, and a submission to Cherwell DC was agreed. It was reported that an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate re the rejection of Muddle Barn Farm had been lodged, and the Chair was asked to draft a response reiterating our objections.

Present: Parish Cllrs Peter Abbott. Susan Bannister, Oswyn Murray, Alan Parkin, Gilian Soden, five local residents and Peter Hardman (Clerk).

Matters Arising: Junction of Main Street/Pound Lane: The Parish Council still awaits hearing from Oxfordshire Highways as to whether Oxfordshire County Council would be prepared to contribute towards the cost of a half bell bollard and small area of footway for the protection of pedestrians from passing vehicles. The Clerk was instructed to take the matter forward .Town Estate Charity: The vacancy caused by the resignation of Joanna Gilkes as a Trustee appointed by Sibford Gower Parish Council has been filled by the appointment of the Rev Elisabeth Hawkes.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman: Cllrs Oswyn Murray and Peter Abbott were re-elected Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively.

Chairman's Report:

Miriam Tebbs' Land: The holly tree which has been taken down left a large gap in the hedgerow. The Chairman reported that the bench has passed its day and it would be good to acquire a new one. He suggested that the Parish Councillors should meet there and invite adjacent neighbours to join them to see how the land can be maintained.

Bishop Blaize (Pheasant Pluckers Inn): The present situation is not at all satisfactory and the Chairman reported that Annual Parish Meeting had unanimously passed a motion that the Parish Council should demand a meeting with the chief planning and legal officers of Cherwell District Council to respond to the questions that had already been raised with the enforcement officer. The Parish Councillors instructed the chairman and clerk to prepare a letter.

Millennium Field: Is working well and enjoyed by the public

Planning Matters: Since the previous Parish Council Meeting, nine planning applications had been considered.

Highways The Chairman spoke of the present condition of the road surfaces where potholes have recently been filled by Oxfordshire Highways. A new machine is now in use and, so far, it would seem that fillings appear to be of a more permanent type

Footpaths: .Cllr Susan Bannister referred to the gate at the top of the footpath which runs from Backside Lane to Main Street. It is now beyond repair. She is in a position to offer, at no cost, a replacement. This was readily agreed and she will now arrange for the installation of the gate which the Parish Council will finance. She then reported that a hedge had been cutback but whoever did it, probably intending to be helpful, was not aware that the hedge was not on a public footpath. She asked that, in future, if a person had in mind some cutting back that they informed her (as Parish Council Footpath Officer) so that she may say whether or not the work could be done.

Date of Next Meeting

This will be on Monday, 11^{th} September 2017 starting at 8pm in the Staff Room of the Primary School.

SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

SIBFORD FERRIS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 5 MAY

Present at the meeting were the Chair of the Parish Council Tim Huckvale, Vice-Chair Maureen Hicks and Councillors Ginny Bennett, Adrian Lamb and Peter Robinson, Clerk Anita Spencer, County and District Councillor George Reynolds, Oliver Helm of Sugarnet and four members of the public.

Oliver Helm gave a short presentation on the wireless broadband provision offered by Sugarnet and proposed to gauge interest in the Sibfords via an edition of the Sibford Scene.

The Chair then gave his annual report on the activities of the Parish Council, including the creation of a Planning Committee to deal with planning applications in the public eye. Also under Planning, there had been a meeting to respond to the Cherwell District Council's Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review.

During the year, bus subsidies had been cut and the Sibfords had been fortunate to retain a service, there had been no change in BT plans to provide faster broadband and there were two planning applications for a mobile phone mast, one withdrawn and the other refused, but currently being appealed.

Repairs had been carried out at the Cotswold Close Play Area, now showing its age, and a bench replaced, and plans would need to be put in place for its future redevelopment.

On the Bishop Blaize, there had been a public meeting on how it could become a community hub with around 100 people attending although there had been no further progress to date.

The Chair also summarised the position on housing development in the village with the outcome of the Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review still awaited and the consultation on Local Plan Part 2 yet to come. The affordable housing scheme proposed for the village had been shelved because there had been no agreement between the parties.

The Chair summed up his report with thanks to all the councillors, volunteers and to Sibford School for use of the classroom for meetings.

In the Financial Report to 31 March, based on draft, pre-audit accounts, it was reported that the precept had been kept at £6858 for a third year. Payments had totalled £5864 excluding VAT and the balance between income and expenditure would be put into reserves for expenses in future years and items not identified within the budget.

SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

Thanks were expressed to Sue Rowley for undertaking the internal audit for another year. This would be the last year the annual return was submitted for external audit. The 2017/18 annual return would be presented for inspection to the public and any queries could be put to an external auditor at the cost of the parish council.

The annual report on Wheathills informed the meeting that the contractor who had laid the roadside hedge had won an award for this work, that the entry point to the field had been moved and non-agricultural waste had been removed by the tenant. During the year, the Millennium Field had been acquired by the Trust. There was concern that Wheathills was being used by dog owners although there was no right of way.

In the Village Hall report, Ginny Bennet was pleased to advise that improvements to the large hall had been very successful and hirings were up. Fundraising towards refurbishment of the lavatories had started and the roof and car park would also require attention before too long. The Committee had taken on extra roles to support the caretaker in keeping the hall in good condition and would welcome new members. Thanks were expressed to both Parish Councils, the Town Estates Charity and residents for their support.

There was an update on the Community First Responder Scheme which had not progressed in the Sibfords as had been hoped and Councillor Bennett agreed to attend an event hosted by the charity wing of the South Central Ambulance Service that ran the responder scheme to see what could be done to push things forward.

PC Carrie Cook of Thames Valley Police Neighbourhood Team had sent a short update on plans to restructure three key areas of policing: investigation, response and neighbourhood which would take place during the summer. Contact would be made to explain how the new structure would work for the Sibfords. PC Cook reported that there had been a total of five offences in Sibford Ferris over the past 12 months.

Peter Robinson gave headlines for events at Sibford School, including the arrival of the new Head, Toby Spence. There had been sporting events including triathlon, cross country, rugby and hockey, a joint choir festival, drama peformances, the Café Scientifique and a Physics seminar, Arts Hubs offering evening classes, swimming lessons in the School pool, a newly launched Community Orchestra and the popular holiday club. Finally, the School was celebrating its 175° anniversary and would be marking the occasion on its Open Day on 17 June and also during October. The full draft minutes of the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting are available on the village website (thesibfords.org.uk/sfpc) or from the Clerk (788557).

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NATURE NOTES

7th April December moth eggs that were laid in our moth trap in December started to hatch. They are now growing rapidly on a diet of Hawthorn leaves.

17th April Megan Gilkes saw her first Swallow of the year.

23rd April The Dawn Chorus event organised by Andy Turner and Sue Sabin was enjoyed by an appreciative group of early risers. It was encouraging that the event was so well attended (I understand it was oversubscribed). A short walk through a number of different habitats enabled Andy to point out a wide range of different bird species contributing to the dawn chorus. The mist rising off Lamb's Pool and the Hares in the fields silhouetted against the rising sun added to the experience.

7th May Heather Eisenhut reported seeing a Grass Snake in the Meeting House Cottage garden. It is worth keeping an eye out for them especially in or around ponds and compost heaps.

8º May The Swans nesting on Lamb's pool now have 8 cygnets.

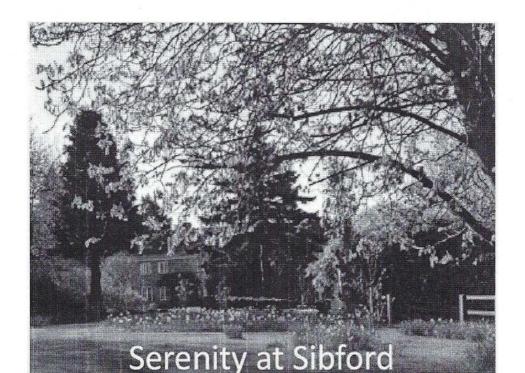


After our comments on Otter poo in last month's notes our son pointed out that to distinguish it from the droppings of other species you need to smell it. Otter droppings smell 'sweet' and have been likened to the smell of jasmine tea! There is now a wealth of information on mammals in Oxfordshire available on the Oxfordshire Mammals Group website (www.oxonmammals.org).

It is a good idea to provide garden birds with some water for drinking and bathing during dry spells.

If anyone is interested in finding out what moths are in their own garden we would be willing to run our trap in a few gardens around the villages over the summer months. If you send us an e-mail we can explain what is involved and can look for a mutually convenient date.

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Day for Tibet.

On Sunday, June 18th there will be a day dedicated to awareness of the plight of the Tibetans.

11.a.m. 'Return from Rewalsar': a talk by York Tibet Support Group organisers Dee and Rowena on their recent visit to Rewalsar in N. India, home to many exiled Tibetans.

12.30 p.m. Curry lunch provided by the Gurkha Spice Restaurant , price not included in entrance ticket.

2.30 p.m.Screening of the latest film, duration 60 minutes, by Nawang N. Anja-Tsang, (Sonam), 'A Mother's Son' - a highly acclaimed film about the self -immolation of a Tibetan teenager. This will be followed by a Q and A with Sonam, who has taken his film all over India, to many European capitals and to the US.

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

DECORATION IN PROGRESS

At the beginning of June we are going to paint the toilets and foyer, to smarten them up . We do plan a full refurbishment of that area but need to raise funds for that work.

CHILDRENS SPORTS AFTERNOON

Our next event is on July 8th and will commence mid afternoon with races ,competitions and fun for all the family. A BBQ and Licensed BAR are planned. More details next month and will also be on thesibfords.org website.

DOG WALKERS BREAKFAST

This popular event will be held in August [date to be arranged] ,so watch out more details.

VILLAGE HALL FAYRE

This will be held on September 9th ,Saturday.

QUIZ NIGHT

Our Annual Quiz will on November 11th ,starting at 7pm. Supper and licensed bar.

CEILIDH BAND

We are delighted to welcome "The Old Bell Ceilidh Band" from Adderbury, on Saturday, December 9th 2017. Come for music, dancing and fun. Licensed bar. More details to come!

FILM NIGHTS

On June 21st we will show "Lion". This true story followes a young boy "Saroo" who lived in the area around Khandwa. Having stumbled onto a train to sleep he finds himself being whisked away to Calcutta. Lost and alone he gets shunted around India's barely existent welfare system and eventually is shipped off to Tasmania. Foster parents ,played by Nicole Kidman and David Wenham bring him up but his memories of his early life haunt him. Also stars Rooney Mara, Priyanka Bose and Dev Patel. Running time 129 mins. Entry £2 for adults, £1 for children. Film starts at 7-30pm.

BRIDGE DRIVE

On October 7th we are hosting $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) +\left(1$

There will be NO DOG SHOW this year. As this event was not very well supported last year we will consider holding it again in the future.

HIRING THE HALL

For bookings or information contact Ginny on 01295 780373 or via thesibfords.org website.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Hospitallers in Sibford 1338-1512

In 1308 the Pope, fearful of the power of the Knights Templar as a challenge to his authority over the Roman church, called for their entire suppression. All their lands and properties were transferred to the Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem who had provided hospice and medical care to the Knight Templars during the Crusades.

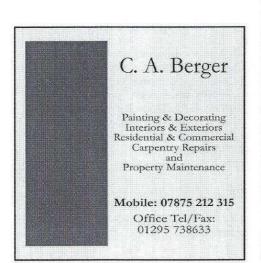
The Hospitallers continued as lords of the manor at Sibford for two centuries from 1338 to 1512. By 1512 their interest had waned and all the lands were released to local tenants. By 1536, when Henry VIII dissolved the monasteries and turned against the Church of Rome, the priest who had been paid $\pounds 2$ a year to conduct mass in the Sibford Chapel went away and the chapel fell into disrepair.

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NOT SO GREAT TASTE

Here's my version of a recipe from the Riverford Cook Book:

SWEETCORN FRITTERS (serves 6)

tin of sweetcorn 125g plain flour

1 tsp baking powder 1 tsp sugar

3 eggs 2 tbsp creme fraiche

125ml milk 2 tbsp butter

1 red chili, finey chopped 1/2 red onion, finely chopped

Bunch of coriander/chives olive oil

Chuck the flour, baking powder, sugar in a bowl. Add eggs and beat it. Gradually beat in the creme fraiche and milk until you get a smooth and thick batter. Add the chilli, onion, sweetcorn and herbs. Season.

Heat the oil in a frying pan until quite hot (splash water in and it will sizzle). drop tablespoons of the mixture into the pan and fry for 2 mins over a medium heat, until golden brown. Eat and enjoy



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SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

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5 June, 19 June and 3 July

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Please notify Sue, village footpaths warden, if you discover things that need repairing or cutting back on the footpaths within the Sibfords' parishes





SIBFORDS SOCIETY

On April 20th we were very glad to welcome once again Mark Davies, the Oxford local historian. Mark is well known to the Sibfords Society, as he has talked on a variety of topics, and we have been guided by him on his walks around Oxford's towpaths. This time the subject was James Sadler, the extraordinary English pioneer, who, born the son of an Oxford pastry cook, succeeded in defying the constraints of his upbringing and becoming the first Englishman to build and fly an air balloon. Mark took us through James Sadler's life, 1753 - 1828, which was filled with thrills and spills and fortunately no fatalities, although his rivals were not as lucky. His first ascent, very probably from the Botanical Gardens in Oxford, (he had previously sent up an unmanned balloon, and then one with a dog hanging from it in a basket) was on 4th October 1784. A barometer on board enabled him to judge that he had reached an altitude of about 3,600 feet. He was able to land on "a small Eminence betwixt Islip and Wood Eaton, six miles from the City"; he had planned to reach Woodstock but unfortunately dropped "the Fork" and was hence unable to stoke up his stove.

Mark's thorough research has resulted in his book 'King of all Balloons', with a foreword by Sir Richard Branson, himself an ardent balloonist from Oxfordshire, and it is an exciting and at times very amusing read.

On 15th June we are visiting Sudeley Castle in the Cotswolds. We will leave the village hall car park at 10 a.m. and plan to start our tour of the castle at 11 a.m. This is not a guided tour and we can make our way round at our own pace and stay as long as we like. The cost is £11.50 p.p. Please call me if you have any queries: 780506.

Sibfords Society - Programme for 2017/2018

July 20: Afternoon visit to Woodstock for guided tour of SOFO 'Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum', followed by pub supper.

September 21: Liz Woolley 'Oxfordshire and the Spanish Civil War.'

October 19: Dr Gillian White: 'The Great Fire of Warwick'.

November 16: Richard Buckley 'Life after Richard III – Archaeology at Leicester 2012 – 2017'.

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February 15: Social

March 15: AGM followed by Penelope Keith's 'Hidden Villages- the Cotswolds' and other DVDs.



SIBFORD SCHOOL NEWS

Sibford School Open Day 2017

175-years of outstanding Quaker education will be celebrated later this month when Sibford School hosts its annual Open Day.

The event, which takes place on Saturday 17 June, is open to current parents, friends, old scholars and anyone interested in the possibility of a place at Sibford in the future.

In the Senior School, there will be a Meeting for Worship at 9am, followed by an Opening Celebration at 9.30am, where pupils will be reflecting on the past 175 years.

In the Junior School, classroom displays will be open for visitors from 9.30am.

There will be a host of events and activities taking place around the school campus and musical performances by Sibford pupils and the recently formed Sibford Community Orchestra.

A presentation for parents of prospective pupils will take place at 11am and, in keeping with the theme, the school's Parent, Staff and Friends Association will be running a Victorian Café from 10.30am ~ 2 pm.

Head, Toby Spence and the staff at Sibford School warmly invite people to join them to help celebrate the school's 175th anniversary.

For further information email Elspeth Dyer (<u>edyer@sibfordschool.co.uk</u>) or call her on 01295 781203.



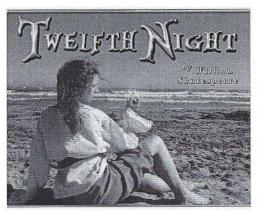


SIBFORD SCHOOL NEWS

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'Al fresco' theatre this summer - come 'Rain or Shine'

The cast of professional theatre company Rain or Shine, hailed by 'The Stage' as "one of the best companies touring open air theatre" are set to delight family audiences once again this summer with their production of Shakespeare's cross-gartered and hilarious cross-dressing comedy Twelfth Night.



Sure to delight family audiences from 6 to 96, Rain or Shine will be bringing classical theatre into the heart of local communities during June, July andAugust.

The tour includes a performance in Holly House Garden, Sibford School, Sibford Ferris on Thursday 29th June. The garden will open for picnics at 6.30pm and the performance will start at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £13 for adults, £11 for concessions and £6 for children and are available by calling the school on 01295 781216 or online via www.ticketweb.co.uk

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SIBFORD GOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Busy, busy! There has been the usual buzz of activity at our wonderful school in the first half of the Summer Term with the children in Acorn and Beech Classes out in the sunshine in our beautiful grounds, searching for minibeasts and doing their best to provide habitats for these interesting creatures too. Beech Class have constructed a very splendid multi-storey 'bug hotel' in their outdoor classroom. Let's hope we get lots of 'visitors'.

Willow Class has had an outdoor focus too. The children have recycled some pallets by turning them into planters, with a bit of help from our very helpful caretaker, Mr Wiggins. With lots of plants donated by local supermarkets, they are in the process of turning the Old School outdoor classroom into a flower-filled haven. Gardening Club have been planting out the raised beds with a variety of vegetables and flowers and learning a huge amount about horticulture in the process.

Thanks to our team of trained parent volunteers, Year 5 children have been out on bikes in their hi-viz jackets to do their Cycling Proficiency training and develop road safety skills.

A number of children have been applying their creative writing skills and have been shortlisted for the Deddington Literary Festival.

The children and adults from Willow, Maple & Oak Classes headed off in the coach for a trip to central London and a visit to the British Museum, to support their topic work on Benin. For some of our children, it was their first trip to our capital city. (This is on our list of 101 things to do before you leave Sibford Gower Primary School and can be found on our school website at sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk). Our youngest children will be making an educational visit to The Butterfly Farm this term too.

Auditions have taken place for the end of year KS2 production and the children are looking forward to performing this at the local Village Hall, but not before many more busy afternoons of learning lines, making props and exploring the many aspects of stage-craft that go into a successful production.

And all of this, without a mention of SATs!



NEWS FROM KATHERINE HOUSE

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MIDNIGHT WALK 2017 - PLEASE SIGN UP NOW!

Our Midnight walk will take place on Saturday 24th June. This year's theme is 'Animals', so bring your rabbit ears, slip in to a zebra onesie, or join your friends in a giant caterpillar. Whatever shape, size, or type of animal you choose, you're sure to have a memorable Midnight Walk! Please sign up today and help raise money for people and families facing life-limiting illness in our community. Sign up at www.khh.org.uk/midnight-walk

FESTIVAL OF OPEN GARDENS - MAY - SEPTEMBER 2017

Our Festival of Open Gardens is back from May to September with over 30 gardens open. This year we also have some fantastic garden talks from renowned local gardeners, as well as a flower festival, not to mention teas and home-made cakes at many of the gardens. More information at www.khh.org.uk/gardens, or call us on 01295 816 484.

Festival of Open Gardens Dates:

27 & 28 May - South Newington

4 June - Adderbury

17 & 18 June - Swerford

18 June - Deddington

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6 August - Heyford Park

5, 7 & 9 September - Broughton Grange

17 September - Bloxham



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SIBFORD HORTI SOCIETY

At our last meeting we met at Carters Yard to look around Sue Bannisters garden and learn about successional planting.

There were many trees, shrubs and perennials to admire and plants to buy so everyone was happy.

Many thanks to Sue and Malcolm for the welcome refreshments and hospitality. Our next meeting is on 14th June where we will be visiting Black Knap and Chivel Farm, Heythrop.

Meet at the Village Hall at 6.30 pm so we can car share.

In Your Garden - June

- 1. Pinch out growing tips of dahlias, and stake them. All other tall plants in borders need staking too.
- 2. Spray roses at the first sign of greenfly or black spot, and do so regularly.
- 3. Open greenhouses and cold frames to ventilate and harden off tender plants waiting to go outside.
- 4 Plant up tubs, containers, and hanging baskets, and keep them watered and fed.
- 5. Take cuttings from non-flowering shoots of pinks, and put them in pots filled with gritty compost to root.
- 6. When oriental poppies have finished flowering, cut them right back to ground level. You will be rewarded with fresh foliage, and the odd flower.
- 7. Primroses and primulas can now be divided and planted out in a shade corner. Give them a good watering and you will have twice as many plants next year.
- 8. In the kitchen garden keep planting french and runner beans, plant out leeks, net soft fruit, and keep planting spinach, lettuce and pak choi.
- 9. Newly planted shrubs and trees will need a great deal of water after such a dry spring.
- Think about next year! Now is the time to plant perennial seeds to flower then, ie. lupins, delphiniums eremurus, and anchosa. (Loddon Royalist is the best blue ever.)



WELCOME TO SIBFORD

Hello - my name is Ruth and I have just moved to Burdop a few days ago but am already besotted with the area.

Between all your beautiful gardens, the delightful footpaths I keep finding and the extremely warm welcome I have had from everyone I meet...I think I am

going to be very happy here.

I had the pleasure of catching a committee meeting, film night and a very interesting talk hosted by the Sibfords Society all in my first week! I think I am now a member of about three groups and keen to be an active and useful member of the community.

So if you see me around, specially if I am out running, please give me a wave or a beep. I need all the motivation I can get with some of the hills around

here!

If you are new to the Sibfords and would like a 'Welcome to Sibford' booklet, providing details of village services and activities, please call Ivor Hopkyns on T: 788367 (Gower & Burdrop) or Nic Durrant T: 788865 (Ferris). And don't forget that we are lucky enough to have a really great village website too at: thesibfords.org.uk

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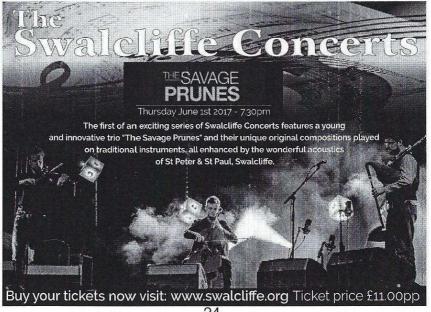
Banbury - Every Thursday & Saturday. Farmers Market - 1st Friday of the month

Chipping Norton - Every Wednesday

Chipping Norton Farmers - 3rd Saturday of the month

Deddington Farmers - 4th Saturday of the month

Great Rollright - 1st Saturday of the month





LOCAL NEWS

The British Riding Clubs Horse Trials Championships are again being hosted at Swalcliffe Park Equestrian on Friday 4th - Sunday 6th August 2017, The Taylor family will be hosting afternoon tea on Sunday 6th from 2.30pm in the marque adjoining the secretaries office for anyvillagers who would like to come along to view and enjoy the event.

Epwell is holding its Open Gardens this year on Sunday 25th June from 2-5pm

As you may know our village is small and easy to walk round and as well as the gardens the Church will be open and adjacent to the church yard is a small and pretty wild flower meadow. There will be teas served throughout the event in Village House garden

Swalcliffe Concerts

Savage Prunes

1st June



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NEWS FROM THE OLD MISSION HALL STUDIOS

Sue and Melissa would like to extend their gratitude to everyone for their support for the recent Oxfordshire Art Weeks. There were many visitors to the studio, some great comments, new friends and contacts discovered.

"Both artists' work very interesting and unusual. Enjoyed very much" (14/05/17)





A combination of traditional craft of corn dollies and the photographic technique – cyanotype printing was used in the exhibits by Melissa. Sue, having finished deconstructing the piano, is now trying her hand at jewellery from the piano mechanism, using reclaimed agricultural objects to produce giant knitting and disused wheelbarrows will feature in her next installation. The artists are focusing their practise and research on the question: 'What is the Rural?

The SIBKNIT Yarn Bombing Crew have been hard at work since Christmas to produce over 200 tags for the village yarn bombing project. It has been interesting and refreshing to hear the mixed views across the community. One of the roles of contemporary art can be to both excite and to shock. Whatever your opinions it has certainly been a talking point. A special vote of thanks must go to the Crew:

Sue (Susie) Wightman Sue Beach Dina Bentley Gina Burgess Sue Jerrams Coughtrey Janet Riley Audrey Oliver Jane Moffat Anna Townley Heather Gledhill Alison Solesbury Elizabeth Lyons Dianne Kavanagh

We would also like to thank the Parish Council for allowing the event to take place and The Wykham Arms for their participation and support.

"Wonderful. Thank you for creating something so cheery and upbeat in these rather bleak times" (14/05/17)

continued.....

The yarn bombing will be removed the week beginning 29th May. The SIBKNIT Crew will continue to create tags and the project will be going 'on tour' to other Banburyshire villages later in the year.

FUTURE EVENTS: Saturday 1st July 1.00 - 4.00 p.m. Summer Workshops. Open to everyone, no experience necessary: Contact Sue 07891167485, Melissa 07818630356 or theoldmissionhallstudios@gmail.com

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends

Sibford Gower, Sunday, 10.30 am

Roman Catholic Mass Wroxton, Sunday, 9.00 am and Brailes, Sunday,

11.30 am

Baptist

Hook Norton, Sunday, 10.30 am

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHATTER

At the Church AGM (APCM) Richard Earle and Evey Boughton were elected as Church Wardens for the forthcoming year. Peter Hardman was elected as Secretary, and David Watson as Treasurer.

There was a lengthy discussion about the interior of the church and possible re-ordering. We all agreed we would like a better kitchen; that a loo would be a wonderful addition; that the rear of the church could be developed to create a level area where tables and chairs could be sited. We wondered about investigating further the provision of glass doors, and also thought we need to look more carefully at what, if anything, could be done at the east end. We are very clear that we do not want to destroy the simplicity of the church.

There will be a Coffee Morning in church on June 10th (10am onwards) with the usual stalls and raffle to which you are all invited.

Services for June:

4th 10am in Broughton, BBenefice Communion. Rev John

11th TRINITY SUNDAY

9.30am Patronal Festival Communion, Ronald

18th 9.30am Communion, Rev Liz

25th 9.30am BCP Communion, Ronald



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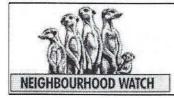
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June 2017

As neighbourhood watch supremo for the area I have been made most welcome . Thank you. Between an irritating dog and suspected drugs den I wonder what the Gower is coming to. I haven't had so much fun since I broke into a brothel opposite King's Cross Station and discovered I had got the wrong door, ending up in the foyer of a local hotel!

I'm meeting PCSO Claire Brennan on Mon 22nd May and will pass on any useful info. in due course.....

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

7th	Village Hall AGM - Village Hall - 7pm
14th	Horti Society meeting - Meet at th Village Hall - 630pm
16th	Ladies Lunch - Village Hall - Noon
17th	Open Day - Sibdord School - 930am
18th	'A Day For Tibet' - Village Hall - 10.45am
21st	Film Night - Village Hall - 7.30pm
25th	NGS Gardens open – 2pm
29th	SGEPS rehearsal and performance - Village Hall - 3.30pm
30th	Grand Opening of the refurbished Village Hall! - Noon

JUNE BIN COLLECTIONS

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

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

JULY (PART)

1st Summer Workshops - Old Mission Hall - 1-4pm

20th Woodstock afternoon visit with the Sibfords Society

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