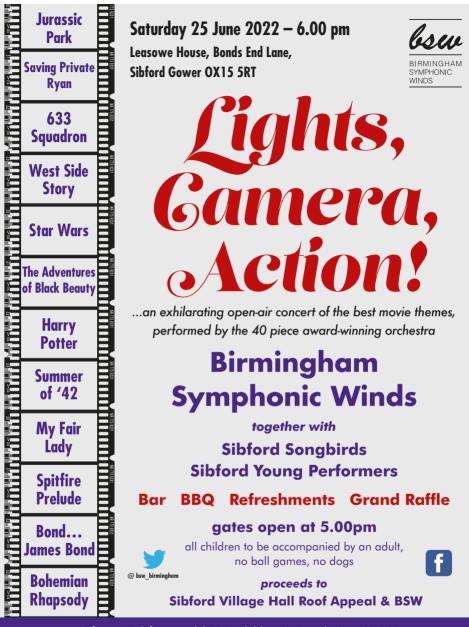
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Happy Platinum Jubilee!! All the events are in the supplement that comes with the Scene this month. Let the fun begin!

A mention also of the **Birmingham Symphonic Winds** concert at Leasowe House on the 25th. It promises to be a fabulous evening

Thought for the month:

"There's so much that we need to share So send a smile and show you care"

Supertramp



LETTERS AND NOTICES

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY!!

May Winners

1st prize £70 - Sally Hopkyns

2nd prize £42 - Charlotte Davies

3rd prize £28 - Harriet Mountford

Dog Poo Bag Box

A HUGE thankyou to Mike Spring for the new box in the Millenium Field – it looks most professional (and quirky!)

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Date for your diary: Friday September 30th Macmillan coffee morning at 2 Barley Close

We have not been able to do it for 2 years so let's make it a good one.

More details nearer the time.

Petra Berry



LETTERS AND NOTICES

Cotswold Close Play Area

We have been working hard behind the scenes on plans to redevelop the play area in Cotswold Close.

We are looking at improving the space, by replacing much of the equipment and recycling what we can.

We are planning to replace the existing equipment with wooden equipment and we hope we will be able to re use the slide.

There will be some new additions to the play area too, which will hopefully improve the space for all.

Our next step is to **raise funds** to pay for the updates and changes.

We hope that the village will be able to support our efforts with this, through supporting at fundraising events – watch this space!

If anyone is keen to be involved, then please contact Selina or Ginny

<u>Selina_butler@hotmail.co.uk</u> or ginnybennett@googlemail.com







LETTERS AND NOTICES

Sibford Gower Parish Council elections

Dear Editor

It is surely a shameful reflection on the democratic state of the village that in this jubilee year, for the first time in a hundred years, and despite all the efforts of our excellent and hard-working outgoing councillors, five people could not be found out of some 500 households prepared to take on the task of representing the views of the village to higher authorities. This at a time when both the Gower and the Ferris are in danger of being swamped by new housing, and becoming a dormitory annexe at the mercy of predatory builders and Banbury housing needs.

Since there is now scarcely a quorum of parish councillors it seems that the parish will be placed in special needs and have to be helped out by our wonderful indefatigable Cherwell councillor George Reynolds.

Let us hope that our new unopposed Councillors will be successful in recruiting some co-opted members; in the meantime we wish them all success in their efforts to hold the village together and represent its interests.

Oswyn Murray (chairman of Sibford Gower PC for ten years)



NGS Sibford Open Gardens – Sunday 26th June 2–6pm

Combined admission for all gardens ± 7 adult – children free

A group of 4 very different and interesting gardens with 'Coppers' joining our opening for the first time for this year's NGS event.

Do come along and enjoy the socially distanced afternoon, support the NGS and its Nursing Charities (plus many more) and enjoy some tea and delicious homemade cakes at the village hall in aid of Holy Trinity Church and pick up some plants for your garden at our plant stall at 'Carter's Yard'.



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

• We are busy planning another amazing event, in collaboration with Keith Allen and the Birmingham Symphonic Winds. Please bookmark **June 25**th in your diaries and buy your event and grand raffle tickets in advance.

Book Swap Saturdays: 10am - 12pm June 18, July 16

• 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 <u>www.sibfordvillagehall.org.uk</u> to request a booking. We have preferential rates for village residents, only $\pm 10/hr$ (one hall); and $\pm 18/hr$ (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.



Cont'd

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

• 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 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).

On 31st May, we had a talk on composition and with that in mind, we discussed the member's images on our monthly topic of "Four legs", a topic that inspired many entertaining images.

On 28th June, weather permitting, we will meet at 7:00 in the Millennium Field for a short photoshoot before returning to the Village Hall to process a few of the members' photographs. These might be scenic shots, close-ups of insects, leaves or flowers, portraits, abstracts or any other subject that takes the members' fancy. We will then review the members images on the monthly photo topic of "Abstract".

Sibford Photography Club also arranges additional 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 <u>colinlamb.cl@gmail.com</u> or phone 01295 780357.



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Sibford Friendship Club congratulates Her Majesty on her Platinum Jubilee.

The Club are to hold. Party on June 5th at 2pm. With all the bunting etc.that goes with it.

The Club is not ready yet to go by coach anywhere mainly due to the price of the coach.

Don't forget the Club is open to anyone who is over 55. Annual fee ± 12 .

If anyone wishes to join please contact Sandra, Mary West, or Eveline

Evey Boughton.



Nature Notes June 2022

As I am writing this on 11th May we are finally getting some much needed rain.

Having said in the last nature notes that I had yet to see Orange-tip or Holly Blue butterflies I then saw at least a dozen Orange-tips the following day flying in the sunshine on Swalcliffe Common. The brightly coloured male butterflies which are white with orange tips to their wings were a delight to see flying among the Bluebells. I have now seen a couple of Holly Blues. This is the most likely blue butterfly to see in gardens.

In the garden I don't think I have ever seen so many Robins. There must be several families and at least one with some early fledglings. Wrens also seem to be having a good year, although they are more often heard than seen.

On several occasions we have seen the Red Kites flying over Sibford being mobbed by other birds.

Having been told that a Cuckoo had been heard calling in Whichford Woods I was pleased to hear one in Sibford on 9^{th} May. It sounded as if it was in the vicinity of the solar panels.

Moth catches in the garden are now getting more interesting and it was pleasing to record another Silver Cloud having not seen one last year.

Please send any contributions for the next nature notes to <u>ajnewbold88@gmail.com</u> - I am sure there must be people in the villages that could add some variety. Photos are welcome.

Andy and Gill Newbold



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Cicely Glazebrook and James Morbey are raising money to fund a range of projects they will be involved with in Kenya, Summer 2023.

Each project aims to make a significant and lasting impact on the region's most critical issues.



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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As Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II celebrates her Platinum Jubilee commemorating her accession to the throne on the death of her father King George VI on 6 February 1952, I wondered how the Sibford villagers celebrated her Coronation on 2 June 1953. I asked some of our more senior residents for their memories of that special day and was initially surprised as to how few memories could be brought to mind.

Perhaps I shouldn't have been surprised – at that time only a very few people in Sibford had a television set so apart from the radio and newspapers, which enabled

adults to keep up to date with national affairs, children and young people would have been perfectly happy to enjoy their holiday from school or work to enjoy their own pursuits.

Leslie Baily, our local historian, was living in Gowers Close at the time, invited his neighbours and their children to watch the ceremony on his newly installed television set. Robin Spicer remembers crossing the road from his home in Acre Ditch in the morning to watch the events on the tiny screen. In the afternoon there was a Fancy Dress Parade at the village school. In 1952 sweets had recently come 'Off Ration' and he clearly remembers that Freda Payne and her mum sewed sweet wrappers all over their dresses to celebrate their joy of being able to enjoy sweeties once again!

Children's Sports were held in Poulton's Field (now the field behind the village hall which was not built until 1957) and Robin remembers being presented with a pencil with a crown on top for winning the egg and spoon race. He also received a Coronation Crown coin and went to a tea party for the village children in the school. Adults had their own social in the evening.

Two villagers who were slightly older than Robin remember spending the day out and about in the village fields. They climbed up into a tree in Lower Way Field, (behind Temple Close) and carved their initials – where they remain until today!

How will you remember the village's Platinum Jubilee? Come and join in our community's celebrations, there is something for everyone. Maureen Hicks

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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 <u>sebannister@gmail.com</u> if you have any queries.

Sue Bannister

FOOTPATHS

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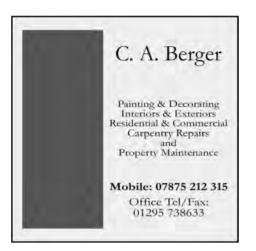
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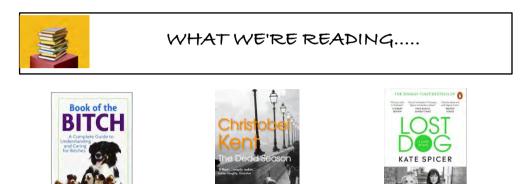
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WELCOME TO SIBFORD

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



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



We have been out and about at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School. The lifting of Covid restrictions has meant that we have been able to organise trips and visits again. These are occasions our pupils really enjoy and they provide wonderful opportunities to enrich the children's learning in ways which can be truly memorable.

Willow Class made a fairly local trip, but exciting nonetheless. They visited Swalcliffe Barn where they were able to explore, at first hand, a range of Roman artefacts that have been unearthed in the local area. This linked brilliantly with the learning that they have been doing in school and

illustrated the key message that there are traces of the past all around us if we look carefully.

The children in Oak Class went a bit further afield with their trip to the Banbury Museum. Oak Class have been learning all about the Victorians and the Industrial Revolution. The workshops they took part in as part of the trip deepened their understanding of the development and impact of the canal system and they learned all sorts of things about the lives of Victorian canal workers. They also went for a trip on a canal boat, making this a day that none of them will forget.

Amelia M: "We learned a lot about how important the canals were. A horse and cart can pull one tonne on the road but, using the canals, a horse can pull thirty tonnes because of the buoyancy."

Theo F: "We learned SO much! On the canals, instead of making tunnels or going around the hills, the locks are used to allow the canal boats to go up and down hills by using the lock gates to let water in and out."



Our younger children will be visiting the Cotswold Wildlife Park later this term. This will give the children in Acorn class the chance to actually see some of the animals they are currently exploring in their Around the World topic and understand, for instance, just how tall and elegant giraffe really are and that meerkats can be just as enchanting in real life as the animated ones are! Because of Covid, for many of the younger children it will be their very first experience of a school trip and how much fun these can be. All very exciting!

We offer excellent nursery provision for children aged 3+

Our Early Years provision continues to be really successful. We provide a calm, structured and supportive learning environment for children from 3+. The children are settled and happy and the learning outcomes for both nursery and Reception-aged children within the early years classroom are really strong. Although Reception is very nearly full for next year, we do still have nursery places. If you have a nursery-aged child and are considering a nursery place for them, you are more than welcome to contact the school to arrange a visit and a chat. Your child can join us at any time from the term after they are three and all 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 15 funded hours of early education per week. To find out more about our nursery provision and how to apply for a place, please look on our school website at http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk/nursery-provision--admission.html

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/

POETS CORNER



Swifts

Schreeching swooping sweeping the skies whirling circles whirring wings diving and dancing in perfect symmetry here and gone in seconds of soaring uplifting unexpected joy

Puppy love

Warm weight sleeping but moving still twitching paws whimpering in doggy dreams who is this little stranger on my lap in my life now filing a hole with such sweetness this bundle of love



Horti events for June and July 2022

Wednesday 8th June - visit to Rockliffe garden - own cars

This is a unique opportunity to visit this lovely garden which is only rarely open to the public. Sue Bannister has secured our entry to this special garden and she has organised the trip for us as follows:

- The garden is situated near to Upper Slaughter and we will be travelling from Sibford in our own cars.
- We will meet at the Village Hall at 1.45pm ready to leave at 1.50pm prompt
- The post code is GL54 2JW and the estimated journey time is 35 minutes.
- The cost of the visit is ± 10 per person and includes a private tour by the head gardner.
- Refreshments are not provided but Stow is close by so you may wish to stop there for tea after your visit.

Wednesday 13th July – visit to Winterbourne and Martineau Gardens

Winterbourne is one of the best surviving examples of a suburban Arts and Crafts villa garden. There is a restored walled garden, colour themed borders, an original sandstone rock garden, a woodland walk and the botanical garden contains many unusual plants from around the globe. There is a tea room with indoor and outdoor seating.

Martineau is a beautiful therapeutic community garden and a charity. The two and a half acres of organically managed landscape, is an oasis for wildlife, and a haven of tranquility. It is just two miles away from Birmingham City Centre and this year 2022, it celebrates 25 years of serving the community

- This event is heavily subsidised by the Horti and only 35 places are available
- Tickets £10.00 per member, £15.00 non-members.
- This is an all-day coach outing, leaving Sibford Village Hall promptly at 11.00am, return approx 5.00pm



In Your Garden - June

I have recently read that there is a growing body of research that shows that spending more time in the garden is the key to improved health and wellbeing. They call it Vitamin G. Well, we all knew that years ago, didn't we! Here are some ideas to get on with when you feel like it.

1. Sow french and runner beans and peas. but leave courgettes until the middle of the month. Peas will need staking with peas sticks, or used netting.

2, Try sowing a mixture of salad leaves together, with Little Gem lettuces, rocket, mustard leaves and Lambs lettuce. Then you can have a perfect little mixed salad. And I love radishes, best dipped into some butter and then sprinkled with some smoked sea salt. Yummy.

3.. Fix some netting over strawberries and raspberries to keep the birds off, and lift the ripening strawberries clean,off the soil with straw, or matting.

4. As the foliage dries up around the spring bulbs remove it, and you will see where there is room now to pop in some annuals.

5.Start moving tender plants outside, after they have been hardening off in a cold frame, or against a sheltered wall. But watch the weather forecast in case there are cold nights again, or chilly winds.

6. Pest alert. Keep a close eye out , this is when they all get really busy. Watch out for slugs, red lily beetles, white fly, greenfly, red spider mite and blackspot on roses.

7. Early flowering perennials, like my glorious pulmonaria which glows in the shadiest places, can now be cut back, to encourage a second flowering.

8.Keep tying in climbing roses, and dead head them to encourage more and more flowers through the season.

9. Shrubs that blossomed earlier in the year, such as Deutsia, Weigelia, Philadelphus and Exochorda should be pruned back when they have finished flowering, and cut back tired old stems to allow new growth, which will carry next years flowers.

10. Lawns and edges must be kept looking well groomed, unless you have made a wild flower meadow. in which case, get the hamper out, filled with goodies, , put the rug on the meadow, and don,t forget the radishes, and a nice cold bottle of wine. Important for your wellbeing – Remember. Jupe Hitching



There are so many ways to support our hospice throughout the spring and into summer. Whether it's signing up for our Moonlight Walk, taking on one of our challenge events or enjoying a gentle stroll at one of the Open Gardens – there's something for everyone. Our community events help raise vital funds for our hospice, and we couldn't keep providing specialist care without the support of local people and businesses. Thank you!

The countdown in on...

There's not long to go until our biggest fundraising event of the year. Join us on Saturday 16 July for the Moonlight Walk! Whether you're walking in memory of a loved one or just want to support our hospice, we'd love to see you there. This year, we're going back to the 80s - and it's going to be spectacular. Get some friends together, dig out your shell suit and sign up now. <u>khh.org.uk/moonlight</u>

Calling all runners

We have a range of running events coming up later this year that are not to be missed. Help us to raise money for our hospice and sign up today.

• The Big Half - Have a taster of the official London Marathon race route on 4 Sep

• Chicken Run – We've teamed up with Brackley Running Club for a 10k run on 18 Sep

• Oxford Half – Join us for the 13.1 mile run around Oxford's most iconic landmarks on 16 Oct

We'll be there to support you every step of the way. For more details and to sign up to any of the above events, visit <u>khh.org.uk/challenge</u>

Going swimmingly

We're excited to have secured four places for the Swim Serpentine event again this year. The one-day open water swimming event is taking place on 17 September in the beautiful setting of Hyde Park. Sign up for the half-mile or one-mile swim for Katharine House and join around 6,000 others taking part in the event this year. Don't miss out – find out more here: <u>khh.org.uk/challenge</u>

Gardens galore

Our Open Garden events are already under way and off to a great start. We wanted to grow our Open Garden scheme this year, and our supporters did not let us down. We have some fabulous villages taking part, as well as some private tours and events with limited availability. You can find the full list of our Open Gardens on our website. khh.org.uk/gardens

Find out more

Head to our website for more details, events and news: <u>khh.org.uk</u>

SIBFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Thursday, 21st April, Colin Hill gave an excellent talk on the Swalcliffe Barn, with all the historical background made really clear, and bringing us through its long existence to the present day. It was very good to welcome members of the Swalcliffe Society, in addition to our own. They are enthusiastically involved in the upkeep and the administration of the Barn on behalf of the Oxfordshire Museum Service.



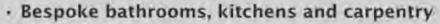
On the **16th June** our venue is a different one: the Quaker meeting House. Zoe Simms will be giving s a brief introduction to Quakerism and how Quakers came to Sibford.

Doors open at 7.15 p.m. and the talk starts at 7.30 p.m. Free to members, visitors \pounds 3. Refreshments follow the talk.

Zoe points out that parking at the meeting House is for disabled visitors only. She requests that on entry we register for Covid tracing.

On 16th July our Social Evening will be held outside, weather permitting, on the Village Hall Field, and all are invited! We will be welcoming the New York Jazz Quartet once again. They have become a feature of the Sibfords' summer, and we are so glad that they can be here again.

Bring your own folding chairs, picnic and drinks.Look out for posters and further info. If raining , we will be in the Village Hall. Fingers crossed it won't be!The band is playing from 6.30 - 8.30p.m..Field opens from 5.30 p.m. Diana Hughes <text><text><text><image><text><text><text>



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Dear friends, I must go seek some dew-drops here And hang a pearl in every cowslip's ear. Farewell, ... spirits: I'll be gone; Our queen and all her elves come here anon.

These words spoken by one of Queen Titania's woodland fairies in Shakespeare's, A Midsummer Night's Dream, captures the beauty of a Summers morning, when we wake to find glistening early morning dew. Shakespeare's play, set as it is in the mythical world of fairies, places the Queen at it's very centre, at its beating heart, she is pivotal to what happens. Her impact upon the characters of the play is lifechanging, even when she herself is not actually present on stage. Queen Titania speaks and the world in which she lives changes around her.

As we celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee, we might want to take time to reflect upon the enormous impact that she has had in her lifelong service both publicly and privately to our country, the Commonwealth and the World.

You may already be aware that our Queen holds the special title 'Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England'. Now the Queen's Christian faith is known by many of us and she has referred to her Christian beliefs in each of her Christmas day messages. But her close relationship with the Church of England goes back to the very beginning of her reign, symbolised at the Coronation when she was anointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury and took an oath to "maintain and preserve inviolably the settlement of the Church of England, and the doctrine, worship, discipline, and government thereof, as by law established in England".

So however we might be giving thanks and celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, individually and together in our villages, let us give thanks to God for her and all that she has done and continues to do as Queen and as the Defender of the faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

Best wishes & prayers. Revd Neil, Rector, Wykeham Benefice Tel: 788005

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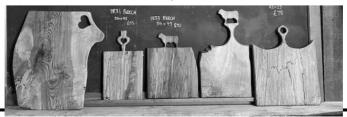
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Three types of crime recently coming to notice;

1. Contact being made by crooks (email/telephone etc) claiming to be from the local authority offering help with energy bills and asking for bank details !! Yes, I know it's the same old stuff, but they are very convincing and people are still falling for it.

2. Oil tanks. Keep an eye on your own and neighbours'. Oil deliveries are not made late at night and with the price of oil being what it is, many oil tanks are vulnerable to attack.

3. Similar to nos 2, Diesel vehicles are being targeted. The offence used to be called 'going equipped' and involved a small length of hose and a petrol can. It hasn't changed much and they are still at it

Peter Hine

Sibford Gower and Burdrop , 788830



FUN CORNER

One for Mr and Mrs Perris: (Ed)

Three racehorses are discussing their recent form. The first horse boasts, "Of my last 15 races, I've won 8". The second horse replies, "Well, I've won 19 of my last 27 races, 'That's pretty good, says the third horse, "but of my last 36 races, I've won 28".

At this point a greyhound , who has been sitting nearby and listening, joins in: "I don't like to boast, but of my last 90 races, I've won 88!" The horses gasp in amazement.

"Wow!' Says one, after a hushed silence "A talking dog!"



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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
Banbury	9.35	11.35	14.35	17.30	
Sibford Ferris (opp school)	9.53	11.53	14.53	17.48	
Shipston (opp garage)	10.11	12.11	15.11	18.06	
SOA (adj Natwest bank)	10.45	12.45	14.45	17.45	

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

1st – Ladies Coffee Club – Wykham Arms – 11am

3rd – Mens Brunch – Sun Inn, Hook Norton – 1130am

5th - Friendship Club Jubilee Party - Village Hall - 2pm

- 8th Horti Club visit to Rockliffe Garden Village Hall 11am
- 16th Sibford Historical Society Quaker Meeting House 7.30pm
- 18th Book Swap Cafe Village Hall 10am
- 28th Sibford Photograpy Club walk Millenium Field 7.00pm
- 25th Birmingham Symphonic Winds Leasowe House 5pm
- 26th Sibfords Open Gardens 2-6pm

JUNE BIN COLLECTIONS

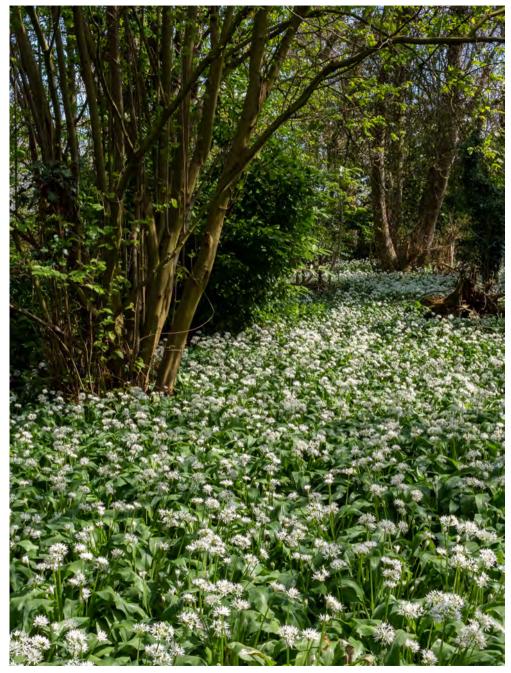
Green	Tuesday:	7th; 21st
Blue/Brown	Tuesday:	14th; 28th

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

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