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ED'S THOUGHTS

BBQ's, Pizza Parties, Pool Parties, Parties for the sake of a party party. Bring it on!

The Jubilee celebrations were a great success, as was Artweeks at Temple Mill - I love the summer and this wonderful village!

Have a super time - see you all in September.....

Front cover pic by Sue Bannister: "Chillaway"

Thought for the month:

"Summer days drifting away
To, uh oh, those summer nights"

Casey Warren



LETTERS AND NOTICES

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY!!

Results of the June draw:

1st prize - Paul Harffey

2nd prize - Sandra Clacy

3rd prize - Malcolm Bannister



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

UKRAINIAN AFTERNOON TEA EVENT - 17th MAY

This was a blistering success which raised the amazing sum of **£1025** for the Red Cross refugee appeal. Many, many thanks to all the supporters

Jean Scouse

LET'S HEAR IT FOR RUPERT!

£360 raised for Ukrainian Refugees, by Rupert Spooner (age 7)

On hearing about the Afternoon Tea fundraiser Granny and friends held for Ukrainian Refugees, Rupert decided he would like to invite his friends to play with his Lego and charge them a small fee. This proved very popular and on 3rd June, 15 children descended on Sibford Gower and built endless Lego models, in the welcome sunshine. With picnic lunch and a Raffle Rupert and team raised an outstanding **£360** for this very worthy cause.

Well Done, Rupert! (Ed)

Sue Lovatt



FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

The Family Quiz Night on 18th of June was postponed.

Watch this space for a new date in the Autumn!

Juliette Glazebrook



LETTERS AND NOTICES

Dear Editor,

The Jubilee Steering Group would like to thank all those who came to the events and activities over the four days of village celebrations. Now the Jubilee is over, perhaps whoever 'borrowed' the two large Union flags placed at the doorway of the Village Hall for their own use, could now please return them to a member of the Steering Group. Thank you.

Regards,

Keith and Maureen Hicks

PLANT SALE

The Horti plant sale on 14 May took place, as usual, at Carter's Yard and was fairly well supported. Visitors enjoyed seeing plants growing in a bed as well as a pot and had lots of advice from our team about how and where to grow. There was also a plant sale at the Spring Show.

Sue would be happy for you to come by appointment (sebannister@gmail.com or 01295 780365) to see the large range of unusual plants she has propagated. More are coming on all the time, both for the garden or for pots. There will also be a plant stall at Carter's Yard at the village NGS open day on 26 June, 2-6. We look forward to seeing you.

Sue Bannister

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DEFIBRILLATORS

There are two **Automated External Defibrillators** in the Sibfords, located at the Village Hall in the Gower and at Sibford School's swimming pool in the Ferris, as shown on this map.

Access to each defibrillator is protected by a security lock that requires a code which the 999 call handler will provide.

A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart of someone who is in cardiac arrest. This high energy shock is called defibrillation, and it's an essential part in trying to save the life of someone who's in cardiac arrest. The **British Heart Foundation** has more information.



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Vandalism at the Village Hall

I am saddened to report that we have experienced multiple acts of vandalism at the Village Hall over recent months. We are aware and are in contact with the Police, but please remain vigilant. If you have information or are walking past especially in the evening and see anything suspicious, please take a photo or video and send to me at the email below.

Book Swap Saturdays: 10am – 12pm July 16th

- 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.

Events Team

- The Events Team are part of the Village Hall Committee, and we are recruiting new members. 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. Please contact me to find out more.

Charlotte Davies: chair@sibfordvillagehall.org.uk



Since our May article, it has been as busy as ever here at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School. The whole country was involved in celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and we used this as an opportunity to have art workshops in school. The children in Willow and Oak classes created some beautiful images of H.R.H, exploring colour and texture through collage. We are sending some of the children's work to Buckingham Palace to share with the Queen and hope she likes the portraits as much as we do!



Some of our younger children made pictures of the Queen too.



June has been full of sport here, with children attending a Quad Kids event at The Warriner School and a cricket tournament at Sibford School, both organised by NOSSP (North Oxfordshire School Sport Partnership). Our pupils did really well at both events and, as always, their behaviour both on and off the pitch was exemplary. We are also running a special Sports Week at school for all of the children. This includes swimming, orienteering, martial arts, a gymnastics workshop, workshops with the NOSSP youth activators and all sorts of other activities related to the Commonwealth Games.

Friday 10th June was World Ocean day at school and the children took part in activities which focused on how we can look after our oceans and our planet and why this is important. This fitted brilliantly with our student School Council's chosen fundraiser for Team Seas, a charitable organisation who run a project removing plastic pollution from the oceans. Environmental themes and concerns are something the children bring up a lot and the knowledge they were able to share on World Ocean Day was impressive.

Nursery provision for children aged 3+

Although our Reception year is now full for next year, we still have nursery places available. If you have a nursery-aged child and are considering us as a setting, you are very 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, please look on our school website at <http://www.sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk/nursery-provision--admission.html>

Lunchtime Supervisor needed.

We need a lunchtime supervisor for up to five lunchtimes a week.

This position would be ideal for someone local who would like to join our friendly school staff.

For further details, please contact the school office on 01295 780270

or email us at office.3005@sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk (term time)

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

To find out more about our wonderful, welcoming village school 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/>



SIBFORD PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Sibford Photography Club is an informal group with a shared interest in photography. Activities include instructive presentations and regular photo topics with the resulting images presented and discussed at meetings (face to face or virtual).

On 28th June, we met early in the Millennium Field for a photoshoot before returning to the Village Hall to process a few of the members' photos. There was an unexpected breadth of subject matter for a single location, and we all enjoyed the session. We also discussed the member's images on our monthly topic of "Abstract", which some of us found quite challenging, but resulted in many inspiring images achieving different levels of abstraction from the recognisable reality of the subject.

Our next meeting will be on 26th July, when the photo topic for discussion will be "In action", and in August we meet on the 30th.

In addition to those meetings, over the summer we will be arranging outdoor photoshoots at local nature reserves and other places of interest.

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.



The crowded barn at Artweeks



NATURE NOTES

We had an interesting looking insect in the house that turned out to be a Snake Fly. These are named as such because of their long necks that enable them to raise their heads giving the appearance of a snake about to strike. They normally live on trees and prey on other insects.

Carole Dean asked me about the large webs containing caterpillars and covering a number of bushes along Grange Lane. A bit of internet research suggested that they were formed by the caterpillars of one of the micro moths called Ermines. There are several species. The adults are white with black spots (hence the name) but are impossible to tell apart. However as these were confined to Spindle bushes, they are almost certainly the species called the Spindle Ermine.

Megan Gilkes was lucky enough to see what was probably a family of about 6 Nuthatches in the large Walnut tree on the corner outside Holly House.

David Soden asked about the debris he found in their porch that looked like moth wings. My best guess is the they were left by Robins or Wrens although many other small mammals and birds will eat moths when they get the chance.

I am fairly sure I saw a Mistle Thrush on the school grounds in the Ferris. For the second year running a Pied Wagtail appeared in our garden. Although there are plenty around, they mostly keep to larger open areas.

Please send contributions for the next nature notes to ajnewbold88@gmail.com

Andy and Gill Newbold



Sibford Ferris Parish Council

New Parish Council Members and Councillor Vacancy

On 5th May 2022 elections were held for a number of parishes across Oxfordshire, one of which was Sibford Ferris. As there were only 4 nominations those people were elected unopposed so no election was required. The councillors are now:

Cllr Rod Pullen – Chairman

Cllr Ginny Bennett – Vice-Chairman

Cllr Katherine Roussel

Cllr John Wass

The councillors and Clerk would like to express their thanks to the outgoing Chairman, Simon Rayner, and Amy Taylor for their hard work on the council over the last term. Both have contributed lots of time and effort to the Parish Council during their time as councillors and their knowledge and experience will be greatly missed.

Sibford Ferris Parish Council has 5 seats so there is one remaining vacancy which the councillors can fill by co-option. If you are interested in joining the Parish Council or have any questions about the role of a parish councillor please contact the Parish Clerk by 5pm on Sunday 10th July.

Defibrillator and First Aid Training and Property Addresses

The two training sessions that have already taken place have been very successful and another session will be held later in the year.

During these sessions the issue of properties in rural areas sometimes being difficult to find was raised and it was noted that any delays in the ambulance crew finding a property can lose vital minutes. It was suggested that property owners who feel their property may be difficult to find should consider improving the visibility and signage at the entrance to their property and/or obtain the 'what3words' location of their property to provide to the call handler when calling for an ambulance.

Monitoring of Cotswold Close Play Area

The Parish Council are very grateful to Lynn Farleigh and John Woodvine who have been completing weekly inspections of the equipment at Cotswold Close, and Anita Spencer who completes monthly checks. These inspections are vital to ensure the safety of the children who use the equipment and help inform the Parish Council of the need for any repairs. Without these checks the play area could not remain open. Unfortunately Lynn and John are no longer able to continue completing weekly checks so the Parish Council is looking for a new volunteer. If anyone would be interested in taking on the weekly inspections please contact Cllr Ginny Bennett (01295 780 373) or the Parish Clerk.

Sibford Ferris Parish Council

Pitch Hill Field Planting for the Platinum Jubilee

As part of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations Sibford Ferris Council took part in the Queens Green Canopy Scheme and planted 30 trees in Pitch Hill Field. Cllr Roussel has kindly volunteered to help care for the trees but if anyone would like to volunteer to help her with this task she would very much appreciate it, especially from those with equipment to help cut the grass back from time to time. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Cllr Roussel on katherine.roussel@thesibfords.org.uk

The Parish Clerk can be contacted by e-mail: sfpc@thesibfords.org.uk or telephone: 07419 126206

Sibford Ferris Annual Litter Pick 2022

This year there will be not be a formally organised collection of litter through the village or on the approach roads. We would like to encourage residents young and old to continue to pickup and dispose of litter when they are out and about in the community. We are very grateful to a small band of individuals that regularly collect litter almost daily and it would be fantastic for the rest of the community to support this. As always personal safety is paramount, particularly when collecting litter on approach roads to the village and where footpaths do not exist. We recommend that litter pickers wear high visibility items of clothing and obey the Highway Code at all times. Collected litter should be disposed of using home domestic refuse services provided by Cherwell District Council.

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Leslie Baily – a Sibford Historian- *Continued from May edition*

During the Second World War Leslie Baily gave the *Scrapbook* series a new look as *Everybody's Scrapbook*, designed to provide a link with the Empire; the new formula pleased Canada and Australia as much as Britain. Another long-running series was *Travellers' Tales*, "Adventures and misadventures, songs and stories from lands overseas, told by world-wide travellers".

He wrote or compiled many books. Some were printed versions of his BBC programmes. His book about Gilbert and Sullivan was first published in 1952, and drew from, and elaborated on, his BBC series which was broadcast in six episodes in 1947. Baily and his collaborators drew on the book for the script of the film which was made in 1953 - *The story of Gilbert and Sullivan*, which brilliantly conveyed the spirit of what the G&S partnership was about.

He remained a loyal Sibford Old Scholar and in 1928 he made a film about the history of Sibford School. In 1935 he wrote a play entitled 'The Trial of William Penn' which was broadcast in the UK and relayed to the USA as part of a special Jubilee programme for the BBC. It covered the trial of Admiral Penn at the Old Bailey in the years 1668 and 1670. In 1936 he wrote 'A Sibford Scrapbook' and in 1946 he served as President of the Sibford Old Scholars Association having edited the SOSA Annual Report for several years beforehand. After the War Leslie Baily relaunched a public appeal to improve and extend the facilities for the increased number of pupils to include a school hall, classrooms, dormitories and household offices.

In 1949 he produced a second film about the life of Sibford School and I plan to cover the contents of these two films in another edition of the Scene. He spent time during the 1940-50's living in Sibford Gower at Gowers Close. He was a great fund raiser for the provision of a new Village Hall and promoted various lectures in the old School Room in the village Primary School. The new Village Hall was completed and opened in 1957 and in 1960 he published a booklet entitled 'Romans to Rock 'n Roll for a local history exhibition in the Village Hall. It comprised a short history of the Sibfords, Swalcliffe, Epwell and Hook Norton District. This can be read in full on the Sibford website – thesibfords.uk. Although he was working on a much more comprehensive history of the village, called 'Off the Beaten Track', this, sadly, was never fully completed or published.

His last Scrapbook programme was broadcast in 1973 and covered the year 1917. He had a son and daughter and died at his home in York in 1976, aged 69.

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HORTI SOCIETY

Spring Show

Entries were slightly down on last year but it was excellent to see new people having a go. Tea and cakes were consumed with enthusiasm. Thank you to Val and her team for all their hard work.

Outing to Rockliffe gardens

Despite the rather unreliable weather, the visit to Rockliffe was very much enjoyed by all who went. Surrounding the home of the Keswick family, the gardens were designed by Emma Keswick and are absolutely beautiful.

Maintained by by 3 full time gardeners they jolly well should be! If you were unable to go, then do note that the gardens are open once more this year for the NGS on 29 June.

Summer outing

Our 13 July all-day outing is to Winterbourne and Martineau gardens in Birmingham. These offer two very different aspects of the English Garden; one an Edwardian house and garden with its links to Birmingham University, the other a much loved community garden. Places are restricted to 35 so please look in your June Scene for more details and contact either Sue Bannister sebannister@gmail.com or john.berry240147@googlemail.com to make a booking.

Lastly, please mentally and physically prepare for the summer show on August 27th. Lots of entries, lots of support and fabulous amounts of children taking part. Please could anyone who won a cup at last year's show return it to Gil Soden

Diana Thompson

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

Veronique Tyrrell



In Your Garden - July/August

Wow! Jobs for two whole months is going to look like a rather daunting project, so I will try and go easy on you. We all need to rest in a deckchair, and read a book, and perhaps think about autumn. The great thing about being a gardener is that optimism is always hovering around, as you plan for autumn colours, bulbs, autumn fruiting raspberries, apple picking. Always something to look forward to - even the first snowdrop can give one a thrill.. But back to the awesome list of jobs:-

1. Keep deadheading your roses, but leave the ones who have glorious red hips in the autumn. All the flowers will keep going longer if you dead head them. or keep picking.
- 2...Summer prune wisteria - long wispy new growth that can romp up into the gutters, and climb in through the bedroom windows. They put on so much growth they take the energy away from making flowering buds for next year.
3. If you have not staked tall delphiniums and dahlias, do it right now, as heavy rain and winds can topple them over.
4. Plants in greenhouses or conservatories are very prone to pests - whitefly, redspider mites etc. You can spray them, and also it is helpful to hang some yellow sticky traps dangling from the roof. (Forget about that if you have a tall husband. Bound to get his hair stuck in it.)
5. Watering and feeding has to go on endlessly, but Hey! We need it too.
6. You probably have loads of lawn mowings on the compost heap, so it will need turning, to let some air into it, and keep it covered with an old bit of carpet, to keep the heat in.
7. When runner beans reach the top of the stakes, pinch out the tops, and they will produce more beans down below, instead of wandering off hoping to reach the sky.
8. In the warmer weeks give your indoor plants a holiday and take them out into the garden. Put them by a sheltering wall, and some of them will not want too much sunlight. If you are going away, stand pots in deep trays, which can catch the rain water for them, and I hope you have a kind neighbour who can do some watering for you
9. Rambling roses need tying of new shoots, and some cutting back of old, tired growth. Box hedges should be pruned in August or September, and so should Holly, Privet, Yew and lavender when it has finished flowering'
10. If you have house martins or swifts zooming around your houses, they appreciate having a wide dish of moist mud left outside for them. It helps them to repair the nests for a second or third brood.

I think thats quite enough about jobs. I hope you have a lovely, peaceful summer. with veggies and fruits making delicious meals, and filling up your freezer, and a relaxing time.

Jupe Hitching

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The duo from Ukraine who will be touring in the UK during August, will be raising money for two Ukrainian charities: The Hippokrat Society and Revival Rehabilitation Centre in cooperation with UK registered Charity UK-Aid (www.uk-aid.org) which supports disabled children and the victims of both the Chernobyl disaster and the war in Ukraine.

Entry is free but donations at the end of the concert would be much appreciated.

Doors open at 6.00pm

Free drink on arrival

Enquiries: Gay Harris 01295 788427

SUNDAY SMALLHOLDING

New potatoes ready to lift

The pig's 'patch' is now full of growing vegetables, predominantly potatoes. I often pause for a moment to take in the rich green plants with either purple and yellow, or white and yellow flowers and wonder how many of Sibford's villagers could be sustained from this crop, and for how long. Yesterday I investigated how each of the varieties was coming along. Currently in full flower, and producing the best potatoes are the King Edward and Maris Piper. Close behind them are Desiree and Wilja, and surprisingly, the Pentland Javelin, supposed to be my first earlies are progressing very slowly and are showing a low yield. These varieties take up approximately half the area and the other half is planted with Challenger, evidently a very popular variety with chip shops! The Challenger seed was planted approximately a month behind the rest and is just showing signs of producing flowers which should be white and yellow. I know very little about growing potatoes but am very satisfied that the food I am producing reflects my interest in self-sufficiency. The pigs have obviously done a great job fertilizing the ground for me and I am immensely satisfied to know that no other fertilizer, fungicide or insecticide has been used which makes them about as organic as is possible for me to achieve. Am I doing a good job of selling these potatoes to you? I intend to sell my potatoes initially to order so that they can be as fresh as possible and at a fair price. However, I will also put some out in my little desk shop in front of my bungalow for people to try. Surely eating food grown in the village is to be encouraged and appreciated.

Courgettes

Knowing how productive one courgette/marrow plant is, I again decided to grow plenty of plants with villagers in mind. Please contact me if you want any

Eggs

I have a broody hen currently incubating 5 eggs which if all goes well, are due to be taking their first steps at the very end of June. Please feel free to go and see them. Five other chicks were hatched out in school around Easter, and they are growing well within the flock. Avian Flu continues to infect wild birds on our shores, and I predict another very difficult year for farmers having to keep flocks under cover. Last winter, mine were in the polytunnel but that is simply not going to be happening next winter.

SUNEDAY SMALLHOLDING

My only way forward is to erect a 'roof' of netting over the chicken pen... sounds expensive! Until recently, I have been selling eggs from the little desk at weekends and this proved most successful...until a family of magpies, fresh out of the nest in the nearby oak tree found the eggs and demolished 5 half dozen boxes. I went out to find ripped egg boxes, crushed shells and bright yellow yolks dripping from the desk...and you know how magpies sound as if they're laughing, well these were in hysterics! Certainly, a Mischief of Magpies! Otherwise, the hens and the egg round are doing very well. Unfortunately, I am not getting out with Alan as I am just too busy at the moment, hopefully as the summer progresses, we will find time. I have a broody hen currently incubating 5 eggs which are due to be taking their first steps at the very end of June. Please feel free to go and see them. Five other chicks were hatched out in school around Easter, and they are growing well in the flock.

Finally you will need a sausage or two to have with the eggs! I still have plenty

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Holiday Cottage in Cornwall

On the beautiful north coast in Poldark country, character cottage set in a large south-facing enclosed garden, is available for holiday lets. It is situated on the outskirts of the vibrant and friendly village of St Agnes.

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100th Anniversary Gathering - Sunday 31st July



(Roland) Michael Hargreave, born in Sibford in 1946, writes: Sibford folk whose memory stretches back more than 60 years may have recollections of my grandparents Roland and Eva Herbert who lived in Holly House until Roland's death in 1949. Eva (née Lamb) lived on in Shrubbery Cottage until her death in 1962. Many will remember their daughter Ina and her husband, Arnold Lamb, many of whose family remain in and around Sibford to this day.

Roland and Eva were married on 31st July 1922 in the Quaker Meeting House in Sibford Gower, when the photo above was taken. A number of their (about) 60 direct descendants are getting together at the Meeting House on the 100th Anniversary of their wedding, Sunday 31st July.

Some of us will gather there in time for Meeting for Worship at 10.30 and will be joined by many more for the afternoon. **We would be particularly pleased to hear memories of them or photos that will help those who did not know them to get a flavour of their special place among Sibford villagers.**

Michael may be contacted at roland.hargreave@sky.com

WELCOME TO SIBFORD

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



SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

WALKING DATES

4 July; 18 July; 1st Aug; 15th Aug

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. Often a shorter version of the walk is possible but that it is advisable to check with Sue just before

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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SIBFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Thursday, 19th May, we were very fortunate to welcome our visitor speaker, Margaret Leyland, whose ancestor, Oliver Hooper, was the Headmaster of the Primary School from 1912 to 1932.

Margaret gave us an entertaining talk on how she came to own all the documents, logbooks, photos and diaries which she has donated to us, followed by excerpts read by members of the committee from the above, and a very interesting history of the school from Maureen Hicks. The event was so unique and special that we want to repeat it in some form next year, possibly with the involvement of the school. Many thanks to Tim Huckvale, who coordinated the programme.

We are delighted to have had so much very positive feedback on the Platinum Jubilee Display, which was in the Small Hall over the entire weekend. Most Sibfordians managed to come and view it at some stage, and to find long forgotten pictures of themselves and others who are, sadly, no longer here, and visitors and those new to the village also enjoyed seeing its past history over the last seventy years set out in such an attractive way. We are very much indebted to Maureen and Keith Hicks, whose work over many years has resulted in this wonderful collection, to Tim Huckvale for the presentation of the display, and to committee members who all helped to put the exhibition together.

Our next meeting is the **Jazz Evening on 16th July**, with the New York Jazz Quartet, already a popular event in the Sibfords. Details are set out in our flyer, and posters throughout the villages. Fingers crossed for no rain, but we can still be in the Village Hall if necessary!

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- We will be launching our Silent Auction over the forthcoming days
- The spectacular private gardens at Alscot Park will be open on the day, between 2 and 4pm. Tickets for Party in the Park will also enable access to the gardens (while Party in the Park is a dog friendly event, no dogs in the private gardens please)

CHURCH SERVICES

Quakers	Sibford Gower, Sunday, 10.30 am
Roman Catholic	Brailes, Saturday, 5pm; Shipston, Sunday 9am
	Kineton, Sunday 11am
Baptist	Hook Norton, Sunday, 10.30 am

LOCAL MARKETS

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

Deddington Farmers - 4th Saturday of the month

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And white wool sack clouds sailing to the north
I love to see the wild flowers come again
And mare blobs stain with gold the meadow drain
And water lilies whiten on the floods
Where reed clumps rustle like a wind shook wood
Where from her hiding place the Moor Hen pushes
And seeks her flag nest floating in bull rushes
I like the willow leaning half way o'er
The clear deep lake to stand upon its shore
I love the hay grass when the flower head swings
To summer winds and insects happy wings
That sport about the meadow the bright day
And see bright beetles in the clear lake play

This beautiful sonnet by John Clare, who in the early part of the 19th century was the son of a farm labourer, became known for his great celebrations of the English countryside but also the sorrows sometimes at its disruption. One of his trademarks was that he would often refuse to end his poetry with a full stop, as if the punctuation itself would impose an artificial conclusion on a natural eternal process. Summer will come and go, but will also return and nature will continue in unexpected and new ways.

How we care for the beauty of our environment and the world around us has over recent years moved more and more to the forefront of our lives, whatever we might or might not believe. The natural world existed of course before human beings lived on earth and yet what we are increasingly aware of is the negative impact that we have had and continue to have on the environment of the world.

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According to the Citizens Advice charity, more than three quarters of the adult population have reported being victims of scams or attempted frauds this year. Whilst parcel delivery scams, phishing scams and investment scams are still the most commonly reported types of fraud, scammers are increasingly using the cost of living crisis to lure victims into their webs of deceit. 28 per cent of polled consumers say they have been targeted by rebate or refund scams, whilst 12 per cent said they had been offered fake energy bills support.

Reported frauds included fake emails claiming to be from the energy regulator, Ofgem, asking people to enter their bank details (yes, it doesn't change) to get help with their gas bills, taking advantage of confusion over state support schemes. Banks have also recently issued warnings about 'loan fee fraud', where victims pay arrangement fees for urgently needed loans they never receive. Elderly people (me) often using services such as online banking for the first time , are a particular target. (Courtesy Daily Telegraph).

So, don't give them your bank details, don't give them your personal details and don't engage with these creatures.

Enjoy this weather and your summer.

Peter Hine

Sibford Gower and Burdrop Neighbourhood Watch

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Church services in July:

3rd July 10.30am Holy Communion

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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	
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- 5th - Friendship Club meeting - Village Hall - 2pm
- 6th - Ladies Coffee Club - Wykham Arms - 11am
- 12th - SGPC meeting - Village Hall - 7pm
- 13th - Horti Club visit (see page 15) - Village Hall - 11am
- 16th - Sibford Historical Society Social - Villae Hall - 2pm
- 19th - SFPC meeting - Sibford School - 7pm

AUGUST

- 3rd - Ladies Coffee Club - Wykham Arms - 11am
- 5th - Mens Brunch - Sun Inn - 11am
- 20th - Book Swap Cafe - Village Hall - 10am
- 27th - Horti Summer Show - Village Hall - 2pm

JULY/AUGUST BIN COLLECTIONS

- Green Tuesday: July - 5th; 19th. Aug - 2nd; 16th; 30th.
- Blue/Brown Tuesday: July - 12th; 26th. Aug - 9th; 23rd.

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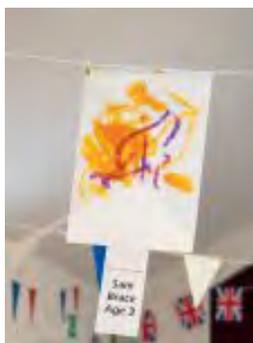
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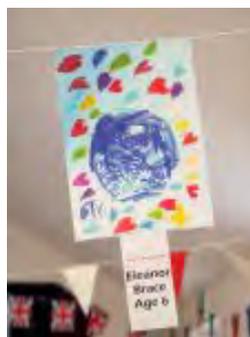
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