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ED'S THOUGHTS

I'm thoughtless in February, just waiting for Spring. Stay warm!

Cover photo by Jane Fletcher - "Look, no cars and no potholes!" (A rare sight - Ed)

Thought for the month:

"Close the window
Calm the light
And it will be all right"

Boz Scaggs



LETTERS AND NOTICES

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY!!

DECEMBER Lottery winners:

- 1st prize - Charles Glazebrook
- 2nd prize - Selina Chard
- 3rd prize - Keith Hicks



JANUARY Lottery winners:

- 1st prize Catherine Berks
- 2nd prize Jeremy Dougall
- 3rd prize Caroline Seeley

A GOOD NEWS STORY

Huge thanks to everyone who looked for or enquired about Pandora the Fugitive - the Bengal cat who went missing in the Sibfords several months ago. She was discovered over Christmas living in the hayrick at Rye Hill Farm, and has since been caught and reunited with her owners in Ukraine.



LETTERS AND NOTICES

THE MULBERRY BUSH

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to our fundraising event at the village hall on November 30 in aid of the Mulberry Bush School at Standlake which raised £11,735.00 for the school after doubling by The Big Give to whom we also made a donation. Primarily we would like to thank Martin Fiennes who spoke wonderfully about Broughton Castle, its history and what it means to him and his family.

We are also most grateful to all those who attended the talk, made delicious canapés, gave generous donations, sponsored wine and helped us that evening. Martin and his brother William donated copies of The Music Room which sold very well. It was a great community effort. In a message, the fund raising team of the residential school which cares for severely traumatised young children expressed their thanks to everyone involved:

" I wanted to thank you all for all your efforts and a truly magnificent result, which really helped us towards our target as part of this year's Big Give Christmas Challenge (we raised an amazing £35k+ in a week, which goes towards our school house refurbishment fund)."

Julie Lynn-Evans and Sue Bannister

Sibford Gower - Dark Skies Village

We are fortunate in Sibford Gower to live in a 'dark skies village' - there are no street lights and it is really appreciated if houses are not lit with permanent outside lights (movement sensitive ones are so effective) Big uncovered windows and lights confuse bats and owls and moths as well as causing light pollution,

People who have recently moved to the village may not be aware of how much we enjoy our night skies here.....

Name & address supplied



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Bridge Classes, Wednesdays from February 15th (10-week course) 7.30pm-9.30pm

Is learning to play Bridge on your bucket list but not sure where to start? Do you want to keep your mind active and make new friends in a warm and welcoming environment? We have Bridge classes starting in February. Please contact juliette53@btinternet.com or 07703 836856 to book a place. £110 for the full course plus a £25 manual.

Five Weddings and a Funeral – A talk from historical author Caroline Newark, Saturday February 18th, 10.30am-12.30pm

Caroline Newark is a historical fiction writer – her books lead you down the centuries, following the lives of some of the women in her family tree. Her books include *The Fair Maid of Kent*, *The Epiphany Betrayal*, *The Making of a Tudor*, *The Queen's Spy*, *The Pearl of France*, and *Fire, Fleet and Candlelight*. Hear about the disgraceful and shocking life of Joan the "Fair Maid of Kent" plus many more... From bloodshed, to betrayal, from affairs of the heart to spying for the queen, her books promise to tell the story of how these incredible women really lived.

Book Swap Saturdays: Feb 28th, March 18th 10am-12pm

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.

Vacancy for a Village Hall Trustee

We have a vacancy for new member to join our team of 12 Trustees. We are a diverse group, committed to making the Village Hall the best resource it possibly can be for our community. If you have a little spare time and are looking for a way to give back to our village, please contact me on the email below.

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.

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WALKING DATES

6 February; 20 February; 6th March

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

FOOTPATHS

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

A small, rectangular wooden sign with the word "WELCOME" written on it in black, capital letters. The sign is mounted on a post and is slightly tilted.

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



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2023 is feeling very positive here at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School with interesting learning themes across the school from the Warriner Multi-Academy Trust curriculum.

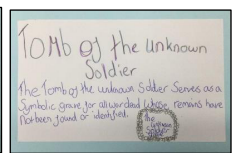
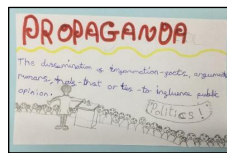
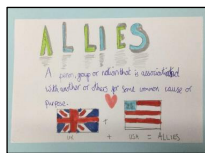
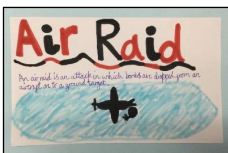
Having spent the Autumn Term focusing on themselves and their families, the children in Early Years are now looking outward and thinking about 'Where are they?' They are exploring different animal habitats and adaptations to the different seasons. They are also finding out about London as our capital city, identifying some key London landmarks and finding out about some of the famous people that live there, exploring some of the similarities and differences between London and where they live.

In Key Stage One, the children are finding out all about 'The Great Rainforests'. This theme links to learning in many areas of the curriculum, including the 'explorers' in history, the location and features of the rainforests in geography, and plants and conditions for growth in Science. The children will even be designing and making tropical smoothies using rainforest fruits for Design & technology.

In lower Key Stage Two, the focus is on the 'Ancient Egyptians'; their history, customs, beliefs and culture. The class are planning a special Egyptian Day where they will become immersed in exploring this ever-popular topic.

Children in upper Key Stage Two have moved on from their study of World War One and are now learning all about World War Two. They say they are finding their lessons really interesting.

- Poppy D: ***"I was really interested in learning about how the war started, for example, how Hitler came to power. If we hadn't learned about that, then I wouldn't have understood that much about the war, including why it happened."***
- Ben W: ***"Because we looked at WW1 last term, I feel like I understand the reasons for WW2 better. I've loved learning about the planes and how they upgraded them for war, and about the tactics of warfare."***



Exploring vocabulary for our glossary

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/>



www.sibfordschool.co.uk

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

Explore Sibford School Open Events in 2023

Sibford School is delighted to invite prospective families to attend one of our forthcoming Open Events. There are limited spaces available so do book now!

Sibford School Open Events offer the opportunity to talk to staff, meet current parents and take a tour of the school and it's facilities with student guides. The school uses these events to highlight what is important about Sibford and what we offer to our pupils and their families.

Head Teacher, Toby, explains: "At Sibford, we value holistic education where the happiness and well-being of pupils is paramount. We encourage pupils to live adventurously and foster resilience and we look for the unique talents in every individual that comes to the school.

Sibford School is set on a 50-acre campus that offers a junior school with Early Years department, a senior school with excellent teachers and facilities and a newly refurbished Sixth Form Centre with expansive A Level/vocational options. Sibford has a dedicated Forest School, a state-of-the-art climbing wall and a 25metre swimming pool.

The school offers a gifted and talented programme for the most able pupils, a wide range of sporting opportunities and an excellent learning development centre to support those students with additional learning requirements.

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Don't miss out on seeing what Sibford can offer your child. To book visit www.sibfordschool.co.uk/events, email admissions@sibfordschool.co.uk or call Elspeth Dyer on 01295 781203.

2023 OPEN EVENTS

Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 9th February 6pm-8pm
Whole School Open Morning - Friday 28th April 9.30am-12pm
Whole School Celebration Day - Saturday 17th June all day



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club is back!!!

Hello everyone. Hope it's not too late to Wish Everyone the Best for 2023. Our first meeting in 2023 is on Feb 7th in the small hall, our speaker for that day is from CO-OP Insurance. We will also chat over tea trips etc.

On March 7th our friend Troy is coming back which usually means an afternoon of games and a lot of laughter
Evey Boughton

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DID YOU KNOW?



The February photograph in the village calendar features a glimpse of the Manor, Sibford Gower. It comprises three 17th century cottages plus a farm barn and is now a single, rambling residential house with additions made between 1905 to 1910 by Queen Victoria's Pageant Master, Frank Lascelles. He was born in 1875 in Sibford Gower, the

youngest child of Isabella and the Rev. Edward Thomas Stevens, vicar of Sibford Parish. The family lived in the Old Rectory near the village pond. He went on to study English at Keble College Oxford and, although he never graduated, he played leading roles in the Oxford University Dramatic Society. He moved to London where he played various acting roles in London theatrical productions. His many artistic and creative talents gave him a fanciful persona and he took the name Lascelles to give him a more royal association once he was appointed Pageant Master to Queen Victoria.

He inherited one of the three village cottages on the death of his childhood nanny, gradually acquired the other cottages and barn, and started to create himself a village home where he could entertain his London set. The barn was built of coursed ironstone rubble under a hipped thatched roof. With a large projecting lateral brick chimney stack, two Early English lancets and 19th century casements, the oriel window at the left-hand end gave the resultant hall the feel of a minstrel's gallery. The central range, also of coursed ironstone rubble under a hipped thatched roof, consisted of two floors plus an attic. Lascelles added a square tower in the Arts and Crafts style with lancets and brick-built flying buttresses. The third section adjacent to the Old Methodist Chapel was coursed stone rubble to the front and brick to the rear under a hipped and gabled thatch roof. Many of the windows, including the large dormer, were latticed and some had crown glass. Stone flags, wooden planked doors, window seats, shutters and paneling were internal features. Lascelles added brick fireplaces and wooden stairs to connect the various floors.

When in Sibford, Lascelles assumed the lifestyle and title of 'Lord of the Manor' and actually purchased a document to establish his 'Lordship' despite his 'Manor' not being on the site of either of the original Manors established by King William following the Norman conquest.

When Lascelles died in 1934 his whole estate had to be sold to pay his creditors.

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NATURE NOTES

The unusually cold spell in December seems to have encouraged more wildlife to come into gardens presumably looking for food and water. Chris Beach reported deer in their garden in Woodway Road and I got the impression that there were more birds than normal in and around the bird feeders. Particularly noticeable were large numbers of Chaffinches as well as flocks of Gold Finches and Long-tailed Tits. Wood Pigeons and Stock Doves also seem to be present in ever increasing numbers. In smaller numbers but nice to see are Bullfinches, Nuthatches and occasionally a Pied Wagtail. On the other hand, it seems a long time since we have seen House Sparrows or Starlings in the garden.

Regarding birds finding novel food sources in times of hardship I was surprised to read that Great Tits have been observed going into Pipistrelle Bat roosts and killing and eating the bats. This was observed in one particular cave in an area of Hungary where the winters are particularly harsh and when offered alternative food the Great Tits ate that and stopped going into the cave.

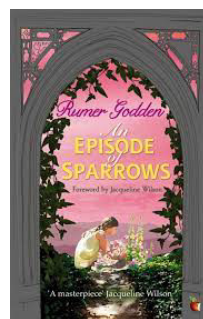
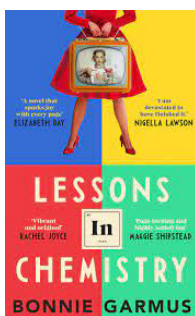
Please send any observation for the next Nature Notes to

ajnewbold88@gmail.com.

Andy and Gill Newbold



WHAT WE'RE READING.....





In Your Garden - February

I am writing this in January, and looking out at my sad, cold garden isn't much fun. Those very hard and sudden frosts have done plenty of damage. The frosts hit many plants that were still flowering, for instance, my delphiniums were having one last show, and so were the hollyhocks. Worst of all dahlias were full of colour, and so they had not been lifted, or mulched to protect them. The next few months are going to be full of suspense, whilst I wait to see what might survive. I do hope yours is less depressing. In the meantime, I am going to get out there and get down and dirty with all the other jobs that need doing.

1. Raking up all the fallen leaves carefully, as I know there are many little snowdrops just pushing their snouts up, and some are flowering already, but struggling to get above the leaves.
2. Cut back some of the old heavy leaves on the hellebores. You can find the flowers are struggling to get up to the light. Carefully lift the leaves from around the flowering stems.
3. Now is the time to finish pruning all the roses, whilst they are dormant.
4. February is also a good time to prune fruit trees, and if you are lucky enough to have apricots or peaches climbing up a warm wall, watch out for frost warnings. They often start flowering early, if it warms up, but a layer of fleece put over them would save the blossoms from being devastated. By the way, have you noticed the wonderful apricots trained up the cottages walls in Aynho?
5. This is also the best time to prune hedges, before the birds start nesting.
6. You can start chitting early potatoes now, if you have a warm, light place. I like standing mine in open, old egg boxes on a windowsill.
7. Time to start cleaning up the flower beds. If you left stems for the birds to peck at seeds, they have probably had them all by now, so cut them back, and clear out any weeds, before any spring mulching with manure or compost. Better not to mulch if the soil is still heavy and soggy, but wait until it dries out a bit.
8. You can plant up pots with lilies, and gladioli now, and keep deadheading winter flowering pansies. It might be useful if you stock up with compost and vermiculite, before the busy planting time arrives. I plant my sweet peas gradually each month, and at the moment I am holding back waiting for the weather to warm up. Don't forget to set the mousetraps when you plant them. Tempt them with cheese, chocolate or peanut butter. (Dammit! Now I have just typed that I shall have to go and make my coffee and have a biscuit. Back in a minute.)



In Your Garden - February

Cont'd

9. And its ladder time. Pruning the wisteria is essential. Be severe - cut back to just above two or three buds, be bold and go to the top of the ladder and cut out all the tall straggly stems that have reached the gutters, and please don't fall off, we do not want any Whooooopsies..

10...Many jobs that should be suggested are taking the lawnmower to be serviced - not needed until March, and giving garden paths a thorough sweeping so that they will not be slippery after a frosty night. Stay warm.

Jupe Htching



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(Toys)

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Roman Catholics – Brailes, Saturday, 5pm; Shipston, Sunday 9am Kineton, Sunday 11am

Baptists – Hook Norton, Sunday, 10.30 am

LOCAL MARKETS

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

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Heading into 2023

Plans are already well underway for some fantastic events and exciting opportunities to support our hospice in 2023. It's thanks to your support that we're able to go on caring for local people living with incurable illnesses. Thank you!

Moonlight, camera, action!

The Moonlight Walk is back and this time we're going to the movies! Our annual flagship fundraising walk is taking place on Saturday 20 May 2023 at Easington Sports Football Club – so get the date in your diaries now and don't forget to tell friends and family! www.khh.org.uk/moonlight

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Skydive – 9 September

Thames Path Walk – 9 September

Oxford Half – 15 October

Halloween Walk – 28 October

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How does your garden grow?

Our ever-popular Open Gardens will be making a welcome return in 2023 and we'd love to be able to branch out and grow the scheme. Last year, our Open Gardens helped raise nearly £7,000 for our hospice. If you'd like to get involved and help support us by opening your own garden, then we'd love to hear from you. Our Fundraising team are on hand to offer support and guidance to help make sure your event is blooming marvellous. www.khh.org.uk/gardens

Charity shops treasures

If you're having a post-Christmas clear out, don't forget about our six charity shops across the area. Rather than throwing out your quality unwanted items, donating to a charity shop is more sustainable and helps raise money for our hospice. You can find the details for all our charity shops here:

www.khh.org.uk/retail

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SIBFORD PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Sibford Photography Club is a friendly, 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).

At our meeting on 31st January, we will have a practical session creating images using cross-polarisation. This is a technique that exploits a property of clear plastic items such as disposable cutlery that light passing through them is twisted, due to the stresses created during manufacture. This can be seen as beautiful rainbow colours when they are placed on a polarised light source and viewed through a polarising filter. We will use this method to create colourful photographs of a range of small items. In addition to the practical session, we will also review members' images on the monthly topic of Frozen, a topic open to many interpretations for creative image-making. This meeting will be the first to be held in the small hall at Sibford Village Hall, which will be our venue from now on.

Our next meeting will be on 28th February, at 7:30 pm in the small hall at the Village Hall. Feel free to come along if you have an interest in any aspect of photography. During February, our members will be creating images on the topic Minimalism for review at the meeting.

In addition to our regular meetings, we also arrange 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

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Hackers Posing as Industry Regulators

According to the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), part of GCHQ, scammers are exploiting the cost of living crisis by posing as Britain's energy regulator, Ofgen. These criminal hackers will try to either infect devices with malware or trick users out of money on bogus websites.

One of the phishing scams flagged the most by members of the public is a message purporting to be from Ofgen regarding support with energy bills. One such message reads "GOVUK: we have identified you as eligible for a discounted energy bill under the Energy Bill Support Scheme. You can apply here: [https:// reduce-myenergybill.com](https://reduce-myenergybill.com)".

The NCSC state the most common scams are those that pose as the NHS, as criminals continue to exploit the pandemic.

Messages such as "NHS-UK Health Department: you've been in close contact with a confirmed Omicron case. You must book a PCR test kit".

As with the energy scam, ignore these pleas for your money.

The top half a dozen scams include TV Licensing, HM Revenue and Customs, the DVLA and the Gov.uk website.

Thanks to tips from the public, the NCSC claims to have removed more than 67,300 fake sites . (Torygraph Crime Correspondent).

Good luck with 2023.

Peter Hine Watch Co-ordinator Sibford Gower & Burdrop. 788830



FUN CORNER

What is the difference between a hunter and a fisherman?

A hunter lies in wait and the fisherman waits and lies

Why are puppies good + DIY?

Because they like doing little jobs around the house!



On November 17th, 2022, Dr Gillian White gave us an enthralling talk on Elizabeth I's extraordinary 'Road to the Throne'. Elizabeth, the longest reigning Tudor monarch, came to the throne on 17 November 1558, 464 years previously, to the day .

Born in 1553 to Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, her life began tragically. Although her father dandled her on his knee and was apparently very fond of her, he nonetheless had her mother beheaded' for treason' when Elizabeth was not yet three years old. As Henry continued to marry and lose or get rid of his subsequent wives, Elizabeth, astonishingly managed to thrive, and live a fairly happy childhood, learning to speak and write competently in five languages by the age of twelve.

Through twists of fate, namely the deaths of her two half -siblings, first Edward VI and then Mary, 'Bloody Mary', not forgetting the 9 -day reign of the hapless Lady Jane Grey, Elizabeth succeeded to the Throne, and thus embarked on her long and illustrious reign as the 'Virgin Queen'.

Thanks to Gillian for yet another wonderful talk.

On 16th February we are holding an unusual Social Evening. There will be a dinner served by Miss T, so we know already that it will be excellent! There will be mulled wine on arrival, but bring your own drinks for the meal. Steven Bruce, the auctioneer, will be on hand to value any treasures you might like to bring, and he will also be giving a talk ' Tales from the Auction Room'.

Tickets will be on sale, £20 members and £23 non-members, available from Clive Warner:780475, and David Long:788242. Enquiries to:
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For more information, please contact Linda on 01295 780 242 or 07973 226 032 or lindalaneyolo@gmail.com.



HORTI SOCIETY

The first talk on our horticulture calendar is being given on March 8th at The Village Hall by Ann Chambers, owner of Kiftsgate gardens, who will be talking on 'my ever-evolving garden'. As always, doors open at 7.00 for refreshments and the talk starts at 7.30. Please note that there will be a quick AGM before the talk, and that subscriptions are due on this date. New membership cards will be available at the meeting.

To whet your appetite, here is the programme for the rest of the year.

Wednesday 12 April. Simon Gulliver. Colour through the seasons. How to achieve 365 days of colour

Saturday 13 May. Plant Sale. Carter's Yard 10.00am - 1pm

Saturday 20 May. Spring Show, plant sale and refreshments

Wednesday 14 June. All day outing RHS Wisley

Wednesday 12 July. Afternoon visit Kiftsgate gardens

Saturday 26 August. Summer show, plant sale and refreshments

Wednesday 11 October. Martin Gascoigne-Pees. Your local butterflies and how to attract them to your garden.

Wednesday 8 November. Timothy Walker. On top and almost in control. Tales from a very small garden.

In the autumn I asked whether any members might be interested in buying some **Melcourt Sylva Grow general purpose peat-free compost**, as recommended by Harriet Ryecroft our October speaker, one-time gardener at Witchford Pottery and an expert pot planter.

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- Leave Sibford Ferris to Stratford: 11:58 (Sat), 12:02 (Mon–Fri), 14:53, 17:58
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Come, and see!
Such is rural beauty; such
Pleasure, to be found for you;
If then, this tale be true,
Couldst thou ever look too much?
Come, and see!—The hills, the woods,
The valleys, and the rolling floods,
"Come, and see!" are all a-saying,
And be-word their pray'r, with praying
"Come, and see!
Prithee, come, and see!"

Dear friends,

This lovely verse from the Irish poet George Darley comes from his poem, 'Come & See', which contains some wonderful descriptions of the countryside, but it also goes further and invites others to see the beauty that is visible within it.

As we prepare individually and together as churches, villages and communities across our Benefice, to celebrate the beginning of Lent with our Ash Wednesday services on the 22nd February, this season in the church year, could almost be thought of as a season of invitation. A time when we ourselves are invited to once more reflect upon our relationship with God in our lives, but also a time when we might find ways and opportunities to invite others to 'come & see', as well as to experience, the love of Jesus, the love of God, in all of our lives.

If you are someone who might be just beginning to explore your Christian faith and are also maybe uncertain of the pathway forwards, please then accept this letter from me, as a personal invitation to you, to 'Come & see'.

Love & prayers Revd Neil



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

3rd - Mens Brunch - Sun Inn - 1130am

7th - Friendship Club - Village Hall

16th - Sibfords History Society. "Tales from the Auction Room" Village Hall -
7.15pm

18th - Literary talk - Caroline Newark. Village Hall - 10.30am

28th - Book Swap Cafe - Village Hall - 10am

MARCH (PART)

8th - Horti Society talk 'My evolving garden' - Village Hall - 7.30pm

FEBRUARY BIN COLLECTIONS

Green Tuesday: 14th; 28th

Blue/Brown Tuesday: .7th; 21st

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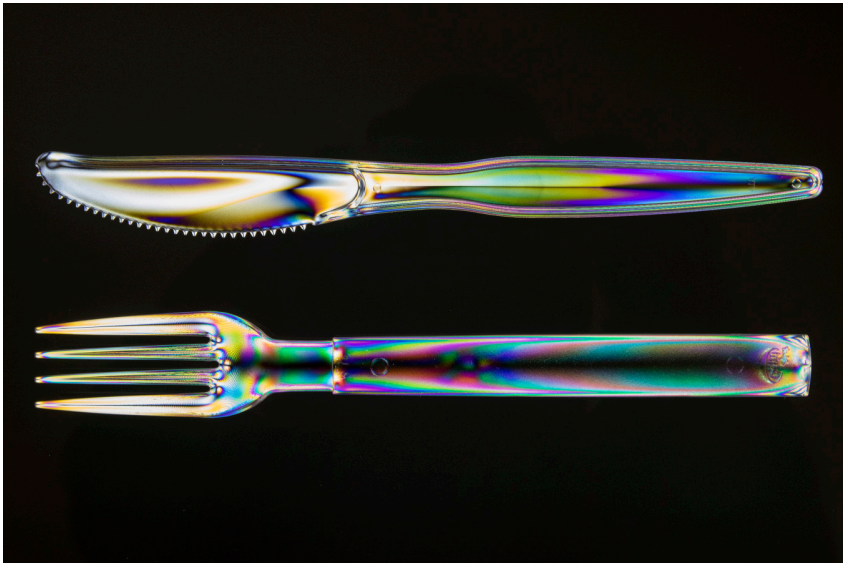


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