

THE BIG APPLE FESTIVAL

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**SIBFORD VILLAGE
HALL 12-4PM
SUNDAY OCTOBER 1ST 2023**

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MACMILLAN CHARITY COFFEE MORNING - SEPTEMBER 29TH

It does not seem a year ago that we had a very successful coffee morning, raising about £700 for this very worthwhile cause. This years Macmillan coffee morning will be on **September 29th**.

Again at 2, Barley Close, Sibford Gower. And again I will have an open house from 10 until 4.

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Get your own apples pressed. Bring them on the day or drop them the day before at the Village Hall in the apple box provided. Bring your own bottles and you'll go home with delicious juice!

GET SCOFFING

Apple soup with sourdough
Pulled pork baps with
apple sauce, BBQ sausages

GET MAKING

Join in the fun - make a scarecrow for your front garden. The theme is "Movie Mania". You can make these up to 2 weeks before and they will be judged on the day

GET BAKING

Apple Pie and Apple Cake competition. Bring your entries between 9 and 11am on the day

GET DONATING

Please donate raffle prizes to Isabel George 07989 968736

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GET CELEBRATING

Live entertainment including Morris Dancers and local talent: Belle Collective, R&G, and Dave Singers



ED'S THOUGHTS



APOLOGY

Last month's cover pic was taken by Tom Dyson and showed Andy Pallet on his way to a century.

WHITE LINES AND TRAFFIC CONES BY THE DUCK POND

What is all this all about? Complete waste of money and of no use to our community. Thank heavens nobody is taking any notice of them. How many potholes could have been filled in with the money spent?

APPLE DAY - OCTOBER 1ST

Lots of fabulous things happening at this wonderful event - see page 3 for more details (Cover poster designed by Julia Gordon)

BROWN ENVELOPE APPEAL

We're down to our last couple of hundred pounds and need your donations to pay for our increased printing costs. So, in this month's Scene, a little brown envelope will drop out. Please fill it with any amount you can afford and then send it to either myself or Oonah (addresses on page 22) There will also be envelopes at the Village Shop and Surgery. Thankyou!

PETER HARDMAN RETIRES

Wonderful Peter has retired after many decades of ensuring you get your Scene through your door every month, with his brilliant team. We presented him with a £50 voucher for a meal at the Wykham Arms as a HUGE thankyou. (And he is still playing the church organ). Nice picture on our back page

SUNEDAY OPEN DAY -3rd September

Join Sue Sabin for what looks to be a super day. More details on page 31

Thought for the month:

"A hard rain's gonna fall....."

Bob Dylan

(Hopefully not - ED)



LETTERS AND NOTICES

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY!!

Lottery winners for July:

1st prize Tracy Morbey
2nd prize Ginny Bennett
3rd prize Veronique Tyrrell

Winners for August:

1st prize Pat Warren
2nd prize Nicky Sena Cullen
3rd prize David Allen



A couple of nice letters received.....

My father Gerhardt (Danny) Dannenburg was sent from Vienna to Sibford in 1939, where he attended Sibford School and stayed with the Cannings at Malt House Farm during holidays etc.

Sadly, he passed away in 1990 and in recent years, I've been researching my family history.

On many occasions while browsing on the internet, I've been directed to 'Sibfords Scene' which has been most helpful. Only last evening, I found the article from May 2020 on the Home Guard and was astonished to see my dad as a very young man in the photo. My sister and I never knew!

Thank you so much for providing such useful information at the touch of a finger.

With kind regards, Diane Hackling

Did you know that (thanks to my son) on the latest Ordnance Survey map, the Millennium Field is now shown as woodland. Aren't families great!

Best wishes to my Sibford friends, I miss you.

Margaret Hobson

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FILM NIGHTS

Thanks to AgeUK we can carry on with our film nights.

However they have now asked for a donation towards the license and cost of the dvd. So we will have to go back to charging £3 pp as we did before covid.

Our next film is on Thursday August 31st. The film is Nomadland.

Following the closure of a gypsum mine in the Nevada town she calls home, Fern (Frances McDormand) packs her van and sets off on the road in this "exquisite film" (Joe Morgenstern, The Wall Street Journal).

Exploring an unconventional life as a modern-nomad Fern discovers a resilience and resourcefulness unlike any she's known before. Along the way, she meets other nomads who become mentors in the vast landscape of the American West. From Searchlight Pictures, written for the screen and directed by Chloe Zhao, based on the book by Jessica Bruder, the film also stars David Strathairn and features real-life nomads Linda May, Swankie and Bob Wells. Doors open at 7, film start at 7.30 Refreshments available.

Admission £3 pp.

Some of our film goers suggested showing an old film occasionally.

So the film for Thursday September 28 is A Private Function.

In the summer of 1947, Britain prepares to commemorate the wedding of Princess Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. To get around food-rationing laws, Dr Charles Swaby (Denholm Elliott), accountant Henry Allardyce (Richard Griffiths) and solicitor Frank Lockwood (John Normington) are fattening a black-market pig for the big day. Egged on by his wife (Maggie Smith), meek Gilbert Chilvers (Michael Palin) steals the swine, but the couple must conceal it from inspector Morris Wormold (Bill Patterson).

Doors open at 7 film starts at 7.30.

Refreshments available.

Admission £3 pp.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Petra Berry





VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Sibford AppleFest!! Sunday Oct 1st 12-4pm

Look out for the poster and info about this exciting event in this edition of the Scene. AppleFest is our inaugural village celebration of everything "apple". Apple pressing, hog roast, live music and bar, apple pie and cake baking competition, children's competition, games and more! Save the date in your calendars, it's going to be fun!

Scarecrow Competition, Sept

The Sibfords will be holding a scarecrow competition this year to rival Tadmarton!! Start planning now for the most memorable or wackiest scarecrow and where you'll stick them in your front gardens. More details in this edition of the Scene.

Help look after our Village Hall

Do you have 1-2 hours spare a week to help look after the Village Hall? We are a small band of volunteers and would welcome some additional supporters from the Village, who have time to pop in and check the Hall on a semi-regular basis. Please contact Ginny on 780373 or ginnybennett@googlemail.com for more info.

Book Swap Saturdays and Cafe: Sept 16th, Oct 21st, Nov 11th, Dec 16th 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.

Support the Village Hall by joining the Sibford Lottery

We have an amazing community lottery running with fantastic cash prizes every month. Join now and next month could be your winning month! Existing members, just a reminder to renew your annual subscription. Funds from the lottery are supporting the Village Hall Roof Fund. Please contact juliette53@btinternet.com or 07703 836856 to join or renew. £48 for 12 months or £4 a month.

Polite reminders

Please do not walk your dogs on the Village Hall field. This is a play area for children and a public facility where for obvious reasons dog walking is prohibited. Keep dog walking for our beautiful countryside paths and fields instead.

Book the Village Hall for your next event using our new online booking system! Our online booking is now up and running. Regular users will be advised when they need to start putting their bookings through and Ginny will be on hand to support. Bookings are made via www.sibfordvillagehall.org.uk. We have preferential rates for village residents, only £11/hr (one hall); and £20/hr (both halls). Please use us for your next birthday party or community gathering.



NATURE NOTES

It seems a long time ago now but back at the end of June Diana Thompson sent me some images of the brightly coloured Scarlet Tiger moth she had seen in her garden. This moth has spread throughout southern England since the 1990s. The caterpillars feed on comfrey and many other plants and the moths will fly by day or night. A similar species to look out for is the Jersey Tiger which has striped rather than spotted forewings. These are spreading from the London area. I have yet to see one, but one has been recorded in Long Compton recently.



Eared Leafhopper

I was very surprised to see a Buzzard sitting on our lawn one morning as it was just getting light. I don't know what had attracted it to the garden, but it didn't hang around for long.

An insect that I saw for the first time recently was the distinctive Eared Leafhopper. Apparently, these are quite common but rarely seen as they are so well camouflaged when sitting on lichen covered tree-trunks.

Another insect to look out for are the bright yellow and black striped caterpillars of the Cinnabar moth which are often found feeding on Ragwort or occasionally Groundsel.

Please send contributions for the next Nature Notes to ajnewbold88@gmail.com

Andy and Gill Newbold

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DID YOU KNOW?

The two Village Calendar photographs this month cover August and September and were taken by Barbara Foster and Maureen Hicks respectively. They were sponsored by Ann Woolgrove whose village business makes Custom Made Furnishings. Both pictures celebrate the grounds of the Village Hall which provide an outdoor amenity space come Rain or Shine! The August picture shows village families enjoying the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations while the September picture features the hardy souls who were determined to meet, despite the heavy rain, for 'Jazz in the Field' once Covid restrictions were lifted and we could meet together again with friends.



On the death of Frank Lascelles in 1934 villagers discovered that the Village Hall did not belong to them but was heavily mortgaged to Lascelles' estate. A committee under the chairmanship of Mr M R Lamb was set up to try to save the hall for the village but this failed so a fund was set up in the late 1930's for a new village hall. The old hall was rented from the mortgagees and activities continued throughout WW2 with all proceeds going into the new hall fund. In 1947 the hall was demolished by Lascelles' estate creditors and Sibford was left without a village hall for 10 years. Some of the money raised was used by the Trustees to buy an acre of land within a field opposite the church. During the Korean War in the early 1950's all grant funding for community projects ceased but in 1954, under the chairmanship of Reginald Rowntree, and following an open village meeting, it was agreed to commission architects *Orrel H Nuttall and Lucas* to design a brick-built hall for community use. With some self-build help, the fine new Village Hall and grounds were opened in 1957 at a cost of some £275,000 in today's values.

In 1998 the Playgroup pressed the Village Hall Trustees for separate accommodation. The brief was *'To build an extension to the Village Hall and to alter the existing building with a view to improving the kitchen facilities, general storage space, and provide a centre for pre-school children'*. The extension and hall improvements were opened in 2002. Since then, improvements have continued providing better insulation, eco-lighting and redecoration. We are indeed fortunate, that due to the stewardship of the Trustees since 1939 we have a first-rate facility for all users.

Maureen Hicks



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04 September; 18 September; 02 October

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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 sebannister@gmail.com if you have any queries.

Sue Bannister

FOOTPATHS

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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: thesibfords.uk



The Sibfords BRING & SHARE HARVEST SUPPER

Village Hall, Sat 23 Sept,
7pm

Please come to celebrate the safe gathering of crops for another year and the hard work of our local farmers by bringing a contribution (savoury or sweet – hot or cold) to share. An opportunity to enjoy a relaxed social time with friends and neighbours. Plates, glasses, cutlery and water will be provided – just bring drinks to be enjoyed by your family.

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In Your Garden - September

Whilst writing this in the middle of August I looked back at what I had written last year. It was all misery. The lawn was scorched brown, the flowerbeds looked scruffy and half dead, my lovely camellia had burnt brown leaves that looked like ginger biscuits, and I think we had a watering ban in place. But today – Wow! A rainbow of colour, as the phlox and asters compete against the roses and agapanthus, the lawn is a lush green and the waterbutts are full.

1. There will always be plenty of jobs, and the important one is to keep it all blossoming, so dead head every day, particularly the dahlias – they can keep going until the first frost.
2. Keep picking your beans, and tomatoes, and eat 'em, freeze 'em, chutney 'em and store the apples away in a cool dry place. And of course, give some away to your friends and neighbours.
3. The clumps of iris need separating and replanting. Cut them right back to two or three inches of leaf, and plant them so that the top of the tuber is in the light – they like sunbathing.
4. Now that the lawns look good, make sure that the edges are trimmed, and have a look at the paths. They could probably do with a good brush up or even a power hose if you have one.
5. Autumn is the right time to plant new trees, shrubs and hedges, so that they stay well watered and can put down new roots before spring.
6. This is a good time to take half-hardy cuttings of perennials, like fuschias, verbenas, pelargoniums and salvias. Plant them in sandy, gritty compost, and keep in the greenhouse or on a windowsill.
7. Now is the time to trim all your hedges. The nesting season is over, and you need hedges to look trim during the winter.
8. It seems much too early to be telling you to clean out the greenhouse in order to bring in the tender treasures who need protection for the cold. I think we must just go by our instinct for the next couple of months, and enjoy the heat, summer puddings – yummmm – and evenings in the garden. If only the swifts and swallows would stay a bit longer.
9. All the garden magazines are nagging us all to put in our spring bulb order. I used to always do this sitting by the fire, with a nice glass of wine in the evening, but it feels a bit wrong to do it today. Right now I am in the shade of the magnolia, which is having a second flowering, trying to keep cool, and enjoying a Mini Magnum icecream.
10. If you want to have amaryllis and hyacinths ready to bloom at Christmas, and they make lovely presents, you are meant to have planted them into pots and bowls by the 24th September.

Just saying.

Jupe Hitching



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SIBFORDS HISTORY SOCIETY

On 20th July Jan Warner gave us a most fascinating talk on "The Survival of the Fittest; a brief history of child rearing", in which she vividly described the perils of being a baby during the past three centuries. It is something of a miracle that so many of our forebears survived the mishandling of their delivery into the world and the subsequent crazy methods that were used to get them through their early months and years. It was a spellbinding hour, and then there was the chance to look at the items from Jan's Infantalia collection, which illustrated the ignorance involved: babies drugged with 'soothing syrups', poisoned by lethal rattles and ribbons, and stabbed by pins - totally remarkable.

How lucky are the mothers of today! Many, many thanks to Jan for her wonderful talk.

On Wednesday 2nd August a coach whisked us away to the village of Kelmscott, "a heaven on earth". William Morris brought his wife Jane and his daughters to Kelmscott Manor in 1871, telling his mother it was "the loveliest haunt of ancient peace". All these years later, and following a sensitive and spectacular renovation project costing £6m, the place retains all the enchantment which attracted and inspired Morris.

The gardens were rain-soaked and filled with flowers, and the house is a treasure-trove of his and Dante Gabriel Rossetti's artworks, as well as furniture, textiles, carpets and ceramics. Our visit was managed efficiently, from the shuttle bus which met us at the car park, to the preliminary talk and the cream tea after the tour. We were divided into small groups and taken round the house by expert guides, where we had the chance to hear everything about the contents of the rooms, and to ask any questions - very impressive. Full marks to the Kelmscott team!

We are now looking forward to our next talk on 21st September, when Sibford resident Professor John Wass will speak about "Music and the Mind". Topics include absolute pitch, Mozart's father's habit of blowing his nose on A-sharp, areas of the brain involved in musical recognition, and related neurological diseases.

Doors open at the Village Hall at 7.15 pm and the talk begins at 7.30 pm. The cost for non-members is £3. Refreshments will be served after the talk.

Diana Hughes

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SIBFORD PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

During July and August, we have taken advantage of some dry days to hold outdoor photoshoots. Our meeting in July took the form of a walk around Sibford Gower and Burdrop to find interesting subjects to capture photographically; then at the end of the month, we were welcomed into the beautiful garden of Home Close in Sibford Ferris by kind invitation of Carolyn White. Many thanks, Carolyn, for the opportunity to photograph your wonderful historic garden and for looking after us so well. During August, we also enjoyed a photoshoot at Fenny Compton Tunnels Nature Reserve, which is run jointly by the Canal & River Trust and Butterfly Conservation, where we saw a good selection of butterflies.

At our meeting on 29th August, we will be enjoying members' photos from our recent photoshoots and monthly topics.

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). 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 01295 780357. We meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the small hall at the Village Hall.



Meadow Brown Butterfly by Colin Lamb



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Quaker Week

September 24th - October 1st 2023

Please come and join Sibford Gower Quaker Meeting for events during **Quaker Week**, which will be confirmed on our website during September:

www.banburyeveshamquakers.org.uk
or contact

sibford@banburyeveshamquakers.org.uk

Also find out more about Quaker worship by joining us for Meeting for Worship at 10.30am to celebrate **World Quaker Day** on Sunday 1st October.

World Quaker Day celebrates the diversity of Quakerism around the world, with the aim to build connections to make our community stronger.

CHURCH SERVICES

Quakers - Sibford Gower, Sunday, 10.30 am

Roman Catholics - Brailes, Saturday, 5pm; Shipston, Sunday 9am
Kington, Sunday 11am

Baptists - Hook Norton, Sunday, 10.30 am

Methodists - Marlborough Rd Banbury. Sunday, 10.30am
Shipston-on-Stour. Sunday, 10.30am (All the same circuit)



HORTI SOCIETY

Turning towards the autumn, our next meeting is on Wednesday October 11th when Martin Gascoigne-Pees is coming to talk to us on our local butterflies and how to attract them to our gardens.

Doors open at 7.00 for refreshments, the talk starts at 7.30

Diana Thompson

Horti visit to Kiftsgate garden 12th July 2023

After a scorching June, the rain arrived in July so we were not surprised when half way into our drive to Kiftsgate the heavens opened with a most dramatic and sudden summer storm – a real deluge. We were fortunate though because within minutes of our arrival the sun was shining and Anne Chambers was there ready to welcome us to her most glorious garden. The densely planted borders close to the house garden, looked stunning with many rare and unusual plants as well as the more familiar ones. For example, climbing up the cotswold stone wall of the house was a new plant to me, a *schizophragma integrifolium*. At first glance is looked like a climbing hydrangea, (*hydrangea petiolaris*) but it had the most lovely pure white bracts which made it look a bit like a climbing handkerchief tree. This stunning climber was planted more than 50 years ago and I am assured that it is completely hardy.

There are so many different areas to explore in the upper part of the garden that many of us spent all of our time there, whilst some of the more intrepid of our group braved the steep walk down to the quiet pool and up again, whilst pausing to enjoy glimpses of the fabulous views over to the Malvern Hills and beyond.

We all enjoyed tea and cake in the delightful tea room and most of us came home with a plant or two.

Like all great gardens, a visit to Kiftsgate is an enriching experience so if you haven't been this year, you might want to treat yourself.

Veronique Tyrrell

Sulgrave Manor - volunteers

It was a joy to visit the gardens at Sulgrave Manor this week (<https://sulgravemanor.org.uk/>) and to see how the new head gardener Alex Springford, is renovating and refreshing this historic garden. Alex lives in Burdrop and he is looking for volunteers to help with this worthwhile project. If you can tell a weed from a flower, have a few hours to spare and would like work in a beautiful setting, please do contact him on:

Mob: 07954839060

Email: alex.springford@sulgravemanor.org.uk

Veronique

Sibford Ferris Parish Council

Concerns about vehicles going to/from the Hook Norton Road Development

The Site Manager has received a number of complaints and he has advised the Parish Council that he is dealing with the issues raised. If villagers have any concerns about issues with the site/site traffic they should contact the site manager on mark.frost@deanfieldhomes.co.uk or e-mail Deanfield Homes on Elliott.sentence@deanfieldhomes.co.uk.

For any Parish Council related issues the Parish Clerk can be contacted by e-mail: sfpc@thesibfords.org.uk or telephone: 07419 126206

THANK YOU , THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

The BREAST CANCER NOW afternoon tea was held on August 17th and I would like to thank all those who attended and gave donations. This wonderful charity does such great work in supporting all those diagnosed with or affected by breast cancer , the whole way through their journey. It is funding over 70 projects of world class research at the moment which includes prevention, and treatment of primary and secondary breast cancer.

I have already raised over £550 which has been boosted by a generous donation from a dear friend in the village . I hope there is more to come in.

My just giving page address is

www.justgiving.com/Ginny-M -Bennett Please do gift aid your donations if you can .

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Ginny Bennett

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Leave from Banbury for Sibford: 11:35 (Sat), 11:40 (Mon-Fri), 14:35, 17:40

Leave Sibford Ferris to Stratford: 11:58 (Sat), 12:02 (Mon-Fri), 14:53, 17:58

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POET'S CORNER

MY AUTUMN THOUGHTS

The crunch of leaves under my feet
Gather in heaps beneath my seat
The winter song of a robin redbreast
Thanking the summer for this year's nest
Of fledglings, now all feathered and flown
Off to the wide world on their own

The hum of a tractor in a distant field
Drillig corn for next year's yield
My ewes are all happy, now with a ram
Let's hope that next spring they all have a lamb

Conkers and acorns lie scattered on the ground
May grow into trees, if their luck abounds
Leaves that were green are now orange and yellow
The air is so still and seems so mellow

Garden flowers are wilting in their beds
Apples and pears are gathered in my shed

First comes the mists and then the frost
Which freezes my nose and also my toes
Nothing is lost as everyone knows



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 1st - Mens Brunch - Sun Inn - 11.30am
- 5th - Friendship Club - Village Hall - 2pm
- 6th - Ladies Coffee Club - Wykham Arms - 11am
- 16th - Book Swap Cafe - Village Hall - 10am
- 20th - SGPC meeting - Village Hall - 7pm
- 21st - Sibfords History Society - Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 23rd - Harvest Supper - Village Hall - 7pm
- 26th - Sibford Photography Club - Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 29th - Talk and Film Show - Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 31st- Film Night: "Nomadland" - Village Hall - 7.30pm

1st October - APPLEFEST - Village Hall 12-4pm

SEPTEMBER BIN COLLECTIONS

Green Tuesday: 12th; 26th.
Blue/Brown Tuesday: 5th; 19th

Unwanted clothing and shoes may be recycled anytime at the Textiles/
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