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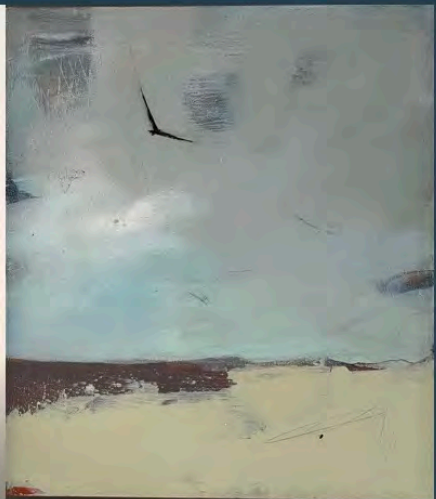
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ED'S THOUGHTS



A HUGE THANKYOU!

Our Brown envelope Appeal has made an astonishing **£1573**, including a very generous donation from the Town Estates Charity.

It only leaves me to say a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.... (And here's to a brilliant 2024!)

Cover photos: Mouse and Holly wish you a Merry Christmas!

Thought for the month:

"I just want you for my own
More than you could ever know
Make my wish come true
All I want for Christmas is you"

Mariah Carey



LETTERS AND NOTICES

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

Lottery winners for November:

1st prize - Anne Spackman

2nd prize - Kathy Yorke

3rd prize - Brian Joynes



Mary Nash wishes everyone a Very Happy Christmas. She won't be delivering cards this year so please don't send any to her as it will make her feel guilty!



LETTERS AND NOTICES

I would like to thank everyone for the well wishes I have received during my 30 days in the JR intensive care unit, ten days of which were in a coma. Each visit from Robert and Katie was started with the list of friends who had stopped them whilst walking the dogs or had sent cards. Which brings me to the rota of friends who took on walking Hook and Penny in the afternoon, and giving them dinner, thank you one and all.

I must name one person in particular, Dr Emma Haskew, who on receiving my husbands telephone call came out of surgery to see me, and on a quick examination phoned for the ambulance that took just 16 minutes to arrive. I was told in the JR by several doctors that but for her prompt action I wouldn't be alive today. THANK YOU.

For those who don't know, I was diagnosed with Legionella Longbeachae. The micro biologists at the JR finally managed to ascertain the cause of my illness was Peat Free Compost. The spores from the wood and sawdust in the compost, if dry, escapes into the atmosphere, letting you breath it in. I would suggest all gardeners take a look at the guidelines on the nhs website, also

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/health-and-wellbeing/minimising-health-risks-in-the-garden>.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-24151700>

As you will see from the BBC link authorities in Australia and New Zealand have ensured that prominent warning labels are put on all compost bags sold. Fortunately for me, the micro biologist spoke directly to my doctor who being Australian, knew of the problem and changed my medication immediately.

I have started to slowly walk around the village, walking a little further each day, it is going to take upto a year to get back to full fitness. It's great to be able to say hello to everyone.

Pam Ascott

RBL APPEAL

This year's appeal raised **£1750** including all donations. This is a big increase from last year so a huge thankyou to all who gave their support and special thanks to all the collectors and organisations who made this a big success.

Next year we will need some new help with house-to-house collections. If anyone is interested please let me know (tel 780731).Peter Abbott



LETTERS AND NOTICES

Cont'd

Advertise your event on thesibfords.uk

The village website is a great place to advertise your event. It will appear not only on the "Village Calendar" page, but also on the website front page when its date approaches. Moreover, subscribers to the "In the Sibfords today" newsletter will get daily reminders of the event in the week leading up to it.

Email a description of the event to webmaster@thesibfords.uk including relevant contact details and, if possible, an enticing picture. If you have a poster, send a copy of that.

All Village Hall bookings show up automatically on the website, but with no details other than their date and time unless you email them to the webmaster as above.

The website is happy to advertise events located in nearby villages as well as in Sibford.

Tim Huckvale

THE SIBFORDS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This year, the Town Estate Charity have asked that the Sibford Lunch Club Christmas Lunch should be open to all members of our community over the age of 65. With this support we have readily agreed and very much look forward to welcoming all eligible villagers to our Christmas lunch at the Village Hall on Wednesday 20th December – 12.30 for 1.00pm.

If you haven't already done so, please confirm that you will be joining us by 10th December 2023 so that we can confirm catering numbers. Contact either:

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NATURE NOTES

According to the BTO Blackbird numbers have been particularly low in gardens during the Autumn this year. This may be due to poor breeding success and a plentiful supply of food in hedgerows. The birds also are more timid when they are moulting. Numbers in gardens should increase in the Winter months as wild food becomes less plentiful and migrant birds from the continent start to arrive.

Following my comments on an increase in Hedgehog numbers in the Sibfords it has been pointed out that hedgehog road casualties are also now occurring again. Driving with an awareness of wildlife (and other road users) is so important now with more and more traffic on the roads.

Colin Lamb observed a number of Red Kites and Buzzards feeding on worms in the stubble fields bordering Woodway Road. The worms were probably brought to the surface following a period of heavy rain and were visible to the birds after the crops had been harvested.

In October I recorded a Radford's Flame Shoulder in my garden moth trap. These are migrant moths which are normally recorded on the South coast and rarely make it this far north. My record is probably the first for Oxfordshire.

Please send contributions for the next nature notes to ajnewbold88@gmail.com . It would be good to have some more contributions from the Gower side of the valley!

Andy and Gill Newbold



Buzzard with Worm



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Warm Hub Social Afternoons are back: Thursdays from January 11th, 2.30-4.30pm

Warm Hubs are a chance to meet up with friends and even make some new ones. Keep warm, have a tea/coffee and cake, play games, have a chat, or get crafting. Socialising is good for our mental health and it's good to have something to get you out the house in the winter months. The Town Estate Charity is kindly funding the sessions, so they are free to attend, just "drop in". Warm Hubs will be on every Thursday until March 29th, except for February 1st. For further details contact Ginny 780373 or ginnybennett@googlemail.com

Book Swap Saturdays and Cafe: 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.

Help look after our Village Hall

We need more volunteers from the village to help look after our Village Hall. A couple of hours every week or two would make a huge difference. We really need help with keeping the plants looking lovely. For further details contact Ginny 780373 or ginnybennett@googlemail.com

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. Please contact juliette53@btinternet.com or 07703 836856 to join or renew. £48 for 12 months or £4 a month.

Book the Village Hall for your next event using our new online booking system!

Bookings are made via www.sibfordvillagehall.org.uk. When you are paying the invoice for your event, please include your name and the invoice number. 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.

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.



FILM NIGHTS

December 21st

Join us for a magical Christmas screening of the timeless classic "It's a Wonderful Life"

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George is given the opportunity to witness how Bedford Falls and the lives of his residents would have been drastically different without his presence. He discovers that his actions, no matter how small, have had a profound impact on the town and the people he loves.

Doors open at 7. Film starts at 7.30.

Admission £3 pp. Mulled wine and mince pies.

January 25th

The film in is "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry." This is the story of an unremarkable man who sets off on a remarkable journey. Harold lives a life without purpose until he learns an old friend is dying and vows that in walking across England to see her, his journey can keep her alive. With Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton.

Doors open at 7. Film starts at 7.30

Admission £3 pp. Refreshments available.

Petra Berry

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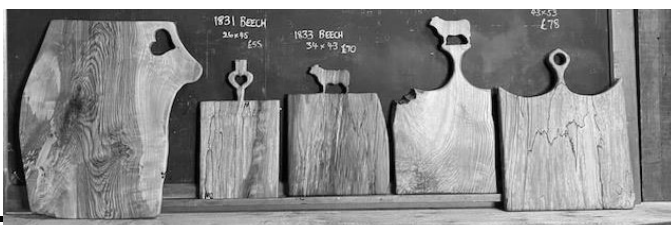
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We are all looking forward to Christmas here at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School and have begun to develop ideas for our contribution to this year's Christmas tree festival at the church.

The children love to be involved in community events and everyone enjoyed the school Harvest Festival celebrations when we were able to join with friends and family at the church. We are very grateful to Barbara Foster and her colleagues for their warm welcome on a chilly Autumn morning.

As part of our preparation for this event, we explored how harvest time has changed because of developing technology and the impact this has had on community life in the villages. The children were interested to learn how historically, everyone, including the children from the school, would have been involved in bringing in the crops, whereas much of this is now managed by huge machines and a much smaller work force. Our children are always very interested in local history and their connection with it. We are looking forward to welcoming Barbara Foster into school to talk about 'A War Time Christmas' with our older children and to explain the meaning of a Christingle and demonstrate how to make a christingle in a whole school assembly. This will link beautifully with the children's history curriculum and R.E. lessons.



We always mark 'Remembrance' in school, through an assembly with a 2-minute silence, and often through art. This year, the children in Oak Class each painted a poppy to contribute to this beautiful collage.

We are planning to run some poetry workshops for the children in school, partly inspired by their love of poetry and story. Dylan wrote the beautiful poem below in response to a lesson stimulus where the children went outside into our glorious grounds to immerse themselves in nature.

Nature

by Dylan Mannix

*Luscious. The wind breathes
on me as a storm thickens in the air.
The heavy atmosphere
has a calming touch on my skin.*

*The birds singing, children laughing,
joy is all around. I know it won't last
as we take shelter under a fir tree.
The smell of wet grass. Humid.
I am not going to lie, I prefer indoors,
but today felt different.*

*I have a quick daydream, as always,
I don't know why. Beautiful breeze.
Thunder and lightning. Buttercups,
grass, flowers, daisies, grey clouds.*

"From little acorns... mighty oaks do grow"

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The final photograph in this year's Village Calendar features the Parish Church in Sibford Gower. Taken by a drone when the church roof was being inspected, the picture was submitted by Rev. Neil Bowler. The final three months were kindly sponsored by Alan Berks who supplies hay, straw and manure locally.

The King's Commissioners visited the Sibfords during the Reformation and in 1547 reported 'an ancient church which had fallen into decay', but no site or remains have ever been found. This early chapel may have been used by priests who travelled between villages and who were paid by wealthy patrons to say prayers for their deceased relatives.

Until 1840 the Sibfords did not have an Anglican parish church but were part of the ecclesiastical parish of Swalcliffe (1.5 miles east of Sibford) and all services, including burial, took place there. Holy Trinity Church was built by grant and public subscription to provide 500 seatings, 340 of which were free forever. The design was by H J Underwood of Oxford, and the land was donated by Rev William Wilkes in 1839 and was consecrated for use in 1840. It has a spacious feel under its roof which was restored in 2000. Built in the shape of the Cross it does not have a separate chancel but has some fine pews and choir stalls built by local craftsmen.

The single manual organ was also erected by public subscription in 1906. Made by Jacksons of Oxford it was dedicated by the Bishop of Oxford. The leaded-light windows in both the chancel and the nave are arranged in groups of three, representing the Holy Trinity. Some of the windows display excellent examples of Victorian and Edwardian stained glass. These illustrate bible stories and events and some are dedicated memorial windows.



Surrounded by its burial grounds, Holy Trinity Church is situated within the farming countryside and stands in the heart of the village community it serves.

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Maureen Hicks

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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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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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Just a gentle pre - Christmas reminder of the most popular scam phone calls;

1 **Unpaid bill scam.** You receive a call from a ' BT (EE) engineer ' saying that you owe them money and that they are going to cut off your phone. The call usually comes out of office hours you are asked for credit card details etc.

2. **Investment scam.** This one takes time as they are happy to chat about your investments (stocks and shares details are available on a public share register). Then one evening they will ring you with ' an exceptionally exciting opportunity - but you have to act fast and make an immediate decision'.

3. **Computer Virus.** You are contacted by one of the big organisations - perhaps claiming to be Microsoft, advising you that they have detected a virus on your machine.' Are you sitting at your machine? ...all you need to do is down load some free software and all will be well.'

4. **Lottery/competition.** You've won! (even without taking part), but there is an administration fee which needs to be paid before your prize can be claimed.

5. **Courier scam.** Caller says they are from your bank and someone has been fraudulently using your card. They ask you to hang up and dial another number. They will send a Taxi/courier to collect your card.

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On Dec 5th the Club will be having it's Christmas lunch at Wyatts Garden Centre. It should be a lovely meal after the tea we had earlier in the year. Dec19th we have our Christmas Tea.

Please note the Club will not meet in Jan(it's toooo cold) but will celebrate the New Year on Feb 6th 2024. When we will welcome any new members who wish to join.

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HORTI SOCIETY

Our much loved Timothy Walker came to deliver our Christmas talk on 9 November at the village hall for the last talk of the year. Entitled 'The Shrunken Garden', he entertainingly described his move to a new house with very small uncultivated plot and how he started from scratch to create a beautiful wildlife haven.

It was comforting to see that even a gardener of his experience made mistakes along the way but here are some of his suggestions:

Take some of your favourite plants with you

Make a plan and list all your plants

Incorporate a pond with native plantings to encourage and support wildlife (waterlilies

need a water depth of 2ft)

Copper pots deter slugs

He strongly recommends David Goulson's book 'the garden jungle' describing ways to encourage wildlife into the garden

Our next meeting will be on March 13th when Tom Duncan will be talking to us on Mount Stewart garden. We will also be holding a brief AGM and subs (unchanged at £10 per year) are due.

Looking ahead to the Spring Show on 18 May 2024, here are the Handicraft and Photography categories which you should start preparing for! (Details on page 27)

PLEASE NOTE

There will be a new category of DRIED FLOWERS in the Summer Show. Take note now when ordering seed for next year's plantings!

If there is enough interest, I intend to order some more Melcourt Silvergrow 40l bags of potting compost (which incidentally, Timothy Walker also recommended) this spring.

For an order of 75 bags, we could get a bulk discount price of approx £6.30 per bag. I shall be placing an order in early March.

Email me with the quantity you need. Collection from the drop off point at The Long House Sibford Ferris.

Diana_thompson@btinternet.com



In Your Garden - December

Last winter was such a cruel one, such hard frosts, so I hope we are better prepared this year. Load up with loads of woolly jumpers and hats, and I have discovered that my car has a heated drivers seat, and a heated steering wheel. Bliss. But it is our plants that need looking after, as I lost most of my geraniums last year, so:-

If the cost of heating the greenhouse is too much, bring all your tender plants into the house, and load up the windowsills. Plants left in the greenhouse can be covered with fleece, or hessian, but should always be kept on the dry side.

Keep raking up the leaves, and I did it gently where I knew little snowdrops are planted, and - lovely surprise, there were a couple of them just opening, and I'm writing this in the middle of November. Primroses, polyanthus are beginning to show some colour as well. The best flowering bulb at the moment is the brilliant pink Nerine, which is nestled against a sheltering south wall, and also a group of brilliant yellow Sternbergias.

Dig up any veggies still in the ground and store them, then dig over that patch, and leave it so that the frost can break it up.

Make sure the paths and steps are brushed clean of leaves and moss. They can get so slippery and dangerous, particularly on those dark nights if you are just walking back from a jolly party in your high heeled shoes.

Once they have dropped all their leaves, it is a good time to prune apple and pear trees. After Christmas you can prune back red and black currants, and gooseberry bushes. But don't do it when there are hard frosts.

If you have time on your hands, and want to get out of the house, you could brush out the garden shed, and wipe clean all the spades, trowels and forks, then hang them up tidily. Really good gardeners wash out all their flowerpots too. Really! I don't know how they find the time.

Don't knock yourself out with too many garden jobs, we all have our hands full making mince pies and Christmas cakes, doing presents, writing cards, - and this year I must walk around the village delivering them all. The price of stamps is ridiculous. I can have a very big grumble about all that, but I won't. Just wish you all a very Happy Christmas.



In Your Garden - January

And then it is January:-

Enjoy the scented flowers of Mahonia, Sarcococca, Daphnes and Hellebores. The latter should have all the large leaves cut off so that they flower better if the sun gets to them.

Time to spread some compost or manure on the rhubarb, and then cover them with a forcing pot, or an upturned bucket will do.

Any plants in pots outside need to be raised up on bricks or stones, so that they never stand in water. Cold, wet roots will die if they get frosted. Place them against a wall, or in the porch, for more protection.

You can start planting sweet peas inside, and if you have a warm greenhouse you can also start some early spinach, lettuce and broad beans.

If we have some heavy snow this year, (and I'd love to get back on my sledge and whizz down a hill) don't leave the snow on the branches of shrubs, or they will snap under the weight. Give them a gentle shaking to clear them.

Always lots to do, but the pressure is off. Time to sit by the fire, with a mulled wine, and the last of the mince pies, eat up bits of cold turkey, finish the cake, and browse your way through seed catalogues, and order lots of beautiful plants. Happy New Year to all my lovely gardening friends.

Jupe Marshall



Deanfield Home's hedge vandalism. An absolute disgrace - you should be ashamed of yourselves.... Ed.

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SIBFORD PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

At our meeting on 28th November, we had a practical session on using the settings for aperture, shutter speed and ISO to make creative images. By creative images, I mean ones where the shutter speed has been set to a value that allows you to create your chosen effect. For example, if you want to photograph a waterfall with smooth white streaks where the water is falling, you would need to use a slow shutter speed, whereas if you wanted to show it with every drop crisp and sharp, you would need a very fast shutter speed. Achieving these shutter speeds requires changes to the aperture and/or the ISO setting, which were explained during the session.

We also enjoyed members' images on the monthly topic of "Paint", with a great selection of well-observed photos.

There will not be a meeting in December, so there will be two meetings in January, one on 2nd and one on the 30th.

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 generally meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the small hall at the Village Hall.

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- 6th - Ladies Coffee Club - Wykham Arms - 11am
- 8th - Horti meeting - Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 10th - Christingle - Church - 5pm
- 16th - Christmas Book Swap Cafe - Village Hall - 10am
- 19th - Friendship Club - Village Hall - 2pm
- 19th - Sibfords History Society - Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 20th - Sibford Lunch Club - Christmas Lunch - Village Hall - 1pm
- 21st - Film Night - Village Hall - 7pm

JANUARY

- 2nd - Sibford Photography Club - Village Hall - 7.30pm
- 30th - Sibford Photography Club - Village Hall - 7.30pm

DEC/JAN BIN COLLECTIONS

- Green Tuesday: 5th;
- Blue/Brown Tuesday: 12th;

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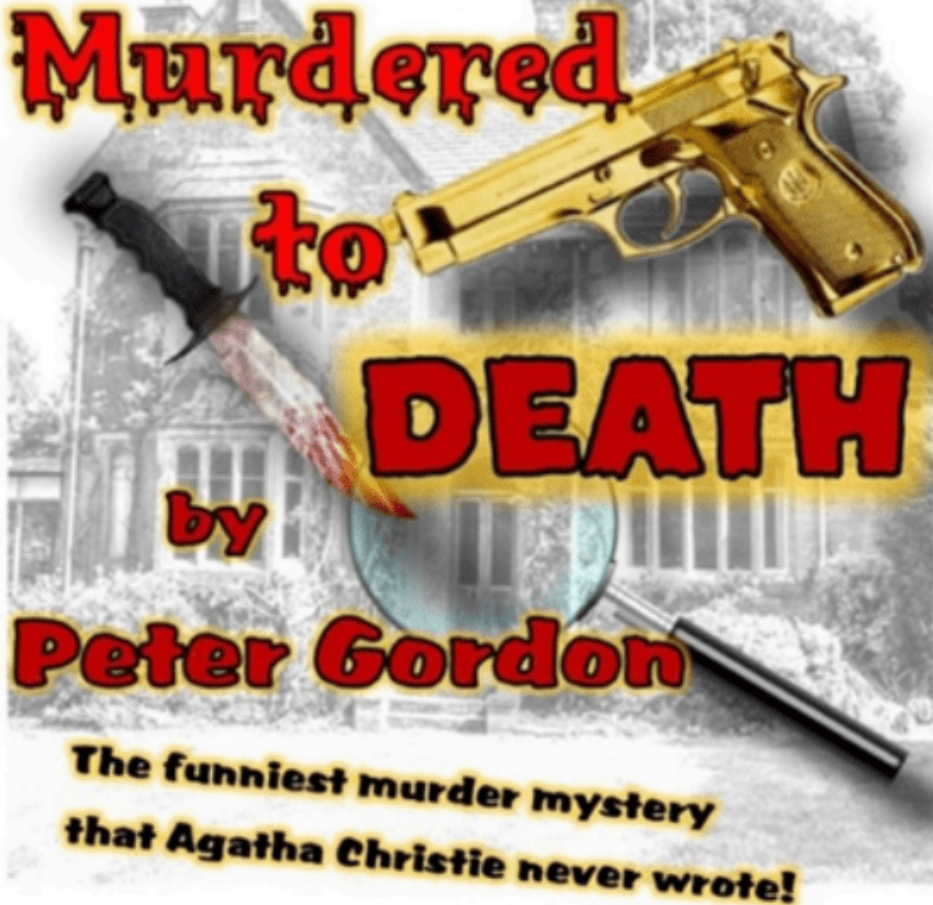
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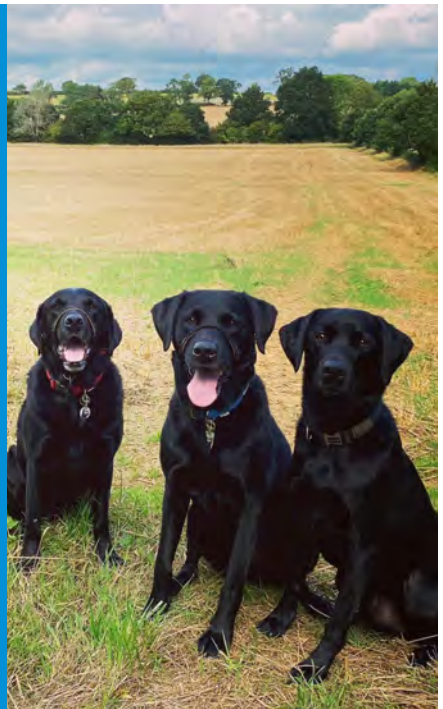
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