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A Redpoll, photographed by Colin Lamb



## ED'S THOUGHTS

Hello!

Spring is finally here.... and hopefully the rain has stopped

The Tysoe Tea Room is open again!! We went there last week and met Charlotte who gave us a lovely welcome. Great coffee and a delicious bacon bap. For further details, email her at:

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Unfortunately no crossword for this month - solution to the March one is on page 11. Chris has assured me that the next one will be in May.

Something to look forward to: The Village Hall Car Boot Sale (28th)

And another Resuscitation Training Session at the Village Hall (30th)

### Thought for the month

"Fly me to the moon

Let me play among the stars"

Bart Howard

Cover picture

Our youngest Scene reader -  
Hattie from Pond Cottage.

Welcome to Sibford!

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## Welcome! Kate, Alistair and Hattie (Pond Cottage)

The pub, the pond, the peace and quiet. These are just a few of the things that attracted us to Sibford Gower. There is, we suppose, a superficiality about these draws. They are the surface layer. They can be found elsewhere. They can be replicated. Little did we know that these things (as perfect as they are) were just the front cover. Turn the pages and you discover something very special about The Sibfords. They have a sort of 'je ne sais quoi'. We can't quite put our finger on it. We struggle to describe it. But we're ever so grateful to have stumbled upon it. Thank you to everyone for the warm welcome already, and we look forward to spending many more happy moments here in this little paradise that we now call home.



## LETTERS AND NOTICES

## VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

### Lottery winners for February:

- 1st David Bennett
- 2nd Jane Dorrell
- 3rd Sue Rowley





## LETTERS AND NOTICES

What do you do while savouring that welcome second coffee mid-morning? Don't fritter away the time on Instagram reels – peruse something local instead, such as the Sibford Scene archive. All but three past issues of this marvellous organ are there, going back almost 50 years. Just scanning through the highlighted articles you're sure to find an account of something interesting, such as the 1929 fire at the Cross, a Buckingham Palace garden party, film crews at the Wykham Arms, the murder at the Pond, ...

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## NATURE NOTES

It seems to have been a good Winter for some less usual birds visiting garden bird feeders.

Caroline Balloch from High Meadow, Sibford Gower saw a male blackcap on her bird feeder on 17<sup>th</sup> February. Having lived there for 30 years she had never seen one in her garden before. She also spotted 8 common newts in her garden pond.

On 19<sup>th</sup> February Colin Lamb also observed a male blackcap as well as a redpoll in his garden. He managed to photograph the redpoll. On 16<sup>th</sup> February he recorded the first frog spawn in his garden pond and on 18<sup>th</sup> caught a glimpse of a Brimstone butterfly.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March on the first sunny day for quite some time we had 3 redpolls and a siskin visiting our garden feeder filled with sunflower hearts off and on for most of the day.

Blackcaps are normally considered to be summer visitors to the UK but are increasingly seen as winter visitors coming here rather than the Mediterranean.

Siskins can be seen in any month of the year but visit gardens more frequently at the end of winter when wild food is becoming scarce and particularly following periods of heavy rainfall.

Redpolls are winter visitors to the UK and there seem to have been quite a few reports of them in gardens this year.

Please send contributions for the next Nature Notes to [ajnewbold88@gmail.com](mailto:ajnewbold88@gmail.com)

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## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

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**Car Boot Sale, Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> 9-12pm.** The Sibford Car Boot Sale returns, perfectly timed with your annual Spring Clean! Book a slot with [kat.davison@hotmail.com](mailto:kat.davison@hotmail.com). There will be a French café serving coffee, croissants, and bacon sandwiches to keep you refreshed as you shop. £5 a pitch

**Help look after our Village Hall. We need more volunteers** from the village to help look after our Village Hall and gardens. A couple of hours every month would make a huge difference. We really need help with keeping the plants looking lovely and gardening is good for the soul! Contact Ginny 780373 or [ginnybennett@googlemail.com](mailto:ginnybennett@googlemail.com)

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**Notices:** 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. Finally, we have had the fencing improved at back of the hall so are ready with a better social space for our upcoming events.

Charlotte Carey



**Local artist Ginny Bennett will be taking part in the Artweeks Festival 2024 , exhibiting many of her paintings.**

**SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL is Venue 41 on the art trail and Ginny will be open to visitors MAY 3rd ,4th and 5th, from 11am until 5pm.**

**There is disabled access and parking and refreshments will be available.**

**More information can be found about all exhibitors and venues on the ARTWEEKS website.**



**"The Road to Nowhere" by Colin Lamb**

# Crossword

## FEBRUARY SOLUTION

### ACROSS

1. Busy Work
4. Garlic
9. Clockmakers
11. Sol
12. Streamline
13. Mean
15. Drama
17. On The Sly
19. Prompted
20. Passe
22. Undo
23. Newsletter
27. Kit
28. Holy Trinity
29. Rehash
30. Well-read

### DOWN

1. Backside
2. Stour
3. Wykham Arms
5. Apse
6. Lascelles
7. Colony
8. Re-united
10. Ail
14. Temple Mill
16. Acre Ditch
17. Outsells
18. Betrayed
21. Quaker
24. Sit
25. Thine
26. Thus

## HOOK NORTON HARRIERS

Hook Norton Harriers have recently competed in the Oxfordshire Cross Country League with the final fixture of the series taking place at Henley Showground. The words 'cross country' and 'running' probably give you visions of dreaded school P.E. lessons with teachers shouting at you to keep moving as you squelch your way through knee deep mud whilst trying not to fall over a tree root and climb up never ending hills, but there is something strangely appealing about tackling these natural obstacles and enjoying a run through fields and woodland.

As the weather improves (hopefully) the Harriers are looking forward to Motivation - a series of road races around local villages starting in April. This is open to all club members and often ends with a trip to the pub.

If you are interested in joining us for a social run or would like to find out more about our races, please contact our club chairman, Richard Hart. Richard would love to have an informal chat with you about our club. Please email him on [info@hooknortonharriers.org.uk](mailto:info@hooknortonharriers.org.uk) or give him a call on 07728 892177.



We have had a busy and interesting few weeks here at Sibford Gower Endowed primary School. Our Spring Term focus on reading has been well-supported by our participation in World Book Day and our termly Reading Week when parents and grandparents were welcomed into school to read with the children every morning for a week. The turn-out was really pleasing and adults and children had a lovely time sharing books together.

This year, we are having a particular focus on oracy too, developing the children's accuracy in speech, developing their vocabulary and their confidence in public speaking and performing. We build in a lot of opportunities for them to do this through our curriculum but theatre events have promoted the joy that can come with the spoken word too.

Our Year 5 & 6 children were delighted to be invited up to Sibford School to see their production of 'Oliver'. One of our ex-pupils was cast in the starring role – a cause for great excitement here!

Our brilliant P.T.A kindly covered the cost of a visit to the school by the Image Musical Theatre. Their production of Oscar Wilde's 'The Selfish Giant' was enchanting and kept all of the children, from the youngest to the oldest, enthralled throughout. It was a masterly combination of acting and puppetry, supported by whole school singing and some excellent contributions from a small group of pupil volunteers. Very well done everyone!



*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/>



## SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

### WALKING DATES

8 April (3 week gap because of Easter); 22 April;  
13 May (3 week gap because of Bank Holiday)

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](mailto:sebannister@gmail.com) if you have any queries.

Sue Bannister

### FOOTPATHS

Ian has hung up his boots! After many years of fine work on our footpaths, Ian has decided enough is enough! So - we're looking for a rather splendid person to fill his boots. If you would like to do this sterling work, then please contact him on 01295 70790 or email: [ian@iansharp.net](mailto:ian@iansharp.net),

### The Job Itself

Ian Sharp tells me it is not too laborious. Maybe contacted 4 or 5 times a year and the job is really liaising with local landowners to sort any problems out. So please may we have someone to take over? Ed

### MESSAGE FOR ALL GARDENERS

On **Saturday 11th May**, there is a splendid Plant Sale at Carter's Yard, from 10 till 1. Entrance is through the gate next to the Wykham Arms, and everyone is welcome, and you can enjoy looking at the lovely garden Sue has made over the years. You can also visit the garden at other time by appointment at 01295 780365, [sebannister@gmail.com](mailto:sebannister@gmail.com).



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#### LOCAL MARKETS

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

Deddington Farmers - 4th Saturday of the month

Chipping Norton - Every Wednesday. Farmers market -  
3rd Saturday of the month

Stourton Farmers - 1st Thursday of the month. 6-8pm



## DID YOU KNOW?

### Stained glass windows - Holy Trinity Church

The parish church of Holy Trinity, Sibford, was not built until 1840. Although there is evidence of a former chapel, its site is unknown and was recorded as 'ruined' when the Church commissioners visited the village during the Dissolution of the Monasteries in the reign of Henry VIII. Previously, villagers had worshipped, married, christened and buried their dead at the ecclesiastical mother church of St Peter and St Paul in Swalcliffe.

The current Victorian building in a simple Early English design in a cruciform plan. It is without a tower although it does have some fine examples of Victorian and Edwardian stained glass in some of its windows. These are worth a closer examination and, after consulting a former Rector, Ronald Hawkes, I plan to share some observations in a short series of articles. The windows in the chancel and the nave are all arranged in groups of three, reflecting the three elements of the Holy Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The central light in each of the sets of three chancel windows is larger than the two adjacent ones.

Above the altar the east window comprises a central window with two slightly smaller windows to each side. The main feature of the central window depicts the figure of Christ crucified on the Cross so central to the Christian faith. The background to this image is in vibrant blue glass and immediately draws your eye to the central figure of the crucified Christ.



Above this central figure the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove of peace, is seen descending to earth through Christ. Below the central figure is the Star of David comprising a six-pointed star made up of two equilateral triangles superimposed over each other and, as a symbol in Judaism, is thought to represent 'God the Father'. It symbolizes the relationship between humanity and God, with the corners of one triangle representing creation, revelation, and redemption, and the corners of the other to represent

the 12 tribes of Israel. These three images – the dove of peace, Christ crucified and the Star of David are featured in the central east window. Each symbol represents the Holy Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit, all central to the Christian faith.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The two adjacent windows, slightly smaller than the central light, repeat some of the decorative imagery in the main central window.



These two windows feature four winged beasts and birds representing the four gospel Saints - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The image depicted at the top of the left-hand window represents the Greek symbols for Alpha and Omega. The bible was originally written in Greek and Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek Alphabet. Early Christians referred to Christ as the Alpha and Omega symbolising the Beginning and the End denoting the completeness of their faith. However, the Omega symbol at the top of the left window has mistakenly, been inverted and appears the wrong way up!



When the sun is shining through this east window it has a stunning impact and shards of coloured light dance across the chancel and adjacent walls.

*Maureen Hicks*

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## HORTI SOCIETY

It was a great pleasure to see so many enthusiastic gardeners for our first meeting of the year. In Gil Soden's absence, Catherine Berks announced that on 26th June, a number of gardens will open for 'an informal garden walk around the Sibfords'. More details to follow. She then disposed briskly of the AGM before introducing Tom Duncan who came to talk to us on the Mount Stewart Gardens in Ireland. Highly opinionated, highly entertaining and very informative is how I would describe his delivery, but there was something for everyone to enjoy, whether horticulture or historian, which was the perfect formula for any talk surely!

On Wednesday 10 April Tim Huckvale will be coming to talk to us on The Swifts of Sibford. Doors open in the Village Hall at 7.00 for convivial conversation and refreshment before the talk at 7.30. Non members always welcome

A REMINDER. Our annual plant sale is on 11 May at Carter's Yard. 10.00 - 1.00pm Although Sue Bannister is a phenomenal propagator, she would very much welcome any extra plants that you might have over produced. This is our main fund raising event and we rely on donations to keep the quality of our speakers high and our membership prices low. Please give generously! Diana Thompson



## In Your Garden - April

April lifts my heart. Suddenly the garden has colour and scent. The tulips are waving their bright colours, and the scent from the sarcococca by the front door, is wafted on the breeze, and the magnolias are coming into bloom. Enjoy every minute outside, but try and do plenty of jobs as well.

1. Once the forsythia has finished flowering it should be pruned back fairly hard. By the way, did you know that it is named after the gardener of King George 3rd, who looked after the royal garden at Kensington. There is a statue of William Forsyth by a patch of forsythia bushes in Hyde Park.
2. If the rain sodden lawns have dried up you can get mowing again. Cutting back the edges again will smarten it all up, as they get a bit straggly over the winter.
3. You can start sowing annuals under cover, until they look robust enough to go out into the flowerbeds or picking border, or wait until later in the month to sow them outside. Pinch them out to stop them getting too tall and spindly.



## In Your Garden - April

Cont'd

4. It is time to sow tomatoes. If you don't have a greenhouse they grow well in pots outside in a sunny, warm corner of the garden, preferably against a south wall.
5. The price of vegetables in shops is still much too high, so it is well worth trying to grow some yourself. You could start off with carrots and spinach - both very easy to grow, and you must plant your potatoes after you have chitted them. Radishes grow very quickly and last year my little gem lettuces went on filling my salad bowl until September.
6. You probably have mint and sage already in your herb garden, but start sowing seeds of basil, parsley and dill inside to get them started. Nearly everyone keeps a pot of basil on their kitchen windowsill, so useful to reach out and snip some when you've just made a salad.
7. Climbing clematis and honeysuckle are climbing away very fast, and will need tying in, and climbing roses will need the same treatment. Keep the branches going horizontally to encourage more flowers.
8. If agapanthus clumps are very crowded they will appreciate being carefully divided, and replanted. It should be done every 3 or 4 years. And I hope you remembered to divide the snowdrops too.
9. Late summer and autumn flowering bulbs can be planted now. I always love the white acidanthus, (and the bulbs are fairly cheap) and 50 of them planted in a large pot make a spectacular sight on the terrace. Nerines are very beautiful, and the pink ones seem to be the hardiest and last longer. If you haven't tried growing sternbergias they are well worth it. They are very hardy and come back in increased numbers each autumn.
- 10 Weeds are on the rampage, so keep hoeing them. Rhubarb in forcers are ready to be pulled and enjoyed - do not cut them, your dahlias will have started into growth, and now is the time to sharpen up all your tools, and oil the wooden garden seats when they finally dry out after this hard, wet winter. And then you can sit down on them and feel proud of your lovely garden after all this work. With a nice bottle of wine and some delicious cheezy biscuits. You deserve it.

Jupe Hitching

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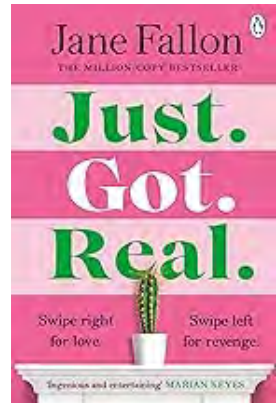
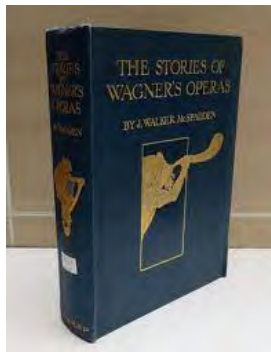
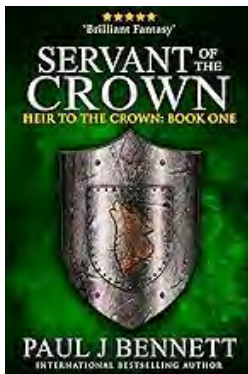
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## VILLAGE PEOPLE

**This month, we have Selina Chard.....**

### **Why Sibford?**

When I met my husband he was a house master in one of the boarding houses at Sibford School. We lived there for a while and then were lucky to be able to buy a property in Sibford Ferris just after we got married. We were able to live in the boarding house whilst we worked on our house, which needed updating. We both loved the Sibfords and were very pleased to be able to buy in the village. Now, we love being part of this community, our children attend the village school and we continue to feel very lucky to live here.



### **Earliest memory of Sibford**

I grew up just down the road in Tadmarton, my earliest memory of the Sibfords was having a picnic lunch with my Dad near the pond in the Gower.

### **Surprising things about yourself**

I made the clay P on the Sibford Gower Primary School sign on the front of the old school building! I think that may have been my artistic peak!

### **Best thing about Sibford and what would you like to change**

Best thing...The community, I think we're so lucky to live somewhere with a welcoming pub, shop and so many active local groups, all in such a lovely place. What would I change? The potholes in the roads...drives me crazy!

**What do you do? (or did)** I work as a Special Needs Co Ordinator in a mainstream Secondary School. I love my job, though it has many challenges in the current climate.

### **Hobbies**

Photography, swimming, walking and reading and ferrying my 2 children to everything in their busy social calendars.

### **What really gets you going**

Swimming - especially in the sea or a lake, I love it...though usually I'm confined to Sibford Swimming Pool...I love that too!

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## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Friendship Club April meeting is our annual Easter tea. The Members always supply the food and as usual we have a great spread.

The Club's AGM is held on the first Tuesday in May (7th) I hope all members will attend.

Anyone wishing to join us please come along to the AGM and us all.

Further dates for Members to note:

April 2nd. Easter Tea

May 7th AGM at which, I hope ALL Members will attend.

Evey Boughton

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# Our 2024 Community Share Offer

## Homes for Hooky is Open!

**Would you like to know more about investing in Community Shares?**

Join us on **Thursday 18 April** for an online Q&A with Community Shares advisor, Dave Boyle, from the [Community Shares Company](#). Dave will explain how investing in community shares can help to keep communities thriving. We will be offering both a lunchtime and evening session. More details will be available soon on our website [www.hooknortonclt.org.uk](http://www.hooknortonclt.org.uk) and will be sent to those on our mailing list. If you would like to join our mailing list, please email [hello@hooknortonclt.org.uk](mailto:hello@hooknortonclt.org.uk)

Our Community Share Offer was launched at a successful event at the Sports & Social Club on 20 February. The event was exciting and well attended, with speakers from Oxfordshire Community Land Trust and Plunkett UK, talking about Community Share Offers – something that is quite new to many people in Hook Norton. More information about our share offer is available on the website : [www.hooknortonclt.org.uk/share-offer](http://www.hooknortonclt.org.uk/share-offer). If you'd like to read more about the event and find out how the unique smart microgrid was explained by a representative from SNRG, and how the history of the Neighbourhood Plan was explained by a representative from Hook Norton Parish Council, you need to head to the 'Latest News' page on the website ([www.hooknortonclt.org.uk/current-news](http://www.hooknortonclt.org.uk/current-news)).

We've had some great media coverage recently, and the 'BBC South' and 'Ethex Cuppa Club' videos can be viewed by clicking on the relevant thumbnails on the News page [here](#).

**Save the date - Hook Norton CLT Open Day, Saturday 20 April.**

We're holding an onsite Open Day and welcome you to come and see the homes for yourself and talk to the team about the innovative aspects of the project, and the Community Share Offer. More information to follow, but If you would like to be added to our mailing list and kept up to date with events and other information, please register your interest or become a member using the forms on our website under the Join Us tab: [www.hooknortonclt.org.uk/join-us](http://www.hooknortonclt.org.uk/join-us)



## THE NAME'S BOND: JAMES BOND

A unique chance to see the film, voted by Bond aficionados as the best Bond film of all time, "GOLDENEYE" will show at Sibford Village Hall on **May 29th**. It re-launched Bond after a six year break and starred Pierce Brosnan as the new James Bond. It also featured Judy Dench in her first appearance as 'M', and after its spectacularly successful Opening at the Radio City Hall in New York it became the biggest grossing Bond film ever.

Its success was due in no small part to THE action scenes, including the legendary tank chase, which is now a part of cinema history.

We are fortunate to have a local chap, IAN SHARP, who directed most of the action sequences and was responsible for the tank chase, to not only introduce the film, but also to allow you into the secrets of directing, a major cinematic action spectacle.

A note to add from John Wass - This promises to be a very exciting, interesting and unique occasion with the director of a well loved James Bond film giving us insights, you won't be disappointed!

### **Do you fancy treading the boards?**

Well - Look no further

Sibford Players are looking for new members

We are a friendly, fun-loving group who enjoy a giggle while creating our February show

If you fancy giving it a go, please do come along to the Small Village Hall on Thursday 18th & Monday 22nd April at 7.30pm and meet the gang

Hope to see you there x



## SIBFORDS HISTORY SOCIETY

Our evening talk on Thursday 18th April is entitled "The Rise and Fall of Civilisations (including our own)". The topic is not exactly local, but the speaker certainly is - Sibford Gower's very own Ivan Tyrell, director of Human Givens College.



Drawing on his lifelong interest in understanding behavioural patterns in history that explain the rise and fall of empires, Ivan aims to give us an insightful analysis of the historical and psychological background of our current situation. He will discuss some of the great thinkers who have looked at these patterns and why it is important to understand our current position in the cycle in our unsettling times.

Doors open at 7.15 pm and the talk starts at 7.30 pm. Free to paid-up members, visitors £5.

Tim Huckvale



## FILM NIGHTS

**This month's film on Thursday April 25th is Past Lives.**

Nora and Hae Sung, two deeply connected childhood friends, are wrest apart after Nora's family emigrated from South Korea.

Two decades later, they are reunited for one fateful week as they confront destiny, love and the choices that make a life.

Nominations: Academy Award for Best Picture, Academy Award for Original Screenplay, Critics' Choice Movie Award for Best Picture.

Doors open at 7. Film starts at 7.30. Admission £3 pp. Refreshments available.

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# GREAT TASTE

Another one from Oonagh.....

## Chicken stroganoff

### Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 250g chestnut mushrooms, sliced
- 500g boneless, skinless chicken thigh fillets, sliced
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 300ml chicken stock
- 1 tbsp sweet paprika
- a few dashes of Worcestershire sauce
- 250ml soured cream
- A small bunch of parsley, finely chopped
- pasta, rice or potatoes, to serve (optional)

### Method

- **STEP 1** Heat the oil in a frying pan over a medium-high heat. Fry the onion with a pinch of salt for 5 mins until soft. Add the chestnut mushrooms, turn the heat up slightly, and fry for 6–8 mins until any water that has come off the mushrooms has evaporated.
- **STEP 2** Stir in the chicken, fry for 6–8 mins then stir in the garlic and mustard. Cook for a minute more then add the stock, paprika and Worcestershire sauce. Season, and simmer for 10 mins until the chicken is cooked through and the sauce has reduced slightly.
- **STEP 3** Turn the heat to low, and fold in the soured cream and parsley. Bring to a gentle simmer (don't cook for too long or the sauce will split) and serve over pasta, rice or potatoes.



## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHATTER

April 7th. Benefice Service Sibford. 10-30

- 14th. 8-00. HC. 10-00 Lay Led
- 21th. 9-30. HC
- 28th. 9-30.

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## SIBFORD PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

At our meeting on 26th March, much of our session was taken up with a desktop photography workshop. Members were asked to bring along objects they would like to photograph, anything from ornaments and household objects to books, ornaments flowers, fruit, etc., along with backdrops to create a photogenic background and lights to illuminate the subjects. We then set up the objects on tables to make attractive compositions and photographed them using various techniques to make interesting and attractive images. We also showed our members' images on the monthly topic of "Leading lines". The idea of this topic was for members to create images that used the compositional tool of finding lines, straight or curved, that would guide the viewer's eye to the subject of the image.

Our next meeting is on 30th April, when we will have an outdoor photoshoot (weather permitting). We will also view the members' images on the monthly topic of "Rocks and stones".

Sibford Photography Club is a friendly, informal group with a shared interest 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 stately homes, gardens, 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](mailto: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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Some of the more recent scams;

1.Action Fraud warn of fake emails claiming to be from companies selling life insurance policies. The scammers impersonate insurance providers Doddle and SelectQuote offering ' free quotes' with one email. The links lead to malicious websites designed to steal your financial and personal data.

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2. Which ? warns of fake train ticket adverts appearing on Facebook offering gift cards worth just £3 for a year of train travel! The scammers are impersonating Great Western Railway offering you on the 'limited number' of gift cards by clicking on the advert and answering a few questions - all leading to the usual malicious phishing website. **Don't click on the links**. Instead, select the three dots at the top right of the Facebook post and press 'Report ad'.

3. Finally, a similar one to last month's Tupperware prize, again from Action Fraud. This time it's a box full of gadgets from Morrisons with a request for you to take a survey in order to claim. **Please don't**. Deal with as at 1. above.

**Suspicious text messages** - forward them to 7726, it's free. This will report the message to you mobile phone provider.

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(The cricket was rubbish, but at least we won a rugby match). Best wishes.  
Peter Hine. Gower and Burdrop Watch. 788830.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## APRIL

- 2nd - Friendship Club - Easter Tea - Village Hall - 2pm
- 3rd - Ladies Coffee Club- Wykham Arms - 11am
- 5th - Mens Brunch - Sun Inn - 11.30am
- 8th;15th;22nd;29th - Warm Hub - Village Hall 2.30pm
- 10th - Horti Society AGM talk: "The Swifts of Sibford" - Village Hall 7.30pm
- 18th - Sibfords History Society - Village Hall 7.30pm
- 20th - Book Swap Cafe - Village Hall 10am
- 25th - Film Night: "Past Lives " - Village Hall 7.30pm
- 28th - Car Boot Sale - Village Hall 9-12pm
- 30th - Sibford Photography Club - Village Hall 7.30pm
- 30th - Resuscitation training - Village Hall 6.30pm

## APRIL BIN COLLECTIONS

- Green Tuesday: 9th; 23rd
- Blue/Brown Tuesday: 2nd; 16th; 30th

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

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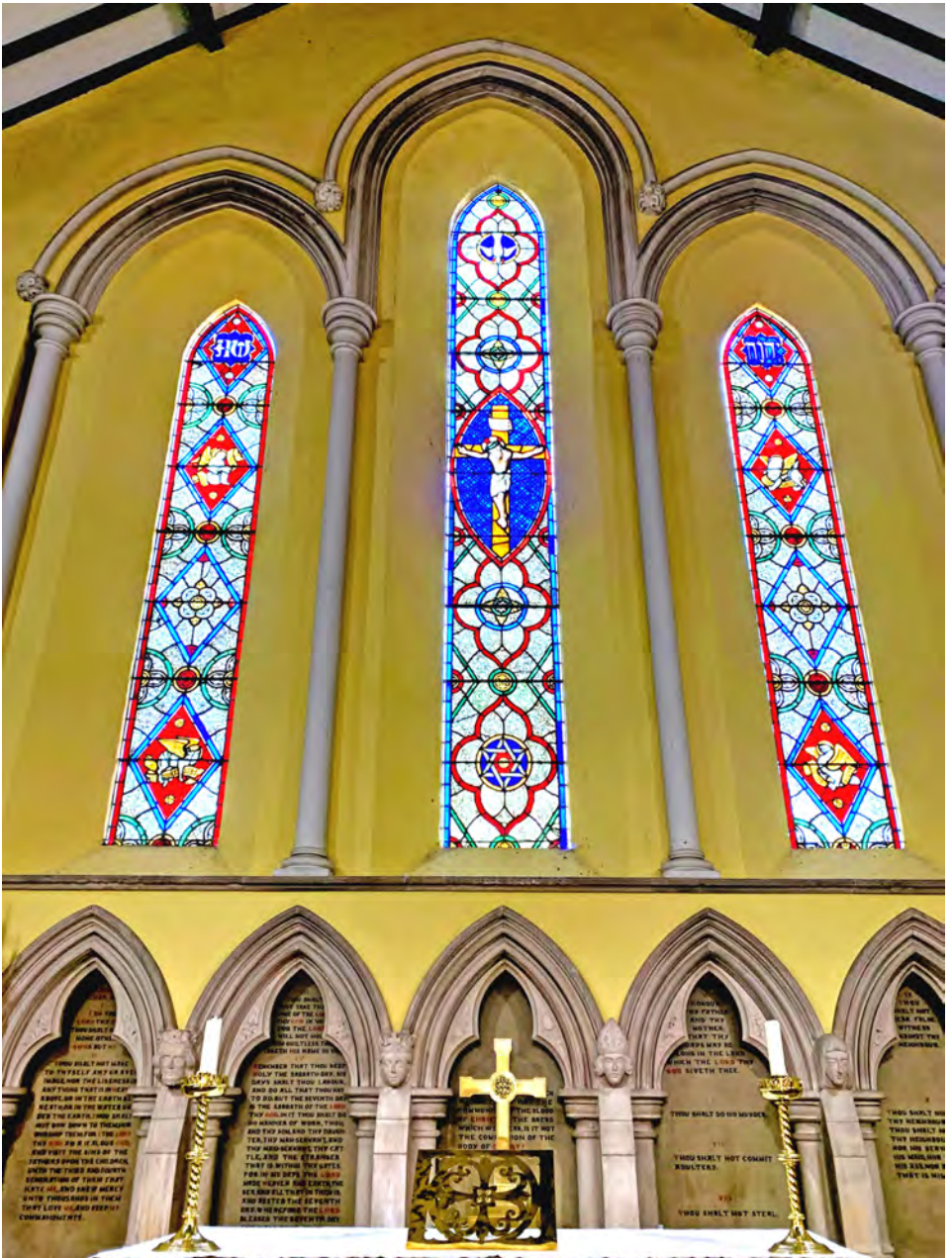
Leave from Banbury for Sibford: 11:35 (Sat), 11:40 (Mon-Fri), 14:35, 17:40

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