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ED'S THOUGHTS

Hello!!!

The sun is here at last!
Everything slows down and there
are smiles on all our faces. It
does wonders for us all!

So, what's happening this month?

Film night on the 19th should be
fun

And don't forget the Family moth
surprise event on the 8th

I've had 2 rants this month
about cow parsley and the
disappearing Bond's End Lane sign
(page 16)

Hopefully, there will be more in
the next issue!

Have a Lovely June everyone....

Thought for the month

"Sweet Loretta Fart, she
thought she was a cleaner, but
she was a frying pan"

Lennon/McCartney

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LETTERS AND NOTICES

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

Lottery winners for May:

- 1st - Keith Hicks
- 2nd - Sandra Clacy
- 3rd - Jean Scouse



CEDAR HOME DEVELOPMENT - HOOK NORTON ROAD

Dear Sibford community,

We are sorry to say that the appeal in Sibford Ferris was allowed by the inspector despite strong objections from Cherwell District Council, Sibford Ferris Parish Council and the community.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the Sibford Action Group working to protect our villages from overdevelopment.

We hope that Cherwell District Council will continue to move its 2040 development plan forward to re-categorise our villages so that we are protected from future speculative development.

Thank you again for all your support.

SAG

Our planning laws are a joke. Developers can get away with what they want and local opinion is ignored, as proven by this latest decision - Ed

Sibford Swifts



The first swift of the season returned to our colony in Mannings Close on Bank Holiday Monday, 6 May. By the following Sunday all four pairs had returned, although some of them did not roost every night.

Swifts pair for life but only spend time together for breeding, so when the later swift of a pair returns there is often a short period of squabbling as they try to work out if the other is their partner or an intruder into their nest site. The pair in box #4 fought on and off for about an hour before they settled down to some mutual preening. They have since turned out to be the most devoted couple, spending more time together in their box than the other pairs – and producing our first egg on 16 May, and a second on 18 May.

I blog on the progress of our swifts on the village website, where you can also get a live view inside all four boxes at any time. Visit <https://thesibfords.uk/about/swifts/swifts-2024>

Please email me at swifts@thesibfords.uk if you have queries about boxes, calls, or indeed anything swiftian and I'll do my best to help. It's not too late to put up a box for this season; you won't get a breeding pair, but you may well get interest from "prospectors" seeking a nest site for next year.

Tim Huckvale

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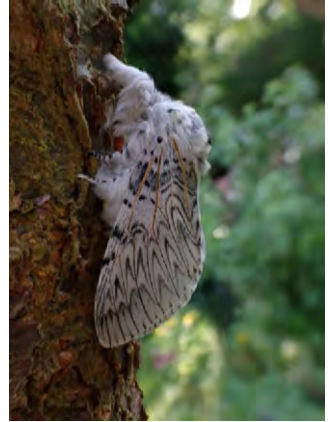
NATURE NOTES

During early May everything has become very green with all the trees and hedges coming into leaf.

I was wondering why I had not heard the Tawny Owls until quite late in the year but once they started hooting, they could be heard throughout the day.

I have had one report of a Cuckoo being heard in the area this year. Almost certainly a migrant passing through.

Life in our small garden pond is thriving. Particularly noticeable has been the number of small Damselflies. I must try to identify what species are present.



Hares have been seen in the fields around the villages and some young hares have been seen nearer to buildings than would normally be expected.

Looking at the national results of the Big Garden Birdwatch I was surprised to see that Starlings are at number 4 in England. They used to be common in our garden, but I only remember seeing one over the last 6 months.

Another species that used to be common but is now in serious decline is the Small Tortoiseshell Butterfly. Last year saw the lowest numbers recorded since monitoring began 48 years ago with a decline of 86%. A good reason to leave some nettles which the caterpillars feed on and reduce pesticide use in the garden to an absolute minimum.

On the night of the aurora many people who run moth traps reported very low catches. My own moth numbers reduced from 50 two nights before to 13 with otherwise similar weather conditions. However, my 13 did include a rather nice Puss moth. (pictured)

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

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

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The return of AppleFest! Early Oct 2024. We all had such a lovely time at AppleFest 2023, we thought we'd do it again! Don't forget you'll be able to bring your apples on the day for pressing, indulge in the BBQ and delicious apple delights and listen to some great, live music. More updates will be coming soon!

Help look after our Village Hall. Does anyone have a spare, working lawnmower lurking in their garage or shed? We could really do with one for the Village Hall front lawn. We also need more volunteers from the village to help look after our gardens. A couple of hours every month would make a huge difference. 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 you could be a winner! Existing members, just a reminder to renew your annual subscription before March. £48 for 12 months or £4 a month. Contact juliette53@btinternet.com for more info.

Book the Village Hall for your next event using our online booking system: 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. www.sibfordvillagehall.org.uk.

Quick reminder on Hirers' responsibilities: Please remember that if you hire the hall, it must be left as you would like to find it. The chairs must be stacked (use the chair trolleys) as per the photograph and advice notice on the door of the chair store, because we need to comply with our Health and Safety Policy. The dishwasher must be emptied completely and rinsed with clean water and the mesh plug must be cleaned of all food residue before replacing in the machine. Please remember that the Village Hall has a NO SMOKING policy which includes the outside space.

Charlotte Davies



FILM NIGHTS

The film for June on Wednesday June 19th is The Taste of Things.

Peerless cook Eugenie (Juliette Binoche) has worked for the famous gourmet Dodin (Benoit Magimel) for the last 20 years.

Bonding over a passion for gastronomy and mutual admiration, their relationship develops into romance and gives rise to delicious dishes that impress even the world's most illustrious chefs. But Eugenie is fond of her freedom and has never wanted to marry Dodin. So, he decides to do something he has never done before: cook for her.

A delectable feast for the senses, THE TASTE OF THINGS is a stunningly beautiful romance that simmers with emotion.

Review rotten tomatoes 97%

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

Petra Berry

This sounds great! Ed.

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

Crossword

Cake Walk Crossword Solution

Solutions related to the theme – walking – in **bold**. The clues for 12A, 13A, 4D, 14D also hinted at the theme.

ACROSS

- 8. **constitutional**
- 9. microchip
- 10. token
- 12. easel
- 13. stowaways
- 14. peeve
- 16. halal
- 19. icelander
- 20. sewed
- 22. **place [l in pace]**
- 23. innocence
- 25. **marching orders**

DOWN

- 1. **scamper**
- 2. knocks
- 3. **stroll**
- 4. itch
- 5. **stepmother**
- 6. **footfall**
- 7. **walk tall**
- 11. nosy
- 13. speed limit
- 14. prenatal
- 15. evanesce
- 17. **limp**
- 18. adverse
- 20. secure
- 21. **wander**
- 24. nigh

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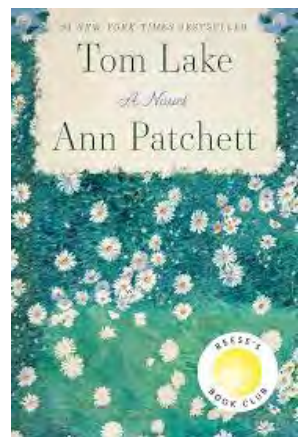
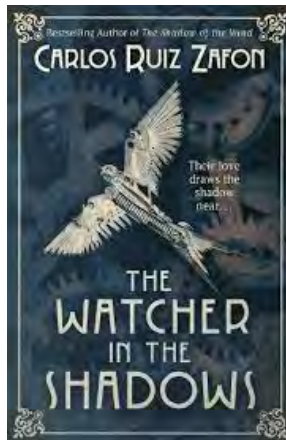
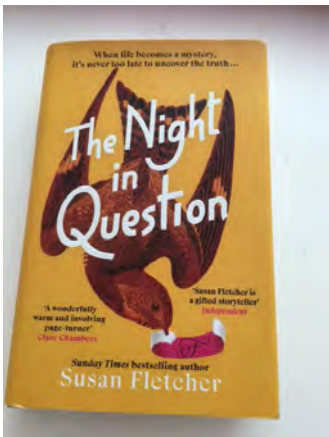
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WALKING DATES

Walking dates for the next months are:
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May I firstly thank Sue Bannister for successfully leading this group for so many years. Her incredible enthusiasm, stamina and photographic knowledge of so many walks will be sadly missed , but we hope to still see her on many walks in the future.

Urgent request: I will need a stand-in leader to take the group on Mon 3rd June. Any volunteers can contact me on the number below.

All walks will leave the village hall on foot or by car at 10.00 am sharp to do a circuit of approximately 2 hours. You are therefore advised to get to the village hall by 9.55 am latest.

Dogs are welcome provided they are put on a lead when requested.

Walking boots or wellies and poles are recommended but not compulsory.

Some routes will include stiles and other similar obstacles.

For those leaving their cars at the village hall during the walk, please park it on the road and not on the car park.

Any issues please contact me on 07961 161358 or email hiltonphilip1@gmail.com.

Phil Hilton

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The club is extremely friendly and family-oriented, with fantastic facilities, one of the best pitches in the league and a passionate supporter base. There a number of girls teams at the club now operating and capitalising on the rapid growth of girls football.

More players are needed for next season's Under 14s team as they step up to play 11-a-side, so if you or your child's birthday is between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011 and you'd like to give it a go then contact Stephen by emailing scribbett@gmail.com

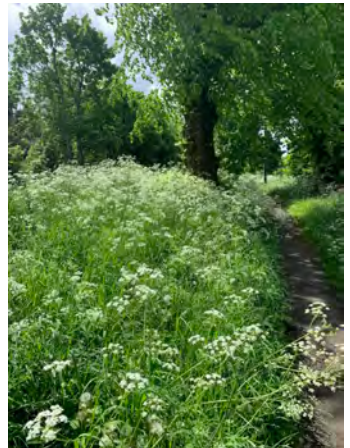


Where's Bonds End Lane gone?

Would whoever it was who took our sign away, please put it back where it belongs - on the wall. Maybe the Gower PC could help with this one?

Verge Mowing

Note for the next year's SGPC meeting agenda. Please delay the mowing of our verges by a month so we can enjoy the cow parsley and other wild flowers in the verges



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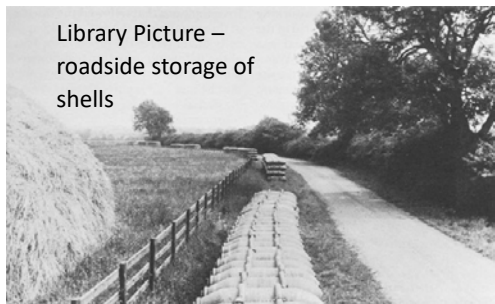
The earliest works of Sibelius
Were sadly regarded as faiius
The reason is clear
To those with an ear
They were all written for ukelalius



DID YOU KNOW?

D-DAY 1944

On 5th June 1944, eighty years ago and after long months of preparation, Britain's Armed Forces and their Allies were ready to invade northern France by embarking on the largest naval, air and land operation in history. The plans to invade Europe were successfully kept secret to provide an element of tactical surprise. However, stormy weather conditions delayed the start of operations by one day but in the early hours of 6 June massed airborne and amphibious landings put 156,000 allied troops on the beaches in Normandy. Some 11,000 aircraft were mobilised to provide air cover to support the invasion. Within a few days about 326,000 troops, more than 50,000 vehicles and some 100,000 tons of equipment had landed in France, a bridge head was established and the battle to repel the occupying German troops had begun.



Library Picture –
roadside storage of
shells

People living in southern Britain became aware of the preparations as men, military vehicles and armaments began to be brought nearer to the south coast. Even the Sibfords played their part. Older villagers can remember collections of shell cases being stacked along the roadside on the Hook Norton Road from Sibford Ferris towards the Gate Hangs

High. They were picked up by military vehicles as they made their way to the south coast. They were well spaced so that if a stray bomb destroyed one pile, they would not affect others. Tanks and other military vehicles were parked along lanes and roads throughout the southern counties and troop camps were set up. American troops were in camp in both Hook Norton and Moreton-in-Marsh prior to D- Day.

Sadly, the human cost on June 6th was 4414 lives lost (fewer than predicted) with many thousands more injured or missing. On this 80th anniversary we remember all those who played their part in changing the course of the Second World War. The Sibfords will be joining with the Nations Tribute to the men and women of D-Day – do join the planned events.

Maureen Hicks



HORTI SOCIETY

A big thank you from Sue Bannister and her team to everyone who attended the plant sale on 11 May and helped to raise funds for the Horti.

This month we have 2 fixtures; the Family moth surprise event at 8.00am on Saturday 8th, where Andy Newbold will be laying moth traps at The Long House, Sibford Ferris, OX15 5RG and will explain what he has caught overnight before releasing the moths. Cups of coffee and bacon rolls included in this free event.

Please contact me if you plan to attend for catering purposes.

Diana_thompson@btinternet.com. Disabled parking only. If you are driving, please park considerately on the Main Street and walk up the drive.

On Wednesday 12th June we are visiting West View House and Hardwick Hill Garden, Priors Hardwick (5 minutes drive from WVH). Meet at Sibford Village Hall by 1.55 ready to share lifts and depart at 2.00pm. Payment to Paul Harffey, Horti treasurer, by 7th June. For more details, see The Sibford website or contact Veronique on veronique@humangivens.com or 01295 788088. Best wishes

Diana Thompson



FUN CORNER

JOTTINGS FROM A SENIOR CITIZEN

- 1) As I've grown older I've learned that pleasing everyone is impossible: annoying everyone - a piece of cake.
- 2) It's not my age that bothers me, it's the side effects.
- 3) I'm not saying I'm old & worn out, but I'm careful not to stand near the kerb on bin days.
- 4) As I watch the younger generation rewrite our history I'm sure of one thing: it will be misspelt & have no punctuation.
- 5) How I would love to be 18 again & ruin my life differently. I've got lots of new ideas.

Briony Franklin



In Your Garden - June

One of the loveliest things about the gardens at this time of year is the early mornings - going out there barefoot, the dew on the grass washing your toes and the birds trilling away so happily. The garden has become to look very full of colour, no bare earth, and all the plants justling each other for space. Trees and shrubs are now in full leaf, and Midsummer will soon be here. So don't stay in bed with your cup of tea, get outside, very early, and feel the magic. Then get on with all these jobs:-

1. Finish planting up your pots and hanging baskets. There are still loads of lovely plants to buy, particularly at Quarry Nurseries.
2. If you planted spinach and radishes last month, they may need thinning out a bit. French and runner beans, and peas, can all be planted now, and strawberries and raspberries will need cover with some netting, to stop the birds from stealing them all.
3. Alliums have seeded themselves all over my garden, and look lovely, but even whilst they are flowering the leaves around them go yellow, dried and messy. I learned from the marvellous two elderly ladies who looked after Sissinghurst garden for so many years, that it is the right thing to do, by removing these messy leaves, and it all looks so much nicer. We remove leaves from around the hellebores when they are flowering too, don't we.
4. Blackspot is starting on the roses, and greenfly too, so keep an eye on them, and spray them at once. Do not let the leaves lie around under the plant either, and don't put them in the compost.
5. When your tulips have finished flowering carefully lift them up and shake the soil off. Put them on a shelf to dry out completely, then store them away to replant next year. They do not always flower again, but plenty of them will. I put mine in a spare bit of soil in the veg plot, and keep them there to use for cutting next spring.
6. Hedges that need cutting at this time of the year are Privet, Beech, Photinia and Yew, but please check that there are no bird's nests in them first. You can still plant new container grown hedges, as long as you keep them very well watered.
7. It is time for the Chelsea Flower Show, and that means doing the Chelsea chop. It really does make a difference to flowers that are shooting up very fast, and cutting back about half of them will make them continue growing and blooming for far longer.



In Your Garden - June

Cont'd

8. Try sowing a mixture of Little Gem lettuces, Rocket, Lambs Lettuce etc. These can give you enough salads to see you through the summer, and I like having a couple of pots of small tomatoes, little red ones called Gardeners Delight. So nice to have something to pop into your mouth as you go around weeding and watering.

9 Lawns now need mowing regularly, and keeping the edges trimmed is as necessary as a good hair cut. Flopping bits of grass hanging into the flowerbeds just make the whole place look neglected.

10. June has to be one of the best months of the year in the garden. Yes, there is lots of work keeping the beds weed-free, propping up and staking tall plants as they shoot up, dead heading constantly, but do take time off to go and visit loads of other gardens. So many open up in June for the NGS, and be proud of your own garden, and enjoy it as well. Try flopping into a comfy chair, with your feet up, and perhaps a fruity glass of Pimms? Absolutely!

Jupe Marshall

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VILLAGE PEOPLE

For June, we have our new Walking Group Leader - Phillip Hilton

Why Sibford?

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Earliest memory of Sibford

Driving around after that first viewing of the house

Surprising things about yourself

It took Alex and I 16 years to buy our first house together.

Best thing about Sibford and what you would like to change.

The surrounding countryside, and the incredible community spirit
The state of our roads

What do you do?

I have retired now, but spent 50 years managing major construction projects.

Hobbies

Gardening, making Gowers Close our together home, and I do love a quiz!

What really gets you going?

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People who lack respect

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FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The AGM of Friendship Club was held on May 7

Apologies accepted

Minutes read and Accounts presented. Both agreed by the Members.

The Committee, when asked, agreed to stand for another year.

2 ladies were made Hon. Members

Trips for the year as was the presentations

In the VH.

Meeting ended with tea by Jean and Sandra.

Anyone wishing to join us. Please come along at the July meeting (1st Tuesday)

Evey Boughton



CELEBRATE D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY

Thursday 6th June Village Hall and Field

7.00pm BBC Documentary Film 'D-Day 06-06-44'

Doors open 6.30pm

FREE Admission and Refreshments

9.15pm Lighting of the Sibford Beacon

As part of National Beacon lighting programme

We shall be showing the in the village hall at 19.00 with light refreshment beforehand. This will be followed by the lighting of the Sibford Beacon at 21.15 in line with the National Beacon lighting programme.

The Primary school have agreed to read the specially written "Poem for D-Day Heros" at 11.00 along with other schools throughout the country.



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For more information, please contact Linda on 01295 780 242 or 07973 226 032 or lindalaneyolo@gmail.com.



It feels like the summer has finally arrived here at Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School. Year 6 SATs are over and, although we all keep on with our academic learning right up until the end of the Summer term, the end of exams and the arrival of sunnier days are always welcomed. We couldn't be prouder of our Year 6 children. They have worked so hard during the test period and there has been a lovely team spirit, possibly fostered by the daily helping of croissant and fresh fruit following each morning's exams! Very well done to all of you!

The warmer days mean the children are able to spend more time out and about in the school grounds. These are now full of seasonal wild flowers, many planted by the children as we seek to develop the eco-diversity of our school surroundings, attracting more insects and other wildlife. We now have bird feeders in our Old School outdoor classroom, with a range of food to attract different birds. We were delighted to notice that a tiny wren has made a nest in a gap in the school wall.



Playing outside with our friends.



A fresh new coat of paint.

Our New School building is looking fresher and more welcoming on the inside too, thanks to the excellent painting and decorating work that Lee Mullins and his team are doing.

Our huge thanks to our friends at Town Estates who are funding this – we could not have done this without you. It makes such a difference to both children and staff to be working in an environment that looks and feels well cared for.

The music tuition by our peripatetic music tutors is going very well. Children are able to take woodwind lessons with Emilia Zakrezevska and piano lessons with Tom Painting. Lessons with both tutors are proving to be very popular and the children are learning well. We also have a lunchtime Ocarina Club thanks to Mrs Benjamin. Parents - Nicky Sena-Cullen, Laura Wright and Amy Brace are running an after school Choir Club for our older children.

Our thanks to all of you for the contribution you are making to the cultural life of our school.

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/>

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Kineton, 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)



The Rise and Fall of Civilisations

On April 18th Ivan Tyrrell gave us an extremely stimulating talk on "The Rise and Fall of Civilisations including our own" - a vast topic condensed into just over an hour, which had the village hall full to capacity and provoked much debate in the days that followed. Some of the facts were alarming, some opinions controversial; however we learned a great deal about the turnover of civilisations and were also given the opportunity to judge how far we are on the arch of progress towards the end of our own civilisation.

Many thanks to Ivan for a most original evening. Not to worry if you missed it - a video of the talk is available to view on the village website via the SHS home page at <https://thesibfords.uk/shs>

Dad's Underground Army

On May 16th, Bill King brought to light the work of the British Resistance Organisation 1940-45 in his talk on "Dad's Underground Army". Bill started his research into the Auxiliaries in 1977, and is an absolute expert on the subject. His talk was gripping, from the introduction where he portrayed the start of World War II, to the very real fear of a Nazi invasion and the steps to be taken to slow down and botch the advance of the enemy. Patrols of seven men were at the ready all over the country, heavily concentrating on the South and around Hull. These men were sworn to secrecy and prepared to give their lives, as they most certainly would have done, had the invasion taken place. The men were trained at Coleshill and the ladies at Hannington Hall, both near Highworth in Wiltshire.

The Coleshill Estate, now owned by the National Trust, invites visitors to discover the Hidden World War II History, with Bill and his wife Flora leading tours into the Home of the British Resistance. Another trip for us to plan?

Coming up - 1346 - Crécy

On June 20th our ever popular guest speaker Gillian White will tell us about the Battle of Crécy in 1346. Doors open at the Village Hall 7.15pm and the talk begins at 7.30 pm.

Diana Hughes

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Ed.



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Peppercorns

1 onion

Bay leaf

1/2lb button mushrooms

Brandy

Single cream

Butter

French mustard/Tomato sauce/Worcestershire sauce

Method

Batter the steak to within an inch of it's life, then slather it with the mustard, tomato sauce & Worcestershire sauce.

Chop the onion, mushrooms and fry with the bay leaf in butter.

Add the steak and cook gently for 1-2 minutes.

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SIBFORD PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

On 30th April, we enjoyed our first outdoor photoshoot of the year in the lovely garden of the Manor House in Sibford Gower. Many thanks to the Dysons for kindly inviting us to photograph the fascinating architecture of their home. On 28th May, we met to review the photographs taken at that photoshoot and those submitted for our monthly topic, "Decay". Although the light had been challenging for our evening at The Manor House, members had made the most of this opportunity to take some great shots of this unusual building and its garden. It was interesting to see the different ways in which our members had interpreted the topic of "Decay", with some wonderful results too.



Ship Graveyard Hulk



In Carol's Garden

Our next meeting is on 25th June, when we will hopefully be able to have another outdoor photoshoot, weather permitting.

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 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 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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1. Drivers. Beware scam texts claiming to be from an electronic toll collection company. These thieves warn motorists that their vehicle's toll collection information is incomplete due to a system upgrade. You are asked to click onto a link which turns out to be a phishing website etc, etc.

Do not click on the link - forward the text to 7726.

2.Older (that's us) holiday makers. Beware fake adverts on Facebook and Instagram claiming to offer free travel insurance. Fraudsters claim that under a new Government initiative over 55s qualify for free insurance. Rubbish. Don't.

3. Again, Facebook and Instagram users should beware a series of scam adverts which use TV host Alison Hammond's image, claiming to reveal the secrets of the host. (These thieves also occasionally impersonate the BBC and ITV for credibility). Once again you are directed to a dodgy retail website etc,etc.

Items 2 and 3 can both be reported by selecting the three dots to the right of the post and pressing 'report'.

All info courtesy Which? and Money Mail.

Finally, the grey Defender parked near the churchyard in Acre Ditch is perfectly legitimate. I hope no embarrassment was caused. Enjoy the summer.
Peter Hine.

Gower and Burdrop Watch Co-ord.

788830.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

- 4th - Friendship Club - Village Hall 2pm
- 5th - Ladies Coffee Club- Wykham Arms - 11am
- 6th - D-Day Anniversary - Village Hall - 7pm
- 7th - Mens Brunch - Sun Inn - 11.30am
- 8th - Family moth surprise event - The Long House 8am
- 12th - Horti Society visit to Priors Marston - Village Hall 1pm
- 19th - Film Night: "The Taste of Things" - Village Hall 6.30pm
- 20th - Sibfords History Society "Crecy" - Village Hall 7.30pm
- 22nd - Book Swap Cafe - Village Hall 10am
- 25th - Sibford Photography Club - Village Hall 7.30pm

JUNE BIN COLLECTIONS

- Green Tuesday: 4th; 18th;
- Blue/Brown Tuesday: 11th; 25th

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.

SIBFORD BUS SERVICE

Bus 75 - Timetable from 25 July 2022

Leave Sibford Ferris to Banbury: 06:56, 08:37, 11:09, 13:59, 17:31 (Sat only)

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

Leave from Stratford for Sibford: 06:02, 07:30 (Mon-Fri), 07:54 (Sat)
10:15, 13:15, 16:38 (Sat only)

No service on Sundays or Bank Holidays.

Malawi stationery collection

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We are still collecting until the end of June so any last minute stationery you have would be greatly appreciated.

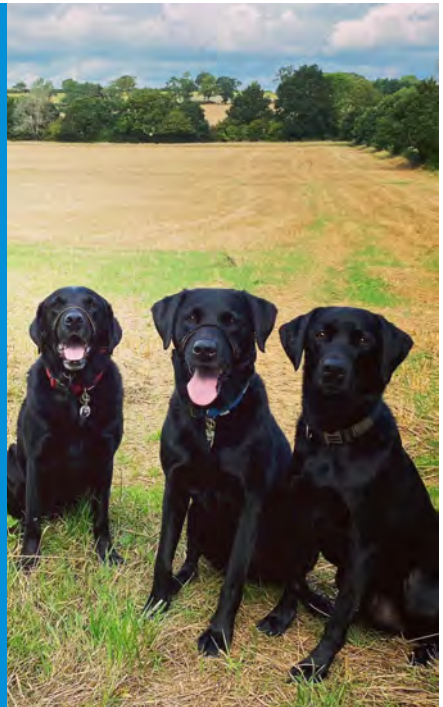
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