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From the Roof of the World

Sand Mandala

Workshops



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present Masked Dance and Sacred Chants**

Saturday 19th October

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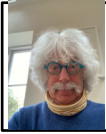
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Judging between 11-12

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ED'S THOUGHTS

Apologies for the **Bus Timetable!**
The new one is on page 34.

The **Village Lottery** is a great way of supporting our Village Hall. So - sign up for the chance to win cash prizes every month. More details on page 4

Our **Apple Festival** - what a super event it is going to be!

Everything you want to know is on page 24

CPR training. Once again, this is on the 22nd and gives anyone a chance to save a life

The Tibetan Monks. Chanting, a workshop, a supper and more...
Up to date details are on pages 18 & 19

Please support the **MacMillan coffee morning** at Petra's. Good coffee, good cause.... (page 4)

Thought for the month

All of me, why not take all of
me?
Can't you see I'm no good
without you?

Gerald Marks

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LETTERS AND NOTICES

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY



PLAY and WIN!

Help raise funds for Sibford Village Hall and make some cash for yourself by entering the Village Hall Lottery.

For a one off payment of £48 you stand a chance of winning a cash prize of £70, £42 or £28 every month for the next 12 months.

The lottery provides vital funds for the hall and already this year has generated a massive £1,420.

Cash prize winners this month were:

First Prize John Perris, Second prize Jean Scouse, Third prize Liz Kirkman

For more information email Anne: crucialpr@macace.net

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday October 4th

Just a reminder of the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday October 4th at 2 Barley Close. As usual everyone is welcome all day from 10 until 4 for tea/ coffee and homemade cakes.

There might even be a raffle!

Do come and support this annual event. We look forward to seeing you.

Petra Berry and her team of helpers



LETTERS AND NOTICES

The Town Estates Charity needs you (... well, one of you!)

The Town Estates Charity has to have their annual accounts "examined" each year before submitting to the Charity Commission in October.

The person who has kindly been our examiner for many years has now decided to step down and we need to find another person to carry out an examination for our 2023 accounts. The Charity Commission definition of an examiner is ... "A person with financial awareness and numeracy skills should have the requisite ability to act as an independent examiner for receipts and payments accounts"

If there is anyone who would consider carrying this out for the Charity please contact Brian Heather via email brianjheather@btinternet.com, or by mobile 07852 990991

The previous examiner has offered to explain the process they undertook and assures us it not an onerous task!

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NATURE NOTES

After my comments about the low numbers of wasps around this year a few more have appeared but certainly not in the numbers seen in some years.

Some wasps have been flying around and presumably eating some of the caterpillars of the Large White butterfly on my brassica plants. This particular species seems particularly abundant this year!

Andrew Tindsley has sent me some photos he has taken of an Elephant Hawk-moth caterpillar. These feed on willowherb and in gardens they will also eat fuschia. They are large striking caterpillars with prominent eye-spots to deter predators. They are often seen at this time of the year when they are ready to pupate. Andrew also commented that although he had seen few House Martins and Swallows this year they have obviously been around as by late August they could be seen gathering on telegraph wires ready for their flight south for the winter.



Fiona Pigeon managed to photograph a Sparrow Hawk eating a pigeon on the grass verge opposite the village shop.

I have heard a lot of Red Fox screaming in the early hours just before dawn. This sound is often heard in the mating season in January and February but at this time of the year is probably male foxes establishing their territory.

Other loud wildlife heard recently include Green Woodpeckers and a Raven that was probably being bothered by Carrion Crows,

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

Andy and Gill Newbold

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

AppleFest and Scarecrow competition! Sunday Oct 6th Don't forget our fun-filled, apple-themed day in the Sibfords is coming up soon with the scarecrow competition running for 2 weeks before (historical events theme). See more details on both in this issue of the Scene.

Wednesday Film Nights: Oct 30th, Nov 27th, Dec 18th Make the most of the Autumn and Winter evenings at our friendly film nights. Film details will be shown on the board outside the Village Hall and on www.TheSibfords.uk Doors open at 7pm. Film starts at 7.30pm. Admission £3. Refreshments available.

Book Swap Saturdays and Cafe: Oct 26th, November 23rd, December 14th 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 to help look after the hall and gardens. A couple of hours every month would make a huge difference. Contact Ginny 780373 or ginnybennett@googlemail.com

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: Considering the thefts at the hall which included three bags of compost as well as the plants, can we please emphasise how important it is to watch over our village facilities. Hirers of the hall are asked to double check that doors are locked after use, and if anything, suspicious happens to please report it.

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 on Wednesday October 30th is **The Great Escaper** with Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson



On June 5th 2014, 89-year old Bernie Jordan strolled out of the Hove care home he lived in with his wife, Rene, and set off on a 500-mile pilgrimage to France. After being denied a place on the official Royal Legion trip to commemorate the D-Day Landings, Jordan took matters into his own hands - while he let his wife know he wouldn't be back in time for tea, his disappearance did cause a minor panic with the Suffolk police, until he was accounted for, travelling on a coach with his fellow veterans, having safely made it to Normandy.

Rotten Tomatoes review 89%

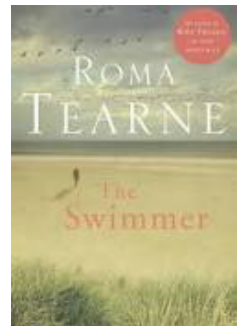
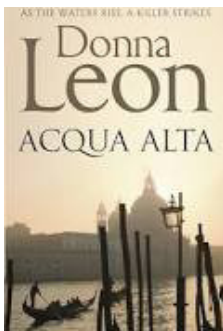
Doors open at 7. Film starts at 7.30

Admission £3 pp Refreshments available.

Petra Berry



WHAT WE'RE READING.....





Save the date:

Sibford Gower Primary School Open Morning

We warmly invite prospective parents to our Open Morning on Friday 22 November, 9.30am.

You will have an opportunity to see our Nursery and Reception, meet Headteacher Mrs O'Sullivan and Assistant Head and Nursery / Reception class teacher Ms Blake, ask any questions you may have and tour the school.

Book your place by emailing office.3005@sibford-gower.oxon.sch.uk.

(Please arrive promptly as the morning begins with a talk from Mrs O'Sullivan.)



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Oct 1st the Club are welcoming **Dog for Good**. Showing a film and I believe they are bringing one of the dogs who is in training.

Oct 15 we are off to the **Carvery at Sywell in Northamptonshire** .

The visit we had in September was from **SERV OBBN**.

They are a Charity who, on motorcycles, deliver urgent supplies to hospitals at nighttime. It was a really interesting talk with films etc. I think we all learnt a lot from from Kerman.

Evie Boughton

Sibford Gower Primary School

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SIBFORDS WALKING GROUP

WALKING DATES

Walking dates for the next month are: 30/9, 14/10, 28/10, and 11/11.

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 philtonphilip1@gmail.com.

Phil Hilton

FOOTPATHS

Our footpath warden is.....**Allan Smith , Arundel House, Backside Lane 07447 423043**. Any problems or complaints, then please contact Allan

LOCAL MARKETS

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

Deddington Farmers - 4th Saturday of the month

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3rd Saturday of the month

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



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HORTI SOCIETY

As I write this, the season is subsiding into mellow fruitfulness and, after a busy year, we are looking forward to welcoming our first autumn speaker.

Diane Clement will be coming to talk to us on **Alpines in the wild and cultivation** on **Wednesday 9 October** at Sibford Village Hall.

Doors open at 7.00pm for refreshments and conviviality, for a 7.30 start. Come and be entertained and enlightened! Members free, guests, always welcome, £3.00

Diane Thompson



In Your Garden - October

Autumn is on its way, and these cold, misty mornings can be a bit depressing, but just wait until the trees turn glorious colours, and even more bright berries dangle from the hedges. I love walking through a wood, and hearing the leaves crunching under my boots. Still loads of jobs to do though.

1. Keep dead heading the roses, and some of the annuals are still blooming away, so keep giving them the snip too.
2. When the hostas start dying back, dig them up, or tip them out of their pots, and divide them up. They are tough, and will be very crowded, so you may have to take a knife to cut through the roots. And then you will have masses more to plant out in the shady places. Mine have been horribly munched by slugs this year.
3. Garden pots that you filled with colour in the spring, are looking tired and miserable now, but there are plenty of colourful winter and spring plants ready to use instead now. Wallflowers are great, and primulas, violas, and bulbs of daffodils and crocus, and a bit later on the gorgeous *Bellis Perennis*.
4. If you need to move any shrubs, do it now whilst the soil is still warm - hopefully - but if they are tender wait until spring. Always keep them well watered.
5. Perennials, like Asters, that have grown too large, can be split up now into two or three new ones, and replanted, BUT before you do it, carefully label them, so that you will remember what colour, and if they are very tall, for the back of the border, or very short, for nearer the front. And use a label with a good pen called a Sharpie, that doesn't fade off. I have made this mistake too often, dear friends, so learn from me!



In Your Garden - October

Cont'd

6. And it's time to start bringing into the greenhouse all your tender precious plants. And you will have remembered to have cleaned your greenhouse first, haven't you? Well I have only just done mine, and it took all day. You have to move out any plants in there, then brush down the benches, on the top, and creeping down under too. That is where most of the spiders and bugs, and larvae are hiding. Then get the hose and give it all a huge squirting, getting into all the corners you couldn't quite reach, and wipe down the glass. Leave it to dry out for an hour, whilst you recover with a bowl of soup, then back to putting all the pots back in. Broken fingernails, backache, wonky knees - it is all worth it!

7. As the leaves start to fall, rake them up and either load them onto the compost heap, or fill up big, black sacks with them, and puncture lots of holes in the sack. They will rot down faster if they are damp.

8. The lawns will still need a cut, and if you have the time, and energy, aerating them will improve it enormously. You can also sprinkle some grass seed if it has got worn away in places, or if the dog has been digging it up.

9. My camellia is starting to show little buds forming, and as it grows in a pot it needs feeding. A good damp leafmould mulching through the winter will help it.

10. Always remember that this is your garden, and you can leave it to snooze quietly through the winter, let the weeds grow, just watch the birds feeding, and wait for the joyous moment when the first snowdrop bursts through the soil. You don't have to listen to old bossy boots.

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Norman Manors in the Sibfords (2)

In the same way that, King William conferred lands in the Gower and Burdrop to his faithful knights Grantmesnil and Corbucion, the Manor and land in Sibford Ferris or Little Sibford was given to Henri de Ferrieres. Henri was born in Ferrieres-St-Hilaire, Eure, Normandy, and is thought to have fought at the Battle of Hastings. Following the conquest, King William 1 conferred extensive lands, including a Manor and land in Sibford Ferris. It is thought that the Ferris Manor may only have been used as a hunting lodge and not as a residence for the Ferrieres family. Ownership passed from Henri de Ferrieres through his sons until 1138 when Henri's third son, Robert, was created Earl of Derby. By now the family name had changed to de Ferrers and Robert confirmed the grant of the Ferris manor to the Knights Templar. Following the suppression of the Templars by the Pope in 1312, all land in their ownership was passed to the Hospitallers and subsequently reverted to the Crown in 1540. Together with the Hospitaller's lands in Sibford Gower (which did not include the Gower and Burdrop Manor and lands), the combined manors were sold in 1542 to Sir Thomas Pope. The estate passed through many hands until in 1684 it was sold to Ralph Sheldon of Bewley (Worcs) in whose family it remained until 1901 when Henry James Sheldon died without direct heirs and the manorial rights appear to have lapsed.

The Ferris Manor House retains part of the core of the old 16th/17th century house. This house was owned by the Walford family from the 1657 and they carried out major building works from 1666. During the 18th century they had become wealthy farmers and landowners and had the building restyled in the Queen Ann fashion, which was very much in vogue with the aristocracy.



It was sold to the Harris family – who were Quakers, in 1797. Joseph Harris sold the house to the Society of Friends for the sum of £1200 'for the purposes of a school' in 1842. It remained part of Sibford School until 2001 when it was sold for private residential development.

Maureen Hicks

From the Roof of The World

2024 is an auspicious year for the people of Sibford, as it marks the return to our village after 10 years of the Tibetan *Tashi Lhunpo Monks* who live in exile in their monastery in India. Once again they will be sharing their unique culture, including the creation and ritual destruction of a sand mandala, and interactive workshops.

At the Saturday evening performance, the eight monks will evoke the atmosphere of sacred Tibet from the mesmerising chant of Buddhist texts to swirling costumed masked dances accompanied by ancient musical instruments - horns made from human leg bones, skull-drums, cymbals, bells and the great dungchen (long horns). Don't miss this opportunity to experience an ancient, endangered culture.

There will be another anniversary celebration in Sibford on Saturday. Thirty years after the filming of the renowned documentary *Escape from Tibet*, the producers and film crew will be reunited in Sibford with the two brothers, now British citizens, whose dangerous journey from the Roof of the World is told in the film. Using film clips and photographs, they will tell the story of how the film was made.

To reserve your seats and meals, call Diana on 01295 788 214 or Ginny on 01295 780 373 or email tlm@thesibfords.uk

Some tickets will be available at the door but since numbers are limited please book in advance to avoid disappointment. Where no price is shown for an event below, just turn up!

Friday 18th October
4.30pm

Dedication Ceremony of the sand mandala (Small Hall)

Saturday 19th October

10am

Morning Prayers

11am

Hands-on Workshop: making a sand mandala, printing prayer flags

£5 per person

2.30pm

Performance Workshop: an introduction to the musical instruments, dance moves and hand gestures used in the evening performance

£5 per person

4pm

Tea

4.30pm

‘Escape from Tibet’ 30 Years On: how the film was made

5.30pm

Curry Supper

£10 per person

7.30pm

From the Roof of The World performance of masked dancers and sacred chants

Adult £16, Child £5

Doors open from 7pm

Sunday 20th October

10.45am

Ceremony of Destruction of the sand mandala (Small Hall and procession to the Sib)

The net proceeds of the weekend will help support the monks, young and old, who study and live in Tashi Lhunpo, benefitting the whole community. For up to date information about the weekend, visit *thesibfords.uk/film* or call Diana on 01295 788 214.

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- 350g frozen broad beans
- Small handful fresh basil leaves
- S&P



1. Peel garlic and slice very thinly
2. Bung the tomatoes, garlic olive oil into a heavy saucepan and chuck in S&P
3. Bring to the boil and add the broad beans
4. Reduce heat, simmer gently for 10-15mins, reducing the sauce
5. Throw in the basil leaves, check seasoning and serve

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Lights of Love – 4 December

Find out more www.khh.org.uk/lights.

RC Baker Christmas Tractor Run – 14 December

The RC Baker Tractor Run will be bringing the bling once again. Get the date in your diary now and help us raise much-needed funds for the hospice this Christmas! www.khh.org.uk/tractor

Challenge accepted

Our popular Accumulator Challenge is back for 2024! Local community groups, businesses or schools are invited to sign up now to receive their £50 seed fund and invest it in projects to grow the money as much as possible. Teams have between 21 October 2024 and 21 February 2024 and we have just 20 spaces available. This is your chance to compete to be crowned the Ultimate Accumulator or win the coveted prize of the Ultimate Innovator! We can't wait to see all the creativity and friendly competition in aid of Katharine House. Sign your group up now. www.khh.org.uk/accumulator

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

The Great Sibford APPLE FESTIVAL

Sunday, 6 October 12-4pm

All you need to know

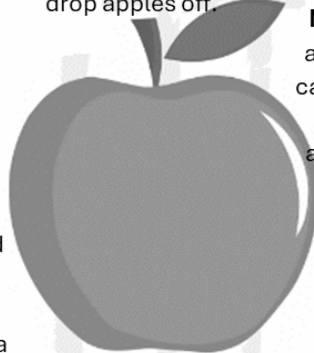
The Big Apple Bake Off Competition Apple Pie, Apple Cake, Apple Dessert, Apple Crumble etc. Enter your favourite apple sweet in the baking competition between 9am - 11am. Judging to take place between 11am -12. Entries can be viewed from 12-1pm. Let us know if we can sell your creation on our delicious Apple Sweet table after 1pm. Questions: Annie Skowronski - crucialpr@macace.net

Apple Pressing Bring your apples to be pressed on the day. There will be containers out at the village hall car park from Wednesday, 2nd October to for anyone wishing to

Fun and games for children there will be apple inspired games for children. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Amy Brace 07814507931

Live Music A great variety of musical entertainment is lined up including local bands Main Street and R&G, the acapella choir, The Singing Belles, with a special performance by the Sibford Gower School Choir! There will be something for everyone's musical tastes

drop apples off.



Nigel Fletcher has once again graciously agreed to capture the day in a painting to be auctioned. Come along to see him in action.

The Annual Applefest Raffle will be back with great prizes. Any prize donations will be most welcome. Please contact Issi George

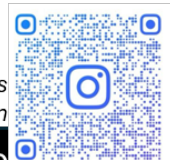
Morris Dancing last year the villagers, young and old, had a go at Morris Dancing. It will be back again this year

isabelgeorge4@gmail.com
Scarecrow Trail -get your scarecrow up by 5 Oct to enter the competition

Delicious Food Our pulled pork baps and bbq pork sausages rolls with apple and onion were so popular they sold out last year. They will be back this year, along with apple inspired soup. A new addition is our 'sweet' table packed with the individual slices of the competition contributions plus other scrummy apple sweet desserts

Bouncy Castle & Slide What young child doesn't love a bouncy castle and an inflatable slide! While we have volunteers overseeing the inflatables, it is each parents' responsibility to watch their children. If you are willing to help oversee the inflatables for a half an hour slot contact Juliette Glazebrook juliette53@btinternet.com.

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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)



SIBFORD PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Having had to abandon our August meeting due to low attendance, the discussion about photographing animals, both pets and wild animals, has now been scheduled to take place at our meeting on 24th September. This covers picking the environment for a shoot, choice of lens and camera settings for static poses and action shots. Our monthly topic was also carried over, so our review of members' images was on the topic of "Agriculture" encompassing animals, crops and machinery as well as the modern trend of diversification.

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



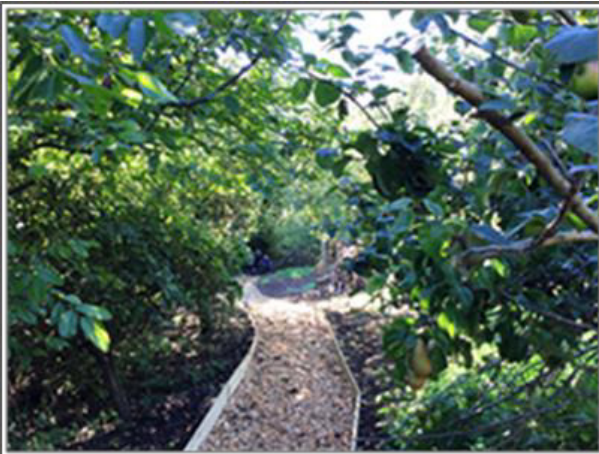
WHAT WE'RE LISTENING TO.....





We have had a very positive start to the new academic year here at Sibford Gower Endowed primary School. Over the summer, the last stage in repainting the inside of New School was completed. The whole interior looks and feels much cleaner and more welcoming with walls painted in warm shades of muted grey. It is so important that the school is in a good state of repair to reflect that value that we place on our children and staff. Our heartfelt thanks to the Town Estates charity, once again, for making this possible.

Our orchard area was not maintained as we would have wished during the Covid lockdown period - many of us had other priorities at that time. While we have been using the orchard, it has not been looking as kempt as it originally did when the Ransom's first developed the Orchard Project. Thanks to the wonderful Dave Langsford and his team, who have worked to replace the old pathways and refresh the bark and also tidied up many of the beds and edgings, our orchard is once again looking as we would wish and in regular use by the children. Our next jobs will be to plant bulbs and wildflower seeds to support the children's nature study across the changing seasons and to support habitats for local wildlife, including bees and insects, and to re-grass the edges of the middle section so it can be used for story times and picnics.



As well as having a whole school focus on sustainability over the coming year, we are also ensuring that we make best use of all of our spaces at school, indoors and outdoors, for fun at playtimes and to support and enrich our wide-ranging curriculum. We are so lucky to be blessed with such a lovely environment here.

**Is your child due to start school in September 2025?
Are you looking for nursery provision for your 3 year old?**

Friday 22nd November 2024, 9:30 to 11:00

We are holding an Open Morning for prospective parents, beginning with an introduction to the school and Q & A session.

To find out more about this, 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/>

Don't miss the Sibford Sixth Form Open Evening

Sibford School Sixth Form is inviting students and their families to come and learn more about the A Level and BTEC options on offer for Year 12.

The annual Sibford School Sixth Form Open Evening will be held on Tuesday 12th November from 6pm – 8pm. This evening open event is an opportunity to talk to subject staff and Sixth Form students, visit subject areas in the refurbished Sixth Form Centre, main school building, Art & Music departments and Science block.

There will be a presentation from Rebecca Evans, Head and the Head of Sixth Form to give attendees an overview of the Sixth Form programme and a flavour of the unique environment Sibford offers its students.

Sibford Sixth Form provides a place in which individual talents can grow, skills can develop, and ambitions can take shape. Sibford students enjoyed wide ranging success at A Level and BTEC this year with top grades being spread across many different subjects, an indication of the considerable strengths across the whole curriculum.

Sibford offers programmes of study tailored to meet individual needs and interests, with experienced staff who are experts in their field delivering exciting courses. This open evening is an ideal opportunity for you to find out more about life in Sibford Sixth Form, the way in which it differs to the rest of the school and the opportunities it offers.

To book a place at the Sibford Sixth Form Open Evening, call Gitte Acacia, Admissions Registrar on 01295 781 203 or book your place online at www.sibfordschool.co.uk/ events.

Public bouldering sessions

Join us on our climbing wall to give bouldering a go! Sessions take place during term time on Monday evenings from 6pm - 7pm for ages 8 - 12 years and 7pm - 8.30pm for ages 12+. £10 per climber. Please park in our swimming pool car park and use the swimming pool entrance to access the climbing wall.



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The SHS has had a busy summer.

On August 15th Marie- Louise Kerr gave us a fascinating talk on the extraordinary life of Empress Matilda, betrothed at the age of eight to the Holy Roman Emperor, ruler of Italy at sixteen, and that was just the very beginning! 'Great by birth, greater by marriage, greatest in her offspring' reads her epitaph on her tomb at the Abbey of Bec-Hellouin. Many thanks to Marie-Louise for taking us with such energy and enthusiasm through this hour-long biography of a too little-known woman.

August 27th saw a group of us being entertained by Lizzy Rowe, who explained the paintings in the Pre-Raphaelite Room at the Ashmolean, and then showed us Keble College and the painting 'The Light of the World' in the chapel – a lovely day in every sense.

On September 4th a coach took thirty-one of us, including several members of other history societies, to Hardwick Hall. We had been inspired to go by Dr Gillian White, former curator there, and one of our favourite speakers, and it was awe-inspiring, whether we had come for the architectural splendour, or the precious tapestries or to hear all about four- times married Bess of Hardwick. We had an excellent welcome there, and the stewards were so helpful and informative.

On 17th October Tim Healey will be back, by popular request, this time to tell us about 'The Trail of the Green Man in Oxfordshire.' Doors to the village hall open at 7.15pm, and the talk begins at 7.30pm. Visitors welcome at £5 p.p. and refreshments are served after the talk.

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TV Police have sent out a number of warnings and requests recently.

If you have moment please look at the Sibford website for a report of criminal damage in Swacliffe. This concerns Colin Hills' Barn Well Hill Miniature Railway by the main road. Police have released a photo of some people who they would like to talk to in connection with the offence, and would appreciate your help in identifying them.

There is a parking fine scam directed at residents in Oxfordshire which has been notified by the Oxford Trading Standards Office. Text messages are being sent demanding payment for alleged parking offences and threatening to increase the fine in the event of non payment. **It is a scam.** Do not click on the links.

Keyless cars. There is a well organised and professional gang of crooks operating in the Oxfordshire area. Vehicles are being stolen from just outside houses, normally at night but occasionally during the day. They steal your car key signals whilst outside your house then use this signal to steal your car. At the same time de-activating tracking signals (All very clever electronics well beyond this Luddite.) Owners are being advised to purchase an RFID key fob, pouch or box to block the signals. I got a fob online (a Faraday bag) for about £6 together with a bogof deal for the spare key.

Netflix subscribers should beware scam emails advising their membership has expired. These messages threaten it's a 'last notice' and your membership expires 'today' You are then offered a one- year membership extension for free as part of its 'loyalty programme' if you click onto the link, which is a malicious website, of course.

Same stuff with impersonators of **Morrisons** offering a brand new Kitchen Aid retailing for £469. **Leave well alone.**

Enjoy what's left of the summer. Peter Hine, Watch co-ord. Gower and Burdrop. Tel: 788830.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 1st - Friendship Club - Village Hall 2pm
- 2nd- Ladies Coffee Club- Wykham Arms - 11am
- 4th - Macmillan Coffee Morning - 2 Barley Close 10am
- 4th - Mens Brunch - Sun Inn - 11.30am
- 6th - APPLE FESTIVAL - Village Hall 12pm
- 8th - Local clergy meeting - Village Hall 7.30pm
- 9th - Horti meeting "Alpines in the Wild and Cultivation" Village Hall 7.30pm
- 17th- Sibfords History Society "The Green Man" - Village Hall 7.30pm
- 19th - "From the Roof of the World" - Village Hall 10am
- 22nd - CPR Training - Village Hall 6.30pm
- 26th - Book Swap Cafe - Village Hall 10am
- 29th - Sibford Photography Club - Village Hall 7.30pm
- 30th - Film Night: "The Great Escaper " - Village Hall 7.30pm

OCTOBER BIN COLLECTIONS

Green Tuesday: 8th; 22nd;
 Blue/Brown Tuesday: 1st; 15th; 29th

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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Banbury - Sibford Ferris

M-F: 6.50 (Term time),7.28 (Hols),12.03,14.53,18.03.

Sat: 11.40,14.30,17.40

Sibford Ferris - Stratford

M-F: 7.13 (Term time), 7.28 (Hols), 12.03,14.53, 18.03.

Sat: 12.03,14.53,18.03

Stratford - Sibford Ferris

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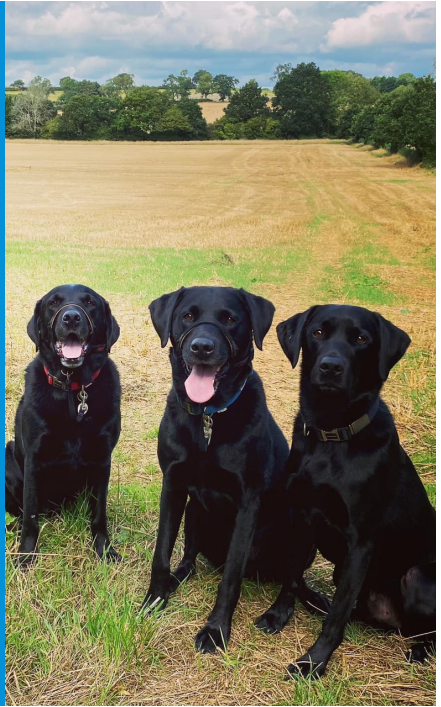
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