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Bumper issue this month!

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Thought for the month

"Do you remember the
Americans

Where did they go?"

Stephen Stills

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Sibford Applefest

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July winners were: 1st Veronique Tyrell , 2nd Nicola Durrant, 3rd Hannah Lowbridge

August winners were: 1st, Elizabeth Irons, 2nd, Robin Spicer, 3rd, Amy Brace.



LETTERS AND NOTICES



SHRUBFEST 2026

To the residents of the Sibfords

Thank you for continuing to support people affected by a brain tumour by raising funds for The Brain Tumour Charity.

We're truly grateful for the amazing £2,000.00 raised by Nicola Durrant at ShrubFest on 27th June 2026 in loving memory of David Tarring. A special thanks to all of the performers and singers, anyone who donated a raffle prize and everyone who so kindly donated and contributed to the event.

Thanks to your continued dedication, generosity and enthusiasm, we're moving further, faster towards the changes that families affected by a brain tumour so urgently need. You're speeding up the delivery of kinder, more-effective treatments, you're fighting for faster diagnosis and you're connecting families affected by a brain tumour with the right support at the right time. 2024 saw the first new treatment for brain tumours in decades being approved for use in the NHS – the combination of treatment of dabrafenib and trametinib. This breakthrough was built on research funded by The Charity nearly 20 years ago and with your continued support we're committed to making sure the brain tumour community isn't waiting another 20 years for the next big breakthrough.

Our team is always available if you'd like more information about the impact of your fundraising or new ways to support the brain tumour community. Just call 01252 749043 or email us at fundraising@thebraintumourcharity.org to find out more.

Thank you once again for continuing to support our mission to make sure everybody affected by a brain tumour lives a longer, better life. We simply couldn't do it without you.

With kind regards,

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Our Surgery

Sibford surgery is now able to offer Covid vaccinations to registered patients in eligible cohorts.

During our usual flu clinics at the village hall, we will be administering covid vaccinations alongside flu vaccinations to eligible patients who would like one.

These clinics will take place during October initially. We may organise further clinics should the need arise.

Simply contact the surgery to organise your flu and/or covid vaccinations.

Having your vaccinations with us is a huge support to the surgery. Hopefully we will see you there!

Many thanks! The Sibford Surgery team.

"Sunrise Challenge" for the Katherine House Hospice

The hospice has organised their second Snowdon 'sunrise challenge' on 19 September – the challenge being to hike to the summit as the sunrises which entails setting off at about 3.30am

I'm very appreciative of any monies that the villagers might be able to contribute – a link to my JustGiving page is below, albeit that the link won't work in hard copy The Scene, but residents can search 'John Skinner KHH' on the JustGiving website

[John Skinner is fundraising for Katharine House Hospice – Banbury](#)

Many thanks, John

RBL POPPY APPEAL.

Can anyone help? I am potentially short of people to do house-to-house collections for this year's appeal. The appeal runs from October 22 until Remembrance Sunday and you would only need 2-3 hours collecting on your patch. If you can help please contact me on either 01295 780731 or 07811 918926.

Peter Abbott.



Here at **Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School**, we are incredibly proud to have achieved the **Platinum School Games Award**, the highest accolade available through the School Games programme, for a second time. This award recognises the school's commitment to providing high-quality, inclusive sporting opportunities and promoting positive participation in physical activity.

A special thank you goes to our Sports Lead, Mrs Lauren Davies, whose dedication, enthusiasm and hard work have been instrumental in securing this recognition. The award highlights our strong inclusive practice in sport, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to take part, develop confidence and enjoy being active. It also recognises the high levels of pupil involvement, with children contributing as participants, leaders and ambassadors across a wide range of sporting events and activities.

We are equally delighted to have received the **Gold Woodland Trust Award**, recognising the wide range of environmental and outdoor learning activities completed across the school. Throughout the year, pupils have taken part in projects that have helped them connect with nature, learn about biodiversity and develop a greater understanding of the environment. From tree-focused activities and outdoor learning experiences to conservation projects, our children have embraced every opportunity to learn beyond the classroom.

As Florence W from Year 5 explained:

"I feel that the Woodland Trust makes nature more alive. I found that the Tree Party and everything we do for trees makes people closer to nature itself."

Her words perfectly capture the enthusiasm and sense of connection that these activities inspire in our pupils.

Supporting Our Outdoor Future

Our commitment to sustainability continues to grow. We were delighted to recently hold a successful Sustainability Fair, organised by our pupil school council. This raised valuable funds towards the further development of our Outdoor Science and Well-being Area.

We would also like to thank everyone in the school and wider community who has supported this project by placing blue tokens in the Tesco Stronger Starts voting boxes. Your support has been greatly appreciated, and we are excited to discover the outcome and the difference it could make to this important development.

These achievements reflect the enthusiasm of our pupils, the dedication of our staff and the fantastic support we receive from families and the wider community. Thank you to everyone who has helped make these successes possible.



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/>



Sibford

Discover Sibford School

Local families are warmly invited to visit Sibford School and experience life at our co-educational day and boarding school, which welcomes children from Early Years through to Sixth Form.

Set in the heart of the village, Sibford is known for its friendly atmosphere, exceptional pastoral care and strong sense of community. Small class sizes and dedicated teachers help every student to develop confidence, curiosity and a love of learning.

Alongside academic success, students enjoy a wide range of opportunities in sport, performing arts, outdoor education, technology, sustainability and horticulture, enabling them to discover their interests and follow their own path.

Families considering future school places are encouraged to visit and see the school in action. Prospective families can also learn more about scholarship opportunities available for Senior School and Sixth Form entry in 2027.

Upcoming Open Events

- Friday 18 September 2026, 10.15am–12.00pm – Whole School Open Morning
- Tuesday 13 October 2026, 6.00pm–8.00pm – Sixth Form Open Evening
- Thursday 15 October 2026, 10.15am–12.00pm – Whole School Open Morning
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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Volunteering to join the Hall Management Team. Thank you to all the volunteers who have stepped forward to support the Village Hall. As they settle in, please remember that all hirers can help do their bit and tidy up well after a session including sweeping the floor if it needs it. If you have just a small amount of time to help with the management of the hall, please consider a “bite-sized” job that could be done from home or online – see The Sibfords website for more details. If you are given some volunteering time or a volunteering day as part of your day-today job, please consider using this time to support the Village Hall.

Thursday Community Cafe 2.30 – 4.30pm We would love to welcome new members to come and join in the activities, have a chat and a cup of tea and cake! There is no charge as these events are kindly sponsored by the Town Estate Charity. From October 22nd the times will move forward to 2.00 – 4.00pm as the evenings get darker.

Book Swap Saturdays and Café continue: Sept 19th, Oct 17th, Nov 21st, Dec 12th 10am-12pm, Small Hall. Come and browse a large selection of books for all ages and genres and have a drink and a chat in the Small Hall. Teas and coffees available. It's free to borrow books but donations welcome.

Fencing: please do not climb over the fence into the horse field. If your football goes into the field, it will have to stay there until it gets thrown back.

Parking space does not include the yellow hatched area as that is for emergency access to the rear of the hall. Park on the field if needed.

Do not walk your dog in the field: Dogs are not allowed in the field or grounds due to the risk of infection that they can pass on, especially to children.

Security: Hirers, please double check that doors are locked after use. If you see anything suspicious, please photograph it and report it.

Book the Village Hall for your next event using our online booking system: When paying, please include your name and the invoice number. Preferential rates for village residents are only £12/hr (one hall); and £22/hr (both halls). Please use us for your next birthday party or community gathering.
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Thursday	12-2.30-5.00-to close	12-2.00-6.00-8.30
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The whole world is depending on scientist Cliff Buxton (Sam Neil) who must steer the eccentric crew who man the telescope through a sea of mishaps and disasters that threatens to spoil the small town's finest hour. Watching over them is a by-the-book NASA representative who can't quite understand their quirky working methods.

A comical culture clash erupts in this effortlessly funny tale of how history's biggest televised event was almost cancelled.

The Dish is a warm-hearted and hilarious comedy based on a true story of what the world didn't see.

Rotten tomatoes review 100%

Doors open at 7. Film starts at 7.30

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Petra Berry



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club meet on the 1st Tuesday in the Month.

Our meeting on Sept 1st we will meet our friend Troy which usually means a lot of VERY competitive games.

Oct 6th the meeting will be REALLY interesting. We will have a legal eagle visiting us with answers to questions on Will etc. We have had them before.

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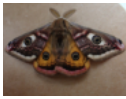
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NATURE NOTES

Nature Notes September 2026

It has certainly been a good year for butterflies. Chris Beach and Colin Lamb have both commented on this. Back on 7th July Colin recorded 12 species of butterfly on a short walk around the village. The most surprising was a Silver-washed Fritillary which he managed to photograph.

Chris also let me know that he had a juvenile Barred Grass snake in his garden pond. Since 2017, the Barred Grass snake has been considered a separate species and is the one found in the UK.

Sitting in the garden we watched a juvenile Robin behaving strangely, fluffing up its feathers and rubbing itself on the ground. It was doing this for some time in the same place. I think it was probably ant-bathing to help remove parasites.

While clearing the debris around our oil tank I found what is probably the largest toad I have ever seen. It had obviously found a cool, damp place to avoid the worst of the heat and drought.

Our hardy Fuchsia seems to be one of the few plants in the garden that is thriving during this hot summer and is attracting large numbers of bees as well as being visited by a Humming-bird Hawk-moth.

We have had several species of Dragonfly around the garden pond. They are considered to be the most efficient predators in the animal kingdom with a 97% success rate. Lions for example only manage to kill 25% of the prey they attack.

I was pleased to catch a Clifden Nonpareil moth in pristine condition. This moth became extinct in the UK in the mid 20th century but now appears to be breeding in the southern counties.

Any contributions for the next Nature Notes would be most welcome (email to ajnewbold88@gmail.com).

Andy and Gill Newbold



Clifden Nonpareil



Silver-washed fritillary

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Join us on Sunday 4th October for International Quaker Day.

Everyone is welcome, whether you know something about Quakers already or have never visited a Quaker Meeting House before.

10.00am – A short history tour of the Meeting House and grounds

10.30am – Meeting for Worship

11.00am – Coffee and cake

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Education in the Sibfords – Our Village School – Part 6

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Village children have been joined by all children from the villages of Epwell, Swalcliffe and Tadmarton as the schools in those villages gradually closed. A bus service has continued to deliver children on a daily basis although with a greater degree of parental choice village children sometimes attend a different primary provision. Sibford School now offers private education from aged 3 – 18 years of age and attracts home buyers to the Sibfords who wish to take advantage of their specialised provision for their children.

The increase in the number of working mothers has also had an impact. Pre-school Playgroups, which required parental support and fundraising, have largely given way to private or State Nursery Schools which can provide all-day care. In September 2010, the Department for Education introduced an entitlement to 15 hours of free childcare/nursery provision per week for all 3 and 4-year-olds in England. In 2013, it extended this to include 2-year-olds from disadvantaged families. In 2014 this provision was increased to 30 hours per week and in September 2025 this was further extended to include children aged 9 months to 3 years. Nursery provision is now available for children who will move into the Reception Class in the year in which they are five. In addition, Breakfast Club and after-school care provision provides wrap-around care for children who have working parents or carers and has become a requirement for many families. It has extended the school day for younger children and put an additional burden on the Primary School administration to recruit and retain suitable staff to run these sessions outside of school hours.

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Sibford Strollers

Future dates: 10 September, 24 September, 8 October, 22 October.

departure from VH at 10 sharp, therefore be there by latest 9.55. I won't announce destination in advance but choose according to mud factor. They might be on foot from VH or a short drive to start/finish point. Any queries to me on 07711 131399 or sebannister@gmail.com welcome. Future dates will be added.

Sibford Striders

My wife has been conducting research on the Sibford summer party circuit and advises me that the branding 'Sibford Striders' is putting people off. The image conveyed is that of a group of super-fit athletes striding powerfully with purposeful and energetic gait. My purpose is to assure you all that this rather over-rates both the fitness and the speed. Whatever might once have been the ambitions of the various members, they are now, to contrast interpretations of a classic saga, rather less Christopher Nolan's Odysseus than Tennyson's Ulysses...

The main gain from setting two hours rather than one is that we enable the group to explore a little more widely the wonderful countryside around the Sibfords, over twenty miles both north and south, and still return by 12 noon. Please don't let the branding deter you from joining.

Walks will take place on Wednesday 2 September, Wednesday 16 September and Wednesday 30 September, departing village hall at 09.30. We aim to return to the Village hall by 12 noon.

There is a Sibford Walkers WhatsApp group: if you would like to join this please contact Christopher Steane +44 7703 719749

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SIBFORDS HISTORY SOCIETY

On Thursday 18th June Lizzy Rowe, the Oxfordshire-based art historian who has visited Sibford several times, delighted us with her talk on John Piper, the neo-romantic artist, with illustrations of some of his vast body of works: his landscapes, shell guides and stained-glass church windows. Every Oxford college has a work by John Piper and Lizzy gave us a list of places to visit, including New College Chapel, where his work can be admired.

We also learned about his life (1903 – 1992), the death of his brother in WW1, his marriage to Myfanwy and their home Fawley Bottom Cottage, his friendship with John Betjeman...How does she do it in less than an hour? Wonderful, as always.

On 16th July Mike and Penny Spring spoke to a full village hall with their presentation about Sibford School. Mike began teaching in the Art Department in 1981, and Penny joined the staff five years later. Together they have given the school seventy years of service! They took us through the history of the Friends School right from the very beginning up to the present day., with just the right amount of humorous anecdotes to make it entertaining as well as very informative.

The school opened on January 1st 1842. The very first pupil to enter the school, The Manor House, was Lucy Endall, aged nine, and she brought with her an impressive trunk full of clothes! At the beginning the school was very austere, as can be seen in the 'List of Rules and Advices', and those pupils would be amazed at how different life is now for their successors.

There have been thirteen Heads since the first one, Richard Routh, and the school continues to flourish as a vital part of our community.

Our next talk will be on Thursday 17th September: Dale Johnston is Events and Exhibitions Manager at Banbury Museum. His talk is about the female munitions workers during the World Wars, who kept the allied front lines supplied with weapons and explosives. They earned their nickname because prolonged exposure to toxic chemicals like TNT turned their skins and hair a bright yellow.

Village Hall doors open at 7.15p.m. and the talk begins at 7.30p.m. Light refreshments will be served after the talk. Visitors £5.

Diana Hughes

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HORTI SOCIETY

I devoutly hope that by the time you read this it will have rained and that your garden will less resemble a dust bowl and more the beloved place that you once knew.

A quick reminder that there will be no Horti meeting in September but that our **Meetings resume on 14th October** with Diane Clement who is coming to talk to us about **A garden for all seasons**

Diana Thompson



SIBFORD PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

The continuing fine weather gave us the opportunity to begin our July meeting at the Millennium Wood in Sibford Gower, where the wide variety of tree species offered plenty of opportunity to frame interesting and attractive photographs of fruits, seeds and leaves, as well as tree bark and structures. After an hour or so, we walked back to the Village Hall, where we showed members' images on the topic of Holidays. These included landscapes, street scenes, seascapes, beach scenes, portraits and nature shots, so there was a wide variety that kept us all entertained.

On 25th August, we watched a video presentation about photographing London, in which there were things to be learned relevant to framing images in any city. We also reviewed members' images from July's session in the Millennium Field and on the monthly topic of "Blurred/Out of focus", allowing members to show creativity in how they make their images. The idea of this topic is to include photographs where blurred or out of focus elements form a significant part of the image. Techniques such as intentional camera movement, panning, and backlighting a subject to produce softly patches of light in the background were all evident in the many beautiful images shown.

At our meeting on 29th September, we will enjoy a talk by Paul Friend. We would like to welcome more members to the club, so if you have an interest in photography with a camera or phone, please contact Colin Lamb at colinlamb.cl@gmail.com or phone 01295 780357. We generally meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the small hall at the Village Hall.

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You can help raise money for Macmillan Cancer by supporting a coffee morning on **Friday September 25th at 2 Barley Close**. Come along between 10.30 and 4pm for a cuppa and some cake and the chance to win some great raffle prizes.

Petra Berry who has been hosting a Macmillan coffee morning for many years said:

“Everyone is welcome. We want to raise as much money as possible for this amazing charity.”



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SCAM ALERT

1. Don't get fleeced by digital pickpockets. Victims are being convinced by fraudsters to transfer large sums of money out of their accounts for 'security purposes'. These digital wallets (such as Apple Pay and Google Pay) are being targeted by criminals to go on contactless spending sprees. Most of these wallets rely on one-time passcodes (OTPs) for security checks. Fraudsters pose as employees of a Bank's fraud department to convince the victim that his account is under attack and persuading him to share the OTP. The net result is an outrageous contactless spending spree.

2. A scam email impersonating Amazon using accurate logos and branding informing you that 'unusual activity' has been detected on your Amazon account. It goes on to advise you that your account is 'temporarily on hold'. You are then provided with a dodgy link to follow to sign into your account to restore access. DON'T.

Scam emails like this can be reported by forwarding them to 'report@phishing.gov.uk' and websites to the National Cyber Security Centre.

3. Watch out for a sneaky scam text which claims your 'parking payment remains outstanding from your latest parking activity'. You are encouraged to visit an 'official website' for details which contains a link to a fake RingGo website, etc,etc.

4 It's too long winded to fit in here, but be v.careful about a scam Aldi air-con. It looks great particularly in tis weather, and the price has been reduced from £474 to £150. Apparently there are only 11 left in stock !!!

Many thanks to Which ? Scam Alerts.
Rain is promised soon !!!

Peter Hine

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Something really special is coming to the Village Hall at 2.30pm on Saturday 19th September: a screening of **The Great 14th– Tenzin Gyatso**. It tells the story of the 14th Dalai Lama in his own words: uniquely and exclusively featuring Tenzin Gyatso as both subject and narrator as he presents the full arc of his epic and very public life. Based on intimate conversations, it's a portrait both profound and inspiring. From childhood to adulthood, through his lifelong quest for democracy, the true nature of power and the nobility of our humanity is revealed. It's a story – and a film – for the ages.

There will be a brief introductory talk by Tenzin Kunga, Secretary to the Representative of the Dalai Lama at the Office of Tibet, London.

Presented by Sibfords for Tibet. The film is quite costly to hire, but any profits will be given to a Tibetan charity.

Tickets are £10 for adults, free for school-age children, and can be purchased in advance (preferably) from

- Diana 01295 788 214, dianahughesonline@gmail.com
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and also at the door, open from 1.45pm, when non-alcoholic refreshments will be served.

For further information, and to **watch a two-minute trailer**, visit the village website at <https://thesibfords.uk/thegreat14th>

Polly

Please will you remember Polly from Banbury in your weekly food shop? If you could add an extra tin of something which she or her people could use, it would be much appreciated. Any donations can be left in the wicker bins in the church porch and we will see that Polly gets them.

Many thanks

Diana Thompson

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Services and events

Sunday 6 September 10.30am Benefice Service at Sibford

Sunday 13 September 8.00am Holy Communion BCP

9.30am Lay led service

Sunday 20 September 9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 27 September 11.00am Harvest Festival

Saturday 12 September Oxfordshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride. Anyone wishing to do this please contact Barbara Foster on email

freespirit41@icloud.com Half of money raised goes to OHCT and half to Holy Trinity. Drinks and snacks available to riders and walkers in church.

Wednesday 16 September From 9.30am Pop Up Coffee shop. Do come and bring your friends

Sunday 27 September The Harvest Festival Service at 11.00am will celebrate the gathering in of the harvest. We welcome everyone to this service as to all services whatever faith or none. Following the service there will be a bring and share lunch in the Village Hall to which we welcome everyone even if not attending the service to make this a real community event. Please bring a plate of food to share – savoury or sweet.

The collection in church will be for The Farming Community Network.

This charity supports farmers, their families and others affiliated to farming, giving support for many conditions and help with new regulations that come. They also work with Macmillan Cancer Support and is contactable 365 days of the year.

Please bring donations of food for Polly who feeds the homeless in Banbury every day of the year, ideally tins or packets.

We look forward to seeing many of you.

SIBFORD APPLEFEST

Our popular village annual Apple Festival comes round again on Saturday 3rd October 2026 from noon until 5.30pm celebrating all things apples and our village!

Apple Baking Competition

Get busy baking! Enter your favourite apple bake in the Big Applefest Bake- Off Competition. Free entry. Classes for adults and children under 6, 7-11 and 12 and above. Bring your entry to the Village Hall between 9 and 11 on the 3rd for the chance to win a coveted Bake Off rosette.

Entertainment

A wonderful mix of non-stop dancing, singing and music is on offer. A veritable cornucopia of talented locals covering an array of musical genres - from rock (R&G) and folk/classical to acoustic (Main Street) including the lustrous harmonies of our very own Belles Singers as well as the very talented youngsters from Sibford Young Performers with a smattering of Morris Dancing and maybe a few surprises in-between - there's something for everyone!

Children Fun & Games

Little ones can join in the fun with art, games and craft activities celebrating the apple and some of our much loved children's stories!

Apples!!

Besides our lovely village, this is all about the Apple.... weighing down the trees all around village. There will be an apple drop off point at the village hall from Thursday, 1st October for any spare apples you may have for pressing.

Food Drinks and more

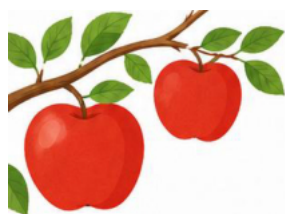
The delicious food stalls and bar will be back. In addition to the raffle, there will also be a tombola. If anyone has any donations/unwanted gifts (large or small) please contact Alex on 07500 441992 - all gratefully received. The Primary School will celebrate the apple with their annual art festival.

Scarecrows

Our village Scarecrow theme for 2026 is Children's Stories & Nursery Rhymes! Bring your favourite characters to life—from the Hungry Caterpillar and the Gruffalo to the BFG. Get creative, have fun and make your scarecrow one to remember! his year. Get it out there from 26 Sept

for more information follow Sibford instagram page or tune into Sibford daily email

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SEPTEMBER

- 1/8/15/22nd - Bridge Club - Village Hall - 7pm
1st - Friendship Club - Village Hall 2pm
2nd - Ladies Coffee Club - Wykham Arms 11am
4th - Mens' Breakfast Club - The George, Brailes - 9.30am
16th - Broughton Grange open gardens - 6-8pm
17th - SHS meeting "Banbury Museum" - Village Hall 7.30pm
19th- Book Swap Cafe - Village Hall 10am - 12pm
22nd - Model Railway club - Village Hall 12pm
25th - Macmillan Coffee Morning - 2 Barley Close - 10.30-4pm
29th - Sibford Photography Club - Village Hall - 7pm
29th - SGPC Meeting - Village Hall - 7pm
30th - Film Night "The Dish " Village Hall 7.30pm

BIN COLLECTIONS

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

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Banbury - Sibford Ferris

M-F: 6.50 (Term time), 7.05 (Hols), 11.40; 14.30; 18.00

Sat: 11.40, 14.30, 17.40

Sibford Ferris - Stratford

M-F: 7.13 (Term time), 7.28 (Hols), 12.03, 14.53, 18.23.

Sat: 12.03, 14.53, 18.03

Stratford - Sibford Ferris

M-F: 5.40, 7.30, (Term Time), 7.35 (Hols), 10.30, 12.50, 16.25. Sat: 6.17, 7.57, 10.30, 12.50, 16.40

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