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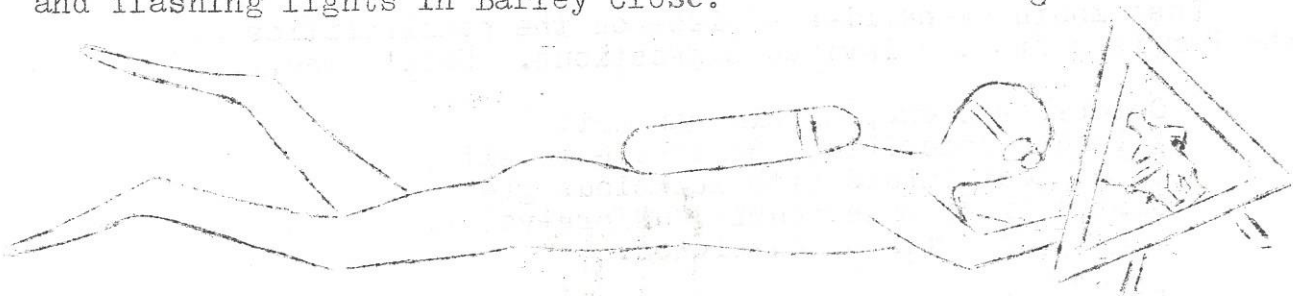
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HOLES IN THE ROAD

If you thought all those holes meant that oil had been struck beneath Sibford, rest assured. It was just the Water Board cleaning the main in an attempt to rid some of us of the curse of muddy water.

Not only was the work completed in a shorter time than we had been warned to expect, but also all the holes were filled in again immediately (contrary to everyone's predictions) and also, dare we say it, the water seems to be clean.

Never again may you see traffic signs and flashing lights in Barley Close!



BAZAAR TIME

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SIBFORD - CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday November 25th
2.30 p.m. Village Hall

Bottle Stall - Cake and Home Made Produce - Handicrafts
Children's Stall - Book Stall - Bran Tub - Grand Draw
Other Side Shows - Teas

Please give this your support. Any gifts for the above stalls would be most welcome and can be left at the Gower Post Office or 7, High Meadow, Sibford Gower.

METHODIST SALE AND TEA

This will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 4th November at 2.30. Please come along to make it a splendid afternoon.

A LETTER FROM MR PADBURY

With the help of this useful local magazine, my wife and I would like to thank the many kind friends and neighbours in the village who sent letters and get-well cards to my wife while she was a patient in the Horton General last month.

I also was under our doctor at the same time, lame and unable to drive myself. However, a large number of most kindly people seem to have got together and saw to it that I had the opportunity of visiting my wife every day.

Furthermore, shopping was done for me and many fine 'cookies' came my way, and presents of flowers etc. got to Banbury.

Many thanks from both of us to you all.

Bob and Fan Padbury,
Tresco,
Sibford Gower.

THOSE SEATS AGAIN

Last month we carried a piece on the peculiarities of the Ferris seats and invited suggestions. Here's one.....

October's Scene, within was writ
A leader describing 'Somewhere to sit',
In a piece imbued with ferocious glee
Castigating, anonymously, unforgivably,
A renegade with a conscience.

'Twas said Ferrisians ferret around,
And, having done so, would have found
The subject of concern, a long lost bench
Qualifying them each, both lad and wench,
As renegades, with a conscience.

But not, oh not, the individual indicted,
Who never for months and months invited
The unavailing help of local prescience,
Appealing only, with quick acquiescence,
To schoolboys, with a conscience.

Therefore, 't would not be seemly for me to cower,
And fail to claim long years in t' Gower.
But Ferrisians, I beg you go not unbuoyed,
Shake yourselves and swot up Freud
.....with a conscience.

F.R.

And if you are still in the dark about the whole affair, why not take a stroll to the Elm and enjoy the renovated seat nonetheless.

HOME HELPS

One of the many peculiarities of Sibford is the shortage of Home Helps. Though employed by the County Social Services Department, they work locally, helping the elderly, the disabled, or in families where the mother is recovering from an operation or illness. The duties are mainly housework, but might also involve other things such as helping an elderly person to dress or prepare a meal.

The pay is 99.8 pence an hour, which with various supplements, can rise to about £1.10. The hours are flexible, but the work is usually in the mornings, for instance from 9 until 12. Transport, even a bike, is helpful, but not essential.

Mrs Harris, the organiser, would be delighted to hear from anyone interested or to answer further questions. If you want to hear more, ring Banbury 52421.

KEEP FIT

Tutors for Ladies' Keep Fit classes are much in demand, so the Hook Norton Centre is very lucky to have secured the services of Mrs Joyce Mitchell, a well qualified tutor who has just moved into this area.

The class starts on Tuesday, 31st October at 7.30 and the fee will be £2.25 for the five week course. If successful, it is hoped that the course might continue next term.

Enquiries to Alan Sibson, Hook Norton 737737, or why not just turn up on the night.

EYE TESTS

The Mobile Vision Screening Clinic will be at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 21st November from 9.30 a.m.

All under fives are invited to have their eyes checked.

BUMPER FETE

September seems a long way off, but here's a reminder in the summary of accounts of the Village Hall Fete, supplied by Norman Coxon.

RECEIPTS

Gate	96.35
Stalls	377.79
Teas	34.80
Gymkhana	12.00
Raffle	75.16
Donations	12.00
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Total	<u>598.10</u>

EXPENSES

Advertising	7.00
P.A. System	21.60
Programme Printing	5.00
Fancy Dress Prizes, bouquet etc.	11.50
Donation to National Children's Homes	20.00
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	65.10
Surplus	533.00
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	<u>598.10</u>

Sincere thanks to all who worked so hard to achieve this magnificent result.

Norman Coxon.

LEO CLUB

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 28th at 8 p.m., and will be a China Party.

Everyone is welcome.

W.I.

Tuesday, November 14th in the Village Hall. The Story of Venice, told by Mr Wadley of Shutford.

SEWING The Upholstery Class continues on Wednesdays (except Nov. 8th) in the Village Hall.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

- November 7th - Village Hall. Mr Wager with slides, probably of the Lake District.
- November 21st - The Club visits the Village School to be entertained by the children.
- November 28th - Morning outing (9-2) to Northampton for Christmas shopping. Anyone wishing to join this club outing should contact Mrs Haynes, Pound Lane, as soon as possible.

OLD DOLLS MADE NEW

Mrs Harris of Chipping Norton with her wonderful "old dolls made new" and all her other handicrafts, and with the help of gifts from local shops, made £400 for Cancer Research!

So all your contributions of lace, beads, Christmas cards etc. have helped this wonderful O.A.P. all of whose work goes to charity. Now it's broken clothes pegs an example of what she makes with these is at present in the Gower Post Office, and will shortly be on view at the Ferris P.O.

Mrs M. B. Flinn

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

This year's Harvest Thanksgiving was the best for several years. Over 200 people came to the church for one or other, or even both, of the services that were arranged for that day. The church looked most attractive, and we thank those who worked so hard the day before to transform it so completely. The Family Service was adjudged by many to have been great fun, and indeed why not?

Over 100 people enjoyed the Harvest Supper a few days later; again thanks to the ladies who worked tirelessly so that we would enjoy our feasting. The produce from the Harvest in church was auctioned, and the splendid total of just over £45 accrued in that way.

Timothy Wimbush.

THE GARDEN IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

There are two schools of thought about the best time of year for planting trees, shrubs, roses and perennial plants: should it be Spring or Autumn? Recent Springs have been either dry and cold, or wet and cold, neither of which favours early growth, and, on balance, I prefer Autumn planting in this part of the country. This year the ground is relatively warm still, although rather dry, and in good condition to work.

Whatever you are planting, dig a hole of adequate size so that the roots can be spread out, loosen the soil at the bottom of the hole, put in three or four handfuls of moist coarse peat, replace some of the soil mixed with more peat, and when the roots are covered for about 6", tread down gently but firmly, replace the rest of the soil and tread down again. It is worth taking trouble to give the shrub or whatever a good start in life. Prune moderately and stake if necessary.

Vegetable growers can sow early broad beans, Aqua Dulce, now.

Write off for seedsmen's catalogues and try to get your order off by the end of the year. Suttons is one of the best.

I hope to talk to you again in January. Meantime there are a few garden working weeks left. Happy Christmas.

Jardin.

SMALL ADS

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SIBFORD SCENE

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Material for the December issue by Monday, November 20th please.

Small Ads From January we shall be increasing the charge to 3p a word for business ads. Private ones remain at one penny. Still a bargain. Display rates on request.

We hope you like the magazine's new format, and find it easier to read. We'd like to hear your views. Most important though are the contributions. Why not spend the dark winter evenings writing yours?

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

CHURCH SERVICES

FRIENDS Meeting for Worship SUNDAY 11 a.m.
METHODISTS Morning Service SUNDAY 11 a.m.
HOLY TRINITY 2nd & 1st Sunday, 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion
3rd Sunday, 3.30 p.m. Evensong
4th Sunday, 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sunday School, Every Sunday (except 12th)
11.30 a.m. in church

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SATURDAY 4th METHODIST SALE 2.30 Village Hall

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MONDAY 6th (and all week) House to House collection for
Poppy Day Appeal.

TUESDAY 7th FRIENDSHIP CLUB Mr Wager - Village Hall

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SUNDAY 12th REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 10.55 a.m.

TUESDAY 14th W.I. The Story of Venice - Village Hall

FRIDAY 17th VILLAGE HALL QUIZ (note new date)

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SUNDAY 19th N.B. EVENSONG 3.30

TUESDAY 21st MOBILE VISION SCREENING UNIT - Village Hall 9.30

TUESDAY 21st FRIENDSHIP CLUB entertainment at Village School.

SATURDAY 25th CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Village Hall 2.30

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TUESDAY 28th FRIENDSHIP CLUB Morning Shopping Trip to
Northampton.

TUESDAY 28th LEO CLUB China Party - 8 p.m. Temple Lodge.