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# SIBFORD SCENE

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## THE GARDEN PARTY AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Wearing clothes either borrowed, hired or bought, we were greeted from our younger son, 'Who's that?' With photographs taken before departure for 'record purposes', we duly set off to deposit our family in the safe guardianship of Granny for the afternoon. The elder son was quiet and obviously working things out for himself, for we were nearly at Swerford before he broke his silence and asked, 'Daddy, are you going to be a clown?'!

Once in London we had to call and pick up some goods for work. Many strange looks in my direction as I stood in morning suit waiting to be served, but no actual comments. Succeeded in obtaining for the first time 10% discount from this particular company. Must dress up more often.

The gates of the Palace were to be opened at 3.15 for 4 p.m. We arrived in the car a few minutes early and already there were long queues formed from the Grand Entrance. Is it polite to turn up before the official opening time, or should one not sit discreetly in the car? We entered by the Hyde Park Corner gate and, having given our passes to the guards on duty, proceeded to stroll along the paths leading to the Palace.



The gardens were not spectacular, but well kept and with sufficient interest and beauty to hold our attention and admiration until the start of the Garden Party. Not so everybody. Some at this stage were already sampling the food and drink.

Gradually people formed themselves on each side of several imaginary roadways radiating from the bottom of the steps leading from the Palace to the lawns. The lines formed themselves, there appeared to be no organising body, just a spontaneous formation.

The Queen, the Queen Mother and the Duke of Edinburgh arrived at the top of the stairs at exactly four o' clock and the National Anthem was played by one of the two bands which played alternately for our entertainment throughout the afternoon. Each member of the Royal Household took one of the 'roads' between the people and was introduced to various people along the way. Courtiers would choose a likely person or group, note down their names, and then, when the time came, introduce them to the particular Royal member who would talk to them for several minutes before moving on. This continued for about an hour and a half until the party re-formed to enter the Royal Enclosure for tea.

We at this time departed to our enclosure to sample the wide selection of foods. Sandwiches, pancakes, cakes, iced coffee, tea, lemonade and ice-cream were all collected in a self-service style from a long marquee and then one either found a table to sit at, which proved rather difficult, or sat on the grass to devour one's food.

At six o' clock precisely the National Anthem was again played and the Royal Party retreated into the Palace. We strolled back out through the gardens and made our way to the car after a very pleasant and memorable afternoon. There had been no apparent signs of security and the atmosphere was relaxed and informal. We did not actually speak to any of the Royal Party, but to have been to a Garden Party was a privilege for which we shall be grateful for the rest of our days.

David Soden

#### HENRY AND AMY POULTON...

...wish to thank all kind friends who sent get-well cards, best wishes and flowers, also all who telephoned to ask how Henry was progressing during his stay in hospital. Also to all who offered their help, time and petrol in taking Amy to hospital visiting. With care and God's help, Henry hopes to be around again soon.

#### FOUND

In the Village Hall after the Flower Show -  
A BLUE VELOUR JUMPER  
Contact Swacliffe 544

#### NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN

Hook Norton Evening Centre had a bumper enrollment this year and many classes are full. There are still places on three courses:

Soft Furnishing (Mon. afternoon)  
Buddhism and Islam (Mon. evening)  
Bridge (Tues. afternoon)  
Enquiries to Alan Sibson,  
H.N. 737737.

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The W.B.A. course on 'The English Country House and its Contents' begins at Epwell on October 5th at 7.30.  
Enquiries to W.R.Cork Swa. 609



## JOTTINGS FROM THE GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

Please let your Parish Councillors know if.....

anyone can offer suitable premises in which the village Post Office could be held on a full-time basis.

anyone requires further information concerning the recent relaxation of laws relating to informal car-sharing schemes. The Council has received detailed guidance on this important subject from the County Council.

anyone requires information concerning grants available to further tree-planting schemes in the village.

And an appeal

Please do not ride cycles on village footpaths, including those with metalled surfaces, as it is dangerous to old and young alike, who want to enjoy their walk. Special attention is drawn to the paths at the rear of Shepherds Close and those through Barley Close. No more bike riding on paths please!

### HARVEST THANKSGIVING

The Harvest Thanksgiving service at Holy Trinity will be on Sunday 21st October at 6 p.m. The Harvest Supper takes place the following Friday (26th October) at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall. Tickets for the Supper are £1 each. Why not attend both?

### NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME COLLECTION

Once again we have broken our previous record and collected £50 in the recent house-to-house collection. Many thanks to the people of Sibford for your generosity and to the group of young collectors who did their job so enthusiastically.

The National Children's Home looks after 5,000 children in any one year, running residential homes, special schools and family centres. It also arranges fostering and adoption. The money you give so generously year by year helps to support a very good cause.

Joan Shields

### SIBFORD FETE

The fete raised £630 this year, the highest sum ever, thanks to the very hard work of all concerned (and, we have to say it, to inflation).

The Organisers would like to thank everyone who helped in any way, those who lent and erected their tents and all who gave goods and spent their money. See you next year!



FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday Oct. 2nd - Friends School  
Mr Norman Scropton J.P. on  
'The Lighter Side of Being a  
Headmaster'.

Tuesday Oct. 16th - Village Hall  
Mr Walton with slides and a  
talk on 'Birds and Flowers'.

Wednesday Oct. 24th  
District Conference for Age  
Concern Clubs in Bicester.

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MAMMOTH JUMBLE SALE

Some items Good as New  
Entrance 5p  
includes tea and biscuit.  
Children free  
refreshments on sale  
Village Hall 2.30

SATURDAY 13th OCTOBER

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AGE CONCERN WEEK  
OCTOBER 21st-28th

Among the activities, arranged  
on a District Basis, will be a  
service for all Denominations  
to be held at the R.C. Church,  
Priory Road, Bicester, at 3 p.m.  
on Sunday 21st October.

The theme is, 'Thanksgiving  
For a Goodly Number of Days'.  
Not only the elderly are  
invited, but also their children,  
grandchildren and great-grand  
children. The Friendship Club  
hopes to be represented with  
any others who are interested.

Mrs M.B. Flinn.

W.I.

Tuesday 9th October  
Village Hall - 2 p.m.

CAKE ICING

All visitors welcome.

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Tues. 30th October - Village Hall  
10 a.m. - 12 noon

COFFEE MORNING

in aid of the Home Farm Trust,  
Cherington, a home for mentally  
handicapped adults.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Sibford Branch of the Royal  
British Legion will hold its  
Annual General Meeting at the  
Wykham Arms on 29th October at  
8 p.m.

It is hoped that as many  
members as possible will attend.

PLAYGROUP

The Playgroup A.G.M. is to be  
held on Thursday 4th October in  
The Friends Hall at 8 p.m.  
followed by coffee. The Playgroup  
would like to extend a welcome to  
anybody interested - parents,  
future PLAYgroup parents and  
others.

BRIGHT HOUR SALE

The annual sale of Produce,  
Jumble and White Elephants will  
be held in the Friends Hall on  
Friday 19th October at 2.15.

We are renowned for being  
friendly and cheap - you are  
assured of a warm welcome even if  
you only want to come for a cup  
of tea and a chat!

The proceeds, as usual, will be  
for the British and Foreign  
Bible Society.

Gifts will be gratefully  
accepted in the Friends Hall on  
the morning of the sale - or  
ring Joan Shields (Swa. 571)

WHIST

The Social Committee of Holy  
Trinity Church is organising  
three Whist Drives during the  
Autumn, on October 5th, November  
2nd and December 14th. They  
hope these will be well supported  
Tickets available from Mrs David  
Soden, Mr Robin Spicer or Mrs  
M. Law, and the Sibford Ferris  
Post Office. Village Hall. 8pm

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The A.G.M. takes place on  
Wednesday 10th October, followed  
by the ever popular Cheese and  
Wine Party.



## NEWS FROM THE 1st SIBFORD GUIDES

We meet every Thursday from 7.00 to 8.30 p.m. at Sibford Village Hall, and any girl of ten or over is most welcome.

NIGHTINGALE PATROL came third in the Patrol Competition in the Deddington District Cup.

CAMPERS Dawn Wealsby, Elaine Hutchinson and Helen Gaydon gained The Patrol Leaders Camp Permit this summer, the highest camp award a Guide can achieve.

Our main summer camp was at Dudsbury Guide Camp near Bournemouth, where we spent two weeks in glorious weather having great fun, thanks to the hard work of our camp staff, especially Mr Springall, who provided the transport at camp, and Mr Crisp, who, as our lifeguard, enabled us to enjoy the days spent on the beach.

UNIFORM Any ex-guide with a uniform to sell? Please contact me on Guide night, or Mrs Crisp, 12 High Meadow, Sibford Gower.

JUMBLE SALE October 4th at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall, a Jumble Sale for Guide funds. Nothing over 10p. Free tea or coffee. Ending with a short film of our summer camp.

Mrs Springall (Guide Guider)  
(Tel. Banbury 810032)

## VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

A representative from Sopley Camp visited Sibford recently. There have already been one or two offers of accommodation here for refugees coming to Banbury to learn English. If you could help, or want to know more, telephone Banbury 52535 Ext.293.

## THE GARDEN IN OCTOBER

This is the month to start tidying up the garden and digging the ground where you have lifted potatoes, carrots, beetroot, onions and the like. Dig in manure and leave the surface rough until the spring.

In the flower garden cut down the dead stalks of herbaceous plants and dig up the annuals as they die down. It is best to dig up gladioli corms and store them in a frost-free place during the winter. You can leave them in the ground and take a chance on how severe the winter may be, but, from experience, it is better to lift them. If the stems are still green, tie the plants in a bundle and hang them up to dry for a few weeks. Wallflowers can be planted out until the end of the month, and tulips, planted in between, will give a splash of colour in the spring. Daffodils and Narcissi should go in during the early part of the month. plant them well down with 6"-8" of soil over their noses and firm the ground over them.

If you have frames or a greenhouse, try taking some cuttings of hardy shrubs when you are tidying up. Use slips of half-ripe wood, 4"-6" long with a sloping cut beneath a leaf joint. Remove all leaves except the top two pairs and insert into 5" pots, five cuttings to a pot. Push them down into the loam, which should come to the top of the pot, with the cuttings round the edge. A mixture of 3 parts peat, 2parts sand and 1part loam is suitable.

JARDIN



URGENT  
1st SIBFORD BROWNIES

We are desperately looking for someone to be our Brown Owl from January to save the Brownie pack in Sibford.

Please can you help? If no-one can be found, the pack will cease to exist at the end of this term.

Will anyone who is interested please contact Bridget Barlow, 2, Barley Close, S.G. Swalcliffe 462.

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CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

CHURCH SERVICES

FRIENDS	Meeting for Worship	Sunday 11 a.m.
METHODISTS	Morning Service	Sunday 11 a.m.
HOLY TRINITY	7th Holy Communion	8.30 a.m.
	14th & 28th Holy Communion	10.30 a.m.
	21st Harvest Thanksgiving	6 p.m.
	Sunday School	11.30 in Church each week.

TUESDAY 2nd      Friendship Club - 'The Lighter Side of Being a Headmaster' Friends School.

THURSDAY 4th      Guides' Jumble Sale. 7 p.m. Village Hall.  
Playgroup A.G.M. 8 p.m. Friends Hall.

FRIDAY 5th      Whist Drive.  
'The English Country House and its Contents' Epwell.

TUESDAY 9th      W.I. 'Cake Icing' 2 p.m. Village Hall.

WEDNESDAY 10th   Horticultural Society A.G.M. with Cheese and Wine.

SATURDAY 13th    Friendship Club Mammoth Jumble Sale. 2.30 V. Hall

TUESDAY 16th    Friendship Club 'Birds and Flowers' Village Hall

FRIDAY 19th      Bright Hour Sale 2.15 Friends Hall

SUNDAY 21st      Harvest Thanksgiving 6 p.m.  
Age Concern Service at Bicester 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 24th   Age Concern Clubs Conference at Bicester.

FRIDAY 26th      Harvest Supper 8 p.m. Village Hall

MONDAY 29th      Royal British Legion A.G.M. Wykham Arms 8 p.m.

TUESDAY 30th    W.I. Coffee Morning in aid of the Home Farm Trust.  
Village Hall 10 - 12.

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