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# SIBFORD SCENE

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## QUEEN'S GUIDES FOR SIBFORD

On 24th April, three Sibford girls, Elaine Hutchinson, Dawn Wealsby and Marie Coleman, were presented with their Queen's Guide awards. To win these, they had to work for about twenty-two badges, including First Aid, Housecraft, Community Service and Art and Craft, and to study two Commonwealth countries, all of which takes about four years. The presentation itself was made by Mrs Margaret Teesdale.

Mrs Springall, who runs the 1st Sibford Guides, organised the evening, with, in addition to the presentation, delicious eats made by Mrs Cathy Clark and a wonderful entertainment from the Guides, including a hilarious keep-fit routine, a comic poem beautifully recited by Elizabeth Abbott and some touching recorder music played by Nina Brown and Erica Sabin.

Mrs Springall deserves a big thank you for preparing the Guides for these awards, along with their parents for all their help and encouragement.

Congratulations to you all.

Liz March

## BIRTHDAYS TO CELEBRATE

Mr Alf Dyer of Sibford Ferris was 90 last month and Miss Nelder of The Colony will celebrate her ninetieth birthday on June 20th. We offer them congratulations and best wishes.

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? JUNIOR BRAIN OF SIBFORD ?

? TOP OF THE FORM ?

? Teams representing The Friends' School and The Warriner School. ?

? MASTERMIND ?

? Individuals on their specialist subjects ?

? Come along and give the young contestants a large and enthusiastic audience. ?

? Friday June 6th Village Hall 7.30 p.m. ?

Admission 15p. School Children 10p.

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## CHURCH NOTES

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES

These have now begun in Church on Tuesdays between 7 and 8 p.m. They are open to any young people from 12 years old and upwards, and are intended to prepare those interested for a full adult life within the church. In no sense should they be considered a full course for most of us continue to learn about Christ increasingly through the years. Anyone is welcome to attend, even if they are not really thinking seriously about making the total commitment expected by those who are confirmed. The service of Confirmation will be in Swalcliffe Church on Sunday 13th July at 10 a.m.

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

There was a Coffee Morning and Bread and Cheese Lunch at the Rectory on May 14th. As a result of that, together with some other donations received, we were able to send off just under £60 to Christian Aid; this compared with £78.25 that we raised last year.

Timothy Wimbush

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## FOOTPATH NOTES FROM THE GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

### FOOTPATH CLEARANCE

This has been arranged for the evening of Wednesday 4th June. In the past we have relied heavily on help from the Friends' School. This year, please let us have good support from all villagers. The more helpers, the greater amount of trimming and tidying can be done.

Please meet at 7 p.m. outside Wyatts Close (by the phone kiosk) with any suitable cutting, clipping or clearing tools.

### FOOTPATH USE

Several reports have been received that footpaths in the village are being used by horses and riders. Fouling of the path behind Shepherds Close is causing concern as this path is used regularly by many villagers going to the surgery.

Parents are also reminded that children, whether riding horses or bicycles, should not ride on village footpaths. The Parish Council will take action if people are seen or reported to them. Please help us to avoid any unnecessary accidents on our village paths.

### D-I-Y FOOTPATH

The Council are undertaking a 'self-help' footpath scheme to provide a safe walk-way from the Village Hall round to Jessamine Cottage. Our thanks are due to all who are helping to make this improvement possible.

### W.I.

The W.I. meets on June 10th at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. We hope to have a talk on the Samaritans.

This month's competition is 'The largest number of objects in an ordinary sized match box!' Visitors would be most welcome.

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### LEO CLUB

On June 24th there will be a Treasure Hunt on foot, leaving Temple Lodge at 7.30.

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### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

June 3rd Friends' School

Dr Hudson (retired) from West Bar Practice will talk about 50 years as a doctor in Banbury, with tales of some of the characters he met.

June 17th Village Hall

Club Summer Tea, with guest speaker, Mr Kenneth Greaves, and entertainment.

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### FOLK DANCE CLUB

Tex Blomfield with Chris and Julie will feature at this month's Saturday Dance.  
June 14th 8-11.30 Village Hall

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### SCENE'S FUNDS

The box in the Post Office made £8.34. Thank you for your donations, and special thanks to Mrs Dyer for accommodating the box.

We have also received separate donations from a number of individuals, the two Parish Councils, the Village Charity and many clubs and societies. As a result of this, our year's expenses should be met.

Thank you all for your support.

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### BROWNIES

Bridget Barlow, who has put so much into Brownies in the past year, has now left ready for the birth of her baby.

The pack is now being run by Liz March, with meetings at the Mission Hall on Saturday mornings from 9.30 to 11 a.m.

If any girl between 6½ and 10 is interested in Brownies, please come along and see if you would like to join us.

Liz March

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### W.R.V.S.

#### CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY SCHEME

Many thanks to the five hostesses who have volunteered to give a deprived child a week's holiday.

It will be several weeks before hostesses and guests are matched up, but we hope all goes well for everybody.

May B. Flinn

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#### SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

Grateful thanks to all who kindly helped or contributed during the Save the Children Week. Sibford was very generous indeed. The house-to-house collection raised over £51, and the Coffee Morning at Park Farm House took £78 (including £36 on the Save the Children Fund gift stall). I am sure every penny will be put to good use.

Sue Lambert

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#### CHAMPION GUIDES

Congratulations to the Sibford Guides who won the District 'It's a Knockout' competition recently held at Deddington.

## THE GARDEN IN JUNE

Last year the rain was so heavy in the middle of May that, when the sun came after it, we were overwhelmed by the growth of weed, but this year the weather has proved quite the reverse and cold, very dry weeks have kept back growth and enabled us to keep the ground cleaner. Seed germination has been the problem and it may be necessary to resow some crops early in June, for example carrots, parsnips and all brassicas.

Successional crops of lettuce should be sown this month: Little Gem is quick growing and produces splendid tight hearts, the larger Lobjoits Green Cos can be sown now to heart up early in September; in cabbage lettuce, Fortune can be sown now and followed by Avondefiance, a quick grower, for cutting late August early September. Kohl Rabi sown in succession through the month is a useful vegetable to harvest in September/ October. Marrows and squashes sown now in pots will germinate very quickly and put out on well prepared ground will grow rapidly; better a late sowing in good conditions than have them delayed by cold. One or two sowings of spinach Long Standing are a good investment for summer. Turnip Snowball is worth sowing in June / July.

If you are a tomato grower, don't fail to look at your plants every day and spray with a fine mist of clear, cold water before the sun gets on them. Remove all side shoots and feed with liquid fertilizer twice a week when the fruit is setting. Look out for aphid pests and spray at the first sign of trouble with a suitable insecticide.

Keep the hoe going in both vegetable garden and flower beds. The herbaceous borders need constant attention and the tall plants staked. Flowering shrubs are best pruned after flowering when the lush new growth can be guided for next year. This is very important for climbing subjects, such as wistaria, which get out of hand very quickly if left to themselves.

## JARDIN

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### KNOW YOUR BIRDS

How did you get on with identifying last month's selection? Here are some more local names of birds. What are they more commonly called?

#### LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS

31 Pit Martin	46 Grey Duck	1 Gannet	16 Meadow
32 Oxeye	47 Grey Goose	2 Jackdaw	Pippit
33 Moss Cheeper	48 Snakebird	3 Songthrush	17 Lapwing
34 Oyster Plover	49 Water Ouzel	4 Blackbird	18 Hooded Crow
35 Blackie	50 Water Sparrow	5 Green Woodpecker	19 Osprey
36 Aberdevine	51 Wood Dove	6 Pied Wagtail	20 House
37 Yelper	52 Wood Grouse	7 Storm Petrel	Sparrow
38 Yellow Bunting	53 Hill Plover	8 Turnstone	21 Barn Owl
39 Hover Hawk	54 Norway	9 Gt. Crested Grebe	22 Nightjar
40 Diedapper	Nightingale	10 Chough	23 Corncrake
41 Dunnock	55 Morethrumble	11 Gt, Northern	24 Kestrel
42 Blue Dove	56 Nutjobber	Diver	25 Shag
43 Chatter Pie	57 Martlet	12 Red Grouse	26 Wheater
44 Darcall	58 Gorse Hopper	13 Puffin	27 Whitethroat
45 Car Swallow	59 Gowdy Duck	14 Kittiwake Gull	28 Black Redst
	60 Grey Linnet	15 Chaffinch	-art
			29 herringgull
			30 Whooper
			Swan.

CALENDAR FOR JUNE

CHURCH SERVICES

FRIENDS Meeting for Worship Sunday 11 a.m.  
METHODISTS Morning Service Sunday 11 a.m.  
HOLY TRINITY 1st 8.30 Holy Communion  
8th & 22nd 10.00 Family Communion  
15th 6.00 Evensong and Holy Communion  
29th 10.00 United Benefice Eucharist  
at Epwell  
Sunday School 10 a.m. in the Village Hall  
Confirmation Class Tuesday, 7 p.m. in Church

WEEKLY EVENTS

LUNCHEON CLUB Tuesdays, 12.30. Friends' Mission Room  
FOLK DANCING Tuesdays, 7 p.m. Juniors, 8 p.m. Seniors  
in the Village Hall  
GUIDES Thursdays, 7 p.m. in the Village Hall  
BROWNIES Saturdays, 9.30-11 a.m. Friends' Mission Room

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Tuesday 3rd FRIENDSHIP CLUB Dr. Hudson (Friends' School)  
Wednesday 4th GOWER FOOTPATH CLEARING 7 p.m. Wyatts Close  
Thursday 5th CORPUS CHRISTI Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.  
Friday 6th JUNIOR QUIZ NIGHT Village Hall

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Tuesday 10th W.I. 'The Samaritans' Village Hall 2.00  
Saturday 14th FOLK DANCE Village Hall 8-11.30 p.m.

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Tuesday 17th FRIENDSHIP CLUB Summer Tea Village Hall  
Wednesday 18th Slimming Club: 7.30pm at the Friends' Hall  
Tuesday 24th LEO CLUB Treasure Hunt 7.30 from Temple Lodge  
Saturday 28th COUNTRY FAYRE (Church Repair Fund) 2.30 at the Pond

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Sunday 29th United Benefice Eucharist at Epwell 10.00 a.m.

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