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SIBFORD SCENE

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RETIREMENT OF KENNETH GREAVES

At the Friends School the summer term is nearing its end, and with it will come the retirement of Headmaster Kenneth Greaves and his wife, Robin, two of the village's best known figures.

Since their arrival in September 1972 great improvements and changes have taken place in the School, and they will be sadly missed.

Tributes have been pouring in, and a significant point was made by the School Committee Chairman when giving his annual report on June 14th. It was that, since the School's foundation in 1842, about 5,500 pupils have attended; the Greaves regime has accommodated just about 1,000 of these.

We all wish them a long and happy retirement in their new Lakeland home.

The new Head is to be James Graham, a Quaker and family man, until recently Headmaster of Fearnhill Comprehensive School, Letchworth.

F.R.

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SPONSORED CART-RACE

As part of the fund-raising activities for this year's Village Fete, a sponsored Cart-Race will be held, probably at the start of the afternoon's entertainment.

Starting and finishing in the Village Hall grounds, teams of three (two pushers and a passenger) will set off at intervals of 30 seconds and race against a pre-determined time round the Burdrop Loop.

There will be a prize for the fastest time in each of two classes: teams aged 14 years and under, and teams aged 15 years and over.

Villagers will be asked to sponsor a team for the amount of time (in 10-second intervals) that the team beats the par time for the course. Sponsorship forms will be available from Village Hall Committee members in early July.

WHEN IS THE FETE ?

SATURDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

BUSES TO OXFORD AND COVENTRY

Tanners International are looking into the possibility of running a weekly bus service to Coventry and Oxford. The times and stopping points of the journeys are set out below. The fare envisaged in each case is £1.50 for the return journey.

Subject to the consent of the Coventry and Oxford bus companies and the Oxfordshire County Council, it would be possible to start the services in the autumn. Anyone interested is asked to write to the Parish Clerk, Burdrop House, so that the letters can be sent to the Oxfordshire County Council to show the support for the service in the area.

William Johnson
Parish Clerk

STAGE SERVICE: BLOXHAM TO COVENTRY AND COVENTRY TO BLOXHAM TUESDAYS ONLY

<u>Depart</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>Time</u>
BLOXHAM	0900	COVENTRY	1350
BROUGHTON	0907	LEAMINGTON	1410
LOWER TADMARTON	0911	WARWICK	1422
UPPER TADMARTON	0913	STRATFORD-UPON-AVON	1442
SWALCLIFFE	0916	SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR	1457
SIBFORD FERRIS	0920	UPPER BRAILES	1504
SIBFORD GOWER	0923	LOWER BRAILES	1507
LOWER BRAILES	0933	SIBFORD GOWER	1517
UPPER BRAILES	0936	SIBFORD FERRIS	1520
SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR	0943	SWALCLIFFE	1524
STRATFORD-UPON-AVON	0958	UPPER TADMARTON	1527
WARWICK	1018	LOWER TADMARTON	1529
LEAMINGTON	1030	BROUGHTON	1533
COVENTRY	1050	BLOXHAM	1540

STAGE SERVICE: HOOK NORTON TO OXFORD AND OXFORD TO HOOK NORTON SATURDAYS ONLY

<u>Depart</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Depart</u>	<u>Time</u>
HOOK NORTON	1300	OXFORD	1715
SIBFORD FERRIS	1315	ADDERBURY	1740
SIBFORD GOWER	1320	MILTON	1745
SWALCLIFFE	1325	BLOXHAM	1749
UPPER TADMARTON	1329	BANBURY	1759
LOWER TADMARTON	1333	BROUGHTON	1808
BROUGHTON	1337	LOWER TADMARTON	1812
BANBURY	1346	UPPER TADMARTON	1816
BLOXHAM	1356	SWALCLIFFE	1820
MILTON	1400	SIBFORD GOWER	1825
ADDERBURY	1405	SIBFORD FERRIS	1830
OXFORD	1430	HOOK NORTON	1845

VILLAGE PATHS

Thanks are due to all those who turned out for the Gower Path Clearing evening, and also to the boys from the Friends School who are constructing the new path beyond the Village Hall.

CHURCH NOTES

The Sunday School goes on holiday through the School Holidays, and so will meet only once in July.

The Songs of Praise service in Swalcliffe is on 6th July at 6 p.m. We shall be singing an 'all-request' service of hymns, and they will all be well known ones. I have been asked by the Church Council at Swalcliffe to thank all those from Sibford who have been supporting them.

Church Fete season is here again. I hope you will have enjoyed the Sibford Fayre round the pond on 28th June. There are two more I can tell you about -

12th July: Tadmarton Church Fete at 2.30 in the Manor Grounds
19th July: Swalcliffe Summer Fair at 3 p.m. on the Village Green.

I hope that some of you will be able to attend the Confirmation Service in Swalcliffe Church on 13th July at 10 a.m. This is a rare chance to meet the Bishop of Dorchester, who will be taking the service.

Timothy Wimbush

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PLAYGROUP OPEN DAYS

Have you ever wondered what goes on at Sibford Playgroup? Now's your chance to find out. On Wednesday and Thursday, July 9th and 10th, the Playgroup will be open to anyone of any age who would like to visit us, between 10 and 11 a.m. in the Village Hall. You can be sure of a friendly welcome from staff and children, and a cup of tea or coffee. We are very grateful for the support the village gives us, and we look forward to welcoming many visitors on those two days.

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SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our Annual Show will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday August 16th. Entries must be made to the Secretary on Wednesday August 13th between 7 and 10 p.m. at The Leys, Backside Lane, Sibford Gower.

Despite the variable weather conditions, we hope that this year will bring a record number of entries. If you have not entered before, why not make this the first time, and if you require any details, the Committee members will always be pleased to advise you.

Naturally a Show cannot be staged without finance and we sincerely hope that many people will offer gifts for the sideshows.

Teas - Mrs G Soden & helpers	Cake Stall - Mrs M. Jarvis
Wheel of Fortune - Mrs F. Tustain	Plant Stall - Mrs Z. Andrews &
Tombola & Bottle Stall -	Mrs L. Baggailey
MR & Mrs J. Sabin	Good as New - Leo Club
Gift Stall - Mrs G. Law	Raffle Prizes - Mrs K. Turner

If anyone wishes goods to be collected, please contact Swalcliffe 471

There will also be a prize for the BEST DECORATED BICYCLE
1. 7 - 11 years, 2. 12 - 16 years.

The COUNTRY DANCERS will be there to entertain us and also CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS.

We hope you will make this a family afternoon.

John Sabin

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday 1st July (Friends School)
Mr Norman Scroxtton J.P. will give a talk on his long years as a Magistrate.

Monday 14th July
Committee meeting at Miss Bennett's house. 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday 15th July (Village Hall)
Lady Hart from Aynhoe Court will speak and show slides of her recent visit to India. Visitors are always welcome. The meeting lasts from 2 to 4.

There are no club meetings in August.

Tuesday 5th August
Morning outing to Evesham. We choose a morning to avoid the holiday crowds, leaving the Ferris at 8.45 a.m. and returning by 1 p.m. Anyone who would like to join us should contact Mr Henry Poulton to see if there are any spare seats.

Advance Notice

Tuesday 2nd September
'The Secret Life of the Salmon'
This promises to be a most fascinating talk, and visitors will be very welcome.

Tuesday 16th September
A Day Outing

More details of both events in September.

W.I.

Our next meeting will be held on July 8th in the Village Hall at 2 p.m. Mrs Gaunt will give a demonstration and talk on Spanish Cookery. The competition will be a Pot of Homemade Marmalade. There will be no August meeting.

COMMUTING TO OXFORD?

I shall be travelling daily to Oxford from 15th July and work flexitime. Is anyone interested in sharing transport occasionally or regularly? Sue Dickenson, Rosemary Cottage, Bonds End Lane, Sibford Gower.

VILLAGE HALL CHARGES

Owing to increased running costs, the hiring charges will be raised from September 1980.

Village Organisations -
£1 per hour

Committee Room only - 50p.
Discount of 10% for use of the Hall for over 100 hours per year.

Private parties, weddings, sales etc. £5 per hour.

BRAIN OF SIBFORD

Last month's Junior Quiz was a resounding success, much enjoyed by the large audience. The winner of the Mastermind was Neil Bosomworth of the Friends School, with Anne Careless and Jeffrey Hutchinson runners-up. After a closely fought Top of the Form contest, the Friends School won with 48 points to the Warriner's 40. Congratulations to all the winners for their displays of knowledge and calm nerves, and also to those who didn't win for taking part so sportingly.

GOLDEN CELEBRATION

Congratulations to Fred and Rose Haynes of Pound Lane who celebrated their Golden Wedding in June. They were married at Sibford Church and have lived in the Ferris or the Gower ever since.

BIRTHDAY POST

Miss Nelder must have been surprised by the party given for her 90th birthday by Mrs Val. Vernon, but even more of a surprise was the presence of all three of our regular postmen. Why were they invited? Because which ever of them is on duty makes a point of calling on Miss Nelder each day and bringing in her coal! Friends indeed.

BABY RABBITS for sale.
David Inns, Hadlands, Bonds End Lane.

THE GARDEN IN JULY AND AUGUST

The rains of June have made good the drought of May and pushed along the growth of the lawns and our weeds and made us reach for the shears before the evergreen hedges get out of control. Growth is the order of the day as if plants know that, with midsummer past, we have started on the downward path of the seasons; but nevertheless we are coming into the time of harvest.

Broad beans are the first crop to enjoy, together with dwarf French beans, which, incidentally, can still be sown for a late crop. Other vegetables can be sown until mid-August, including cabbage, April, Harbinger and Early Market; spinach Winter; onion Solidity; and the new Japanese types that will produce bulbs fit to harvest next June. Lettuce Avondeafiance and Winter Density, sown up to the first week in August, will yield crops by October.

July is a good time to sow perennial plants in the seed beds. Lupins and delphiniums, perennial chrysanthemums, pansies, sweet williams will make sturdy plants fit to set in their permanent positions in the Autumn.

Don't forget to buy, or at least order, your winter flowering bulbs by the end of August. The specially prepared bulbs for Christmas flowering will come later, by the end of September, but the ones for outdoor planting should be put in at the end of August or early September. If you have any of last season's indoor pots left in the plunge pit, get them out and clean them up ready for planting out of doors. Plant outdoor bulbs quite deep with at least 6" of soil over their noses and a handful of peat under the base.

All pot plants, whether indoors or out, need some liquid feed after the strenuous growing time of the last few weeks, and make sure they don't dry out in the sunny August days.

JARDIN

KNOW YOUR BIRDS

LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS

31 Sandmartin	32 Great Tit	33 Meadow Pipit	34 Oystercatcher
35 Blackbird	36 Siskin	37 Avocet	38 Yellowhammer
39 Kestrel	40 Little Grebe	41 Hedge Sparrow	42 Rock Dove
43 Magpie	44 Longtailed Duck	45 Black Tern	46 Mallard
47 Greylag Goose	48 Wryneck	49 Dipper	50 Reed Warbler
51 Stock Dove	52 Capercaillie	53 Golden Plover	54 Redwing
55 Bittern	56 Nuthatch	57 House Martin	58 Whinchat
	59 Goldeneye	60 Twite	

THE SUMMER QUIZ

It's an easier one this time. All these names apply to the same common bird. But which? The three dots mark the same word, omitted because it would be a giveaway.

Bull... , Pen..., Holm... , Horse... , Marble... , Screech...,
Stone... , Wood... , Felfit, Felfie, Fulfer, HolmScreech,
Jay Pie, Jercock, Mizzly Dick, Shrite, Skirlcock,
Stormcock, Throstlecock.

The answer to all twenty is Mistle Thrush.

CALENDAR FOR JULY AND AUGUST

CHURCH SERVICES

FRIENDS	Meeting for Worship	Sunday 11 a.m.
METHODISTS	Morning Service	Sunday 11 a.m.
HOLY TRINITY	1st Sunday 8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
	2nd and 4th Sundays 10 a.m.	Family Communion
	EXCEPT July 13th -	see Calendar
	3rd Sunday 6 p.m.	Evensong and Holy Communion
	5th Sunday 10 a.m.	United Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton.

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

JULY

Tuesday 1st FRIENDSHIP CLUB Norman Scowton J.P. Friends School

Sunday 6th	SONGS OF PRAISE	Swalcliffe	6 p.m.
Tuesday 8th	W.I.	Spanish Cookery	Village Hall 2 p.m.
Wednesday 9th			
Thursday 10th	PLAYGROUP OPEN DAYS	10 - 11 a.m.	Village Hall
Saturday 12th	TADMARTON FETE	Manor Grounds	2.30

Sunday 13th	CONFIRMATION and HOLY COMMUNION	Swalcliffe 10 a.m.
Monday 14th	FRIENDSHIP CLUB	Committee Meeting 2.30
Tuesday 15th	FRIENDSHIP CLUB	Lady Hart's Visit to India Village Hall 2 - 4 p.m.
Saturday 19th	SWALCLIFFE FETE	Village Green 3 p.m.

AUGUST

Tuesday 5th FRIENDSHIP CLUB Outing to Evesham 8.45a.m. - 1 p.m.

Wednesday 13th HORTICULTURAL SHOW Entries Evening 7 - 10 p.m.
Saturday 16th HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW Village Hall

Sunday 31st UNITED BENEFICE EUCHARIST 10 a.m. Tadmarton

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