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FIRE AT THE WYKHAM ARMS

Scene had already gone to press last month before the sound of fire engines chilled the summer calm. However, news like that needs no help in spreading. Joe and Olive Coleman hope that rebuilding will soon be under way so that they can open their new dining room before the Autumn is out. They have already booked their thatchers from Somerset, but haven't as yet found accommodation for them. Can anyone offer Bed and Breakfast for two, for a period of four or five weeks, Monday to Friday?

Olive Coleman writes:

"Can we take this opportunity to thank all the people of Sibford who gave us so much support on August 28th. For us it was a most heartbreaking day, but the untiring help and good wishes from the village people have given us great comfort. A very special thank you must go to Sue Sabin for her quick thinking.

We only hope now that the powers that be will get the paper work together, the builders back to work and business as usual at the Wykham Arms.

Thank you all.

Joe, Olive and Marie

PETE TO RAISE THE ROOF

Even the Red Arrows couldn't keep away from Sibford fete. What a pity they didn't advertise their visit in advance! However, with a string of well-loved victims in the Aunt Sally, mountains of men in the tug-o-war and the excitement of the kart race, the crowds found plenty of entertainment, despite the blustery wind and threatening rain.

In the kart race, the winners were Rob Evans, Ron Hall and Keith Sabin, with a time round the Bardrop Loop of 3 minutes 55 seconds. The under fifteen class was won by Nick Barton, Peter Warren and Alex Gordon in 4 minutes 28 seconds. The prize for the best decorated junior kart went to Zoe Barton, Richard Morbey and Jason Barton and the adult winners were Helen Upton, Anita Cowlbeck and Anna Barton. A good day for the Bartons!

The proceeds to date are well over £700, with some sponsor money still to come. Thanks to all who helped with work or money and especially to Keith Hicks who organised it all.

COMING SOON

The RIDGEWAY PLAYERS will be making a welcome return visit to the Village Hall on Friday November 7th. Watch for details!

HARVEST SUPPER: in the Village Hall, Friday 24th October at 8pm. Tickets on sale at £1.50, including liquid refreshment. Auction of harvest produce in aid of Helen House, a hospice for sick children.

MRS EDITH PADBURY

Mr and Mrs Bruce Horn and Family would like to thank friends and neighbours, children of Pound Lane, many friends in Sibford Gower and the Sibford Friendship Club for their kindness and sympathy during Edith Padbury's illness, and later for the many beautiful flowers at her funeral.

Dear Readers,

May I through the medium of the SIBFORD SCENE make a special plea to people taking their dogs for a walk across the School's Playing Fields. We have had a lot of problems with dogs fouling the fields and making things very unpleasant for Staff, Students and Visitors playing school games. Regretfully we must ask that dogs be kept on the lead at all times on the School Grounds.

Yours sincerely,
John Miller (Bursar)

GRANDPARENTS WANTED

Young children love talking to older people, yet many in the village live far away from their own grandparents. The Playgroup would very much like to find some "grandparents" who would enjoy calling in, perhaps once a fortnight to chat, read stories, play games or share their skills. If you would like to get to know the youngest villagers, why not call in at the Village Hall any morning except Tuesday, between 10 and 11, to see if you might care to adopt them. Or get in touch with the Supervisor, Yvonne Hedley at Lister House, Sibford Ferris. Tel. 495.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME

The recent collection resulted in the record sum of £67. Many thanks to the keen band of collectors and to all who gave so generously.

Joan Shields

SIBFORD ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The A.G.M. will be on Monday October 27th 1980 at 8 p.m. at the Wykham Arms. It is hoped that all members will attend.

COFFEE MORNING

Jane Holliday is giving a Coffee Morning in aid of the Playgroup at Nansen House, Sibford Ferris on Thursday 2nd October at 10.30- 12.30. Special attractions will be an Autumn Garden stall and a chance to order Christmas cards and other goods from the Webb Ivory Catalogue. A pleasant way to start the Christmas shopping and help the Playgroup at the same time. Everyone will be very welcome.

PLAYGROUP A.G.M.

The Playgroup A.G.M. will be held on Thursday 9th October at 8 p.m. in the Friends Hall, Sibford Gower. All parents and prospective parents are warmly invited, as are all with an interest in the young of the village.

YOUNG PIANISTS

These are the results of the pupils taught by Mrs Mabel Payne in the School Year 1979-80.

Elizabeth Abbott	Grade II	Pass
Jeremy Abbott	Grade II	Pass
Rowley Brown	Step I	Pass
Joanne Evans	Grade II	Pass
Gordon Inns	Step I	Pass
Benjamin Leyburn	Step I	Pass
Timothy Neal	Grade II	1st Class
Erica Sabin	Grade I	1st Class
Helen Soden	Step I	Pass

FUND RAISING AT THE BISHOP BLAIZE

£2,000 is needed for a special spinal injuries bed at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford. All the proceeds from these events at the Bishop Blaize will go to the fund. Please, if anyone can help with prizes, rummage or anything we can raffle or sell, ring Swalcliffe 323 or help on the day.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS, RUMMAGE AND WHITE ELEPHANT SALE
Saturday 4th October, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

GARDEN PARTY AND FETE

Saturday 11th October, 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Featuring

Tombola Straws, Catch a Rat, Hammer a Nail, Seafood Bar, Pottery and Kitchen Goods, White Elephant, Rummage, Pluck-a-duck, Egg-straordinary Game, Christmas Gifts and Cards, Friends of the Earth, Life Support Action, Hot-dogs and Hamburgers, and-made Soft Toys, Guess...the Weight of a Cake, Name of a Doll, Weight of a Live Doll, and many more.

During the afternoon there will be the grand finals of the stilt race (trophy for the winner) and we hope to have tug-of-war, children's races, army display and other fun things taking place, and a well known celebrity to open the fete (not yet confirmed).

COMPETITION FOR THE KIDS

The fastest kart in Sibford is up for grabs! Open to all kids under 14 years old. We need aluminium cans. All you need is a magnet. If the magnet sticks to the side of the can - no good. If it doesn't, we want them. Whoever collects the most cans by Friday 10th October will be presented with the kart at the fete. Bring them to the pub any night between 6.30 and 7.30. Come on - keep the countryside free of litter, help our charity and maybe win the Team Bishop Blaize Flyer.

FOOTNOTE

A total of £33.90 was raised at our Curry Night. Steve Tagg of Wyford set up a world record time of 35.68 seconds to eat a pint of curry, no rice. Thanks to all who contributed.

Rob Evans

BIRD SPOT

Rare Birds in Sibford

On Monday August 18th, while Arnold Lamb's assistant, Helen, was rolling their newly ploughed top field, she was intrigued by two feeding waders which were quite undisturbed when she drove very close to them. Most sensibly, she told Arnold, and eventually I had the thrill of driving my car across the field and for 45 minutes observed and photographed at close range two dotterel. These rare (and always very tame) waders nest high up in Scottish and other mountains, and this century at least, they have been positively identified perhaps less than five times in Oxfordshire. On Monday they were present from noon, gorging themselves on worms, until 4 p.m. when we watched them suddenly take off to the south, Africa-bound on migration.

Another sighting of lesser significance, but still exciting, happened on August 22nd, when a female wheatear came feeding on our rear lawn, only three yards from the window. Another passage migrant from the mountains.

F. Rollett

WHIST DRIVES

This year again we are having a series of Whist Drives in aid of the Holy Trinity Church Repair Fund. They will be on Fridays, once a month, at 7.30 in the Village Hall, starting on October 17th.

I hope we shall have the same support for these as we did last year. If anyone wishes to give a prize, please contact me on Swa. 690 and I will be happy to collect it. If you have not been before, do come along as they are a good social occasion as well as a fund raiser.

Admission 50p includes coffee
Robin Spicer

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 8th October at 8 p.m.

Our Cheese and Wine party will be on the same evening at 8.30. Tickets £1.25 from Mrs Law, Mrs Turner, Mr Lambert and myself. We hope this will be a well attended evening.

John Sabin

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday Oct. 7th Village Hall
Mr Hall will show 3 or 4 short films made by the Banbury Camera Club, including, by special request, the very amusing, "Bobby's Birthday Cake".

Tuesday Oct. 21st Friends School
Mr Hansford of the St John Ambulance on how to deal with emergencies, especially with the elderly.

Saturday 18th October

A BRING AND BUY - VILLAGE HALL

We have decided to divide the proceeds between the Friendship Club and Age Concern, Oxon, so we are doubly anxious to make the afternoon a real success. Gifts will be appreciated for the following stalls:-

Bric-a-brac, Raffle,
Plant & Veg., Nearly new clothes
(no jumble please)
M.B. Flinn

COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 28th October, 10- 12 noon
at the home of
Mrs Winter, Cels Field,
Backside Lane, Sibford Gower
in aid of Methodist Funds.
With Bring & Buy

W.I.

Tuesday Oct. 14th

"Pressed Flowers"
Competition - Holiday Snap

FOLK DANCING

Saturday Oct. 18th

Harvest Supper & Folk Dance

7 for 7.30 until 12

in the Village Hall

Tom Shakespeare with Country
Custom.

By ticket only from the Hon.
Sec. Long Compton 242.

HOOK NORTON EVENING CENTRE

2 classes still have vacancies:

- 20th Century Novelists

Monday evening

- Writers' Circle

Wednesday evening

A new 4 week class starts on
Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 29th
"Entertaining with Ease".

Enquiries to Alan Sibson
Hook Norton 737737.

MR RALPH C. HOGGINS
TYSOE

for regular supplies of

SOLID FUELS

Ring Tysce 281

P.S. Did you know there's a
Bottle Bank in the Park & Ride
Car Park in Oxford? The Car
Park is by the big roundabout
as you approach on the
Woodstock Road.

Why not take your empties next
shopping trip?

THE GARDEN IN OCTOBER

Have you given any thought to the shape and layout of your garden recently? We are coming into the season of alterations, when it is sensible to review the shape of beds of perennials and shrubs and to judge the performance that they have given this summer. It has been a year of exceptional growth so that poor performers can be eliminated and replaced with more worthwhile plants. Don't be afraid to be quite ruthless about replacing old, leggy, wornout shrubs, and while you are doing so, change the shape of the beds, realigning them to give a new vista from your windows. By the end of the month it will be time to cut down herbaceous plants, and, if they have outgrown their sites, lift the clumps and break them up before replanting, using sections from the outside of the old mother-plant, discarding the centre. It is not recommended to use fresh organic manure at this time of year, but a sprinkling of peat helps plants to settle in to new sites, and if the ground is dry, water in well. There is plenty of time for planting new shrubs, but it is well to make up your mind what to buy, and preferably plant before the frosts arrive at the end of November. A few daffodil bulbs planted around the base of trees and shrubs with a single stem will prove a good investment and a lot of pleasure in the spring.

Given reasonable weather, October can be a beautiful month. Starting off with the colours of dahlias, asters and roses, you can look at the garden with fresh eyes and plan what improvements can be made before spring returns, and, relieved of the weekly mowing, you can embark upon the structural work.

JARDIN

DON'T MISS THE BUS

Our local bus service, as you may know, is financially supported by the County Council, so it makes good sense to use it. The Parish Council thought it would be helpful to print the relevant parts of the timetable in the Scene for reference. More detailed information can, of course, be obtained from Tanners.

SIBFORD TO BANBURY

BANBURY TO SIBFORD

	Gower	Ferris	Banbury Bus Stn.	Banbury Bus Stn.	Ferris	Gower
Mon.)	7.55	8.00	8.22	*4.30	4.49	4.51
Wed.)	2.45	2.50	3.12	5.15	5.36	5.39
Fri.)				6.15	6.36	6.39
Tues.	7.55	8.00	8.22	As Mon, Wed and Fri.		
Thurs.	7.55	8.00	8.22	11.05	11.26	11.30
	10.00	10.05	10.30	1.00	1.20	1.23
	12.00	12.05	12.30	2.45	3.10	3.15
	1.25	1.30	1.55	4.30	4.49	4.51
	+3.20	-	3.41	6.15	6.36	6.39
Sat.	7.55	8.00	8.22	10.00	10.24	10.30
	1.30	1.35	2.00	4.00	4.24	4.30
	6.10	6.12	6.35			

+ School Holidays only

* School Term only.

Matthews Buses of Brailes also call at Sibford Gower en route for Banbury.

MISSING SCENE

Occasionally a gremlin gets into our distribution system, or the one issue that contains an important bit of information is lost, or an extra copy is wanted for a friend. No longer will such situations mean a trek to the Gower: Mrs Dyer has kindly agreed to keep a few copies of Sibford Scene at the Post Office, so please help yourselves.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

CHURCH SERVICES

FRIENDS	Meeting for Worship	Sunday 11 a.m.
METHODISTS	Morning Service	Sunday 11 a.m.
HOLY TRINITY	1st Sunday	Holy Communion 8.30 a.m.
	2nd & 4th Sundays	Family Communion 10 a.m.
	3rd Sunday	<u>Harvest Festival</u>
		Family Communion 11.15 Evensong & Holy Communion 6.00 Sunday School 10 a.m. in the Village Hall

WEEKLY EVENTS

YOUTH CLUB	Monday 7.30	Village Hall
LUNCHEON CLUB	Tuesday 12.30	Friends' Hall
FOLK DANCING	Tuesday 7 p.m.	Juniors, 8 p.m. Seniors Village Hall
BROWNIES	Thursday 6 p.m.	Friends' Hall
GUIDES	Thursday 7 p.m.	Village Hall

Thursday 2nd	PLAYGROUP COFFEE MORNING	Nansen House 10.30
Saturday 4th	SALE at the Bishop Blaize	11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday 7th	FRIENDSHIP CLUB Films	Village Hall
Wednesday 8th	HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY A.G.M. and Wine & Cheese	
Thursday 9th	PLAYGROUP A.G.M.	Friends' Hall 8p.m.
Saturday 11th	GARDEN PARTY & FETE at the Bishop Blaize	12 - 6

Tuesday 14th	W.I. Pressed Flowers	Village Hall 2 p.m.
Friday 17th	WHIST DRIVE	Village Hall 7.30
Saturday 18th	FRIENDSHIP CLUB Afternoon Bring & Buy	Village Hall
	FOLK DANCE CLUB Harvest Supper	7-12 Village Hall

Sunday 19th	HARVEST FESTIVAL Services at	11.15 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Tuesday 21st	FRIENDSHIP CLUB "Emergencies"	Friends' School

Monday 27th	SIBFORD ROYAL BRITISH LEGION A.G.M.	Wykham Arms 8.00
Tuesday 28th	METHODIST COFFEE MORNING	10 - 12 Cels Field

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