

# SIBFORD SCENE

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## SPRING SCENE

April is here and Sibford Scene is into its fifth year of publication. We are delighted this month to include some pages produced by children of the Primary School. We hope you enjoy reading their work and that we shall be able to repeat the idea from time to time.

Some very good quizzes also arrived anonymously this month. We are grateful to the shy compilers and will gladly receive any further contributions. Their Football Quiz appears on page 7.

Financial contributions for the next year's issues have already started coming in and we should like to express our thanks for their generosity. More about money next month!

## NATIONWIDE FAME

Did you see Mr Ken Keyser's model engineering factory on BBC's Nationwide?

Although the family company has been in operation for many years - the last eight of them in Banbury - it has recently attracted notice after its success in securing a prestigious French contract, winning Board of Trade commendation. Since then the company has featured in the Financial Times, on Radio Oxford, and now, Nationwide.

The cameras spent a day and a half making the programme, part of which was filmed in Sibford, where the engines were run on the Friends School track which Stuart Hedley built.

## CHESS AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

There are about twenty keen young chess players who would benefit greatly from an occasional game with someone different.

Are there any adults who would be willing to devote the occasional Wednesday lunch hour, 12 to 12.35, to playing chess at the Primary School, or possibly offer one or two pupils a game in the early evening sometimes?

Any help you can offer will be much appreciated. Standards are very variable: please don't feel embarrassed if you think your chess is too rusty! Offers of help please to Rosemary Ratcliffe (Tel.608) or to Mr Mansfield at the School (Tel.270).

## SENIOR CITIZENS' PARTY FUND

The Barn Dance made a profit of £61.75. Thanks to all concerned.



On Tuesday the 9th of March Mr Hayes came to the Village school to show some slides of the earthquake in Italy.

Mr Hayes took two caravans over to Italy for the homeless. This is some of the work the children did after he had gone.

-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-

Children playing, birds are singing,  
Trees are rustling in the wind;  
Everything is motionless,  
Not a bird chanting or a tree rustling in the wind.  
A rumble, a tremble,

CRASH!

Houses falling, dust flying,  
Mothers screaming, children crying.  
Will it ever stop, its carrying on for hours but its only seconds.  
It's over, everyone is crying thinking of their lost ones;  
Houses half standing in the countryside,  
A staircase winding up where a doll is hanging.  
A wooden door of a church left standing with organ pipes falling on top,  
Rubble of houses,  
People left homeless.

TAMITHA CASTLE.

-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-

E for Everyone busy in the streets.  
A for Absolute silence before the earthquake.  
R for Rumble of a slight tremor.  
T for Terrified community as the earthquake erupts.  
H for Houses crumbling.  
Q for the Quiet streets desolate and deserted.  
U for an Uncanny silence.  
A for All the people searching for lost relatives.  
K for people Kneeling down praying it will stop.  
E for Everybody getting organized to start building houses.

JULIAN COX.

-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-

Suddenly with no warning the earth starts to tremble.  
Beneath your feet the earth is trembling, crumbling away.  
It moves so much you can't move, you feel paralysed, stuck to the ground.  
You hear sound around yourself as though the whole earth was gradually  
It's like standing in a boat on the sea. (cracking up.  
The whole area around you is falling to bits.

HELEN FOSTER.

-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-

It's absolutely silent.  
Streets full of terrified people  
Running up to the hillside shouting for help.  
Shovelling bricks,  
Children looking for parents,  
Parents looking for children.  
People lying in the streets.

DEAD!

BARNABY BROWN.

-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-



It was late afternoon and people were coming home.

THEN UNEXPECTEDLY

The earth starts trembling all around.  
Ninety seconds of destruction.  
People lie helpless under the rubble.  
Houses crumble and fall to the ground.  
The people who are left looking for belongings amongst the rubble.  
Thousands are homeless.

JASON TUSTAIN.

-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-

A sudden silence,  
Then a rumble and a crash.

EARTHQUAKE.

People shout and start to run.  
Scared faces,  
Houses falling,  
People digging for families.  
Suddenly it stops dead.  
All that is left is the church and the organ pipes.

CAROL DAVIES.

-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-

After the terrible earthquake in Italy  
Everything is demolished, shattered glass from windows,  
Buildings ready to crumble at the slightest movement.  
Lost toys hanging from stairs.  
Caravans standing on the muddy road.  
The church damaged, broken organ pipes on top of it.  
Everything is destroyed.  
At night the people sleep outside in the bitter cold.

JAYNE FREEMAN.

-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-

Berie,  
Alarming silence,  
Rumbling houses,  
Tumbling rocks,  
Horror dawning,  
Quaking ground,  
Under buried,  
Absolute chaos,  
Kitten meowing,  
Elegy.

Silence,  
Slow rocking,  
Suddenly falling terror,  
Suffocating buried under rubble,  
Shocked crying children,  
Families dead,  
Still.

IAN BAKER.

-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-

TERRIE STEVENS.

-O-O-O-O-O-O-O-



### SIBFORD GUIDES

The Guides are holding another

#### PRIZE BINGO

on Thursday 2nd April from  
7.15 to 9 p.m. in the Village  
Hall.

Entry 5p Refreshments included  
Everyone invited.

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### OLD NEWSPAPERS

We reported a while back that  
Mrs Flinn is no longer able  
to sell old newspapers to  
raise money for good causes.  
We hear that the Friends of the  
Earth make a paper collection  
on the first Saturday of each  
month at 58 Calthorpe Street,  
Banbury. Anyone who wants their  
paper to be put to use is  
welcome to take it along then.  
Mrs Baker of South Cottage,  
Sibford Gower goes on that day  
and could take a certain  
amount with her.

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### WHIST DRIVES

The Holy Trinity Church Social  
Committee announce that six  
winter Whist Drives made a  
profit of £60 after paying all  
expenses and this has been  
paid into the Church repair  
fund.

The Committee would like to  
thank all those who came to the  
Whist Drives, and especially  
those who gave prizes and  
helped in various ways - in  
particular Mr Tom Woodhouse who  
gave up his time to act as  
M.C. It is planned to run  
another series starting in  
October, in response to many  
requests.

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### W.I.

April 14th 2 p.m. Village Hall  
Mrs Hodgins will give a talk on  
Shutford Plush.  
Competition - A plate of 5  
Easter Biscuits.

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Advance Notice - Youth Club  
Jumble Sale - Sat. May 9th.

### SAVE THE CHILDREN

Save The Children Week is here  
again. Collectors will be  
round during the week April 26  
- May 2nd and we hope that you  
will be very generous as the  
S.C.F. continues to give  
tremendous aid to children in  
this and other countries.  
A Coffee Morning will be held  
in the Autumn this year with  
the thought of Christmas and  
the S.C.F. cards and gifts in  
mind.

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### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday 7th  
"Walking in the Himalayas" - a  
talk with films by Mr Smith.

Tuesday 28th  
Half Day Outing - probably a  
mystery tour, but we know  
where we are stopping for a  
cup of tea!

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### SIBFORD ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Tubby Woodhouse invites you to  
a Bring and Buy Coffee Morning  
on Wednesday 8th April at  
10.30 a.m. at The Cottage,  
Sibford Gower.  
As this is the Legion's Diamond  
Jubilee Year, I shall be most  
grateful to everyone who attends.

Dr S.A. Agnew  
Chairman

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### FOLK DANCE CLUB

April's Saturday Dance is on  
the 18th in the Village Hall,  
led by Dennis Manners with  
The Rangers.

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### YOUTH CLUB

We were all most upset to hear  
of Billy Baker's sad death in  
a car accident: he had been a  
member of the club for some  
time, and was much liked, not  
least by the younger members.  
The Rector came into one of  
our Club meetings and we all  
joined in a short service in  
his memory.



### A QUESTION OF SAFETY

For some time the Parish Council has been concerned about the traffic hazard at the Bonds End Lane / Main Street T-junction. Following comments from local road users and residents the Highways Department came, examined the problem and agreed to mark the road with appropriate markings. Unfortunately, when this work was carried out, the marking lines were not where we expected, nor are they effective in use. It is quite impossible to turn right out of Bonds End Lane into Main Street and observe the markings.

Despite the acceptance of this problem (and the mistake) by the relevant Council authorities, we have been unable so far to effect any further work to improve safety at the junction.

We are now asking you, the village road users, to help us in two ways:

- 1 Exercise extreme care and caution at the junction at all times
- 2 Endorse our efforts on your behalf by writing directly to

The County Surveyor and Engineer,  
Oxfordshire County Council,  
Highways Department,  
Speedwell House,  
Speedwell Street,  
Oxford. OX1 1NE

In these days of reduced Council spending we feel our case for action would be strengthened by as much village support as possible..

Sibford Gower Parish Council

### BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Sibford has again been entered in this competition and judging will take place during May and June. Care and tidyness now will result in better appearances for our benefit as well as the Judges!

RALPH C. HOGGINS  
TYSOE  
for regular supplies of  
SOLID FUELS  
Ring Tysoe 281

'MAXIHIRE' for economical self-drive hire. Austin Maxi at Mini rates. Dormobile motor caravan from £49 per week. No mileage charge. No V.A.T. Comprehensive insurance included. Save 40%. Book early. Hire 'MAXIHIRE'.  
Phone Swalcliffe 522

### WANTED

Military books e.g. Uniforms and Regimental History.  
Thomas Hardy Novels  
Owen and Boulger "The Country Month by Month"  
Anything by W.H. Hudson.  
Swalcliffe 271

### WANTED

Glass stoppers to fit an old fashioned decanter.  
Mrs Brown. Tel. 574



## SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The tickets for the May Dance to be held in Sibford Village Hall on May 1st are now available from Committee members at £1.25 including refreshments. There will be dancing to the Brownie Lay Band from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. and a Licensed Bar. Our previous dances have been very successful and we hope to sell as many tickets as possible.

Our yearly outing has been arranged for June 13th, leaving Sibford Crossroads at 10 a.m. and returning at approximately 6 p.m. Firstly we shall call at Broadwell Nurseries and by kind permission of Mr Joe Elliott, we may view his own private garden. We shall then proceed to Seszingcote and on to Batsford Park Arboretum which also has its own nursery for plant sales. We would suggest that you take a packed lunch and we can purchase teas at Batsford if required. Tickets are £1.25 each and would you please let me have your names early to reserve seats on the coach.

Our society has decided to hold a Cake and Produce Sale at Mrs Turner's house, The Leys, Sibford Gower at 10.30 a.m. on May 16th. Proceeds to be donated to the Senior Citizens Christmas Party. Cakes and Produce will be very acceptable to help raise funds.

Committee members - Mrs K. Turner, Mrs T. Law, Mr R. Lambert, Mrs H. Butler.

Telephone  
Swalcliffe 471

John Sabin,  
Pewamo,  
Sibford Gower.

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## CHURCH NOTES

### PASSIONTIDE AND EASTER 1981

Elsewhere the times of services in Sibford Church are set out, and, of course, we invite anyone to join us for those acts of worship. Of particular importance are those on Good Friday (7 p.m.) and on Easter Sunday (8 a.m., 11.15 a.m., 6 p.m.). The middle one on Easter Day is designed especially for whole families, so I hope that there will be many present.

### CHURCH COLLECTIONS - APRIL

I promised last time to let you know the direction in which the collections from the first three Sunday services in each month would be directed. April this year is an odd month. Palm Sunday has no service, and Easter Day collections are given by ancient custom to the Rector. There is, therefore, only the first Sunday: on 5th April the collection will be given to Christian Aid.

On the matter of Easter, it may not be as widely known as it ought to be that, in reality, the Rector does not 'gain' by the method used here. The total sum has to be declared to the relevant authorities who then deduct the sum from the following year's regular pay cheques, so as to keep level the pay of clergy, no matter how wealthy or otherwise are his parishioners.

Timothy Wimbush



## THE GARDEN IN APRIL

The unsettled weather in March has delayed the preparation of the ground for seed sowing. It is still wet and cold but the lengthening days will bring some sunshine and, we hope, some mild breezes.

We should be thinking about the annual flowers now to be sown in the open ground. Asters are very good value for money; they come in a great variety of colours and heights and have a long season of flower. Calendulas come mainly in shades of yellow and orange and can be relied upon to provide a bold show of colour even in relatively poor ground. Godetias are easy to grow from April sowing in the open ground the seed has been improved a good deal and an inexpensive packet of mixed seed gives a good variety of colour. The dwarf plants are probably the best choice as they do not suffer so much in bad weather. On the other hand, Larkspur is an easy grower, and again, a packet of mixed seed provides a good variety of colour. The French Marigold is worth growing from an April sowing in open ground.

Sweet Peas are generally sown in pots early in the year in a warm greenhouse, but they come perfectly well in the open ground. They like a good soil and repay growing in a trench and covered with cloches if possible. Dahlias are easily raised from seed sown now in boxes and kept in the greenhouse until May. The seed germinates quickly, so space it out to develop sturdy plants.

No doubt you will take a first cut off the lawn at any time now. The grass is growing rapidly and it pays to keep it under control early in the season and to trim the edges to make a clean start.

JARDIN

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## FOOTBALL QUIZ

- 1 Which was the first British team to win the European Cup and in which year?
- 2 Which team won the 1968 European Cup final? What was the score? Who scored the goals for the winning team?
- 3 Name the 1966 England World Cup winning team.
- 4 What team did Kevin Keegan play for before Liverpool?
- 5 What are the official names of these clubs?  
a) The Owls    b) The Cobblers    c) The Baggies    d) The Seasiders
- 6 What teams play on the following grounds?  
a) Filbert Street    b) The Manor    c) Craven Cottage    d) Ibrox Park
- 7 Which teams are these managers associated with?  
a) Terry Niel    b) Bobby Robson    c) Mike England    d) Nigel Cassidy
- 8 Which player has played for all these clubs?  
Hibernian, Fulham, San Jose, Earthquakes.

- ANSWERS
- 1 Glasgow Celtic 1967
  - 2 Manchester United 4-1 R. Charlton (2), G. Best, D. Saddle
  - 3 Banks, Wilson, Cohen, Moore, J. Charlton, Stiles, Ball, Hunt, Hurst, R. Charlton, Peters.
  - 4 Scunthorpe
  - 5 a) Sheffield Wednesday    b) Northampton Town    c) West Bromwich Albion    d) Blackpool
  - 6 a) Leicester City    b) Oxford United    c) Fulham    d) Glasgow Rangers
  - 7 a) Arsenal    b) Ipswich    c) Wales    d) Barnbury United.
  - 8 George Best



CALENDAR FOR APRIL

## CHURCH SERVICES

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

SUNDAY 11 a.m.

METHODISTS

SUNDAY 11 a.m.

HOLY TRINITY

5th HOLY COMMUNION 8.30 a.m.  
12th PALM SUNDAY SERVICE AT EPWELL 10 am.m

19th EASTER SUNDAY

HOLY COMMUNION 8 a.m. (Prayer Book)

FAMILY COMMUNION 11.15 (New)

EVENSONG & HOLY COMMUNION 6 p.m.

26th FAMILY COMMUNION 10 a.m.

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 Holy Communion 7.15 p.m.

Guides Prize Bingo 7.15 Village Hall

Saturday 4th Holy Communion 8.15 a.m.

Tuesday 7th      Holy Communion    7.15 a.m.

Friendship Club "Walking in the Himalayas"

Wednesday 8th British Legion Coffee Morning - The Cottage - 10.30

Thursday 9th Holy Communion 7.15 p.m.

Saturday 11th Holy Communion 8.15 a.m.

Monday 13th      Holy Communion      7.15 p.m.

Tuesday 14th W.I. "Shutford Plush" Village Hall 2 p.m.

Holy Communion 7.15 a.m. and 7.15 p.m.

Wednesday 15th Holy Communion 7.15 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY      Evening Service    7 p.m.

Saturday 18th Folk Dance 8 p.m. Village Hall

EASTER SUNDAY See above for services

Sunday 26th      Save the Children Week begins

Monday 27th School and Playgroup Term begins

Tuesday 28th. Friendship Club Half-Day Outing

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MAY DEADLINE Tuesday 21st April please.

(Before Easter if possible)