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# SIBFORD SCENE

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## SIBFORD AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Thank you to all who braved the snow to attend the inaugural meeting of the above - for which we have yet to decide upon the name.

From the overwhelming response, the future of amateur dramatics in the Sibfords is clear - be prepared for our forthcoming productions!

Our meetings are held each Tuesday evening and we would welcome any additional support. For further information please contact Erica Wolfenden (Swa.432)

Erica Wolfenden

## BANBURY GAMES - EASTER WEEKEND

The Sibford, Epwell and Shenington area is entering a ladies netball team into this inter-village tournament. It has been difficult to discover who the netball players are. If you have hidden talents on the Netball Court (or used to have - some of the volunteers say they haven't played for 20 years), or if you would just like to have a game, please contact Sue Lambert (544).

The tournament is on Easter Monday morning, and we are having a practice on the afternoon of March 28th.

Sue Lambert

\* \* \* \* \* MISS SIBFORD \* \* \* \* \*

In connection with the Open Village Weekend, Miss Sibford will be chosen at the Youth Club Disco evening on Monday 24th May. It will be a very informal evening and we hope as many young ladies as possible will enter.

The only rules for entry :-

1. You must live in the Sibfords or belong to one of the organisations which use the Village Hall.
2. You must be at least 14 and not older than 21 on Monday 24th May.

The successful contestant will receive a trophy and sash, plus the gift of a dress to wear for her various duties throughout the villages over the village weekend.

Please complete and return the entry form on page 2 to Mrs J. Skeath, Secretary Village Hall Committee, Nansen House, Sibford Friends School, or to the Leader of any village organisation.



SILVER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS FOR THE  
VILLAGE HALL

The weekend 25th-27th June has now been chosen to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Village Hall. The outline plan for the weekend is as follows:

Friday 25th June

Concert of light music in the Parish Church, followed by a supper in the Village Hall.

The Church will be decorated with flowers for the whole weekend.

Saturday 26th June

Open Village Day.

Gymkhana from 10 a.m.

Afternoon - Helicopter rides over the surrounding villages

Crowning of Miss Sibford

Open gardens, teas, exhibitions, craft demonstrations, pets corner, stalls and side shows in gardens etc.

Evening - Junior Disco 6-8 p.m.

A Country and Western flavoured barbecue and disco in the Village Hall

Sunday 27th June

Morning - an interdenominational open-air service at the Friends School field  
Picnic lunch

Afternoon - A sports afternoon to cater for everyone - tennis, rounders, croquet, children's races, and an inter-village cricket match.

Evening - A music recital in the Friends Meeting House

Mrs Tomkins of Tyne Hill Farm has kindly offered to organise the Gymkhana for us. In order to help with the costs of providing rosettes for the various events she would like to hear from anyone, or groups or organisations who might help by providing sponsorship for one of the classes. No amount would be too small.

To make this weekend both enjoyable and successful, we are hoping for the fullest support from both villages. If you feel you can share your interests and hobbies (e.g. painting, handicrafts, bee-keeping, gardening) with us, or would like to help in any way with part of the programme, please contact

Tony Rye Swa. 763

Janette Skeath Swa. 494

Maureen Hicks Swa. 259

AND FINALLY.....Village Hall A.G.M.....Friday 30th April 7.45

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MISS SIBFORD ENTRY FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TEL. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to abide by the rules for entry

Signed \_\_\_\_\_



## "1st THE SIBFORDS" CUB SCOUT PACK

It is hoped that the pack will start this Spring. It will probably meet in the Village Hall from 6.30 to 8 p.m. on Fridays. Initially, the pack will be open to boys between the ages of eight and ten.

If your son is interested in joining, please contact Richard Austing at 6, Barley Close, Sibford Gower (Swalcliffe 358).

An open meeting for parents and others interested, to learn more about the proposed new group will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30 on Friday 2nd April.

Incidentally, we are still looking for an assistant helper or two (male or female). If you think you might be interested in helping with the Cub Pack, Richard Austing would be pleased to hear from you.

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## LOOKING BACK

Reading in the January Scene the call for a Cub Leader in the Village brought memories to us. In 1940, Mrs Campbell, who was living in Buttslade House, decided to open a Scout and Cub pack as many of our village boys and evacuees wished to join. This she did with my help as Cub mistress. The group grew to well over 30 Scouts and 20 Cubs. Learning as we went along the rules and regulations of Leadership, we certainly made our mark.

Sadly in 1942 Mrs Campbell was forced to leave. Our District Commissioner, Lord Saye and Sele, who had previously been Scout Master in Sibford, was a great help when we went with our plight to Broughton Castle. "Have you asked Eric Payne?". "No," we said, "do you think he would be interested?" - with that he was approached and he accepted the challenge.

From then on we had many happy group meetings in part of the old Village Hall behind the Wykham Arms. With candles and one wall lamp, we did our weekly scout work. One scout took a great dislike to marching practice that we had to do for a Church Parade, so each time he passed a candle, he blew it out, leaving us with one small lamp. After that our friend was missing every time we had this particular exercise. However, he must look back on it with a glint in his eye, because he is now a University gentleman and happily married.

The boys entertained the village each year with a pantomime. The one coming to mind was the great success of Robin Hood and His Merry Men, performed in the Manor Hall.

Lord Saye and Sele supported us throughout our Scouting life and was kind enough to let our group camp in his grounds each year with his supervision.

Memories are numerous, and may we wish the new Cub master and his boys Good Luck and go forward in strength.

Eric and Mabel Payne

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### LOST

Will the kind person please bring back my large red torch that was taken on March 14th between 11.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. from the side of my car while I cleaned it out. Great sentimental value to me.

Thank you.

Cedric Brown (Swa. 713)

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### WANTED

CLEANER urgently required 6 hours per week.

Phone Swa. 410 evenings.

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Customers of Mr Stokes, the travelling greengrocer will be sorry to hear of his recent collapse. He doesn't expect to be round again for at least another couple of weeks.



### MEALS ON WHEELS

We are very sorry to lose one of our helpers. Mrs Huckings has left Sibford, having delivered once a month for seven years and never missed a single day! Many thanks, Mrs Huckings and to Mrs Johnson of Burdrop who has offered to take her place with Mrs Bristov

School holidays are always a problem as it means some of our members cooking as well as delivering. This is especially difficult at periods such as Christmas and Easter when many people are away or have visitors. Meals will be cooked this April except in the week beginning Monday April 12th.

M.B. Flinn

RALPH C. HOGGINS

TYSOE

for regular supplies of

SOLID FUELS

Ring Tysoe 281

### 'DON'T FORGET

FISH & CHIPS IN SIBFORD ON FRIDAYS

(times approximate)

High Meadow	6.35
Bonds End Lane (Pond)	6.50
Barley Close	6.55
Primary School	7.00
Burdrop	7.05
Cotswold Close	7.10
Sibford Shop	7.25

Listen on Fridays for the hooter

### JULIA PHILLIPS

It gives me great pleasure to hear of a further scholastic success for the Phillips family of New Barn Farm. You will recall that Henry obtained an open scholarship to Rugby School, and now Julia has been successful in gaining an open scholarship to Ellerslie Public School near Malvern. We congratulate her on this splendid achievement and wish them both well for the future.

I am sure we are all very sorry that the family is leaving us for fresh fields and pastures new near Wolverhampton. Our good wishes go with them and we look forward to keeping in touch through the branches of the family remaining in the village.

Mary Poulton

### NOTES FROM THE GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

#### ELECTIONS

These will take place on Thursday 6th May to elect a Parish Council to serve for the next four years. If you would like to be considered as a Councillor, nomination papers are available from the Clerk to the Parish Council, Mr W. Johnson, Burdrop House. They must be completed and returned to Cherwell District Council Offices by 12 noon on 5th April.

#### SHEPHERDS CLOSE

There is some prospect that the disused land at Shepherds Close may be returned to use as allotments. If anyone is interested in this scheme, please contact Mr W. Johnson, Burdrop House. Tel. 338

#### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

A reminder that this important meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Friday 23rd April at 7.30 p.m. Please come along and support your Parish Council on all matters concerning the village.



## 40 YEARS ON

Now that the improvements and modernisation of Friends Meeting House Cottage and burial ground entrance are nearly completed, thanks to the generosity of John and Elizabeth Endersby, it may be of interest to tell how the premises were used 40 years ago.

When evacuees began to pour out of London in August 1940, members of Banbury Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends (Quakers) hurriedly borrowed and begged bedding and other necessary furnishings so that the Mission Room belonging to Sibford Friends Meeting could give temporary accommodation to some of these.

A family group of 2 adults and 5 children was lodged in the body of the small hall and a woman with 2 babies was given refuge in the gallery above. A very small kitchen with sink and stove and cupboard was shared. Other empty and condemned cottages were taken over, making a total of 16 emergency homes and 163 people were housed for shorter or longer periods. Of these, 124 stayed 1 to 6 years. Many evacuees needed a great deal of help and encouragement while they adjusted their life-style to the primitive country conditions: a well and village tap, no drains, and shopping from visiting vans once a week. People generally settled down well, so much so that some invited their relations and caused problems of overcrowding, but the children enjoyed and benefited from the new way of life.

In 1982, looking back, it seems a long time ago, but Christmas still brings letters and cards from many who were given refuge in a remote and peaceful countryside bordering the north Cotswolds.

Norman Coxon

(This is a condensed version of a  
very detailed account by Margaret Baker)

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## AN APPRECIATION

"It's an ill wind....." and certainly the need for re-roofing the Village Hall is not without its compensations, not least being the treat we enjoyed on the evening of March 13th.

What a totally successful event it was - such quality entertainment from the Belvedere Singers (weren't they superb?), such a lavish "light supper" (all praise to the ladies responsible) and all amid such an informal and congenial atmosphere.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all responsible for a truly delightful evening.

(from a member of the audience)

.....and from the Committee the news that the evening made a profit of £90. At the Concert we were also given the good news that the Roof Fund has been granted £700 from the Cherwell District Council lottery and a further £250 from the Gower and Ferris Parish Councils.

## VILLAGE HALL REPAIR AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

We are very pleased with, and grateful for, the response so far, although we have not yet reached our target of £8,000.

Now that we have had the south side of the roof replaced, paid for the shingles for the north side, and had to have some plumbing and electrical work done, we need to achieve our £8,000, especially as further repairs are becoming urgent.

We are hoping to wind up the appeal in June. Next month we shall be publishing the figure reached so far, and, in accordance with the usual legal practice, a list of the names (name only, not amounts) of those who have kindly contributed. If you have promised a contribution or covenant or are still thinking of doing so, please contact one of the Stewards. They are Dr. Agnew, Mr. Bristow, Mr. Coxon, Mr. Gilchrist and Mr. Rye.



## YOUTH CLUB

### SPRING JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 17th April at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. Proceeds to club funds. All welcome. Phone David Baker (676) for jumble collection.

### SAVE THE CHILDREN

Save the Children Week is April 25th-May 1st. The Fund is doing great work in the deprived areas in this country and in the Third World, particularly now in Central America.

Sibford has always been very generous to S.C.F. in the past and, hopefully, will be again this year. Our collectors will be round some time during that week. Many thanks.

Sue Lambert

## LEO CLUB

Annual Dinner, Tuesday April 20th at the Old School House Hotel, Bloxham. 7.30 for 8 p.m. Details from Anne Spicer (690)

### FRESH FISH

Brought straight from Grimsby to your door

on Monday evenings (7.45-8.30)

Watch out for the blue van

### FRESH GRIMSBY FISH

or ring Mrs Meadows (Ban.51076) at the weekend to arrange a call.

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The visit to the Village School was a great success, with an entertainment mostly done by the younger children and a most interesting exhibition of craft work displayed by 4 or 5 of the older boys. Many of the older girls served the delicious tea and cakes, many of which had been cooked by them and some by members of the staff. To finish the afternoon, everyone was invited to visit any of the class rooms in the school where the children were busy doing quite a variety of work. They answered any questions the visitors put to them, and I'm sure we were all most impressed both with the work and the children's answers!

Tuesday April 6th Village Hall

A visit from Mr Martin Dee, a farmer from Blockley who has a gift for making country life (including playing tunes on farm implements) an afternoon of laughter for everyone. Visitors who are as curious as we are are welcomed.

Tuesday April 20th

Mrs Eileen Brookes (whose husband has visited us twice with legal advice) is bringing her slides of their holiday in America, including the Grand Canyon, through Florida to Disneyland.

## W.I.

The W.I. met on March 9th. Plans were finalised for the Group meeting for local Institutes scheduled for March 26th.

Nominations were sought for members to replace retiring Committee members and also for a new President. Mrs Crabtree has completed three years as President and now wishes to stand down. It will be difficult to find someone as conscientious and able to replace her and the members are most grateful to her and the retiring committee for all their hard work.

Mr Campbell of Woodstock Museum gave an interesting talk on Bird Migration and was thanked by Mrs Law. Tea was provided by Mrs Kinnish and Mrs Turner and the Holiday Souvenir competition was won by Mrs Spicer, 2nd Mrs Hutchinson, 3rd Mrs Soden.

The April meeting will be on the 13th at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall when Mr Kinnish will speak on Stamp Collecting. Bring along your favourite piece of glass for the competition.

Mrs M. Bristow



## THE GARDEN IN APRIL

Officially Spring has arrived. However, there is still time to plant and move shrubs and herbaceous plants. Use plenty of peat and tread firmly in, not forgetting to stake where necessary.

The grass is growing and you will soon be thinking of taking a first cut of the lawn: set the mower blade high and collect the clippings. Give the lawn a raking and prick any compacted areas which can be reseeded now. All grass will benefit from fertilizer brushed in; trim the edges straight and start the season well.

This is a good time to complete early pruning of all roses except ramblers. Use a combined spray against black spot, mildew and greenfly, choosing a quiet, windless day, and finally give a dressing of fertilizer.

In the vegetable garden, early potatoes can be sown from the second week of the month, taking care to earth up in case of late frosts. Epicure and Sharp's Express are reliable old varieties. Be prepared to take advantage of any few days of kind weather to sow some seeds of slow-growing crops. Careful preparation of the ground is important for vegetables, but it differs from one crop to another: carrots, parsnips and long beet should not be grown on freshly manured ground or you run the risk of producing forked rather than straight roots. Most vegetables are hungry crops and the ground set aside for them should have been dug and manured each year, but try to avoid growing the same crop on the same land each year. Crop rotation helps to reduce and control the incidence of soil-borne pests and diseases.

Hardy annuals sown from March to May will flower this summer. The soil should be well prepared, moist and friable. If it is over-wet, germination will suffer, but the top two inches should be kept moist in dry weather. Do not sow too deep - cover the seed to twice its diameter.

This is going to be an opportunist Spring, so be prepared to seize every opportunity the weather gives to get on the ground.

Jardin

## SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on April 14th, which, unfortunately, falls on Easter Wednesday, but we hope as many members as possible will be able to attend. Mr G. Horton of Stourbridge, a member of the British and European Geranium Society, will speak on "Geraniums" ending with slides, which should be a very well worthwhile evening. He has kindly offered to bring plants for sale, which will give members a chance to replenish any losses sustained during the very hard winter.

We have arranged for an outing to Kew Gardens on June 12th, leaving Sibford at 9 a.m. returning approx. 6.30 - 7 p.m. Tickets for coach seat £1.50. Will you please book your seats by April 30th to enable us to offer empty seats to local Societies. May I add that this outing is open to any Sibford resident who would like to go. Refreshments can be obtained at a tea bar/pavilion.

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the Treasure Hunt and Barbecue as it clashes with another village function, but another date is to be arranged.

John Sabin

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## EILEEN BAKER

Eileen Baker, who died just before last Christmas, had expressed the wish that her ashes be buried near the family graves at the Friends Meeting House, Sibford Gower, and a Memorial Meeting is being arranged in connection with this on Saturday 24th April at 3 p.m.



## DR BARNARDO'S APPEAL

I would like to thank Mrs Hicks, Mrs Broady, Mrs Conway, Mrs Bristow and Mrs Diana Baker who so kindly helped me with the recent house to house collection for Dr Barnardo's. The total amount forwarded was £69.50 a truly splendid effort. A very big thank you also to you all for giving so generously and receiving us so cheerfully.

Mary Poulton

## CALENDAR FOR APRIL

### CHURCH SERVICES

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS	Sunday 11 a.m.
METHODISTS	Sunday 11 a.m.
HOLY TRINITY	4th Palm Sunday. United Service at Tadmarton 10 a.m.
	Monday 5th Holy Communion 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
	Tuesday 6th Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.
	Wednesday 7th Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.
	Thursday 8th Service of Communion for Maundy Thursday 8 p.m.
	The Church remains open for prayer until midnight.
	Good Friday 9th Service at Epwell at 1.30 p.m.
	Service at Sibford at 7 p.m.
Easter Sunday	Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.
	Family Service with Communion 11.15am
Sunday 18th	Morning Service with Communion 11 a.m.
Sunday 25th	Family Holy Communion 10 a.m.

### WEEKLY EVENTS

TODDLERS	Monday 1.45 Village Hall
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

Friday 2nd	Cubs Open Meeting 7.30 Village Hall
Tuesday 6th	Friendship Club Martin Dee entertains
Tuesday 13th	W.I. Stamp Collecting 2 p.m. Village Hall
Wednesday 14th	Horticultural Society 'Geraniums' 8 p.m. Village Hall
Saturday 17th	Youth Club Jumble Sale 2 p.m. Village Hall
Monday 19th	Playgroup re-opens
Tuesday 20th	School re-opens
	Friendship Club 'A Holiday in America'
	Leo Club Annual Dinner
Friday 23rd	Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting 7.30 Village Hall
Saturday 24th	Memorial Meeting for Eileen Baker 3 p.m.
Sunday 25th	Save the Children Week begins
Friday 30th	Village Hall A.G.M. 7.45

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