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# SIBFORD SCENE

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## SPANISH SIBFORD

Tourists from all over the world visit Pamplona in Northern Spain to see the San Firmin Festival which takes place annually from 7th to 15th July. Five-year-old fighting bulls rush murderously through the narrow streets. This is known as 'the running of the bulls'.

In our lovely, quiet village of Sibford we also have a festival which takes place twice a day (weather permitting). This is known as 'the walking of the cows' under the personal supervision of Erico Paynio. Could it be that Sibford will become as large a tourist attraction as Pamplona?

Thank you Eric and all those like you for giving this wonderful 'olde worlde' charm. Keep up the good work.

Antonio

## GIVE A CHILD A HOLIDAY

For years these villages have offered several hostesses willing to have a child or two for a week in the country under the W.R.V.S. Children's Holiday Scheme.

The children, usually aged between about 5 and 11 or 12, are those who, for various reasons, would otherwise have no holiday at all. Last year seven families in the Sibfords had children, and this was greatly appreciated by the family, the hostess and the children.

Anyone willing to offer a week in the Summer holidays should contact Mrs M.B. Flinn, Orchard Cottage, Sibford Gower. Telephone Swalcliffe 209.

## PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

Have you any photographs of the build up to, or the opening of, the Village Hall 25 years ago?

Keith Hicks (259) would like to borrow them if you have, and promises to take special care of them while in his possession.



## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10th - 16th

These weeks in which the general public is invited to help specific causes flood in thick and fast once the better weather is here. People say that they are too close - but they are nationally planned so there is nothing we can do about it. It so happens that in Sibford we have keen S.C.F. planners, dedicated Red Cross collectors and conscience-stricken Christian Aid supporters. May I then outline our plans for this year.

- 1 Coffee Morning 10.30 - 12 noon at the Rectory, Tuesday 11th with Bring and Buy and the usual features.
- 2 Austerity lunch 12 noon - 1.30 at the Rectory Friday 14th. Pay a decent price (open to your conscience) for a meal of very simple fare to Western eyes which would seem a banquet to many underdeveloped people.
- 3 Place a donation (i) through the Rectory letter-box  
(ii) in the collection plate at Holy Trinity Church on any of the first three Sundays of May - all open collections in May have been pledged to Christian Aid.

Timothy Wimbush

## SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

The Council would like to appeal to EVERYONE to consider seriously their own and their children's attitudes to litter and the use of village footpaths.

The overall appearance of the village is being spoiled by increasing amounts of litter and debris. With judging for the Best Kept Village taking place during the next few months, we shall be penalised heavily for an untidy village.

The councillors are also increasingly worried about the riding of bicycles, motorcycles and horses along village footpaths. Everyone is reminded that horses may not be ridden on footpaths, and bicycles and motorcycles should be dismounted and wheeled on village footpaths.

This is only a sensible safety precaution for the protection of young and old alike.

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDRENS SOCIETY

Thank you all for so generously supporting this, the second of two children's appeals to fall within a month. My grateful thanks also to Miss R. Inns, Mrs J. Smith, Mrs E. Payne, Mrs R. Spicer, Mr and Mrs J. Gilchrist, Dame Anne Stephens, Mr B. Keen, and the Misses Todd for so kindly helping with the collecting. £72 was raised.

I have a number of collecting boxes for this charity and if anyone feels that they would like to contribute on a regular basis by popping in the odd coin or two, I shall be very happy to supply them with a box.

Mary Poulton

## SMALL ADS HERE

FREE RANGE BANTAM EGGS 60p a dozen.  
Tompkins, Tyne Hill Farm.

BRITAX CAR SEAT. Very good condition. £12.  
Pauline Crawford Swa. 606



## HIGH FLIERS PAGE

### HELICOPTER RIDES OVER SIBFORD

See the Sibfords and neighbouring villages by Helicopter! on Open Village Day, Saturday 26th June. The landing pad and car park will be either on the 'Piece' between Folly Farm and the Friends' School, or on the Friends' School playing field, depending on Mr Bishop's crops.

Advance booking tickets at £6 per person will be available from representative members of the Village Hall Committee, or can be ordered by phone from Mr D. Baker (676), Mrs M. Hicks (259) or Mr A. Rye (763).

### A L S O

A chance to win a flight from Coventry Airport to Sibford, or from Sibford to Coventry. We will provide transport if necessary. Seats for these flights are being raffled. Tickets, price £1, can be bought from the same sources as the ride tickets.

Tony Rye

### MISS SIBFORD

MONDAY 24th MAY

7.30

VILLAGE HALL

This evening is open to everyone to enjoy, whether a contestant or not. Come along and support our local young ladies. The evening will begin with the choosing of MISS SIBFORD; an interval with John Gadd and his music; then a disco.

Come on Mums, get your daughters entered and enjoy a night out. Entrance to the Hall 50p. on the evening.

Further details from David Baker, 10 Cotswold Close (676).  
David Baker

### HIGH FLIER DISCO

A reminder that on the Open Village Saturday there will be two Discos: one for the Juniors from 6 to 8, and then from 8 until midnight another with a Country and Western flavour. If you can come dressed to fit the theme, so much the better.

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### THANK YOU PAINTERS

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank the two villagers and their families who have given parts of the Village Hall a real Springtime facelift.

Annette and Roger Gilbert have decorated the committee room, making it fresh, bright and pleasant again. Thank you.

Thanks also to Tony Keyte, who, with his High Flier Disco, spends many long hours on the Village Hall stage. He has tastefully painted this area ready to host our evening to select Miss Sibford.



### LEO CLUB

The Leo ladies are going for a walk on Tuesday 25th May, meeting at the Cross at 7.30. Further details from Ann Spicer (Swa. 690)

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### RED CROSS

On Thursday 6th May, the members of the Sibford Youth Club, under the supervision of David Baker, will be making the annual collection for the Red Cross.

Please give a cheerful and generous welcome to the collectors who will be doing a very good turn for a great cause.

Anne Stephens

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### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday May 4th

A group of our own members are planning a programme to entertain the rest of us. It is all very secret and we look forward to that afternoon very much.

Tuesday May 18th

Mr Frank Scotford, a retired schoolmaster from Coventry whose hobby is filming all over the world and giving talks on his travels. Another of his hobbies is taking boys on trips to places of historical interest for two weeks at a time. A very energetic retirement.

Wednesday May 19th

Annual meeting of Age Concern, Oxfordshire, in the Freemasons Hall, Oxford. As usual, we hope one car full will be able to attend.

Tuesday May 25th

Half day outing to Water Perry Nursery Garden Centre, near Wheatley. Tea and scones are available and there is also a shop selling fruit, flowers and vegetables.

M.B. Flinn

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### 1st THE SIBFORDS CUBS

In this, The Year of the Scout, the three communities are once again to have a Cub Pack, - or, more properly as it is known today, a Cub Scout Pack. It was 1963 when the previous Scout organisation had to close through lack of interested boys old enough to make the Pack viable.

Today, under the leadership of a new Cub Scoutmaster, Richard Austing, ten boys will begin training in the tradition set up by Baden-Powell seventy-five years ago.

As with any organisation, the Cub Scouts will need funds to purchase the many items of equipment necessary to ensure a good start.

1st The Sibfords are holding a Coffee Morning in the Mission Room on Saturday 15th May from 10.15 to 11.45 a.m.

Attractions will include a Cake Stall, Bring and Buy Stall, Raffle etc. Admission 20p including coffee.

PLEASE COME ALONG AND GIVE YOUR SUPPORT TO THIS NEW AND WORTHWHILE VENTURE.

Keith Hicks  
(Support Group)

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### CARIBBEAN EVENING

Swalcliffe Village Hall Committee are holding a Grand Caribbean Evening with music and dancing to the Phase 1 Steel Band from Coventry on Friday 14th May at The Grange, Swalcliffe.

The evening is expected to be a great success as this Band is superb. Can you sit still with such a rhythm going?

Food will be plentiful and we are hoping to include a pig roast. The event starts at 8 p.m. and continues till midnight with a licensed bar on the premises.

All tickets from Carol Nicholls (Swa. 621) or Gillian Brooks (295) at £2.25, refreshments included. Why not make up a party?

Carol Nicholls



# S P O R T S S C E N E

## CRICKETERS!

As part of the Open Village weekend celebrations, a cricket match between the Gower and Ferris has been arranged for the Sunday afternoon of June 27th at the 'Friends' School.

The precise rules of the match are still being negotiated with the Test and County Cricket Board, but each side must include at least two ladies in the team and also a tennis ball be used.

Those of you who pretend to be either a potential Geoff Boycott or Rachel Hayhoe Flint should contact either Gerald Wolfenden (432) or Gordon Crawford (606) for the Ferris/Burdrop team, or myself (618) for the Gower team.

If Lords are unable to loan us the Ashes we will, no doubt, find some other suitable trophy to contest.

John Smith  
9, Barley Close

## BANBURY GAMES

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who took part in the Games, and also a special thank you to everyone who helped me to organise the twelve teams that took part, and to those who braved the cold weather to come along and support us.

Sibford (grouped with Shenington, Alkerton and Epwell) came a very creditable 5th out of 14 teams in the Games.

Thanks again.

Colin Crisp

## NETBALL

The Sibford netball team were very pleased to come 4th. We won 5 out of 8 matches and thoroughly enjoyed playing. Many thanks to those who played and to all those who came to the practices beforehand. The practices certainly helped - particularly to those who hadn't touched a netball for over ten years! It seems to have revived an interest in netball which we might continue in the Autumn.

Team players: E. Wolfenden, M. Taylor, K. Stewart, J. Wealsby, S. Lambert, A. Spicer, J. White, D. Wealsby, J. Bishop.

Sue Lambert

We hear that the village entered an amazing array of sports: points were given down to 6th place so we scored in all but two. Archery 4th, Badminton 5th, Bowls 4th, darts 5th, Football 3rd, Golf 4th, Mixed Hockey 5th, Netball 4th, Rifle and Pistol 5th, Table Tennis 5th, Tennis 4th, Squash and Indoor Cricket.

Between 30 and 40 people from the Sibfords took part in the various events, and more would have been willing to do so had it not been the Easter weekend.

Notable among the sportsmen were Lewis Poulton in the Bowls, George Hall in the Golf and a Hockey team consisting of Mike Westwood and four Lambs!



## W.I. NEWS

Sibford W.I. were hosts to neighbouring Institutes for an evening Group meeting on Friday March 26th. We were pleased to welcome Mrs Sheehan, Voluntary County Organiser, and Mrs Thompson, County Representative on the Executive, to the meeting. Altogether about 70 people listened to a fascinating talk by Mrs Joy Spiers on "Adventures of a Country Vet", which set everyone laughing and talking and contributed to a friendly meeting. Home-made refreshments were provided and there was time for socializing, a raffle, a "spot the celebrity" competition, and the judging by Mrs Spiers of a decorated hen's egg competition. Thanks to all who helped with the preparations.

The monthly meeting was treated to a most interesting talk on Stamp Collecting. There were some beautiful stamps on display and the diversity and scope of the subject was well put across. Mrs Strange and Miss Bennett served tea and the competition was won by Mrs Crabtree for her favourite piece of glass; 2nd Mrs Strange; 3rd Mrs Baggaley.

Two members of the Institute who entered patchwork items for the Gold Medal Competition did very well. Mrs Strange, who made a knitting bag, gained a Red Star Award (81-90%), and Mrs Spicer gained a Green Star Award for her velvet clutch bag (71-80%).

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on May 11th at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. Resolutions to be presented by the Institute Delegate at the Annual General Meeting of the W.I. at the Albert Hall will be discussed and members' views sought.

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## CHURCH NEWS

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

All whose children have attended Holy Trinity Sunday School over the past few years owe to Robin and Ann Spicer a great debt of gratitude. They have, with support from Paula Keen, and one or two others on a less regular basis, spent much time preparing and teaching the youngsters. They feel that they have done their stint and others ought to take a turn.

Mrs Mary Poulton, who has done a little teaching in the past, feels that she would be able to help, with the proviso that there are others found who would be willing to help out on odd occasions. The Rector would be delighted to hear of any who would like to help Mary in this way; and all those children who have attended in recent years will be informed of the time and place. In the meantime, as you can see from the Calendar, we shall try and fill that gap by gearing the services towards the children.

### PATRONAL FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th June

Saturday evening - a simple concert by local people on the lines of the Shrove Tuesday concert - with the emphasis on the young.

Sunday evening - 6 p.m. Songs of Praise. Choose your favourite hymn and let the Rector know beforehand! and we shall sing them. Supper at the Rectory afterwards.

The weekend marks the festival of the Holy Trinity. Any proceeds to Church Funds.

Timothy Wimbush

P.S. Don't forget Tadmarton Church Flower Festival, Saturday 1st-Monday 3rd May. Notices in village.



## THE GARDEN IN MAY

April weather has not been particularly kind. The soft warm rain that the poets used to write about has once again given way to dry weather but the grass and weeds are not deterred although the trees are most reluctant to come into leaf. It has been a good month for daffodils which have a wonderful show of bloom and have not had to endure rain and gale. Let them die down naturally: it is better to put up with two or three weeks untidiness while the bulbs store up food for next years flowers.

This month is the time to plant out the early-flowering chrysanthemum plants. Rich, well manured ground is desirable to get the plants off to a good start. Watch for slugs and pests and stake them in good time. How did your dahlia tubers overwinter? No doubt you have got them out of store and set them up in trays to encourage growth of new shoots for cuttings, although in what promises to be a late season you won't be planting them out until June. Meantime you can prepare the ground by manuring it well. May is traditionally the month for planting summer flowering bulbs. One thinks first of gladioli which benefit from a long growing season. They are best planted in groups of 6-8 bulbs of the same colour; a sprinkling of sand in the bottom helps growth. Plant at least 4" deep and give a handful of fertilizer when you replace the soil. It will be the end of the month before you can plant out begonias, but they will benefit from being started up in boxes in peat under glass.

In the vegetable garden beans can be sown from the middle of the month. Runner beans and dwarf french beans both benefit from well manured soil and shallow trenches help to retain moisture if we get a dry summer. Sow some seeds in boxes under glass as an insurance against late frost. Marrows sown in 3" pots, two seeds to each pot, discarding one seedling when planting out, should get you off to a good start. Maincrop turnip, carrot and beetroot should be sown in the middle of the month.

JARDIN

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## TRAVELLERS QUIZ

Which European countries do these towns belong to?

Bilbao	2	Bremen
3 Vienna	4	Utrecht
5 Liege	6	Biarritz
7 Petange	8	Bern
9 Lagos	10	Debrecen

10	Hungary
8	Switzerland
6	France
4	Netherlands
1	Spain
2	Germany
3	Austria
5	Belgium
7	Luxembourg
9	Portugal

ANSWERS

We hope you find the enclosed leaflets from Shergolds useful. This kind of advertising is a new venture for the Scene and helps to pay the costs of publication. Perhaps there are other local businesses that could use us.



CALENDAR FOR MAY

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends  
Methodists  
Holy Trinity

Sunday 11 a.m.  
Sunday 11 a.m.  
2nd Holy Communion 8 a.m.  
9th & 23rd Family Communion 10 a.m.  
16th Family Morning Service 11 a.m.  
30th United Eucharist at Epwell 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
Cubs	Friday	6.30 p.m.	Village Hall

Saturday 1st - Monday 3rd Tadmarton Flower Festival  
 Tuesday 4th Friendship Club entertainment  
 Thursday 6th Red Cross collection

Tuesday 11th Christian Aid Coffee Morning 10.30-12 The Rectory  
W.I. A.G.M. Village Hall 2 p.m.  
Wednesday 12th Horticultural Society "Dahlias". 8 p.m. Village Hall  
Friday 14th Christian Aid Austerity lunch 12 - 1.30 Rectory  
Swalcliffe Caribbean evening  
Saturday 15th Cubs Coffee Morning 10.15 Friends' Hall

Tuesday 18th    Friendship Club    Mr Frank Scotford  
Wednesday 19th    Age Concern Oxon A.G.M.  
Thursday 20th    Ascension Day,    Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.

Monday 24th Miss Sibford & Disco Village Hall 7.30  
Tuesday 25th Friendship Club half day outing  
Leo Walk 7.30 at the Cross

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