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SIBFORD SCENE

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WHAT A DAY!

Well might we say that about each day of the open weekend. The Concert and supper were much enjoyed and finished with everyone singing heartily along with the accordion in soaring spirits.

Just as well! Saturday's rain was, no doubt, the heaviest on a Saturday in June since the opening of the Village Hall, but all the events went ahead with miraculous dry spells for the judging of the mice and the crowning of Miss Sibford, whose delightful appearance and personality would have shone through anything; and then as the afternoon wore on and the rain gave way to a lovely evening, the village was full of strollers again, all determined to enjoy themselves and all that was on offer.

Everyone deserves special thanks for what they did: the organisers, some of whom had worked night and day for weeks with the kind of attention to detail that makes things go smoothly on the day; those who opened their homes and gardens, gave or lent their treasures, staged events, or faithfully turned up to do the least glamorous jobs; and everyone who visited the various attractions with such obvious appreciation. The only pity, beside the weather, was that there was too little time to see everything.

Sunday's sun provided a chance to wind down in pleasant enjoyment, with the sporting laurels going to the Ferris, who won the rounders and tennis, and the Gower an honourable runner-up, victors at cricket.

RECORD BREAKER

Miss Nelder at 92 went from strength to strength. Escorted by Dr Agnew, she was on fine form at the Concert and Supper, flying high as the oldest passenger the helicopter pilot had ever carried, and still enjoying herself at the Junior Disco as she watched the children dance, fortified by beefburgers.

STOP PRESS 10 p.m. June 27th. The financial profit from the weekend should be over £1000 - still counting.

FUCHSIAS

To anyone interested in fuchsias.

The collection at The Small House, Sibford Ferris, will be open to viewers on Saturday 31st July between 2 and 6 p.m. It is possible that there will be some plants for sale.

WORD SEARCH

In the square below are the names of thirty places near Sibford. You must read the letters down and across, backwards and forwards and diagonally to find them. Solution in September. Happy searching.

Compiled by Adrian Lamb

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A S S N O T G N I N E H S A W W
R E W O G D R O F B I S S W H I
O Y A E O S Y T C A H C M I I G
L R L B R O U G H T O N I N C G
L U C E O F P U L T R O D D H I
R B L B L M O W T A N T N E F N
I N I M L A R R A Y T M O R O G
G A F O I H D O D L O R T T R T
H B F C H X R X M R N U R O D O
T B E L E O U T A A O O U N A N
F R E I G L B O R N N F O L L I
R A B M D B P N T K N O T L I M
S I R R E F D R O F B I S U S A
T L B L D R E O N Y E L R O H D
A E I U O X H I L L E W P E L S
Y S H I P S T O N L L E W N A H
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There will be a prize of £1 for the first correct solution from someone aged 18 or under opened on August 20th. Please deliver your entry, stating name and age, to the editor by August 20th.

SPRING OF YOUTH

The Spring of Youth evening that was held in Holy Trinity Church on June 5th was a great success. Entertaining the good company present were representatives of the local schools and groups: they came from Banbury Upper School, The Warriner School, Sibford Primary School, St Mary's Junior School, Banbury, Sibford Youth Club, Guides, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts. Unfortunately, Sibford School was unable to attend, so at the last moment, Katie Barlow kindly stepped in and gave an interesting reading.

A collection raised £32 for the Repair Fund. Our next programme has been provisionally booked for Sunday October 3rd.

Robin Spicer and Mabel Payne

FOR SALE

Aluminium ladder, strongly constructed. Wide rungs. 21 ft. long.
Jones, 2 Sycamore Close, Sibford Gower. Swa. 631.

URGENT

Will the person who borrowed from Holy Trinity Church the brass, embossed flower container please return it.

W.I.

Mr Dave Freeman of Radio Oxford and "Pebble Mill" gave the W.I. an amusing and interesting talk on the setting up of programmes. His boyant personality made it a memorable meeting. He also judged a number of old photographs, awarding first prize to Mrs Cox, second Mrs Bristow, third Mrs Foxon.

Teas were served by Mrs Cox and Mrs Griffiths, and it was felt that the first meeting under the new President, Mrs Ann Spicer, went off very well.

The next meeting on July 13th will be addressed by the Safety Officer for Banbury Police. He will speak on "Safe as Houses" and the competition will be "Best Home Safety Hint".

STAMPING BICYCLES

Constable Lawton has agreed to stamp local bicycles for identification purposes. If you would like your bicycle stamped will you please contact either Mrs Spicer (690) or Mrs Bristow (533) immediately so that numbers can be given before the visit. It would be hoped to have the stamping session at the Village Hall from 4 p.m. on Tuesday July 13th.

LADIES KEEP FIT

If a creche can be arranged, Keep Fit will start again on September 7th. We shall be starting gently, so if you have been trying to work up the courage to come, this will be the best time!

Tuesday mornings in the Village Hall from 10 to 11 a.m. £3.50 or £4, depending on numbers, for 7 weeks.

Please book with Sue Lambert (544) by Sept. 4th.

CRECHE HELPER

Does anybody feel they could help with running a creche which is linked with the Ladies Keep Fit?

It is held in Park Farm House on Tuesday mornings, starting in September. There are usually between 6 and 10 under-fives who come for 1½ hours whilst their mothers go to have their 'work-out' in the Village Hall. We have one helper and need another. Any age would do!

Please ring Sue Lambert (544) if interested.

NEW PICTURE

If ever you raise your eyes above the stage in the Village Hall, you will see that we have a new picture of the Queen. This was provided from the money remaining in the Silver Jubilee Fund and will serve as a reminder of the marvellous time we had that weekend.

ROAD WORKS

As you travel into Banbury, you may think that we have a surplus of road works, some long overdue.

In Pound Lane, where piles of new water pipes have been gradually hidden from view in the growing grass, there are also signs of activity which should eventually lead to much improved water pressure in parts of the village.

80-20 AUCTION

At the Barn, Sibford Ferris on Saturday July 10th at 11 a.m. For details, ring Swalcliffe 343.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

JULY

Tuesday 6th

Annual Summer Tea with honoured guests.

Tuesday 20th

There will be a meeting of the Club
Details yet to be finalised.

AUGUST

There are no ordinary meetings in August

B U T

Tuesday 17th August

BRING & BUY

COFFEE MORNING

VILLAGE HALL

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 7th

Day Outing to Broadlands, Romsey.

SUNDAY JULY 18th

at 3 p.m.

Anne Marcovitch and Jane Baker invite you to a C.N.D. fund-raising event.

Tea and Bring and Buy in the garden behind Thatchstead (by the pond). Children welcome!

SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

During the School Holidays we hope to organise a sponsored bike ride (on quiet roads) to help towards fundraising for the Horton Hospital Maternity Unit. All enquiries and alternative ideas to Jane Baker, or Anne Marcovitch (Swa.8163).

SAVE THE CHILDREN

The Sibfords have done themselves proud with the S.C.F. We managed to collect over £20 more than last year, bringing this year's total collected in Save the Children Week to £85.36.

We are very grateful firstly to the collectors, and secondly to all who gave so generously. The money will be well spent.

Many thanks,

Sue Lambert and the Banbury Branch
S.C.F.

SWALCLIFFE FETE

Don't miss our Grand Summer Fair, taking place on Saturday 17th July from 3 p.m. until 6.

A fun-packed afternoon for all the family. Entertainment includes the Wheatley Morris Men, Punch and Judy Show, Clay Pigeon Shoot, Home-made Teas and Fresh Strawberries and Cream in the lovely grounds of Sparrow Hall.

Barbecue, Pony Rides, Raffles, many Side-stalls and Side-shows. Stags Head remains open during Fair hours.

...AND EPWELL

Summer strawberries and cream teas with stalls etc.

Saturday 10th July, 3.30-5.30 at The Old Bakery, Epwell, opposite the Church.

...AND TADMARTON

The Belvedere Singers who came and entertained us in Sibford a few months ago will be giving a concert called "Music for a Summer's Evening". Retiring collection for Church Funds. Refreshments afterwards.

Saturday 10th July at 8 p.m. in Tadmarton Church.

RALPH C. HOGGINS

TYSOE

for regular supplies of

SOLID FUELS

Ring TYSOE 281

SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We were delighted that our trip to Kew Gardens on June 12th was so popular and all 52 seats were booked well in advance, but rather disappointed that all requests could not be catered for.

Our Annual Show will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 14th August and we hope that this year will bring a record number of entries. We sincerely hope that everyone will join in and make this a happy day.

The Hook Norton Fire Engine will be on display and we have been lucky enough to book the Brackley Silvettes.

CRAFTS Pewter, Spinning, Glass Blowing, Patchwork, Painting.

STALLS Produce, Cakes, Tombola, Blind Society, B'Bont, Raffle for doll, Bowling, Ice Cream and Drinks, Cream Teas.

Any donations of prizes or gifts for the stalls would be greatly appreciated to make this a success.

John Sabin
Chairman

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THE GARDEN IN JULY AND AUGUST

Half the year has gone, but we have at least had a taste of summer weather, and plants are well advanced. Nights have been cool, but we have been spared frost and the runner beans and dahlias are looking very healthy. The surface of the ground is dry, but these two crops will benefit from the good soil preparation we did early on and should have got their roots well down into the manure we put into the ground. Holiday times present problems to gardeners, especially growers of pot plants. Whenever possible, these should be put out of doors when you are going away. Stand them in a sheltered place on firm ground, preferably on shingle, water well and give liquid feed before leaving them. The very tender plants can stand in the bath with a very little water in it. Out of doors, use the hoe on the beds and lift perennial weeds such as dandelions and docks to avoid returning home to a jungle.

Plant out winter cabbage, sprouts, kale, broccoli and sprouting broccoli into firm ground and water in well. Leeks need care in planting: drop each into a dibber hole, flooding with water. Make sure that marrows and cucumbers never lack water in their early lives. It is very important that tomatoes never dry out for this causes blossom end rot. In dry weather, runner beans need to be sprayed regularly to encourage the flowers to set. Continue to sow lettuce Avondefiance, Windermere and cos Lobjoits Green are suitable varieties. Last sowings of beet, carrot and perpetual spinach should be sown in July. Onions and turnips can be sown until August. In late July/early August, sow cabbage for maturing in April. Good varieties are Harbinger April, Flower of Spring and Durham Early.

As the seed bed becomes empty, fork it over giving a sprinkling of compound fertilizer, let it settle for a week or two and then sow perennials to plant out next year: lupins, delphiniums, aquilegias, pansies and stocks.

I hope to be with you again in September; meanwhile, happy holidays.

JARDIN

