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A PLAYGROUND FOR SIBFORD

Various people have been investigating the possibility of setting up a children's playground with equipment in Sibford. Now there is to be a meeting at the Friends' Hall on Tuesday 7th September at 8 pm to discuss whether there is actually a need, and if there is, how it might best be met. One example of the kind of thing that can be done is at Epwell (through the gate at the end of the Churchyard). So please come along to the meeting and bring your ideas. If you are interested but unable to attend, please phone Swalcliffe 555 for further details.

MIDWAY CLUB

Owing to the enormous response that we have received following the Children's Disco and the Country and Western-style evening at the Open Weekend, we have decided to run an Autumn/Winter season of this type of function.

These will, of course, be held at Sibford Village Hall and will take on the following format;

5 pm - 7 pm Children's Disco and Show
8 pm - midnight Dance and Cabaret

We hope to make these evenings a truly family affair, incorporated in a nice club atmosphere. There will be a licensed bar and entertainment for all ages.

Three of these evenings will be run initially to gather and test support; 25th September, 23rd October and 1st January.

Tickets for the adult Dance can be obtained before the night at The Post Office, Sibford Gower, or David Baker, 10 Cotswold Close, Sibford Ferris, price £1; or at the door £1.50. There will be no admittance to anyone after 9.30.

The Children's Disco and Show will cost 50p at the door, to include a drink and sweet.

Tony Keyte

MOTHER AND TODDLER CLUB

Mums with babes and/or toddlers, now it's your chance to run this club. If anyone would like to continue this club, ring me. It's simple to run and it would be a great shame to let it disappear.

Pauline Crawford (Swalcliffe 606)

AUTUMN BONANZA

Many villagers will find it strange to be in Sibford during September and not have a date for the Sibford fete in their diaries. Following the Open Village Weekend in June, Village Hall Committee members are now busy planning an Autumn Bonanza to be held at the Hall on Saturday 16th October at 2 p.m.

Weather permitting, various attractions will be held outside and the Hall will be transformed into an Alladin's Cave for treasure seekers and bargain hunters alike. A Grand Auction will be held during the afternoon and the annual Draw will take place at 4.30.

The following people have undertaken to organise some of the stalls and would value your support in any way possible.

Bottles	Mrs M. Law
Bran Tub	Mrs L. Conway
Cakes	Mrs A. Spicer
Children's)	Mrs A. Gilbert
Toys & Books)	Mrs C. Hall
Grand Draw	Mrs W. Bennett, Mr A. Rye
Good-as-New	Mrs M. Hicks
Clothing	
Light refreshments	Mrs M. Baker
Plants & Produce	Mrs G. Hutchinson
Victoriana	?
White Elephant	Mr & Mrs D. Baker

The stall-holders will be pleased to receive your goods at any time, so when you have your Autumn tidy please don't throw anything saleable away.

Maureen Hicks

ADOPT - A - WINDOW

The Adopt-a-window scheme devised to repaint the outside of the Village Hall must be held over until extensive repairs and replacements are made to the Hall windows.

HELP HELEN HOUSE

On Friday 1st October at 8 pm there will be an Auction and Draw at The Stag's Head, Swalcliffe, to raise funds for kitchen furniture and utensils for Helen House, the children's hospice in Oxford.

Non-perishable contributions can be left at The Stag's Head at any time; perishables on the morning of the Auction.

Details from Mrs Peers, Swalcliffe 232.

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SATURDAY 25th SEPTEMBER

5 pm to 7 pm Children's Disco with Uncle
Tony and his Crazy Clown Friend Sparky

8 pm to midnight Dancing to Hi Flyer Music
Personal appearance of John Gadd and his Guitar

Ticket details on page 1

CHURCH NOTES

Garden Party The P.C.C. felt that, since there would be no Village Fete this year in the early part of September, they would put on a small Garden Party in the Rectory Garden. This will be on Saturday 11th from 2.30 until it finishes. We hope to have an enjoyable time: a cake stall, refreshments, a small raffle, some sideshows, and that sort of gentle exercise. It is hoped that we shall make a few shillings profit, of course, and the funds of Sibford Church will benefit thereby. In the event of its being a poor day, we shall simply move indoors and enjoy ourselves in the dry.

Day of Prayer Every year we set aside one day for special prayer for God's blessing on our 4 parishes; and, as last year, we shall split the day between the parishes. While the Church is always open for prayer every day from 9 till 6, on Saturday 18th between 1 pm and 5 pm, we in Sibford have our chance to supply the link in the chain which goes from 10 am till 6 pm.

Harvest Thanksgiving Each year in all our Churches we gather to give God thanks for the safe in-gathering of the harvest. In Sibford, as last year, we shall have the service and the supper on a Saturday evening, at 6 pm on October 2nd. Swalcliffe has its service on Sunday 19th Sept. at 6 pm, and Epwell on Saturday 25th at 6.30 pm with supper following.

Timothy Wimbush

HOOK NORTON EVENING CENTRE

Classes arranged for the Autumn season are as follows:-

	<u>Afternoon</u>	<u>Evening</u>
<u>Mon</u>	Homecrafts	Mens Keep Fit, Upholstery, Fungi, Ecology of the Countryside, Silk Flower making
<u>Tues</u>	Hairsetting & Cutting	Personal Computers, Archaeology of the Landscape, Bridge, Ladies Keep Fit
<u>Weds</u>	Flower arranging Cookery	Lace Making, Bee Keeping, Yoga, Painting, Writers' Circle
<u>Thurs</u>	International Affairs	French Conversation, Yoga, Painting

Classes are held at the Primary School, Hook Norton, and enrolment will be at the School on Monday 13th September 7 - 8.30 pm. Classes begin the following week unless otherwise stated in the programme, copies of which will be available in various village Post Offices from the end of August. Details may also be obtained from Mrs Linda Buchanan, 6, Whittons Close, Hook Norton. Tel. H.N. 730052

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Thank you for returning the brass embossed flower container to Holy Trinity Church.

HOOK NORTON BABY CLINIC

As from September 7th, the clinic will be changing to the first and third TUESDAYS at 2 p.m.

PLAYGROUP

On Friday October 1st, Sue Lambert is holding a Coffee Morning - Clothes Sale in aid of the Playgroup. Come along and kit out your children for the winter in "well-known chain store seconds" etc.

There are a few vacancies in the Playgroup for children aged 3 to 5. Details from Pauline Crawford Swa. 606.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our only event in August was our Bring and Buy which was a great success and we owe thanks to everyone who helped and all the visitors who came on that bright, sunny morning. We took just over £100 and were delighted by the village's response.

Our September programme starts with the Club Day Outing to Broadlands (Romsey). It had to be cancelled last year because of the Royal Wedding, so on September 7th we hope to fulfill the promise we made last year.

Tuesday Sept. 21st (Village Hall) Hugh and Daphne Maw are visiting us with a talk and slides of one of their recent holidays abroad. Hugh Maw will be remembered when he was Headmaster of the Friends School and was recently President of the Old Scholars Annual Reunion. What a joy and pleasure it is when people offer to come to our Club, because, as we all know, 2 programmes each month in our 15 years are quite difficult to arrange, and we like as much variety as possible.

M.B. Flinn

SWALCLIFFE HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 18th September 7.30 - 11 p.m. We are holding our very first Harvest Supper Evening with hot, home-made suppers and entertainment of a happy, lighthearted kind. Refreshments will be available too. What more could you ask for at a staggering price of only £2.50 per ticket available from Mrs Gillian Brooks (Swa. 295) or Mrs Carol Nicholls (621).

LEO CLUB

Leo will be meeting on Tuesday 28th September at 8 p.m. at Sue Wright's house, Woodway Lane, Sibford Ferris.

Leo stands for Ladies Evening Out, and that is just what it is: a pleasant, entertaining evening in congenial company for any lady who cares to come along. Further details from Ann Spicer (690).

C.N.D.

Many thanks to all who attended the Bring and Buy in aid of the C.N.D. Peace Camp. Total funds raised £10.87.

To all who felt they could not support us, I would just like to say where would we be without such a movement, working in the interests of us all.

The event was not very well advertised, and if anyone feels they would like to support in any way, who did not have the opportunity on the day, please call either Anne at Thatchstead, or Jane at South Cottage.

W.I.

The meeting on September 14th will be "Knitting to a Better Finish" (Mrs Freeman).

The competition will be a single bloom from the garden, and there will also be time to discuss the scrapbook.

TADMARTON MICHAELMAS FAIR

The Fair opens at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall with many attractions including the Hook Norton Silver Band and Tractor and Trailer Rides. The Mayor will arrive at 3.45 to present prizes, and there will be Sports for All at 4 o'clock. Proceeds to Village Hall Funds. When? - Saturday September 11th.

SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Annual Show was, yet again, very successful and the entries were about the same as the previous year. It is very rewarding on the day to see the display of exhibits which are always of a very high standard, and the excellent presentation due to the Committee's hard work. Our prize winners were:-

Mrs L. Tustain	Dr Taylor Cup
Mr F. Tustain	Society Cup
Mrs A. Spicer	Village Cup
Mr R. Spicer	Sibford Rose Bowl
Mrs G. Hutchinson	Mrs F. Padbury Rose Bowl
Mrs L. Tustain	Large Picture
Dame Anne Stephens	Mrs F. Padbury Cup
Emma Lambert	President's Prize
Duncan Broady	Children's Cup
Joanna Lambert	S.J. Sabin Cup

Congratulations to Mr R. Lambert on winning the Red Ribbon Award and Dame Anne Stephens the Flora Award. Many other entries achieved the Blue Ribbon Award of Merit.

We were greatly disappointed that the Brackley Silvettes had to cancel their booking at short notice owing to the leader closing the group. However, the new leader hopes to be able to visit us next year as the children involved are so keen.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who gave so generously to the stalls and prizes for the Grand Draw which helped tremendously towards our takings. Also to the Committee and other helpers for their hard work.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday September 8th, with Mr J. Meredith speaking on "Growing Vegetables".

After our Annual General meeting on October 13th we are organising a 'Gardeners' Question Time'. The panel will consist of 5 experts who have offered their services and we hope that some good questions can be put forward. The panel like a few written questions to start the evening off, so would you kindly let me have these as soon as possible,

John Sabin (Chairman)

THE GARDEN IN SEPTEMBER

The shortening days and chilly nights are a sure reminder that the growing season is coming to its end once again. Nevertheless, Autumn has its compensations and we can enjoy the colourful glory of dahlias and outdoor chrysanthemums a little longer with any luck. Growers of indoor chrysanthus won't need to be reminded that the plants should be housed under glass at the middle of the month. Regal pelargoniums need protection before frosts begin. Presumably you took cuttings of zonal pelargoniums (geraniums) last month, but there is still time, though don't delay if you are leaving the old plants in the ground over winter.

Now is the time to buy your bulbs for next winter and spring, both indoor and outdoor. Surely nothing gives greater pleasure than bowls and pots filled with golden or cream masses of flower in the dark days of winter or to see clumps of daffodils facing up to the March winds. The specially prepared bulbs for Christmas flowering will not be on the market until next month, but the early spring-flowering bulbs will be available during September. Put pots in a shallow pit, surrounded and covered to a depth of 7" to 8" and leave undisturbed until you can see root growth in 8-10 weeks.

Jardin

IMPRESSIONS OF THE OPEN VILLAGE WEEKEND

The weekend was too close to our printing day for more than a mention last time, but this account recalls the atmosphere of those days in June with a vividness that takes us right back to Sibford's Great Day.

Friday Evening Haven't got round to buying a ticket for the concert. Go up hopefully. Good - a seat in the back row of a packed Church. A delightful programme, well performed, with special mention due to the accompanist and oboist. Flowers beautiful despite the storms of the past week. How do the arrangers manage it?

Saturday Morning Desperate attempt to get garden produce picked and presented in saleable condition between the showers. Take it to stallholder hopefully. Now for the village tour. The Barton lorry - full marks for family hard work and enterprise and value for money. Added pleasure - mother-in-law and uncle feature in the old photos. On to Pets Corner and the storm saw us coming! Shelter in the barn and listen to the helicopter still flying. Good that it's getting custom, even if not mine! The water rises; a drain is found and cleared and the flood subsides. Pavement flooded along Acre Ditch - children splashing joyfully through it. Up to Mrs Tanner's stall. Amazingly they seem to be dry and business is good. A couple kissing opposite the school by a sign saying 'Exhibition' and pointing at them. The lady who spotted this chuckling as she passed. Into the peace of the Meeting House. Transported to holiday places, but the stinging nettle by the literary Miss Baker sticks in the memory. On to the Garden Party. Thank goodness our offerings have sold. Cakes going at reduced prices; we are in luck and the weather is improving. Along to the old cars - through Barley Close where the gardens look lovely; then back by Sodens where everyone is welcome, despite wet feet and dripping clothes, to see the craftspeople at work. Into the Village School - Mr Mansfield looking up entries in the Log Book for an elderly villager; her delight at finding her name; Alice Walker's name in the 1895 entertainment programme (now Alice Green, living at Adderbury House). And finally the evening sunshine in Mr Dring's garden, all storms forgotten.

Sunday Morning Cut sandwiches, make soup, leave food for those not attending the Open-air Service. Take chairs, rugs and food to the playing field. Weather looks a little undecided but the Rector assures us that he has had a word with the powers that be, and, of course, it stays fine. An excellent Brass Band, joyful hymn-singing and a prayer which I wish I could live by and keep before me. A very happy coming-together which continues in the picnic lunch and through the afternoon. Oldest, Miss Nelder, and youngest, latest arrival at Little Thatch, present. An energetic game, not played for many years, rounds off the weekend with a feeling of exhaustion but great pleasure - and I hope a lot of money was raised too.

A Parishioner

WORD SQUARE

The Summer Holiday Puzzle set in July was a real teaser. Only two entries were received and each had 29 out of the 30 places right. The prize will be shared between Ben Leyburn (10½) and Peter Wimbush (11) with congratulations on their tenacity in so nearly unscrambling the square.

The solution was: Sibford Ferris, Sibford Gower, Swalcliffe, Tadmarton, Broughton, Hook Norton, Brailles, Whichford, Edge Hill, Epwell, Winderton, Swerford, Wigginton, Rollright, Banbury, Shipston, Shutford, Wroxton, Milcombe, Shenington, Oxhill, Stourton, Hornton, Tysoe, Burdrop, Bloxham, Ascott, Horley, Hanwell, Milton.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends	Sunday 11 am
Methodists	Sunday 11 am
Holy Trinity	5th 8 am Holy Communion
	12th & 26th 10 am Family Holy Communion
	19th 11 am Matins with Holy Communion
	Every Thursday 7.30 am Holy Communion
	Sunday School starts again on 5th September 10am

WEEKLY EVENTS

Youth Club	Monday 7.30 Village Hall
Luncheon Club	Tuesday 12.30 Friends' Hall
Folk Dancing	Tuesday 7 pm Juniors; 8 pm Seniors, Village Hall
Brownies	Thursday 6 pm Friends' Hall
Guides	Thursday 7 pm Village Hall
Cubs	Friday 6.30 Village Hall

Wednesday 1st	School Starts
Monday 6th	Playgroup starts
Tuesday 7th	Friendship Club Day Outing
	Playground Meeting 8 pm Friends' Hall
Wednesday 8th	Horticultural Society - Growing Vegetables
Saturday 11th	Sibford Church Garden Party 2.30 Rectory

Monday 13th	Hook Norton Evening Centre Enrolments 7 - 8.30
Tuesday 14th	W.I. Knitting to a Better Finish 2 pm Village Hall
Saturday 18th	United Benefice Day of Prayer

Tuesday 21st	Friendship Club Hugh and Daphne Maw
Saturday 25th	Hi Flyer Disco & Dance in Village Hall

Tuesday 28th	Leo Club 8 pm Sue Wright's
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