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SIBFORD SCENE

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EVERYONE IS GOING TO

SIBFORD GOWER STREET FAIR

SATURDAY 11th JUNE. STARTS AT 2 pm

There is still time to hire a stall. Details from P.T.A. members or Rick Pearson (507), or the Primary School.

W.R.V.S. CHILDREN'S HOLIDAYS

This organisation has a scheme to get offers from families who would welcome one or two children badly in need of a week's break in the school summer holidays. Anyone in the Sibfords who might be interested and would like details should contact Mrs. M. Flinn (Swa. 209). In 1981 we had 12 offers, but not so many last year. It can be a very rewarding week and many families have the same child for several consecutive years.

MISS SIBFORD

Can you match the charms of last year's Miss Sibford as she presided over the Open Village? Miss Sibford 1983 will be chosen in the Village Hall on Monday 27th June. The winner will receive an outfit to wear, and the two runners-up will have trophies.

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 27th June.

Please complete and return the entry form on page 7 to Mr David Baker or the Leader of any Village Organisation.

DON'T FORGET YOUR ENTRY FOR THE PLACE NAMES COMPETITION. THERE'S STILL TIME - JUST!

MR. OWEN SODEN

It was a sad day when we heard of the death of Mr Owen Soden. He will be sadly missed around the village, for on fine days one always saw him gardening or walking up the village to take part in his many activities, or just going to visit his grandchildren.

Owen was born at Epwell, I believe, and grew up around these parts, marrying an attractive young lady, Olive pinfeld. He had many, many happily married years with Olive, bringing up their two children, Joan and David, until her death about twelve years ago,

During his working life he worked on the iron quarry for Harold and Jesse Stewart, and since his retirement, has been a very busy gentleman, taking part in so much of village life.

Gardening took up a lot of his time and his garden was always a picture of colour and a pleasure to passers by. Even when he was not able to do quite so much, one was always aware of him pulling up the weeds and tidying up the grass outside his house. He was a regular member of the Horticultural Society, enjoying the films and talks - but also always around to help with the clearing up.

Children were a great love of his. He had four grandchildren whom he adored and they gave him great pleasure - but also all children were a joy to him and he would follow their activities with great interest. He visited the Playgroup regularly where the children all loved their 'extra special grandad'.

Whatever the weather - come rain, shine - or hail, he would be seen driving around with meals-on-wheels or helping out - driving for Mrs Flinn's W.R.V.S. work when Miss Bennett was indisposed.

One of his greatest interests and pleasures was the Folk Dance group of which he had been a supporter for many years, following them to events all over the area and to the Annual Contests at the Albert Hall. He made many friends there and I am sure they will miss his smiling face around.

As a neighbour he was always available with a smile, a kind word or offer of help whenever he could, and I know Mr and Mrs Lines will sadly miss him for they have helped one another for many years. He showed the same help and kindness to young and old alike, to village people and to newcomers, setting an example to us all on how we can help one another, thus creating a happy community life for everyone. Owen will be sadly missed, and Burdrop does not seem the same without him, and the little green Morris on the green.

Jean Poulton

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INTER-VILLAGE SPORTS

Building on the success of last year's Ferris v Gower tournament, Sunday July 10th has been set aside for this year's event. Joan Broady is co-ordinating the arrangements and she would like to hear from anyone who is willing to play in, captain, umpire, refresh or generally assist the teams. There will be tennis, rounders, cricket and children's sports. Offers to Joan Broady please - Swa. 410.

DAVID BUTLER for all Plumbing and Heating. Phone Swalcliffe 668
or call at Lilac Cottage, Tadmarton.

D A N G E R

CHILDREN AT RISK IN SIBFORD FERRIS

There is a dangerous 'deathtrap' corner at the end of Main Street Sibford Ferris, known as Simms Corner. The traffic flow has increased enormously over the last year - there are now more heavy lorries, many more buses and increased cars flowing constantly round this corner. Also a new development of houses and residents' parked cars adds to the congestion.

But there is also a great increase in the number of children living immediately round this area and throughout the village. Our concern is for their well-being and survival, as this corner must be crossed and passed-by many times a day:- going to school, meeting friends and going to play further afield. Must they always risk their lives in everyday activities?

Many residents of Sibford Ferris have signed a letter to the Oxforshire County Council asking for recognition of the hazardous conditions, and therefore, traffic warnings, signs and restrictions to control the flow of traffic here.

We must have these things with priority and prevent the tragedy we all fear.

Anxious Residents of Sibford Ferris

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CHURCH NOTES

FAMILY WORSHIP

This is to take place initially on some of the third Sunday mornings. It is designed to be an informal act of worship with fuller participation than is sometimes possible under the more restricted patterns to which the Church of England is accustomed. It should appeal to children and older people alike: but it is supposed to be a flexible style of worship and will last for 45 minutes. The shortened Communion will follow after a distinct pause in which some worshippers might prefer to leave.

CHRISTIAN AID COFFEE MORNING

The total for this enjoyable event was £89, and this, added to the collections for the first three Sundays in May, means that just under £130 will be sent to Christian Aid.

Church collections for the first three Sundays in June will be given to the work of the Church Missionary Society.

Timothy Wimbush

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A DAY AT ALTON TOWERS

If you have never travelled on a Tanners Luxury Coach, now's your chance on an outing to Alton Towers, Sunday June 26th. Leave Sibford 9.00 am, return 9.00 pm. Cost £5.50 including entrance to Alton Towers. For further details or to book, contact Robin Spicer, Swa. 690.

WHEN THE CUBS WENT TO CAMP

Cub Camp was great. I enjoyed doing the activities. We were 11 points away from the winner.

Matthew Spicer

SIBFORD FRIENDS SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

Saturday 25th June 1983

Visitors are welcome between
1.30 and 5.00 pm.

W.I.

Tuesday June 14th at 2.00 pm
in the Village Hall:-

'The International Woman'
Speaker - Miss Whitesmith.

Competition - A photograph
'Myself when young.'

Guests always welcome.

RALPH C. HOGGINS

TYSOE

for regular supplies of

SOLID FUELS

Ring Tysoe 281

TREASURE HUNT

1st THE SIBFORDS CUB SCOUTS

invite you to a

Family Treasure Hunt

Open to everybody - Strawberry
tea afterwards in the Village
Hall.

Sunday afternoon 26th June

LEO CLUB

The Leos are going for a walk.
Meet Tuesday 21st June, 7.45
at 7, High Meadow.
Bring Wellingtons and Mac.
All ladies invited.

RED CROSS

The Sibford Red Cross collection
was a record with £86, a big
increase on last year. Very
many thanks to all who gave so
generously, and to the members
of the Youth Club for being
such efficient and cheerful
collectors.

Anne Stephens

MIDSUMMER JOY

The light programmes that were enjoyed last year in our Church
are to re-open on June 19th at 6.00 pm. It is hoped we can entertain
you with items you can participate in and listen to with a keen
interest.

The collection will be for repair funds, and, as usual, the cup
of tea will be awaiting you as you retire home - hopefully in the
glorious warm evening sun!

Mabel Payne

FAIREST ISLE

On Friday June 24th at 8.00 pm, in Hook Norton Church, THE NOMADS
are presenting an entertainment in costume in the style of the reign
of Elizabeth 1st - FAIREST ISLE - with music, song and dance.
Admission £1.50, children & pensioners £1. Proceeds to Church repair
and village tree planting funds.

The Nomads are the North Oxon Music and Dramatic Society, mostly
young teachers in the area, who produce one of these performances
annually and put it on in various places.

Alan Sibson

RANGER GUIDES

Sibford has such a successful Guide Company that its members are very keen to continue as Ranger Guides when they are 14. Being resourceful and enthusiastic girls, they have formed their own group, numbering 7 at the moment, but with more coming up to the age to join. However, they really need an adult leader over the age of 21 to help them organise and extend their activities, such as outdoor pursuits, Duke of Edinburgh's award, and links with neighbouring boys' groups. What they do depends very much on the enthusiasms of the girls and their leader. Could you take them on? Mrs Springall, Sibford's Guide Captain (Ban. 810032) or the Commissioner, Mrs Davies (Wroxton 292) would be delighted to talk it over with anyone interested.

VOLUNTARY SINGING GROUP TO ENTERTAIN THE ELDERLY

Efforts are being made to form a voluntary singing group to entertain the elderly in Residential and Retirement homes in the district. The suggestion is that the group would visit one or two Homes on a Sunday evening to sing popular hymns and the new hymns introduced by the Fisherfolk.

An instrumentalist (guitar, Accordion or keyboard) is URGENTLY required - may we have a volunteer please? Help us to spread a little joy and happiness; you will find it can be very rewarding.

Will those interested please contact John Long, Swalcliffe 652, or call at Tresco, Sibford Gower.

Thank you.

John Long

NEWS FROM THE PLAYGROUP

The Playgroup Committee would like to pay tribute to Mr Soden who was dearly loved by the children. His warmth and sense of fun was evident to all and he will be very much missed.

JUNE 25th There will be a Steak Barbecue Supper at Ros Tustain's farm in Epwell. Tickets from any Committee member or Romi Jones (202).

JULY 5th Outing to Burford Wildlife Park. There will be some spare seats - £2 per adult, £1 per child. Young and old welcome to join in. Please contact Pauline Crawford (606).

If any retired people would like to visit the Playgroup to play with the children, read to them or help with their activities, they would be very welcome. Either just call in, or talk it over with Maureen Hicks or Erica Wimbush (259 or 555).

CHURCH MISSIONARY SOCIETY

In hopes that a soaking May will be followed by a lovely June, I am having a Garden Coffee Morning here in the Forge garden, with Bring and Buy sale on Tuesday 28th June at 10.30 am. All proceeds to C.M.S. I look forward to welcoming many Sibford friends and Neighbours.

If the weather is unbearable, Tina Frith has kindly said the event may be transferred to her house - Barn Close, Burdrop - same day, same time; but let us hope for a fine day.

Anne Stephens

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Schedules for the Annual Show should have been delivered to every house in the village. Please contact our Secretary, Kay Turner, or myself if you have not received your copy.

Our meeting in June will be on Wednesday June 8th when Mrs Meadows will talk on 'Interpretative Flower Arranging'. Have a break from the election broadcasts, come and enjoy a pleasant evening and see some flower arrangements.

SATURDAY JUNE 25th

"Kay's Kakes" 10.00 am at The Leys, Backside Lane. "Kakes" of all kinds will be on sale to help raise some funds to cover the costs of the Show. Offers of "Kakes" for sale will be very welcome. Please contact Kay (590) if you can help.

Roger Lambert

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

June's meetings have had to be re-arranged, so the Summer Tea will now take place on July 5th.

Tuesday June 7th Beetle Drive

Tuesday June 21st Mr J.R. Baseley, (brother of Godfrey Baseley of "The Archers") is coming to talk and show slides of "The Seven Wonders of My World".

Tuesday June 28th A full day outing to Weymouth. Details from Mr Henry Poulton who so kindly organises these outings for the Club.

Two or three of our members hope to attend the Annual Meeting of Age Concern in Oxford when the speaker will be Mr David Hobman, Director of Age Concern. We hope to take a small contribution from our Club as we were not able to attend the Sale to raise funds held in Oxford, and we know money is badly needed for the work done all over Oxfordshire.

M.B.Flinn

SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

Several comments raised at the Annual Parish Meeting are worth a wider audience, and the Council would welcome your support in these matters.

CO-OPERATION please to keep the village and public areas free from fouling by dogs. This is reported to be an increasing menace in the village.

VIGILANCE please for strange vehicles or persons in the village, around houses whose occupants are away. Thefts have been reported recently.

CONSIDERATION please when parking. Remember the people who "live down the lane" and may need emergency services any time of the day or night. Parking problems or obstructions should be taken to the owner, if known, or to the Police, so that they can take action at the time.

COMPLAINTS please to the District Council about the state of repair of village roads. Although the Parish Council have made repeated reports, any additional pressure may increase our chances of action when money for repairs is very limited.

THANKS to all those who have made a special effort over the appearance of their 'patch' this year. There's still time to sort out those oft reported 'little muddles'.

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL JUNE 10th 8.15 Committee Room.

GARDENS AND GARDENING IN JUNE

The first week of June sees a number of private gardens opening to the public in addition to the larger houses and grounds. Sunday 5th June offers an excellent selection locally between 2 and 6 pm. There is Epwell Mill, which also offers a floodlit wine and cheese party at 10 pm on July 2nd. Back on June 5th at Hook Norton, Harwood Farmhouse is open, and in Milton, there are the gardens of The Cottage and Port Cottage, while in Adderbury, the Old Mill Cottage is open that day.

Later in the month on June 18th-19th Oxhill has three gardens open and also some in Adlestrop on June 19th. These gardens are all in addition to the well-known larger establishments which are open continually from April to September: Batsford Park is well worth a visit for its arboretum contains a large collection of mature trees and shrubs, teas are available and there is a garden centre. Nearer home the grounds of Farnborough Hall are open every Wednesday and Saturday 2-6. The gardens of Upton House, Monday - Thursday 2-6 also. So, given reasonable weather, there is no lack of places to visit.

The cold, wet weather of April and May have scarcely encouraged gardening and seed germination, so we hope June will have better thing in store for us. Meantime, keep the hoe going to keep on top of the weeds lest they get the upper hand in wet weather. Tender plants such as begonias and geraniums can go out from the middle of the month; they will be better for a little liquid feed while still in their pots to build up sturdy plants. Herbaceous plants need staking now before they gettop-heavy. In the vegetable garden, successional sowings of lettuce, carrot and spinach should be sown. Christmas Drumhead, Greyhound, Golden Acre and Calabrese should come on quickly from a June sowing. Marrows and ridge cucumbers can be planted out from mid-month.

JARDIN

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

£130 was forwarded to this Society from the Sibfords. I would like to thank most sincerely all those who contributed to this sum either by having a box or by supporting the house-to-house collection. A very big thank-you also to those who so willingly and efficiently helped me with the door-to-door collection.

If anyone would like to have a box so that they can pop in the small coins that weigh down one's purse and pockets, I have several available. "Many a mickle makes a muckle", as they say in Bonnie Scotland.

Mary Poulton

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MISS SIBFORD 1983

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

TEL. NO.....

I agree to abide by the rules for entry

SIGNED.....

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

The S.C.F. is organising a sponsored walk in the grounds of Blenheim Palace on Sunday 19th June from 10 am to 4 pm. It is a delightful area for walking and it is hoped that families will take the opportunity of enjoying a day out in the Palace grounds. Admission is free if you are a sponsored walker. Interested? Contact Sue Lambert (544).

£86.23 was raised for S.C.F. Week. This is better than last year's result so Sibford has been very generous again. The total sum raised in the Banbury District was £1520. The Coffee morning at Lady Marten's house raised £113 with a further £54 from the sale of S.C.F. goods. Many thanks to all who contributed.

Sue Lambert & Joan Marten

CALENDAR FOR JUNE

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends	Sunday 11 am
Methodists	Sunday 11 am
Holy Trinity	5th Holy Communion 8 am
	12th & 26th Holy Communion 10 am
	19th Family Worship 10 am. Holy Communion 10.50
	Sunday School 9.45

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
Badminton	Wednesday (except 2nd) 8.00 Village Hall
Brownies	Thursday 5.45 Village Hall
Guides	Thursday 7.00 Village Hall
Cub Scouts	Friday 6.30 Village Hall
Playgroup	Daily except Tuesday, Village Hall.

Tuesday 7th	Friendship Club Beetle Drive
Wednesday 8th	Horticultural Society 8 pm Village Hall
Friday 10th	Annual Meeting of Gower Parish Council 8.15
Saturday 11th	P.T.A. STREET FAIR 2 pm

Tuesday 14th	W.I. Village Hall 2 pm
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Sunday 19th	S.C.F. Sponsored Walk
	Midsummer Joy 6 pm
Tuesday 21st	Friendship Club Mr Baseley
Tuesday 21st	Leo Club Walk
Friday 24th	Fairest Isle at Hook Norton
Saturday 25th	"Kay's Kakes"
	Friends School Open Day 1.30-5.00
	Playgroup Barbecue

Sunday 26th	Cub Scout Treasure Hunt & Strawberry Tea
Monday 27th	Miss Sibford Contest Village Hall
Tuesday 28th	C.M.S. Coffee Morning The Forge
	Friendship Club outing to Weymouth.

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