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INTER-VILLAGE SPORTS DAY

SUNDAY 10th JULY

Come and enjoy a relaxed - or strenuous - afternoon on the Friends School field. Ice cream and light refreshments available. Bring your own picnic tea.

POST OFFICE

Mrs Dyer will be running a Post Office in the Mission Room, Sibford Gower, on Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11.

NEW CHAIRMAN

At the recent Annual Meeting of the Sibford Gower Parish Council Mr David Soden resigned from his position as Chairman after seven very busy years of valuable service to the village. He has been a member of the Council for 13 years all told, and will continue to serve under the new Chairman, Mr Eric Payne.

PLACE NAMES

On page 5 you can see the results of our Place Names competition. The answers contain some fascinating information, and open up yet further questions. Any further stories about these and other places will be very welcome.

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* SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SHOW SATURDAY AUGUST 20th *
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COME TO OUR MINI FETE!

What does a Youth Club Management Committee do ? Some people may think 'Not much'!

In fact we try to be a back-up for David Baker, our dedicated Youth Club leader, so we've decided that we, with the help of as many parents as possible, will hold an evening garden fete at the Rectory on Wednesday July 20th from 7 pm to 9 pm.

The Youth Club, in common with many other organisations, is always short of money for rent and new equipment, so we hope you will come along and buy some of the exciting things we shall have for sale. Also we hope it will be a pleasant social occasion - coffee, squash and biscuits will be available, and anyone of any age is welcome.

If you would like to give us any saleable item beforehand, new or secondhand, including tombola or raffle prizes, cakes, produce etc., please get in touch with any member of the Management Committee. These are - The Rev. T. Wimbush, Dame Anne Stephens, Sandra Tustain, Mrs Dora Wealsby, Robin Spicer, Mrs K. Horn, Louise Gascoigne, and Joan Shields.

This time we will leave David Baker out as the intention is to give him a rest! Please help us to make this effort a success.

Joan Shields

FRIENDS OF SIBFORD SPORTS CLUB

HOLIDAY SWIMMING

From July 25th

Mondays 2.15 - 3.45 pm
Tuesdays 6.30 - 8.00 pm
Wednesdays 2.15 - 3.45 pm

Mums and Toddlers

Mondays 3.45 - 4.45 pm
Thursdays 10.30 - 11.30 am

HOLIDAY TENNIS

Every day - 50p per hour

CALLING ALL HOCKEY PLAYERS

Adrian Lamb would like to form a mixed Hockey team. Please could you get in touch with him (380) if interested.

Ann Spicer

SMALL ADS

RALPH C. HOGGINS

TYSOE

for regular supplies of

SOLID FUELS

Ring Tysoe 281

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

MAXI HIRE

Self-drive hire. No mileage charge. No V.A.T. Comfortable, spacious, versatile vehicle with 5-gear economy. Week £56, Fortnight £98, Day £10. Swalcliffe 522.

COMINGS & GOINGS

FRIENDS FROM MAINZ

Mary and Jack Bristow of Birch Hill, Burdrop, have arranged a holiday home exchange for this August with a family from Mainz (Germany) whom they met here earlier this year. They are a very friendly family, with excellent English and very anglophilic, with an interest to meet English people and enjoy the local way of life beyond what is offered by the usual tourist-track. The family consists of Kermann Lippold (Chief Engineer with German Television), his wife, Gudrun, and son and daughter aged 17 and 15. They will be at Birch Hill from August 1-22.

Mr and Mrs Bristow wonder if there may possibly be anyone or a family in the village with an interest in Germany or the language who would like to meet them. They would be very glad to provide further details. Swalcliffe 533.

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MRS ABEL

How the familiar figure of Mrs Abel walking her little dog is already very much missed.

She was a very valuable member of the community, not least in assisting Mrs Jean Poulton at the Luncheon Club. She will also be missed at the Friendship Club where her activities were highly valued.

Everyone wishes her happiness in her new surroundings.

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PETER MANSFIELD

After ten years as Headmaster of Sibford Primary School, Peter Mansfield moves in the Autumn to lecture in Art Education at the College of St Mary and St Paul, Cheltenham.

The school is known far beyond our own area both for the quality of education offered and for the exceptionally pleasant atmosphere that surrounds the children. Sibford's loss will be very much the nation's gain if future generations of teachers can be inspired with Peter's dedicated, thoughtful and yet immensely practical approach to education.

The whole family will be much missed in their many activities and they will take with them very best wishes for the future.

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....AND MORE DEPARTURES

The Barlow family will have moved to Hook Norton before you read this, and Roger and Sue Lambert will be going to Tiverton soon. Among their many other activities, Bridget and Sue have both delivered the Scene in part of the village. Would anyone care to take over their rounds? Sue has done the area around the Village Hall (15 houses), and Bridget's patch has been from the Crossroads to the Village Hall (21 houses). If you could spare half an hour ten times a year to do this, please contact Jenny Austing (358). Thank you both for being such reliable deliverers from the Scene's earliest days.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

It was no exaggeration to say how very much this club has missed Owen Soden, one of our most helpful and kindest members over the 16 years since the club began.

After our June 28th outing to Weymouth, the July programme is as follows:

Tuesday July 5th is our Summer Tea when we welcome our Honorary Members and join in singing Old Time songs with a soloist and pianist to make things even better.

On Tuesday July 19th we look forward to a visit from Sheila Stewart who is bringing some small treasures and antiques to show us and tell us their stories.

Wednesday July 20th Committee meeting at Miss Bennett's at 2.15.

Saturday July 30th

We hope some of our members will join the Whichford O.A.P. Club at a Garden Party at Temple Close, to which we have all been invited. It begins at 2.30 and we shall also have the company of the Hook Norton Silver Band. It is a very kind invitation by Mrs Jones and we hope the weather will be bright and sunny.

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W.I.

Tuesday July 12th at 2.00 pm in the Village Hall, Mrs Firkins will speak on 'Food from the Hedgerows'.

The competition will be 'A Summer Pudding'.

All visitors welcome.

There will be no meeting in August.

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EPWELL CHURCH

Epwell Church will be open from 6 am until 8 pm on Tuesday 12th July, and we hope that a chain of continuous prayer will be maintained there on that day.

T.W.

TEDDYBEARS' PICNIC

The Playgroup will be holding a Teddybears' Picnic at Handywater Farm on Saturday 17th September.

All Teddybears are invited whatever their age. Details in September.

MISSION ROOM

Bookings for the Mission Room (Friends Hall) are now being dealt with by Norman Coxon (317).

HELP!

Helpers are needed for both the Brownie and Guide groups. Both organisations are thriving and meet in the Village Hall on Thursdays - Brownies from 5.45 to 6.45 and Guides from 7 until 9. The helpers would not need to wear uniform.

Can you help? Please contact Mrs N. Brooks (Edge Hill 295) for Brownies or Mrs O. Springall (Banbury 810032) for Guides.

SMALL ADS

GARAGE WANTED - preferably large with electricity and water. 6 months rental minimum, longer if possible. Would consider outright purchase. Please phone Charles Eveson on 8238.

SIBFORD PLACE NAMES

Although only three entries were received for the competition, their quality more than compensated for their small quantity.

The judges had no hesitation in awarding the winner's prize to Mrs Alice Green. What a wonderful effort on the part of this 98-year-old Sibfordian to give us the benefit of her clear memory and wide knowledge of our village. We must all appreciate the time and concentration Mrs Green gave to her ten-page entry.

The two other entries were supported by excellent sketch-maps and deserve high commendation.

Mr and Mrs Woolgrove took great trouble and their map shows considerable artistic talent. We like particularly Postman Manning taking his rest and the tramp in Beggar's ditch.

Major John Long also provides a very detailed and accurate map and correctly answers most of the questions, using his imagination to fill in the gaps in his knowledge. We were particularly amused by his suggestion that Feather Bed Lane was walked by farmers.

It is hoped that the three entries will be on display at the Horticultural Show on August 20th and at the Village Fete in September.

Mrs Green's first prize means a donation of £5 shared between Holy Trinity Church and the Friendship Club. The sponsor of the competition was so impressed with the other two entries that he is offering consolation prizes to each. Mr and Mrs D. Woolgrove, therefore, earn the Village Hall Fund £5 and Major Long a similar amount for Holy Trinity Church.

THE ANSWERS - A CONSENSUS

ACRE DITCH Near the Church from Wheathills Gate to the bottom of the school hill on the right-hand side of the road. It was a ditch about one foot deep. When the houses were built, the ditch was drained and filled in.

ALCOCKS LANE Two suggestions: a) from Burdrop Corner to Tyne Hill b) Another name for Bond's End Lane. Jo Alcock, a Methodist Preacher and postman lived there.

BEGGARS DITCH The lane connecting Epwell White House with the B.4035

BLenheim A farm off the Shutford Road

CAT AND FIDDLE Site of Greens Shop (Sibford Stores) Sibford Ferris

CONSTITUTION HILL The entrance to Banbury Town from Sibford.

FEATHER BED LANE Workhouse End Sibford Gower. At the bottom end of the Gower where there was an institution for old people.

FERRIS ALLOTMENTS By Little London: the field immediately behind the last two cottages on the Banbury Road.

GALLOWS HILL A farm on the Brailes Road (Were sheep stealers or traitors hanged there ?)

THE GLEBE The land (& house ?) beyond the Old Rectory and pond in Sibford Gower.

MANNINGS HILL The steep hill separating Sibford Ferris from Burdrop and Sibford Gower. It was once called Little Sibford Hill, but took its new name from the Mannings family whose house there was set on fire by lightening. Tom Manning, the old postman, would sit at the well half way up to rest.

PIG AND WHISTLE A public house on the main road near Tyne Hill where men used to gather to play a game called 'Kick Shins'.

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SIBFORD CUB SCOUTS NEED YOUR HELP

Since its formation just over a year ago, the 1st The Sibfords Cub Scout Pack has gone from strength to strength and now has 24 active youngsters as members.

The pack has been very fortunate in that it has had a great deal of assistance from its regular helpers. Unfortunately, three of those regulars have, or soon will be leaving for various reasons and this will leave the pack rather short of helpers on a Friday night. The pack desperately needs more adult assistance for a couple of hours each Friday evening. Any offers of help will be gratefully received.

Also, a number of the older cubs have recently reached the ripe old age of 11 years and have had to leave the Cubs and move through to a Scout troop, the nearest of which is at Hook Norton. It is now felt that there are enough lads within the local villages to form our own Scout troop. Once again we are asking for help in the form of a Scout Leader to get the troop off the ground.

Any offers of help please to Richard Austing on Swalcliffe 358.

Finally the Cub Scout Committee would like to thank those helpers who are leaving for their enthusiastic help in the past.

Alan Chater

Chairman, Cub Scout Committee

SIBFORD CHARITY CIRCLE

- 1 This is a newly formed group, the present members being:-
Major (retd.) L.J.Long MBE (John), Tresco, Sibford Gower (652)
Mrs M.L.Poulton (Mary), Beyond the End, Burdrop (470)
Mr S.E.Webb (Ted), Wayside, Main Road, Sibford Gower (8211)
- 2 The aim of this circle will be to raise money for the various Sibford charities, by using methods not currently used, e.g. some or all of the following:
 - Sweepstakes on popular events / football
 - Raffles / Lotteries
 - Lucky Seven Bingo (details are being worked out)
 - Race Meetings
 - Waste paper collection
 - Shopping by Mail Order
 - Sale of Christmas Cards and Stocking Fillersany other suggestions would be appreciated.
- 3 The success of this venture depends upon a few more public-spirited volunteers (over 16 yrs), especially anyone resident in Sibford Ferris, to be on the Committee or just helpers. The tasks we need to cover are sale / collection of tickets, money etc., and the collection of waste paper.
- 4 Names of those wishing to help to any of the above please.
- 5 This is a very ambitious task and can only succeed with the cooperation and goodwill of all the villagers, and this would be greatly appreciated. It is also hoped that participation in these events will create a great deal of interest and bring us all closer together. Any money spent on these events is helping towards the Sibford charities.
- 6 HELP US TO HELP SIBFORD! ! !

L.J.L.

GARDENS AND GARDENING IN JULY & AUGUST

Have you ever visited Upton House and Gardens? It is a National Trust property, 7 miles north of Banbury on the west side of the A 422 Stratford road. It is open from 2 - 6 pm Monday to Thursday, admission 75p, or £1.60 for house and garden combined.

The beautiful gardens are on the south side of the house; from the terrace a wide lawn extends down to a steep-sided combe, terraced in a series of herbaceous borders, and beyond this is the kitchen garden with a formal lake at the bottom. From the south-west corner of the lawn a stairway descends towards the lower part of the combe, which has a larger lake. To the west of the stairway is a second combe, charmingly wooded. The borders are filled with plants which should ensure a flow of colour throughout the summer, and all clearly labelled. Adjoining the car park is a well stocked garden centre: altogether an excellent outing and to be recommended.

Back home, our gardens have benefitted from the recent sunshine, although the nights have been cool. We are coming to the longest day, the point of no return for the season, and should plant the remaining winter green vegetables; broccoli, sprouts, winter cabbage and kales. Make sure that marrows and cucumbers never lack water, particularly in their early lives. Runner beans need to be sprayed in dry weather to encourage the flowers to set. Similarly, tomatoes should be sprayed as well as kept moist at the roots. Altogether this is a busy time in the vegetable garden.

Looking ahead, onion Solidity can prove a good investment, sown in August it will mature next June; and there is now a winter hardy White Lisbon for sowing in August to mature in the spring.

And so, good gardening and happy holidays.

JARDIN

ENTERING THE SHOW

Don't forget that entries have to be made on the evening of Wednesday 17th August between 7.00 and 10.00 pm at The Leys, Backside Lane, Sibford Gower. The Show, of course, is on Saturday 20th.

WELL DONE YOUTH CLUB

Sibford Youth Club played against six other teams in League 1 of the Cherwell District Rounders competition - and emerged the winners. Congratulations.

WANTED!

CLEANER wanted. Once or twice a week to do hoovering, dusting and some silver polishing.

GARDENER wanted. Small amount of weeding, lawn cutting and tidying. Please phone Charles Eveson on 8238.

PLACE NAMES (ctd.)

PITCH HILL Two opinions - either the steep hill on the main road from Tyne Hill towards Swalcliffe, or the small hill between Sibford Elm and the main road. Some say that the former used to be called Church Hill.

RYE HILL The farm on the ridge, reached by the road behind the pond

THE SLINKET The site of the new Rectory, Sibford Gower.

BONDS END LANE The lane to the left, just before the pond. Was it named after the Bond family?

This list has been necessarily much condensed. Do look out for the display of maps and explanations at the Show and Fete. We shall print Mrs Green's account of the Ferris Allotments in a later issue.

Thanks to all who took part and to the competition's sponsor.
J.A.

CALENDAR FOR JULY & AUGUST

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends	Sunday 11 am
Methodists	Sunday 11 am
Holy Trinity	1st Sunday Holy Communion 8 am
	2nd & 4th Sunday Holy Communion 10 am
	3rd Sunday 10 am Holy Communion (July)
	Matins (August)
	5th Sunday (July) United Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton 10am

JULY

Tuesday 5th Friendship Club Summer Tea

Sunday 10th Inter-Village Sports Friends School Field

Tuesday 12th Chain of Prayer in Epwell Church

W.I. Food From the Hedgerows

Tuesday 19th Friendship Club Sheila Stewart

Wednesday 20th Friendship Club Committee 2.15

Youth Club Garden Fete 7 - 9 Rectory

Saturday 30th Garden Party for Friendship Club at Temple Close

AUGUST

Wednesday 17th Entries for Show 7-10 pm, The Leys.

Saturday 20th Sibford Horticultural and Produce Show

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