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FAREWELL TO MRS. BROWN

Mrs Brown has been working at our school for nearly 16 years. While Mrs. Brown has been here, she has seen 6 Head Masters and 52 members of staff.

In December Mr. Mansfield came and gave Mrs. Brown a cuckoo clock. Mrs. Brown had dinner with the teachers. When Mr. Mansfield gave the clock to Mrs. Brown she said, "If this is a cuckoo clock I will be the happiest lady in the world." And it was a cuckoo clock, so she was the happiest lady in the world.

Michael Mason

In 1919 Edith Brown was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, to a big family of 4 sisters and one brother. Now Mrs. Brown has 13 grandchildren: 4 grandsons and 9 granddaughters. She has lived in Sibford all 45 years of her marriage.

In all her years of working, Mrs Brown has only had one accident, and that was not her fault. She has had lots of memorable moments. One of these was when she thought some yeast would not rise, so in the bin it went, and a bit later on, Mrs. Brown went outside and there the yeast was coming out of the bin. After cooking all these years, she most enjoys making roast dinner.

On February 11th, Mrs. Brown will be leaving England for America for her tenth visit. She has been to the White House twice and the Space Museum once, as well as President Kennedy's grave and Salt Lake City.

She told us that she will be sad to leave the school.

Ross James and Patrick Tustian

....Our thanks to the children of the Primary School for being such excellent reporters.

THE CHURCH CLOCK

For months past we have been puzzled by its ailing chimes - and now, 'tis silent.

Therefore, with tongue in cheek, I suggest.....

TIM thy action is required.

J.R.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The A.G.M. was held on January 17th when Mr. Fred Haynes was re-elected Chairman, and an executive committee of six, comprising Mr. John Long, Mrs V. Rollett, Mrs. B. Tanner, Mrs. T. Law, Mr. Webb and Mrs. Tustin of Swalcliffe, was elected to run the Club.

The occasion was marked by the retirement of Mrs. Flinn who was presented with an inscribed clock commemorating her 17 years as leader.

The retiring treasurer, Mrs. B. Tanner, also received a vote of thanks.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday February 7th when the speaker will be Mr. Hain, Appeal Organiser of the Adderbury Cheshire Home. His subject will be, "Life in a Cheshire Home", supplemented by slides. A collection will be taken.

On Tuesday February 21st, Mrs Harmer of Sibford Ferris has offered to bring along some small ceramic antiques and talk about them. She has kindly offered to do her best to value any similar objects brought along by members.

BOB PADBURY

We are sorry to report that Mr. Bob Padbury died on December 20th, having been in hospital for just three days. Mr. Padbury was a much loved resident of Backside Lane for many years until, after his wife's death, he moved to Kent to be near his son and family.

? SIBFORD ?

I had a ghastly nightmare - I saw the village streets
Bedecked by all the wrappings from children's sticky sweets,
Strewn along the pathways were screwed-up paper bags
And scores of empty cartons from as many brands of fags.
In the shelter of the hedges lay the bottles and the tins
Crying out for refuge in the empty litter bins.

And then I dreamed a pleasant dream - the same familiar streets
Devoid of all the wrappings from the people's smokes and eats;
The footpaths and the hedgerows were treated with respect
And every patch of grass verge did the mower's care reflect.
Both young and old had one intent - the goal before their eyes
Was the long-sought County Trophy - the Best Kept Village prize.

That dream, I fear, was just a dream, no cause for moral vanity.
With awful shame we must confess that nightmare is reality.
Oh could not we, in gratitude for all the beauty here,
Resolve that '84 shall be our Tidy Village Year?
Let's turn that ghastly nightmare into a dream come true,
It all depends, dear readers, on US - that's ME - and YOU!

M. Cox (On behalf of the W.I.)

Women's World Day of Prayer - 2nd March

As in previous years, we hope to hold the **special** service at 2.15
and fuller details will be available later.

Erica Wimbush

ALADDIN'S LAMP

Wondering children were transported from Sibford to the exotic East and even into space at The Sibberts' first ever pantomime, complete with splendid costumes, transformation and all the flashes and bangs any Genie could inspire. For older connoisseurs of the Sibberts' work, another memorable transformation was that of Mike Finch from menacing, taciturn stranger in last year's production to an outstanding Dame, Widow Twanky.

Congratulations to Erica Wolfenden, the Director, and all the Company. We look forward to your next production.

THE WOMBOURNE WODEHOUSE

The Phillips Family moved from New Barn Farm, Sibford, to the Wombourne Wodehouse nearly two years ago. Some of their new house and garden can be seen in a weekly series entitled, "The Other 'Arf". If anybody is interested it is on I.T.V. at 8 p.m. from Friday 24th February onwards.

YOUTH CLUB

It seems a long time since the Carol Service in December, but it is pleasant to look back and remember such a happy occasion. We would like to say 'thank you' to the Rector and Mabel and Eric Payne for all their help. Thank you too, all parents and friends who were interested enough to come. Your presence was much appreciated, and we hope even more will join in next year.

The Service was followed by a Disco in the Village Hall, much enjoyed by Youth Club members, who would like to thank the Management Committee for the super refreshments.

We are planning a Jumble Sale for Saturday March 17th, so when you are spring cleaning and turning out your lofts, let your motto be "If in doubt, chuck it out!" - or rather, ring up David Baker on 676 and he will collect any item, large or small.

As we start the New Year, there are a few vacancies for new members. David enjoys starting with young members, so that they and he have plenty of time to get to know each other. He has, therefore, decided to lower the entry age to 10.

If you are interested, come along to the Village Hall on any Monday evening at 7 p.m.

David Baker, Joan Shields

SOLUTION TO THE CHRISTMAS PUZZLE

The names included were:- Agnew, Austing, Bishop, Bristow, Coxon, Crisp, Doolan Dyer, Flinn, Gilbert, Gordon, Graham, Hall, Haynes, Hicks, Horn, Inns, Jones, Keen, Keyte, Lace, Lamb, Lambert, Law, LeMaré, Lines, Lowe, Manning, May, Nelder, Payne, Rye, Sabin, Stewart, Tanner, Taylor, Todd, Walpole, Ward Hill, Warwicker, Wealsby, Webber, West, Wimbush, Wolfenden, Woolfenden.

The village name is - Sibford Ferris.

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AUSTERITY LUNCHES

12.15 - 1.45 in the Friends Meeting House.

We regret that the January lunch had to be cancelled. Contributions on February 1st will go to Helen House and, on March 7th, to Quaker Peace and Service for restoration work in Lebanon.

LAMPSHADE CLASSES

Lampshade classes have now commenced but it's not too late to join. If you are interested just contact Mrs. Phillips, Temple Lodge. Tel. 296.

THE MERRY WIDOW

At the time of going to press, there are still seats available for this performance at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre by the Stratford Operatic Company, on Wednesday, February 22nd. The coach will depart from Sibford Ferris at 6.15 p.m. Tickets £3 each from M. Cox, Burdrop. Tel. 510.

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W.I.

Tuesday February 14th at 2 p.m. in the Friends Hall.

The speaker will be Mrs Allsworth on "Beauty Care in the Red Cross".

Competition: Grandmother's Jewellery.

FOUND

A tan folding shopping bag has been found in the Village Hall. It contains a paper which must be of very great sentimental value to the owner, mentioning the name Ada Hurrell. Please contact Norman Coxon, Tel. 317, to claim the bag, or if you have any idea who the owner might be.

BELVEDERE SINGERS

The Belvedere Singers will be returning to Sibford on March 10th for an evening of varied musical entertainment with cheese and wine. More details later.

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FAMILY SUPPER EVENING

This event, organised by the Cub Scouts, has had to be postponed owing to a double booking of the Village Hall. It will now be on Saturday 18th February (7.00 - 9.00 p.m.) and will include a hot supper and entertainment. If you would like to come please phone Alan Chater on Swalecliffe 294.

BLUE PETER WEATHERBEATER APPEAL

The Cub Scouts are holding a Bring and Buy Sale on Saturday 4th February (2.00 - 4.00p.m.) in the Village Hall. Do come! Items for sale will be gratefully received, but no jumble please.

SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Looking at the last Sibford Scene, I notice it covered December and January which means we have had two meetings since then, on Making Floral Christmas Gifts and Gardening for Wildlife. May I thank all our members for their efforts in raising £35 for our funds at the December meeting, and also the committee members who provided refreshments.

To enable members to start their garments for the ANNUAL SHOW, classes will be as follows:-

Child's pullover (4-ply)	Ladies hand-knitted garment
Pair of mittens	A Lampshade
Piece of Tapestry (unframed)	Soft Toy

This year the committee will be short staffed and would like members to organise and run sideshows and stalls on Show Day. Will you please inform Mrs. Kay Turner if you can help in any way to increase our takings?

Our next meeting will be on February 8th at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mr. M. Jones of Thenhurst Nurseries will speak on 'Care of Indoor Plants'. New members will be very welcome. A suggestion has been put forward to bring a small gift, about 20p to 30p which can be used for a raffle - Bring a Prize, Win a Prize. Membership of the Society, £1.50 per person, gives free admission to each meeting and 10% discount at all local Garden Centres.

John Sabin

RALPH C. HOGGINS

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I'LL NEVER FORGET...

The most amazing things sometimes happen to people quite out of the blue. Have you a story to tell of an outstanding incident in your life? If so, the editor would like to hear from you.

THANK YOU

The Scene collecting box in the Post Office raised the sum of £36.45. Many thanks to Mrs. Dyer for looking after it - and to all who gave. We have also received generous donations from various village bodies, so are solvent for at least another year.

J.A.

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CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends

Sunday 11 a.m.

Methodists

Sunday 11 a.m.

Holy Trinity

5th 8 a.m. Holy Communion

12th 10 a.m. Family Communion Service

19th 10 a.m. Matins (Mr Malcolm Hancock of the C. of E. Children's Society will speak)

10.50 a.m. Holy Communion

26th 10 a.m. Holy Communion

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

BADMINTON

Wednesday (except 2nd) 8 p.m. Village Hall

BROWNIES

Thursday 5.45 Village Hall

GUIDES

Thursday 7 p.m. Village Hall

CUB SCOUTS

Friday 6.30 Village Hall

PLAYGROUP

Each morning except Tuesday Village Hall

Wednesday 1st

Austerity Lunch Friends Meeting House 12.15

Saturday 4th

Blue Peter Weatherbeater Sale 2 - 4 Village Hall

Tuesday 7th

Friendship Club 'Life in a Cheshire Home'

Wednesday 8th

Horticultural Society 8 p.m. Village Hall

Tuesday 14th

W.I. Friends Hall 2 p.m.

Saturday 18th

Cub Scouts Family Supper 7 - 9 Village Hall

Tuesday 21st

Friendship Club 'Antiques'

Wednesday 22nd

'Merry Widow' at Stratford

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