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WATER!

At last there is to be a new water main from the Sibford Gower crossroads, along Pond Lane, down Bonds End Lane and finishing at the Parley Close footpath.

The Water Authority say this is to alleviate the problems of poor pressure and discoloured water in the area. There have also been many bursts in recent years.

The work will begin in the week of September 17th and last for two to three weeks during which time vehicular access to Bonds End Lane will be restricted between 9 a.m. and 4.30 pm. A notice is enclosed for residents, asking them to take out any vehicles that will be needed during the day and park them clear before 9 a.m. Access will be restored after working hours, and at any time should the emergency services be required.

The Water Board regret the inconvenience this will cause, but perhaps that is a small price for an improved water supply.

Further information may be had from Mr. C. Baugh at Thames Water, Denton House, Iffley Turn, Oxford.
Tel. Oxford 778921 Ext. 242.

JEAN POULTON

Cheerful sounds are coming from the Leicester Royal Infirmary where Mrs Jean Poulton is recovering after her accident. She is expecting to be back in Sibford very early in September. Best wishes to Jean and all her family.

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Dear Friends,

Not able to use my right hand sufficiently to express my feelings to you, I am using the Sibford Scene to pass a message on to you all to say how much I appreciate your flowers, cards and messages that have been brought to me in the Royal Infirmary, Leicester. They have given me great comfort and I sincerely hope to be back amongst you all as soon as the hospital gives me the sign to depart.

Sincerely yours,

JEAN POULTON

SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Well, we really had a very sunny day for our Annual Show on Saturday August 18th and we are delighted that we were able to show the visitors an excellent number of exhibits. Classes A and B exhibits had increased this year in spite of the fact that we have experienced a very dry summer. Class C exhibits were slightly down, but the children's sections were very disappointing. We wish parents would encourage their children to enter and show their talents, such as, for instance, the beautifully made gate by David Inns. To the other children that showed interest, Well Done!, and try to get your friends to enter next year.

We are very reluctant to involve organising a special attraction for the afternoon at the Show as this can be very costly and, without support, the Society would certainly run the Show at a loss.

The prizewinners were:-

Dr H. Taylor Cup	Mrs W. Stewart	Society Cup	Mrs B. Tanner
Sibford Rose Bowl	Mr F. Tustain	Village Cup	Mrs T. Law
Children's Cup	David Inns	President's Prize	David Inns
Mrs F. Padbury Rose Bowl	Mr J. Sabin		
Large Picture	Mrs J. Gordon	S.J.Sabin Cup	David Simms
Small Picture	Helen Soden	Flora Award	Mr J. Sabin
Mrs F. Padbury Cup	Mrs J. Barton		
Wooden Bowl presented by Mr Webb	Mrs J. Barton		

May I thank everyone who helped run the sideshows and served teas, also a special Thank You to all who gave us prizes etc. to help cover our expenses.

Our next monthly meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday September 12th 8 pm. Mr Miles from Wardington Nurseries will speak on Conifers.

Will anyone who left a dark brown pair of sunglasses in the marquee at the Show please collect them from my home.

John Sabin

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

Another Teddy Bears' Picnic is being planned for Saturday 15th September from 2.30 pm at Handywater Farm. Proceeds this year will be split in half between Church funds and the N.S.P.C.C.

As last year, there will be sideshows, pony rides, and a scavenger hunt for the children, cake and produce stalls for the adults, with a raffle and cream teas, a grand parade of Teddies and bear-faced entertainment designed to appeal to all ages.

Bring Teddies with you - 10p entry (Bearholders under 10 come in free).

And please remember - don't forget
We're in the Mission Hall if wet!

Sue Colquhoun

SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL FAYRE '84

Have you noticed how clean and smart the Hall is looking at the moment? New roses in the garden, walls freshly painted and the windows hung with toning curtains. Obviously the Oxfordshire Rural Community judges noticed it also because we had a special mention in the Best-Kept Village competition. The judges "couldn't find fault with the Hall". What a compliment to the village that is, because everyone who uses the Hall has a responsibility towards its upkeep, whether it be taking litter to the nearest bin or resisting the temptation to pick a flower or two.

The running costs of the Hall are increasing all the time and the needs of the community are always changing. We pride ourselves on providing a well-maintained facility for the village, and, ironically, one of our problems is not having enough evenings to satisfy all our bookings! We should like to improve the service we offer and foremost in our minds at the moment is the replacement of the trestle tables and perhaps the Hall chairs, not forgetting the much needed increase of storage space, (I am sure there isn't a person reading this who hasn't commented on the weight of the trestles or hasn't wriggled on those wooden chairs in discomfort) but all these ideas cost money and on September 22nd, everyone has a chance to ensure that the standard of the Hall is maintained. We are holding a :-

VILLAGE HALL FAYRE '84

On a separate sheet you will find details of the stalls and events taking place. So, if you value your Hall, have a sort out in your loft or spare room and support our Village Fayre.

REMEMBER SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 22nd IN THE HALL & GROUNDS

Note. If you have goods to be collected please ring David Baker (676), Mrs K. Horn (658) or Mrs J. Skeath (494).

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THE CURTAINS

I would like to express our gratitude to the production team who helped with the making of the curtains.

Our versatile secretary bought and cut out the material and then organised an extremely efficient band of experts who slaved over their machines to make the high-quality products that so beautifully complement the recent interior redecoration.

I am sure that all of us who use the hall would like to thank Mrs Skeath, Mrs Coxon, Mrs Endersby, Mrs Hicks, Mrs Horn, Mrs Lacey, Mrs Law and Mrs Wimbush.

Tony Rye

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sat. November 10th - Concert and Supper Party organised by Village Hall Committee. Details later

WANTED !

Village Correspondent for Banbury Guardian. Post becoming vacant. Anyone interested please apply Jean Jones, Swa. 631.

MUSIC RESULTS

A yearly report of music successes gained by our local musicians in Oxford.

Elizabeth Abbott Grade 111
Theory

Piano

Grade 111 Melanie Haynes
Grade 1 Andrew Wimbush
Step 1 Victoria Bartlett
Frank Soden
Lewis Soden
Jamie White
Biba Woodall

CHIROPODY

The Oxfordshire County Council Mobile Chiropody Clinic comes to the Village Hall Car Park at 9.30 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month.

People of retirement age can make appointments by calling at the clinic on one of its visits.

AUSTERITY LUNCHES

Austerity Lunches at the Friends Meeting House between 12.15 and 1.45 on the first Wednesday of each month will begin again on October 3rd.

M. LeMare

SIBFORD PLAYGROUP

The Autumn term starts on Monday 10th September at 9.30 a.m. Playgroup sessions will now be held in the Village Hall on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.30 - 12 noon.

There are a few vacancies, so if you are new to the Sibford area and have children from 3 - 5 years of age, pop into one of the sessions or contact Maureen Hicks (259) or Erica Wimbush (555).

M. Hicks

KEEP FIT

Sessions begin again on Tuesday 11th September in the Village Hall at 10am. Creche at the Rectory.

E.W.

W.I.

Tuesday September 11th at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall.
A speaker from the N.F.U.
Visitors very welcome.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday September 4th
Mr Barnett - Match-stick Model Maker.
2 p.m. Lister Common Room, Friends School.

Tuesday September 18th
Outing. Details from Mr Ted Webb, Wayside, Sibford Gower.

Waste Paper

Many thanks to all who are sending it in. Please continue to do so.

SAMARITANS

Many thanks to Erica Wimbush and David Moir for undertaking the house-to-house collection in the Sibfords. £23.52 was raised in Sibford Ferris and £39.78 in Gower.

Kathleen Bartlett

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HOOK NORTON EVENING CENTRE

Classes arranged for the Autumn Term are as follows:-

	<u>Afternoon</u>	<u>Evening</u>
<u>Monday</u>	Pewterwork	Men's Keep Fit, Upholstery, Going into the 'teens and Beyond
<u>Tuesday</u>	Bridge	Dancercise, Archaeology, Lampshade Making, First Aid, Guitar, Indian Cookery
<u>Wednesday</u>	Haircutting	Yoga, Painting, Family History Silk Screen Printing & Batik
<u>Thursday</u>	A Closer Look at The Third World	Yoga, Painting, Calligraphy Local Natural History and Conservation.

Classes are held at the Primary School, Hook Norton and the enrolment evening will be on Monday 10th September from 7 to 8.30 p.m. Classes will begin week commencing 24th September. Copies of the programme 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.

GUIDED WALKS

The last walk in this year's series starts from Epwell Church on Thursday 6th September at 6.30 p.m. The leader will be Martin Morris.

BALLYHOO

(or Who for the Ballet ?)

Maybe YOU would like to see Tchaikovsky's THE NUTCRACKER performed by the Vienna Festival Ballet Company at the Apollo Theatre, Oxford, on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 29th.

There are a limited number of Special Party Rate seats still available at £3.50 - but don't delay!

(Organised by Sibford W.I.)

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WARRINER NEWS

We should like to take this opportunity of welcoming all the parents of the new 1st-year pupils at the Warriner School. We hope it will be the beginning of a long and happy association with the school for both parents and children.

The school has a very widespread catchment area and consequently communication between school and parents can be difficult. P.T.A. Newsletters and reminders of events at the school are sent home via the children, but they sometimes tend to get forgotten and left in school bags and pockets to be found only when it's too late!

To help try and bridge this gap, the P.T.A. has appointed a representative in every village in the catchment area. We try to make sure parents know of forthcoming events and help to foster a feeling of 'belonging to the school'. We are hoping to use this space regularly to keep you all informed, and if there are any queries or opinions you would like to express, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The first major event of the Autumn Term is the P.T.A. A.G.M. on Tuesday September 18th at 8 p.m. at School. All parents are invited and it is a good introduction to the workings of the P.T.A. and a chance to meet other parents. If you are stuck for transport please contact one of us.

Your village reps are:-

Anne Marcovitch Pond Cottage, Sibford Gower
(8163)

Carole Moir, Hillecot, Sibford Ferris (8241)

PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Parish Councils have heard from the Severn Trent Water Authority and Cherwell District Council concerning two areas of major interest and concern to those living in rural communities.

Pollution by silage. Each year serious damage is caused by discharges of silage liquor into the area's streams. The Water Authority would like to collaborate with the farming community advising and assisting in eliminating this problem. Contact the Divisional Scientist for our area of the Water Authority for help or advice.

Straw and stubble burning. New byelaws have been passed to govern the burning of straw and stubble. A new maximum fine of £2,000 has been introduced for conviction following contravention of these byelaws. Full details are available from the Parish Clerk, Mr W. Johnson, Burdrop House.

The next meeting of the Sibford Gower Parish Council will be on Friday 28th September in the Village Hall.

HELP!

A rather tidy but non-dusting widower (men are hopeless!) would welcome a little domestic assistance (say two 2-hour sessions a week) to maintain an easily-run cottage in the manner to which it is accustomed. Please contact Barry Davies, Stonecutters Cottage, Bonds End Lane. (291), as soon as possible. The dust gets thicker by the hour!!

THE GARDEN IN SEPTEMBER

We are back to work again, but with a difference. We are now able to relax and assess the result of our season's work. We can enjoy the lush colour of the dahlias for a week or two yet to be followed by the chrysanthemums, but don't forget to put the late varieties under glass about the middle of the month - by this time you can easily be caught by an unexpected frost.

There is still time to sow seeds of stocks East Lothian or Beauty of Nice to grow on under glass for Spring flowering. Another attractive and very useful plant to sow now is the schizanthus which will flower under cold glass next Spring. Known as the poor man's orchid, it provides a mass of colour. In the vegetable section, a September sowing of lettuce will provide a cutting next April, especially in cold frames. Winter Density or Aldor are suitable varieties.

The most important job now is the planting of bulbs to flower at Christmas and New Year. Careful selection will give continuous colour from mid-December to April. Don't overlook the less well-known bulbs which can add to the pleasure of colour surprises: iris danfordiae, ixias pushkinia, libinotica are attractive little flowers and easy to grow.

JARDIN

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FRIENDS OF SIBFORD SPORTS CLUB

The Children's Swimming Gala will be held on Wednesday 26th September at 6 p.m. MEMBERS ONLY.

Please mark which events you wish to enter and return the form to me by Wednesday 19th September.

Ann Spicer

NAME.....AGE.....

BACKSTROKE _____

BREASTSTROKE _____

CRAWL _____

RELAY _____

BEGINNERS _____

GAMES _____

Return completed entry form to Ann Spicer by September 19th

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends	Sunday 11 a.m.	
Methodists	Sunday 11 a.m.	
Holy Trinity	2nd 8 a.m.	Holy Communion
	9th 10a.m.	Holy Communion
	16th 10a.m.	Family Service
	23rd 10a.m.	Holy Communion
	30th 10am	United Benefice Eucharist: Swalcliffe
Sunday School 9.45		
The Harvest Thanksgiving Service and Supper will be on Saturday October 6th at 6 p.m.		

WEEKLY EVENTS

Youth Club	Monday 7.30	Village Hall
Folk Dancing	Tuesday 8 p.m.	Village Hall
Badminton	Wednesday (except 2nd)	8 p.m. Village Hall
Brownies	Thursday 4.45	Village Hall
Guides	Thursday 7 p.m.	Village Hall
Cub Scouts	Friday 6.30	Village Hall
Playgroup	Monday, Wednesday, Friday morning	Village Hall

Tuesday 4th	School Term begins
	Friendship Club - Matchstick Models
Thursday 6th	Guided walk from Epwell 6.30

Monday 10th	Hook Norton Evening Centre Enrolments
	Playgroup Re-opens
Tuesday 11th	W.I. 2 p.m.
Wednesday 12th	Chiropody Clinic 9.30 Village Hall Car Park
	Horticultural Society 8 p.m.
Saturday 15th	Teddybears' Picnic 2.30 Handywater Farm

Tuesday 18th	Friendship Club Outing
	Warriner School P.T.A. A.G.M 8 p.m.

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* SATURDAY 22nd	VILLAGE HALL FAYRE	2.30	*
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Wednesday 26th	Children's Swimming Gala 6 p.m.
Friday 28th	Sibford Gower Parish Council
Saturday 29th	'Nutcracker' at Oxford

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