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MEET MOLLIE HARRIS

SIBFORD WOMENS INSTITUTE OPEN GROUP MEETING

All readers of the Sibford Scene, relatives and friends are warmly invited to our meeting on Friday 26th October at 7.30 in the Main Hall, Friends School.

Mollie Harris, well known as Martha Woodford of 'The Archers', actress and author, will be our guest speaker.

Admission 25p to include refreshments.

Other attractions:- raffle, displays, promotion and W.I. publications. The draw will be held for the winner of our beautiful, hand-made patchwork quilt.

PETER AGNEW

We all very much regret the death of Peter Agnew who will be very much missed by her family and friends. She was a wonderful mother and had a most kind and generous nature.

As one-time President of the W.I., she worked very hard, and meticulously produced the Drama Group to a high standard. Her sense of humour will be remembered by us all.

B.W.

THE FAYRE

I would like to express my thanks to all who helped to make the Village Hall Fayre such a success on September 22nd. Special thanks must go to Mrs Kathleen Horn who masterminded the event which raised a magnificent £450 for the Village hall funds.

Tony Rye
Chairman

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 1984

Dear Readers,

Your support last year for the Legion's efforts in helping those who have directly suffered as a result of warfare, and all those, such as widows and their children, w who have lost their menfolk and fathers, was terrific. Please can I ask that you will be at least, if not as I hope, even more generous this year. Thank you once again in advance.

Please note that the LEGAL collection period is from Monday 29th October to Saturday 10th November for house-to-house and static (shops, offices etc.) collections. I add this because some Local Authorities have made complaints about early collections and have threatened to withdraw licences.

John Mulley
Hon. Collector the Sibfords.
(Swa. 629)

P.S. The Legion is holding a Festival of Remembrance in the Technical College, Broughton Road, Banbury, on Sunday 4th November at 7 pm. All members are welcome.

TAKE CARE!

Many people were very concerned to hear the news that Miss Copley's house was broken into. Other elderly residents of Burdrop and the Gower have also reported instances of snoopers and peeping Toms. Do let the Police know if you are troubled in this way, or at all suspicious. It could save yourself - or someone else - a lot of distress.

SIBFORD METHODIST CHURCH

On three occasions recently our Church has been defiled by some shameless person using it as a lavatory, leaving excreta in the pulpit and in the vestry.

Very recently, the Chapel was found with the Bible and one of the altar vases cast to the floor, the organ swithhed on and notices torn from their pins and scattered over the ground. A new umbrella was taken and discovered torn to shreds and strewn along Pound Lane.

It is saddening to think that such depravity and outrage -ous behaviour may be present in our village. In view of these happenings and after much thought, it has reluctantly b been decided to lock the Chapel. The key is available from the Chapel Stewards should anyone wish it.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN OOSTENDE

Robin Spicer is organising a trip to the Oostends hypermarket and city-centre shopping streets. Leave Sibford 9 pm Friday November 30th, back in Sibford 6 am Sunday December 2nd. Cost £21. Identity Card required (Post Office £1). Details from Robin Spicer (Swa. 690). Bookings to be made before October 31st.

CHURCH NOTES

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

This year's Service and Supper may, in fact, turn out to be a little late! However, when we plan these things it's not always possible to predict the year's weather ahead - and we've had our Service and Supper on the first Saturday of October for several years now without too much trouble. So whatever the outcome, we're saddled with the 6th, and this year's going to be as thankful a service as ever we've had - perhaps there's even more to be thankful for with that glorious summer past.

Supper tickets (£1.50 adult, £1.00 child) are available from Ann Spicer, Gill Soden, Mary Poulton and The Rectory. It's advisable to book, even by phone, to make sure there are enough tickets to go round. The tradition of auctioning the produce will continue. Helen House in Oxford is the charity to benefit this year (and they'll get the collection too) so I do hope for a good response.

The Service at 6 pm will include a special section when anyone can make an offering of their own 'harvest', and the Preacher will be the Rev. Stephen Jones, Vicar of Cropredy.

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CHANDOS PLAYERS

May we thank Mr Nelson of Home Close, Sibford Ferris, for kindly organising a concert in Church on Sunday 16th September. It was a most enjoyable occasion and, with inevitably only short notice, a good number of music lovers were able to attend. The Chandos Players were subsequently to give a concert at the Wigmore Hall in London - so often the start of something big. We wish them well.

On the same Sunday we welcomed the Brownies, Cubs and some Guides (other Guides were 'on exercise') to their special Parade Service; and in the evening a group came from Banbury to worship and we were pleased to greet them.

T.W.

HELP NEEDED!

Will 3 people give up 2 - 3 hours each month to help clean Holy Trinity Church? One helper who has worked for years is shortly leaving the village, so her place needs to be filled. The fifth weekend of the month falls only about five times in the year, and two people are needed for these occasions. If you can help, please phone 460.

DOCTOR SIDNEY AGNEW AND FAMILY would like to express their deep gratitude and appreciation to the very many people who sent kind messages of comfort and sympathy in their recent sad bereavement. Please accept this notice as acknowledgement.

P.S. The Cancer Research Fund has benefitted to the sum of £500.

Thank you.

DROUGHT IN AFRICA

On Wednesday, October 3rd, the Austerity Lunch, price 70p., which will be held between 12.15 and 1.45 at the Friends Meeting House, will be in aid of 'Drought in Africa'.

Please come and help to raise a worthwhile sum for this great need, especially among children.

"JOHN BLOW TO JOHN LENNON"

The Oken Singers are giving a concert of 'Part Songs Through The Ages' in Whichford Church on Saturday October 6th at 7.30. Tickets, including light refreshments, £1.50 (at the door).

TEDDYBEARS' PICNIC

Despite September 15th being a cloudy and cool afternoon, and the unfortunate clash with the Tadmarton Fair, enough intrepid Teddy lovers came to Handywater Farm from a wide area to create a festive atmosphere and raise £122.

Half of this has gone to the N.S.P.C.C. and half to Sibford Church funds.

Thank you all for coming and a special thank you to all who helped and contributed.
S.C.

SIBFORD BRITISH LEGION

Subscriptions have been collected for 1984 but if the branch is to be properly re-formed, Officers are required. Anybody who has served or is serving in the Armed Service please contact Miss A.L. Bennett, Thurlstones Sibford Gower, (Tel 235), if interested.

HALLOWEEN EVENING

Saturday 27th October

7.30 - 10 pm

Village Hall

Adults £1.00, Children 75p

Everyone welcome - family evening

Organised by 1st The Sibfords Cubs.

W.I.

'Victorian Banbury' will be the subject of the meeting on Tuesday October 9th at 2 pm when the speaker will be Mrs Gosling of the County Museum, Woodstock.

Competition - a hand-made card for Christmas, birthday etc.

BANBURY GUARDIAN

Inca Todd has taken over as Sibford's correspondent and would be glad to hear your news. (Tel. 278)

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SCHOOL NEWS

This term all the children in school are learning about things from history.

Mrs Cody's children have begun to find out about Captain Cook and his journey in the ship Endeavour.

The Lower Juniors in Mrs Greenhalgh's class have made a collection of very old things and are finding out about castles. They are planning a visit to Kenilworth Castle.

The Middle and Upper Juniors are writing a topic on Roman Britain, apart from being interesting it is also very good for learning. Visits have already been made to Chedworth Villa and the Corinium Museum.

James Marcovitch.

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Captain Cook

Captain Cook went on a voyage to the South Pacific and he went on a ship called the Endeavour and he took rum, beer and he took food and sails and ropes. He had a cabin at the back of the ship and the men slept in hammocks and they had to take turns. The ship had 93 people on it and there were soldiers and sailors and scientists and there were animals.

Anna Miller.

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Living in Castle Times

The first invasion was by King Harold of Norway in the north, and the second was in the south by Duke William. Harold won the first one but was killed by an arrow in his eye. William became King. When William was King he promised to be a kind king but he was not always kind. The Normans built the first castles. William had London Tower built to protect him from his enemies.

James Perry

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On Tuesday, 11th September Mrs Francis took all the 4th Year children to Chedworth Roman Villa. The Villa is set in a beautiful setting near Chedworth and the whole villa is surrounded by Woodland. We saw a film on the villa, it told us all about the place. They chose the place because of the Fosse Way which was nearby so it was easy to get to towns. They also chose it because of a fresh water spring which was near as well. The Romans had chosen the site with care and it was fascinating to see.

On 19th September we visited the Corinium Museum, Cirencester. Corinium was one of the most important Roman towns. At the museum we saw many examples of Roman mosaic floors, learned about the Roman Gods and saw reconstructions of Roman rooms. The Romans had lovely houses and nice clothes.

taken from work by Rebecca Key & Rebecca Moir.

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P.T.A. - dates to remember!
A.G.M. - Tuesday, 2nd October, 7.45 p.m.
Jumble Sale - Wednesday, 24th October
3.30 p.m. in the School Hall.
Bonfire and Firework evening as usual.
Christmas Dance - Friday, 7th December.

WARRINER NOTES

A lively social calendar is planned for the coming year, involving pupils, parents and teachers. The year starts with

THE WARRINER GREAT EGG RACE

a Technology Competition on Friday October 19th at 7.30. Details have been sent out via pupils, and included in the competition will be entries from 4th-years in the feeder Primary Schools. Also on display will be examples of work over the past year. Science Area.

Later this term - A Parents' Marathon

Christmas Fair (Dec. 1st).

Watch school bags for further details.

Notes from the A.G.M.

Parents who missed the 1st and 4th Year Consultation evenings because of industrial action might like to know that staff are always willing to discuss a pupil's progress if a parent wishes to ring up and make an appointment.

Any queries concerning the bus service should be addressed to Mr Copeman at Macclesfield House, Oxford.

On sale in school - Cut price biros and rulers from Mr Clugston and second-hand sports gear from Mr Martin Thomas.

We look forward to meeting new parents on 19th.

Anne Marcovitch 8163

Carol Moir 8241

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

On Tuesday October 2nd is due the welcome return of Mr John Basely to show his slides, accompanied by talk, of his recent holiday, entitled

"Trans-Siberian Railway, Russia, China and Japan".
2 pm Lister Common Room, Friends School.

Tuesday 16th - to be announced.

OUTING

Thirty-eight members and friends took part on Tuesday afternoon in the last outing of this season's very successful series. They left Sibford at 4 pm and went for a 2-hour mystery tour of the Cotswolds, ending up at The Snowhill Arms for a bar meal before returning to Sibford.

Other outings this summer have been to Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust, The Forest of Dean, Treasures Nurseries, Tenbury Wells and the Malvern Hills. There is a Shopping Trip to be arranged in November to the Kingfisher Centre, Redditch. Details next month.

These outings have been made possible by the hard work of Major John Long in his collection and selling of waste paper, so let's have lots more. The Town Estates Charity also made a small donation.

T.E.Webb

CHIROPODY

We've been caught on the wrong foot! The mobile clinic doesn't seem to be coming, as notified, on the second Wednesday, so our apologies to those who wasted their time. We think they might be expected on the 4th Wednesday instead.

ONE DAY LAST SUMMER

Many residents of Sibford didn't need to go to the beach for a paddle early last month - they could use their own gardens, or, in some unfortunate cases, their houses.

As most people will know by now, Sibford was subject to a cloudburst which flooded roads, gardens and houses. The drains were unable to cope with all the water as steps turned into waterfalls, paths into streams and lawns into ponds.

The children all enjoyed it though and donned their wellingtons and had great fun! It was left to the adults to clear up the mess. The debris and dirt left behind once it stopped raining took quite a time to clear.

As one resident said, this was the worst she had seen in 50 years. Let's hope it's another 50 before it happens again.

Trish Andrews

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We said to our Mother, "Why can't we ever have a Bring and Buy Sale?" And she didn't really want us to because we were just about to go back to school, but we persuaded her to have one and she said, "Oh, I suppose you could have a small one," so we went round sticking up posters.

When the day came, it was raining, so we had to have it inside our sitting room and kitchen. Lots of people came and it was a great success, raising £37. And it was good fun organising all the games.

Matthew Abbott

THE GARDEN IN OCTOBER

This is an interesting month, certainly as far as weather is concerned. It is linked by tradition with the weather to come in the following January and February. 'If October brings much frost and wind, then January and February are mild.' On the other hand, 'A warm October, a cold February'. Looking back through old diaries, there appears to be some support for these beliefs. In 1977, October 13, 14, 15 speaks of misty mornings followed by sunny, warm afternoons; 18, 19, 20 are described as 'mild, quiet days'. Writing on February 23 1978, the entry is, 'After a fortnight of hard frost and wintry weather the thaw has come'. Let us be warned and make the most of whatever good weather October brings this year.

Writing during the third week of September, I am glad to say that there have not been any early frosts so there is still plenty of colour in the garden. Nevertheless, the main work this month will be tidying up, especially herbaceous plants and shrubs. Roses are best left until November or March.

The early part of October is the best time for a last cut on the lawns. Raise the level of the cutter and leave the grass box off so that the grass has a light covering.

Lettuce can be sown now to mature in the Spring, and you can also still sow spinach: Greenmarket is a suitable variety.

JARDIN

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CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

CHURCH SERVICES

Society Of Friends Sunday 11am
Methodists Sunday 11am
Holy Trinity Saturday 6th 6pm Harvest Thanksgiving Service
Sunday 7th 8am Holy Communion
14th 10am Holy Communion and Baptism
21st 10am Holy Communion (children's special)
28th 10am Holy Communion
9.45 every Sunday - Sunday School in Village Hall

WEEKLY EVENTS

Youth Club Monday 7.30 Village Hall
Folk Dancing Tuesday 8pm Village Hall
Luncheon Club Tuesday 12.30 Friends Hall
Badminton Wednesday (except 2nd) 8pm Village Hall
Brownies Thursday 4.45 Village Hall
Guides Thursday 7pm Village Hall
Cub Scouts Friday 6.30 Village Hall
Playgroup Monday, Wednesday, Friday mornings. Village Hall

Tuesday 2nd Friendsbip Club - Trans-Siberian Railway
Primary School P.T.A. A.G.M. 7.45
Wednesday 3rd Austerity Lunch 12.15-1.45 Friends Meeting House

Tuesday 9th W.I. Victorian Banbury
Wednesday 10th Hprticultural Society A.G.M.

Tuesday 16th Friendship Club
Friday 19th Great Egg Race at the Warriner School 7.30

Wednesday 24th Mobile Cbiropody Clinic ?????
Primary School Mammoth Jumble Sale 3.30
Friday 26th Mollie Harris 7.30 Friends School
Saturday 27th Cubs' Halloween Evening

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