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SIBFORD SCENE

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FIREWORKS

MONDAY 5th NOVEMBER

Everyone is invited to the
BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS
on the Primary School field.

6 pm

Hot dogs - spuds - soup
(bring your own mug)

Admission 40p per person
Babes in arms free!

CONCERT AND SUPPER PARTY

SATURDAY 10th NOVEMBER

A varied (not too heavy)
programme of music at 7pm in
the Church, followed by supper
in the Hall. There will be a
licensed bar.

Inclusive tickets £3 from
Janette Skeath, Nansen House,
Tel. 494, or the Post Office.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Village Hall 2.30pm
Saturday 17th November

Cakes Children's Tombola

Cards and Wrapping Paper
Treasure Hunt

Bottle Stall

Good Toys & Games Books

and Other Stalls Raffle

Teas

Mary Poulton will be glad to
receive contributions of
goods in advance, or they could
be delivered to the Hall
on the morning of the Bazaar.

We welcome one and all.

VILLAGE QUIZ

This annual contest of General
Knowledge, High Culture and
Low Cunning will be held in
the Village Hall on Friday
30th November at 8.10.

The contestants are teams
representing the village
organisations. The audience
has all the fun and knows all
the answers.

FEATHERS - FEATHERS - FEATHERS

Wanted urgently to make
cushions for Red Cross Sales.
Featherbeds, bolsters, pillows
gladly collected. Phone
Toonie Law (460) or Anne
Stephens (452).

YOUTH CLUB

We had another very successful garden fete in July and are most grateful to all who helped and supported us in so many ways. We feel that this once-a-year effort, involving both Youth Club members and committee, is very worthwhile, quite apart from the fact that we were able to bank £170.

The Club was closed for regular meetings during the summer, but David and Diana Baker were still busy taking members to Camp on four separate occasions. This has proved a very popular activity!

We entered a team for the Cherwell District six-a-side cickettounament, and succeeded in being runners-up.

Two teams were entered for the annual Assault/Confidence Course at Heythrop Park, where they had to pit their skills and resourcefulness against 19 teams from all over the county. Both teams performed excellently: the boys were placed fourth over a very gruelling course, and the girls won the Banbury Focus Cup for the second year running. Well Done!!

We are looking forward to a good winter session, including a sponsored walk on 28th October.

David Baker would be glad to hear from any Youth Club parents who would like to become more involved in the life of the Club. Offers of help with transport to away events, or help with special efforts would be particularly welcome.

We have a few vacancies for new members. If you are aged 10 to 18 and would like to join, you are welcome to come along to the Village Hall on Monday evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Joan Shields

BIRTH

Congratulations to the Robbins family of the Old Bakehouse on the birth of Richard Martin Derek on October 13th. A baby brother for Tiffany, Guy, Caroline, Daniel and David.

FOUND

The Playgroup children have been looking after a small, brown, furry, cuddly puppy - toy variety. If anyone has lost this pet, which was found by the Pond in late September, please contact Maureen Hicks.

BUNNY MARKET

RED CROSS CHARITY SHOP

Burdrop. Tel. 278.

Open every Tuesday and Friday afternoon.

Good second-hand clothing, sportswear, riding gear, boots, bags, novelties and cards for sale.

FOR SALE

MODEL RAILWAY LAYOUT, 6'x4' scenery board, three trains, large rolling stock, Hornby etc. Three controllers and buildings. V.G.C. £100. Swalcliffe 781.

SUBBUTEO 5 teams plus large quantity of accessories, pitch and stands. £10. Swalcliffe 781.

WARRINER NEWS

CRAFT AND HOBBIES EXHIBITION

This gave everyone an opportunity to view work from all the Design and Technology departments at the School, together with craft and art work from local Primary Schools, including Sibford. It was a pity that The Great Egg Race attracted so few entrants, but those there were seemed very ingenious.

MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

Mr. David Lock arranged a trip to a Promenade Concert in September. The pupils and staff who went heard works by Mahler, Bartok and Haydn, and all enjoyed themselves very much.

One of the School Choirs has been adopted by the Oxford-based 'Blue Velvet Jazz Band' and frequently appears with them in their concerts. Their latest appearance was at the Apollo Theatre, and they will next be performing at the Oxford Playhouse, just before Christmas - both choir and band are well worth listening to if you'd like an outing!

Several Warriner pupils are taking part in the Banbury Young Musician of the Year Competition in November, including Lucy Marcovitch and Katy Moir from Sibford, who both learn the oboe with Mrs Jane Woolfenden of Sibford Ferris. Good luck to them all!

FRENCH EXCHANGE

Mrs Janet Smith (Head of French Dept.) is currently making arrangements for next year's exchange visit to Cahors. It is open to all pupils, but is most popular with 2nd and 3rd years. Further details from French Dept.

WINTER WEATHER

A reminder that, in the event of thick snow in the morning, parents should phone VILLAGE REPS to see if buses are running. If it snows heavily during the day, phone VILLAGE REPS - not school - to see if children are being sent home early.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday December 1st. All contributions to Ann Marcovitch (8163) or Carole Moir (8241).

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME

The recent collection resulted in the record sum of just over £100. A big thank you to all collectors and donors.

N.C.H. cares annually for some 7,000 children and their families, not only in Homes and Special Schools, but Centres for families under stress, young people in trouble, and many other aspects of child care.

I first became associated with the collection about 1966 when Miss Annie Inns of the Old Post Office was organiser. For more years than I can discover, the Collection had been organised through the Women's Bright Hour, which met in what was then called the Mission Room.

The Collector for the Ferris was Mrs Myrtle Haynes of Holly Cottage. Although she was born in 1900, she says she was always referred to by Miss Inns as 'one of her girls', having been taught by her at Epwell Village School.

I am not made of such strong stuff as Annie Inns and don't see myself going on till 90! I am sure there must be many people in the Gower and the Ferris who would be glad to help with the Collection on the organising side. If so, do give me a ring on 571 and I will explain our present set-up.

JOAN SHIELDS

KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE FUND

Many of you will have known Katharine Gadsby who died last June, three months before her 21st birthday. The remarkable way she coped and lived with her illness, her beliefs and her desire to help her fellow beings has become a source of inspiration to many people, all of whom feel the need to give of themselves to a worthy cause as a result of the love and compassion she awoke in them.

As caring for others was one of her two passions (the other being music), what better way to perpetuate this than to raise a local Hospice where all who come can be loved and cared for.

The stall at The Barn, Sibford Ferris, will contribute to this project, so any clothing, bric-a-brac and saleable items will be gratefully received (and collected).

Please telephone Swalcliffe 343 for further information.

Patsy Edwards

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

GRAND SALE VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3rd 2pm
Household Goods & Linen
Cakes & Produce
Jewellery Good Clothes
Bric-a-brac Raffle
Guessing Games Tea & Biscuits
Entrance 10p

TUESDAY 6th VILLAGE HALL

Mrs Blomfield - "Further Travels Abroad".

WEDNESDAY 14th

Shopping Outing to Kingfisher Centre, Redditch.
Members £1.25, Others £1.75
Leaves Swalcliffe 8.50
 S. Ferris 9.00
 Burdrop 9.10
 Gower X Rds 9.15

TUESDAY 20th

Tea and Entertainment at Friends School (Main Hall)
2 pm prompt.

W.I.

Tuesday 13th November in the Mission Room at 2 pm.
Mrs Judd - "Cake Icing"
Competition - Home made sweets
Visitors always welcome.

Gower Parish Council Meeting
Fri. 23rd Nov. 8.15 Village Hall. All welcome.

AUSTERITY LUNCHES

Famine relief in Ethiopia. So desperate is the need in Ethiopia that the proceeds of the next three lunches will go to that cause. The first of these is on Wednesday 7th November in the Friends Meeting House 12.15-1.45.

COUNCIL HOUSING

At a recent meeting between Cherwell District Council and representatives of local Parish Councils, the provision of new Council Housing was discussed. Additional housing can only be considered if the District Council is fully aware of the changing needs in the community. Unless a person has been on the housing list for 6 months, they will not be considered when a house falls vacant. Thus, anyone who wants a Council property should apply at once and not wait until a vacancy occurs.

NOT THE BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Despite the Hall's success, the village was unplaced, but the judges did note our "well cared-for appearance". Thanks to all who made a special effort.

THOUGHTS ON AUTUMN, by the children of SIBFORD GOWER
ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL.

A U T U M N

The fallen leaves of golden brown
Twist and turn round and round.
The cold wind blows and the leaves
Rattle ready to fall from the trees.
The birds gather in the elderberry trees
Collecting a store for the winter coming.
The sleepy flowers bow their heads as
If to say goodnight.
But a new life in the spring.
The cold winter months come on
The dew on the ground settles
All is quiet and still except
The rustling of the leaves.

Lucie Harmer.

-O-O-O-O-

THE LAST LEAF

A yellow leaf fluttered down from the sky.
It's owner, a large old chestnut tree, looked cold and bare.
It's branches jagged and worn, jutting out like long sharp teeth.
From above a large raven flew by uttering a distant solemn cry in this silent world.
He was the last leaf, a sign of autumn.

James Marcovitch.

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A U T U M N

Leaves fall off the trees,
Golden brown and crispy,
Leaves twisting and turning.
Squirrels scamper in the autumn,
Red and grey,
Storing nuts away.
Fruits start to ripen,
Apples, pears and plums,
Ready to eat.
Conkers fall off,
Spikey shell,
Ready to play with.

Dawn Morbey.

-O-O-O-O-

AN OCTOBER MORNING

There is a cool breeze
The trees rustle and sway
You can hear the birds getting ready to go to hotter countries
Some animals are getting ready to hibernate
The leaves fall to the ground
They are swishing and swirling, twisting and twirling
The flowers wilt and die
Why?

It is autumn.

Peter Mulley.

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AN OCTOBER MORNING

The birds are singing like a choir.
The last poppies from summer are dying.
Apple trees are rosy with apples.
The grass is damp.
The sweet smell of apple wafts in the breeze.
The leaves fall.
Now and again an apple or plum gently crunches in the leaves.
The sky is blue.
A few white clouds patch the sky.
The sound of a tractor ploughing in the distance.
Leaves dotting the ground.

Peter Austing.

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AUTUMN

Autumn leaves, crispy and light
Rustling and crinkling.
Waft in the air.
Autumn leaves, soggy wet
Squidging and brown
Sink in the ground.

Ashley Hicks.

-O-O-O-O-O-

SUNFLOWER

Sunflower,
Golden in the sun
A dazzling yellow
And a grassy green,
Shining up, reflecting the sun in the sky
Bright and round like a face in the air.
Now you're dead
Your seeds are ripe
And your head droops so much
Your leaves were a grassy green
But now they are a muddy brown
And I realise what has happened
Autumn has come!

Elizabeth Mason.

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AN AUTUMN MORNING

The grass is all dewy beneath foot.
Wetness is just lying on top of the saturated ground.
The distinctive voices of birds drifting through the Autumn atmosphere.
There is a slight rustle as wind slightly blows through the bedraggled trees.
The odd bird gracefully flies across the cloudy sky.
The fields around are all brown and ugly with stubble left from the year's harvest.
The October weather all glum and uncertain.
The cold soft wind tingles up your fingers.
The sun's rays no longer brighten your face for it is October, cold and depressing.
The trees summer burden will soon be fluttering to the ground.
Clouds scudding across the sky hiding the bright sun's rays.
Sodden ground will soon be frosted and laden with snow for winter is just around the corner.
Soon the trees will be ablaze with colour like a fierce furnace.
The golden yellows and dazzling reds of autumn hanging limp from the boughs above.
Soon the leaves will come falling to the earth like snowflakes from the heavens above.
On the ground the leaves will get scrunched on by monstrous feet.
The leaves will crackle like large crisps in the mouth. For autumn is a season of colour.

Louisa Davis.

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CHURCH NOTES

ADULTS' EVENING SERVICE

8pm was not too late a time for some 20 people who came from their varying Christian traditions to worship together in Holy Trinity on Sunday 21st October. Many expressed their enjoyment over the coffee served afterwards. We warmly invite any adult to come on November 18th when the theme will be 'Light and Darkness'. If anyone has a poem, song or reading, then please bring that too.

T.W.

TAPESTRY

Is anyone interested in joining a circle to work tapestry hassocks for Holy Trinity Church in the New Year? Kits will be provided and instruction given where required. Please phone 460.

GOOD GUIDES

The Guides have taken the initiative in making tapestry hassocks and are about to start a small group. We are also indebted to them for offering to clean the Church in the rota. Thanks also to Mrs Keyser for her kind assistance.

T.L.

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SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

"Plant Hunting in the Lost World" will be the subject of our next meeting in the Village Hall on November 14th, when the speaker will be Mr Burras. This should be a very interesting evening and we look forward to a good attendance.

May I thank members who made and purchased cakes for Kay's Cake Sale, which made £47.

Our subscription for the year has not been increased and we would welcome anyone who wishes to join the Society.

Mr and Mrs Jarvis have kindly offered to organise our sales table at the monthly meetings. We would be pleased to receive plants, cakes or bring & buy. It all helps to increase our funds.

Committee 1984-5: Chairman - Mr J. Sabin, Secretary - Mrs Kay Turner, Treasurer - Mrs G. Soden, Committee - Mrs T. Law, Mrs H. Butler, Mrs M. Bristow.

John Sabin

CAUSE FOR CONCERN

We appear to be a favoured village for young people to come to. A couple of weeks ago yet another team landed in the village and started selling their wares. This time they were from WORK (CREATION) CONCERN of Nottingham. Polite, hesitant, even shy, they insist on saying their well-rehearsed piece whilst holding up their 'identity card'. The one who called on me had a much-thumbed plastic-covered card with a lot of large print on it and a photograph of two people, one the bearer, and the other presumably his Social Worker ?, and started with the words, "Hello, I'm Paul....." I bought an ironing board cover, mainly because I needed one and the price seemed about right. It looks of good size and quality, says Made in England on the wrapping and carries a money back guarantee, not from the manufacturers, I may add, but from the Work (Creation) Concern in Nottingham.

The time before this we were visited by a large team from Coventry, equally polite, (but definitely not shy) until I refused their offerings (engraved, framed pictures at £5 a time) and started asking questions and was then treated to a rather nasty mouthful. On that occasion, mid-August, I seem to remember, I telephoned Banbury Police, who told me they were aware of the goings-on, and yes, these people were a nuisance, but NO they could not do anything except advise people not to buy anything.

What interests me and, I am sure, lots of other people in the village who have been bothered by these people recently, is why pick on us ? Are we in the Sibfords 'on the map' so to speak, or is it that we are nicely off the beaten track ?

I tried to telephone the Work (Creation) Concern in Nottingham but the operator tells me they are not listed. I then telephoned Banbury Manpower Services and they were most helpful and, to say the least, somewhat concerned. The Banbury office contacted Manpower Services in Nottingham for me and they say they have had many complaints, that the Work (Creation) Concern, previously operating under the title Job (Creation) Concern, are well known to them and that they have a comprehensive file on both companies.

Work (Creation) Concern is NOT a Government sponsored organisation. It is, in fact, a private concern, employing door-to-door salesmen. If there are any complaints about these people or their goods, the Manpower Services in Nottingham would appreciate it if you would write to them direct: The Manager, Job Centre, 14, Milton Street, Nottingham. NG1 3GL.

Inca Todd

Dear Contributors,

Don't forget that there is no Sibford Scene in January. Please may we have your copy for the next TWO months by NOVEMBER 20th.

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THE GARDEN IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

For all practical purposes, these are the non-months of the year: no flowers, no fruit, no sun, no growth, no birds, no bees! But for gardeners, all is not time lost as the year ends for we are clearing up from the season that has finished and planning for the one to come.

By now you will, I hope, have cut down the herbaceous plants in the border and considered their performance in the season just ended. This is the time to reduce the clumps by splitting them up or moving them away altogether. When reducing them in size, replant only pieces from the outside of the clump and discard the old centre section.

The soil conditions and temperature are right now for major alterations to beds and borders. Have you considered colour grouping? White and grey go well together and lead on to blue - delphiniums in various shades - leading on in turn to lupins, where the blues can merge with the splendid new colours and they, in turn can lead to the reds of poppy and peony. These thoughts are worth considering in the dark winter days. If you can't get all the work done in the short days, the planting can be finished in the spring.

Fruit trees and bushes can be pruned and new ones planted at any time after leaf-fall. Don't leave the trimmings on the ground to encourage pests, rather burn them. When planting new stock, dig good-sized holes and add a few handfuls of peat, not fresh manure, (use that as a mulch in the spring). Standard trees need staking when first planted to avoid damage from wind-rock. A few daffodils planted at the base will look well in the spring.

Keep an eye on the pots of bulbs in the plunge and, when they show about 2" of green growth, move them indoors to a cool room and cover with newspaper for a fortnight to get accustomed gradually to daylight.

Good Gardening and a Happy Christmas.

JARDIN

Sibfordians Christmas Party - Sat. 8th December. If you are over 60 years old, you should soon receive your official invitation to this annual event. Not all of your names are known to the committee! and so if you haven't had your letter, please telephone the Rectory (555) and we'll make sure you are on the list. Closing date: 30th November.

CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends Sunday 11am
Methodists Sunday 11am
Holy Trinity Sunday 4th Holy Communion 8am
 11th Holy Communion 8am
 Service of Remembrance 10.55am
 18th Matins & Holy Communion 10am
 Adults' Evening Worship 8pm
 25th Holy Communion 10am
 Sunday School 9.45am

WEEKLY EVENTS

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

Saturday 3rd Friendship Club Sale 2pm Village Hall
Monday 5th Bonfire and Fireworks 6pm Primary School
Tuesday 6th Friendship Club
Wednesday 7th Austerity Lunch 12.15 Friends Meeting House
Saturday 10th Concert and Supper 7pm

Sunday 11th Service of Remembrance 10.55
Tuesday 13th W.I. 'Cake Icing'.
Wednesday 14th Friendship Club Shopping Outing
 Horticultural Society 8pm Village Hall
Saturday 17th Holy Trinity Church Bazaar 2.30

Tuesday 20th Friendship Club entertained at Friends School
Friday 23rd Gower Parish Council 8.15 Village Hall

Wednesday 28th Chiropody Clinic 9.30 Village Hall Car Park
Friday 30th Village Quiz 8.10 Village Hall

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STOP PRESS: We've only just heard that FATHER CHRISTMAS has agreed to come to the Playgroup Bazaar. This had already been fixed for

SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER in the Village Hall at 2.30pm

The usual Christmas attractions will be available: gifts galore.

Come and support your local pre-school Playgroup; solve some Christmas shopping problems. Meet some friendly faces: have some refreshments.