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# SIBFORD

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## HAIL AND FAREWELL TO

Samuel Jones: he only moved into Sibford on 17th January.

He was born to Bernie and Andy Jones of Cotswold Close!

Now Liam and Kerry will have someone to tease!

The Brown family have recently moved into the new house on the edge of the Ferris.

The Berry family have come to Sibford from Stonesfield: Barley Close has welcomed them.

From Cardiff the Knapman family have come to Sibford Gower: may they be happy in their Barley Close home.

Enid Gilder - a founder member of Barley Close, a frequent contributor to this august publication, and a founder distributor into the bargain - has recently gone from the Barley Close to be nearer her family in the north of England. We wish her well in her new home: we thank her for her labours on behalf of the Scene: and we welcome Jo Bateman to the dedicated band of those who through thick and thin, through ice and snow, etc. etc. endeavour to get your sought-after copy to your house as near to the 1st of the month as possible!

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BALLETOMANES?? Look inside for a rare opportunity!!!!

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AUSTERITY LUNCHES: Front-page news? Why not, indeed!! You are welcome to share in the simple food with a great object in view:-

1st WEDNESDAY of each month: MEETING HOUSE 12.15 - 1.45

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All Adults are invited to the child-free service to be held on Sunday 17th February in Holy Trinity Church. Worship, prayer and praise: and fellowship with coffee afterwards.



### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the monthly meeting on 12th February at the Friends' Hall, Miss P. Allison will speak on the subject:

'Dogs deserve better Owners'

Competition: Best Pet Photo

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### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The meeting at the Village Hall on Tuesday 5th, will be the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: it starts at 2.00pm.

At the meeting on 19th, Mrs. Hodgeson from Shutford will speak on Plush Weaving: in the Village Hall at 2.00pm.

Meetings will be cancelled in the event of deep snow.

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### AUSTERITY LUNCHESES

As a result of these held last year, together with the takings from the Raffle at the Senior Residents' Christmas Party, we were able to send £115 for relief work in Ethiopia.

The next three lunches, 6th Feb, 6th Mar, and 3rd April will be for the Save the Children Fund.

We hope to welcome many of you at the Friends' Meeting House on the above dates from 12.15 until 1.45pm.

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### SILHOUETTE SLIMMING CLUB

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If you have never received an invitation to a WELCOME TO SIBFORD,

you soon will: the event is on Saturday 2nd March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. If you're still waiting by 23rd February, phone Dame Anne Stephens (452).

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THEY'VE DONE IT AGAIN !

Yes, once more THEY have given us, the Senior Residents (what an acceptable title!) a super Christmas Party: once again a hearty hand-clap at the close seemed all too inadequate thanks.

It was a delicious meal - THEY must have worked awfully hard, with all the preparation beforehand and the washing-up afterwards!

The entertainment which ensued was delightful to watch - and for just a few somewhat exhilarating to share in!

In all it was a lovely evening, and very sincere thanks to ALL who were responsible.

'Senior Resident'

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FOR BALLETOMANES' EYES ONLY (read if you like!)

Towards the end of the month the LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET is coming to Stratford to dance 'LA SYLPHIDE' - and that is the title!

Peter Schaufuss (did you see him introducing a recent series on TV?) has done the choreography for this restaging of a classical Danish ballet first performed in 1836.

On 26th, 27th or 28th, we hope to go by coach to the theatre for about £5 a head - including balcony seats.

Sheila Baseby (544) will tell you much more about it - but she does need to know as quickly as possible. If you're keen, then phone her by 5th February at the latest.

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UNITED CHRISTIAN WITNESS

The special united service was once again a warm and encouraging event, when the Methodist Church was comfortably filled, despite the cold and discouraging weather outside. Four denominations took a public part in the service.

I wonder, however, whether it wouldn't be better to hold this special meeting in the morning at the normal time for service, rather than as an additional exercise in the afternoon? It seems a shame that each denomination holds its own regular service on this special day, and only those who are keen enough to turn out for an extra time in the afternoon, have the chance of sharing the fellowship, and demonstrating our essential unity.

Jim Shields.

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Sibford Family require 2 - 3 bed-roomed cottage or house in Sibford or surrounding villages as soon as possible.

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1st the Sibfords Cub Scouts  
will be holding a  
COFFEE MORNING on  
SATURDAY 30th March from  
10.30am till noon at  
The Village Hall

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Inca Todd (Sibford's own  
Journalist extraordinary)  
has asked us to say that if  
anyone wants advance  
publicity about anything  
they are doing as a club  
or as individuals, would  
they please let her know a  
couple of weeks before so  
that maximum exposure can  
be gained from the local  
paper.

Any anecdote or opinion can  
also be shared in this way.  
Inca wants to cover every  
aspect of Sibford life -  
but she has need of our  
help to achieve this. She  
has to put her material in  
by Monday mornings, so let  
her have it before then,  
won't you. (Tel: 278)  
She lives at Nicholas Corner.

The Charity Shop (Bunny Market  
to most of us) is closed. Some  
clothing is at Patsy Edwards at  
the Barn, Sibford Ferris.  
Oxfam shop in Banbury has the  
rest; funds have been given  
to the Red Cross.

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 1st March 2.15pm

Service will be in the Methodist  
Church, and we welcome Miss  
Violet Johnson from Swerford  
who will speak.

All women will be most welcome.

E.J.W.

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The Wykham Arms recently hosted  
a Sport/General Knowledge/Pop  
Quiz between the Ferris and the  
Gower.

The Gower team was triumphant:  
and is now challenging any team  
to a contest of mental strength.

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and the rest is simple!

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## KEEP FIT

Some reluctance, due no doubt to  
the weather, has been spotted in  
the smaller numbers of ladies  
returning for the 'new term'!  
There's still space for you at  
10am on a Tuesday at the Village  
Hall.

Sheila Baseby (544) can't go to  
the regular Badminton on a  
Wednesday evening: but she could  
manage a Wednesday or Thursday  
afternoon. Any offers?



## CHURCH NOTES

LENT 1985 starts on Ash Wednesday (20th): services for this day, and other Lenten services are detailed on the back page. I have tried to vary the times and nature of the services, as usual; I trust that the different times will suit.

The discussion group - so regular a feature of Sibford's Lenten life - will meet this year on Thursday evenings soon after 8pm at the Rectory. We warmly invite anyone who would like to come and discuss religious topics to do so on those Thursday evenings - 9.30pm will be the time they close. Our theme this year is 'Six Faces of God': in fact the title of a Radio Oxford broadcast series which goes out on Wednesday evenings in Lent; we shall record it and use it later.

Timothy Wimbush

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NEWS FROM THE WARRINER SCHOOL

The debate about homework on 16th January was quite well attended, despite the miserable weather; Mr. Ruddock took the chair. Mr. Wright and David Carter spoke in favour of homework, Mrs. Smith and Sharif Hassan against. A lively debate ensued, with many interesting points being raised, including the possibility of adjusting school hours to incorporate a study period. The result was in favour of keeping homework.

The next event is the skittles evening at Milcombe on 15th of this month; it should be fun, as ever, and further details will come from the school shortly. It is hoped to stage a family trip to the New Oxford Ice Rink in March - more details later.

Concern has been expressed by various parents that children were sent outside at lunch-time during the recent exceptionally cold weather. Mr. Ruddock has been told of these worries: his comments are awaited. In the event of serious weather, please phone 8241 or 8163 to check whether buses are running to school.

Carole Moir and Anne Marcovitch

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Editor (this month only!) Timothy Wimbush

Production: Richard Austing & Timothy Wimbush.

Material for the March Issue ought to be with the proper Editor - Mrs Jennifer Austing at 6 Barley Close, by 20th FEBRUARY, please by ASH WEDNESDAY in fact

Many of you ask either the Editor or the Proper Editor how the Sibford Scene is funded: by advertisers, by Parish Councils, by occasional donations from organisations, from charities, and sometimes by collecting box in the Post Office. We shall give plenty of warning when the boxes are going out again - not yet!



CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 1985

CHURCH SERVICES:

Society of Friends    Sundays at 11am  
Methodists                Sundays at 11am  
Holy Trinity              3rd 8am Holy Communion  
                             10th 10am Holy Communion  
                             17th 10am Matins/Communion  
                                     8pm Adults' Own  
                             24th 10am Holy Communion

Holy Communion: Thursdays until Lent 7.30am

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SPECIAL LENTEN SERVICES

ASH WEDNESDAY (20th) 7.30am Holy Communion  
                             8.00pm Holy Communion; address; hymns

Lent Weekdays: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 7.30am Holy Communion  
                             Thursdays 7.30pm Holy Communion; 8pm House Group  
                             Fridays 9.45am Holy Communion

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WEEKLY EVENTS :

Youth Club    Monday from 7pm in the Village Hall  
Keep Fit       Tuesday at 10am in the Village Hall (not 19th)  
Luncheon Club Tuesday at 12.30pm in the Friends' Hall  
Folk Dancine Tuesday at 8pm in the Village Hall  
Badminton     Wednesday at 8pm in the Village Hall  
Brownies       Thursday at 5pm in the Village Hall  
Guides          Thursday at 7pm in the Village Hall  
Cub Scouts     Friday at 6.30pm in the Village Hall  
Playgroup       Monday Wednesday and Friday at 9.30am in the Village Hall

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Tuesday 5th    Friendship Club A.G.M. 2pm Village Hall  
Wednesday 6th    Austerity Lunch for Save the Children Fund in the  
                         Meeting House at 12.15pm  
Friday 8th       Primary School Skittles Evening - The Sun Hook Norton

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Tuesday 12th    Women's Institute Meeting at Friends' Hall: Miss  
                         Allison on 'Dogs deserve better Owners'.  
Friday 15th      Warriner P.T.A. Skittles at Milcombe

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Tuesday 19th    Friendship Club: Plush Weaving - 2pm Village Hall  
Wednesday 20th    Ash Wednesday - as above: copy in to Editor  
Thursday 21st    Service in Church 7.30pm: House Group at Rectory.

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Friday 1st March: Women's World Day of Prayer 2.15pm in the  
                         Methodist Church. Miss Violet Johnson to speak;  
                         refreshments afterwards.