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SIBFORD SCENE

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CHURCHYARD.

Observant passers-by will have noticed that several saplings have been planted behind the front 'hedge' and down the west boundary. This, we are informed, is preliminary to building of the stone wall continuation facing the road front with blocks removed from the existing division wall between the two graveyard areas. Whilst monetary contributions are requested, more importantly in the immediate future, is to obtain a competent team to dismantle the division wall and stack the blocks in position ready for re-erection by the contractor, after the hedge has been cleared away.

CHARITY CHARITY CHARITY

SAVE THE CHILDREN:RED CROSS:CHRISTIAN AID.

For 3 weeks running from 28th April to May 18th these three great International charities will be asking for your support. Between them they have a vast store of ability, know-how and dedication and above all international trust with which to give effective aid in food, medicine and shelter to the victims of flood, famine, earthquake or man's inhumanity to man. House-to-house collections will be made for Save the Children in the week beginning 28th April and for Red Cross by members of Sibford Youth Club on Tuesday 7th May; please give these willing helpers a kind welcome. On Wednesday 15th May there will be a hunger lunch and Bring-and-Buy sale at the Rectory from 12.30 to 4 pm for Christian Aid. Here is a chance to give and give again, AND AGAIN, and thank God we live such safe and happy lives in Sibford. We ask for your most generous support for the sick, the hungry and the homeless.

Gillian Soden:Anne Stephens:Timothy Wimbush.

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF FAMINE RELIEF.

JUMBO CAKE STALL

BRING AND BUY

GIANT PLANT STALL

RAFFLE

THURSDAY 9th MAY at 10.30 am.

HANDYWATER FARM.

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Fresh farm eggs60p per dozen
Swal.541.

THE CHILDRENS SOCIETY.

A very sincere 'thank you' to all those who worked so hard to make the coffee morning held in aid of the above Society such a great success and also to all those who came along and spent so generously.

We raised the splendid sum of £140.00 which the children of the Sunday School will present to the Bishop in the Cathedral on the 29th May. We thank you all for helping us to achieve such a worthwhile contribution in this way to the work of equipping the home for handicapped children at Witney.

We are also forwarding £107.00 to the general fund of the above Society, this being the result of a house to house collection and also money donated by those holding boxes.

A special 'thank you' also to those who undertook the house to house collecting....a very time consuming task.

My thanks to you all.

Mary Poulton.

J. H. F. GIDDINGS F.INST.I.C.

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The Irish Evening, March 15th.

Modesty is a commendable virtue. Having been somewhat disappointed at the brevity of last month's report, duly repeated in the Banbury Guardian, understanding only came on the realisation that it's author was indeed a key participant, in fact a multiple key performer, Tony Rye, who was ably supported by the other first class musicians. Again, another impressive feature was the overall happy and smooth running of the concert due to the compere/instigator Dr. Agnew himself. All this excellence was reflected in the fact that half the audience were still chatting away at 11.30 long after curtain fall.

Ed.

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<u>GOWER PRODUCTS</u>	0	SILHOUETTE SLIMMING CLUB
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Traditional Upholstery	0	We have regular weekly
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WOULD ANYONE BE WILLING to offer weekly board, starting next September, to an agricultural student employed locally ?
For further details please contact B. Crabtree Swalcliffe 635.

SCOUT JOB WEEK

Once again Easter week has seen the Village alive with young boys in familiar green jerseys and caps, every one of them eager to earn money for Cub Scout funds.

Our thanks are due to all who were able to find jobs for the Cubs to do. In all, the boys completed more than 400 tasks raising a considerable amount of money for funds (the final amount has yet to be calculated). This year 15 boys spent an hour and a half at the Castle Centre in Banbury, cleaning shoes and this helped to swell the coffers by an additional £19.00.

Scout job Week is the one event during the year when the boys can actually raise funds for themselves. It gives the experience of meeting and dealing with people, and also the responsibility of organising a task and carrying it out to the satisfaction of the customer...all part of Cub Scout training.

Keith Hicks
Akela.
1st the Sibfords.

SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

The Councillors would like to thank the Cubs and their Leaders who helped fill the 40 sacks of rubbish from around the village. Perhaps ALL villagers could now help to keep the street scene litter-free especially as judging for the best kept village competition, for which the village is entered, begins next month.

1st The Sibfords Cub Scouts Group Council
Annual General Meeting
will be held in the FRIENDS HALL on Thursday May 2nd 8.00pm.

P L A Y G R O U P

Playgroup is back again in the Village Hall on Thursday mornings. Increasing numbers have enabled us to reinstate this session so this is being used as an opportunity for the older playing children to meet together. With a smaller group of children who are already four years old we can build on and extend their playgroup experiences in this transition period before school. The pre-School Playgroup Association are holding a National Playgroup Week from 18th - 25th May. Sibford Playgroup children would welcome visitors during that week and we are holding a coffee morning to which everyone is invited on THURSDAY 23rd MAY from 10.30 am to noon at
NEW TIMBER COURT
SIBFORD ROAD
HOOK NORTON.

In addition to the usual attractions Margaret Aimes children's clothes (birth to 8/9 years) will be on sale. Mrs. Charmaine Tuthill and her helpers hope as many as possible will support this fund-raising morning.

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U R G E N T

At a recent meeting of the Parish Council it was decided to enter Sibford Gower once again in the Oxfordshire Best Kept Village competition this year.

Despite not having won the award since 1975 their decision was inspired by the Judges' complimentary remarks at our last, but unrewarded, entry. As the Judges come around during May, and again in June, residents are asked to make an urgent effort.

I would beg of people, including lorry drivers, and particularly young motor cyclists to keep off the grass verges....some of which now really require levelling up, etc.

THE GARDEN

in May 1985.

Following the dull cold Spring we have again endured this year the flood of golden daffodils that has arisen around us this last week or two at the end of April has lifted our spirits. Congratulations and thanks to those people who have planted beds of gold outside their houses. The ground is drying out and as it warms up we can press on with seed sowing which was delayed in April by poor soil conditions. Continue to sow successful crops of lettuce, beetroot, radishes, runner and dwarf french beans towards the end of the month. Peas, spinach and sweetcorn are due for sowing this month but for the last keep an eye on temperatures, we may well get some late frosts this year. It is well to sow beans in boxes that can be brought under cover at night if there is risk of frost. May is the month for planting summer flowering bulbs, but with the tender subjects such as begonias start them in boxes and protect against frost. Gladioli are more hardy and are protected by 4" depth of soil when planted into flower beds. There is just time to plant lily bulbs at the beginning of the month; although they are expensive they are good value for money as they have a long garden life if planted with care. Don't be in too great a hurry to plant geraniums out, at the end of the month is quite soon enough, or as the old gardeners used to say, plant out in Ascot week (second week in June). How did your dahlias overwinter? No doubt by now you have got them standing up in trays and throwing good shoots for taking cuttings. When you plant them don't forget that they like a rich diet and put a generous spade of manure in the hole.

Jardin.

<p>RALPH.C.HOGGINS</p> <p>Tysoe</p> <p>for MOBILE GAS HEATERS and SIGAS bottled gas</p> <p>(free delivery)</p> <p>RING TYSOE 281</p>	<p>FOR SALE</p> <p>12" B&D HOVERMOWER</p> <p>perfect working order 80ft cable Offers over £15</p> <p>Also: manual sewing m/c</p> <p>(by Jones, as new when cost circa £70) £20. Swal. 309.</p>
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SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

"THE PLANTING AND CARE OF FRUIT TREES" will be the subject of our next meeting in the Village Hall on May 8th when the speaker will be Mr. A. Miles.

A trip has been arranged to visit Wisley Gardens on Saturday June 22nd leaving Sibford Gower at 9am...and returning approx 7pm. The coach fare and admission charge will be £4.00 inclusive. Will you please book your seats with Mrs. Turner (Swal.590) or myself at 471 by May 20th which will give us a chance to offer any spare seats to other Societies.

Mrs. Turner has kindly offered to hold a 'Kays Kake' sale again in her garden on Saturday May 18th at 10am.

Our schedule for the Annual Show should now have been delivered to your home and we look forward to a fine day and excellent Show. The Committee hopes that we can interest you to enter some of the classes to make this a record year of entries.

The judges always comment on our effort...let us surprise them even more.

John Sabin.

Interested in Embroidery ?

Banbury Embroidery Group meet once a month in the Upper School. We have a very interesting programme of talks and demonstrations and workshops. Our meetings are lively and friendly, and we welcome new members.

On Friday May 17th we are having an Exhibition at Church House, Deddington from 2pm to 9pm entrance 50p including refreshments. Why not come along and meet us ? for further information ring Joan Shields...tel. Swal.571

Most of us in Sibford remember the elm at Sibford crossroads. Hallowed by Sibford Old Scholars it eventually fell victim to Dutch elm disease despite strenuous efforts to save it. Many of us also remember with affection the remains of the far more ancient elm on the opposite side of the road, first adopted by the Old Scholars as their emblem in 1907.

In an account taken from the O.S. Magazine of 1935 Joshua Lamb said that at one time a large branch reached horizontally across the main road, and, "this was a favourite resort of the village boys who delighted in dropping missiles on the carrier's cart when passing underneath."

In 1893, during a terrific snowstorm, the main portion of the head was blown off and this, with the unsafe horizontal branch was sold to William Poulton for £4.13.6 to make into boards. Two hundred and fifty seven growth rings were counted showing that the tree must have been about three hundred years old. Joshua's uncle Septimus Harris sent a poem on its demise to the Banbury Guardian suggesting that soldiers in the Civil War might have passed it on the way to the battle of Edgehill.

Such trees give us great links with the past, and are one of the most precious parts of our heritage.

People in villages have long memories and a chat with one or two of the older residents will reveal many interesting details.

Mr. Fred Lines remembers, as a child, planting an acorn near what is now the electricity substation in Temple Mill Lane. It is now a sizeable oak tree, over 70 years old! Fred's father helped John Lamb plant many of the lovely trees in "Oddies field" and had to go round watering them in dry weather.

It is sad that since 1947 this country has lost 30-50 per cent of its ancient woodland, together with miles of hedgerow containing many both mature and young trees.

Each species of tree has its own population of insects which supply part of the vital food chain supporting other wildlife. Hedges too provide shelter and food, and a habitat for so many of our wild flowers. So, when trees and hedges go birds and many other forms of wild life suffer.

Fortunately we still have in Sibford many people committed to the care, protection, and planting of trees. It is vitaly important and we can never do too much.

I would plead that in villages and rural areas we should make a particular effort to plant trees and hedges which are sympathetic to the environment, particularly native forest and hedgerow species.

Even now there may be someone in the village planning to fell a tree or uproot an old hedge, if so PLEASE reconsider the idea and ask yourself if it is really necessary.

Villages are not suburbs, but too many villages are fast coming to resemble them.

Joan Shields.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Oxfordshire are holding a VEVJ Service of thanksgiving and Remembrance in Christ Church Cathedral Oxford on Sunday May 12th at 2.30 for 3.00pm.

For further information please contact Miss A.L. Bennett, Swal 235.

THE FRIENDS SCHOOL.

The Requiem Mass by Fauré will be performed in the School Hall on Sunday May 12th at 7.00pm.

You are warmly invited to attend.

There will be a retiring collection for the Katherine House Hospice.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB.

The Meeting on Tuesday May 7th at 2.00pm, in the Village Hall will hear Mrs. Heather Stewart speak on the newly formed Katherine House Hospice Trust. Visitors are welcome.

(Note: the next Outing has yet to be arranged. Contact Mr. Webb, Wayside.)

The Club held its first outing of the 1985 season on the 16th of April when 28 members took part in a mystery trip through County rural areas stopping for lunch at the Kings Arms Stokenchurch. The outing lasted from 9.30am until 3.00pm.

The next outing is being arranged to the Vale of the White Horse on Tuesday May 21st. It is planned for all to take their own picnic lunch to be consumed, hopefully on the hill above the Horse.

Full details will be given at the Meeting on May 7th.

A further trip is planned for June 18th to gardens of the Royal National Rose Society at St. Albans, Herts.

The organisers of the trips and all Club members wish to thank Mr. Malcolm Allpress and his Staff of Tanners Coaches for their kind and helpful co-operation.

Please contact Mr. Webb on Swal.8211 for any further details.

Non-members are invited to join us on our trips, also to come in and enjoy our social activities; their charges on the trips is slightly higher than to members.

Fund raising for ...

CANCER RESEARCH & KATHERINE HOUSE HOSPICE FUND.

Coffee 'morning' 10.30 to 4 p.m.

Bring and Buy : Bric a Brac Jumble : Cakes : Raffle .

Thursday June 23rd at 2, HILLFIELD SIBFORD SCHOOL.

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At the Apollo Theatre Oxford on Monday May 13th

Coach leaves Sibford 5.45 pm. Cost £4 (incl. seat & fare)

Contact R. Spicer Swa.690. Only a few seats left.

Have you yet seen a swift, martin or swallow, or heard the cuckoo ? But how nice to have heard from dawn to dusk for the past week or so the vigorous flutings of our song thrush.

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o Editor (just for this month) o

o Frank Rollett. o

o Material for June issue to: o

o the Editor Jennifer Austing Swa.358 o

o 6, Barley Close o

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REMEMBER...

MAY 2nd..COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

MAY 10th..8.30pm AGM VILLAGE HALL

WEEKLY EVENTS

Youth Club Monday from 7.00pm in the Village Hall (but not now until
June end i.e. Hall free for
Luncheon Club Tuesday at 12.30pm in the Friends Hall. booking)
Folk Dancing Tuesday at 8.00pm in the Village Hall
Badminton Wednesday at 8.00pm in the Village Hall
Brownies Thursday at 5.00pm 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, Thursday & Friday V.H. 9.30am

CHURCH SERVICES

5th 8 am Holy Communion
12th 10am Holy Communion
16th Ascension Day :also 8pm United Benefice Eucharist with
19th 10 am Matins and Communion address.
" 8 pm Adults' Own-informal evening worship.
26th 10 am Holy Communion
Thursdays 7.30 am Holy Communion

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

All villagers are invited to attend this, to be held on
3rd May 1985 at 8.15 pm in
THE VILLAGE HALL.

W. I. (May monthly meeting)

A.G.M. to be held on Tuesday MAY 14th at 2 pm in the Village Hall.
This to be followed by a talk by Mrs. Gray former Chairman
of O.F.W.I. on "National Annual Meeting Resolutions"
Visitors welcome.

ADVANCE NOTICES:

W. I.

Coffee morning.

To be held on Friday June 14th 10.30 to 12 am at Mrs. Conway's
Orchard House Sibford Ferris.

Coffee morning.

To be held on Thursday June 23rd 10.30 to 4 pm in aid of
Katherine House Hospice Fund. See page 7

Babysitters New and Old: you are invited to an informal afternoon on
Thursday 2nd May at Penny Lace's (9 Barley Close). From 2pm members of
the Babysitting Circle (and any new mums interested) will be dropping by.