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THE LAST COWSLIP

This Spring, Grange Lane possessed just one cowslip plant. It was thriving and beautiful with many flowers. On May 24th the plant was gone, and in its place there was only a trowel-dug hole, faintly disguised by a handful of hastily plucked grass.

So, next year, instead of a further spread of this lovely wild flower, there will be no cowslips at all in Grange Lane.

M.H. Franke

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HAVE YOU SOMETHING TO SELL ?

Sibford Gymkhana will be on Saturday July 6th. As an added attraction this year, Sue Tompkins is hoping to have a car boot sale. Plants, cakes, clothes, toys, books, crafts, sweets - all could be sold for your, or your organisation's own profit. Your entry fee of £2 will go to the Katharine House Hospice Fund, whatever else you make is your own.

Interested ? Ring Sue Tompkins on 541 as soon as possible for details.

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FOUR THANKS

Venis Johnson's move means that she has given up her Scene delivery round in Burdrop after eight years. Grateful thanks to her and to Inca Todd who has taken over from her.

The last two Scenes have had different editors, Tony Skeath in April and Frank Rollett in May. It was very encouraging to have offers of help come so soon after the appeal went out. Thank you both for your help and for producing such varied and interesting issues.

J.A.

WARRINER NEWS

The recent P.T.A. Raffle was well supported and a lot of money was raised for use in Computer Related Studies. The winners of all prizes have been notified. Thanks to all who bought tickets.

The Parents' Sponsored Walk, however, was very poorly supported - where were you all? The parents are obviously not such an energetic group as the Staff who turned out in much larger numbers for their walk last year. Those who did join the walk enjoyed a very picturesque trek around the Cotswolds, although the weather could have been better.

A group of 40 3rd-year children returned last week from a 12-day Outdoor Pursuits course at Glasbury-on-Wye. They sampled the excitement and challenges of rock-climbing, abseiling, canoeing, caving and mountain walking. After a week of trying everything they chose a specialist activity and went off camping for three days to the coast or mountains to pursue it in more depth. They all had a very enjoyable time and came back covered in bruises, having learnt a lot about themselves and each other. Unfortunately the recently planned Geography Club trip had to be cancelled because of illness.

Good luck to all those who will be doing their O-level and C.S.E. exams soon.

If your child has taken part in any school outings, sports fixtures, concerts etc., or has any other interesting items of news, please let me know so that I can include them in the Warriner news and help keep everyone informed about what is going on at school.

Carole Moir (8241)

FOR SALE

22 inch Pye Colour T.V. with booster. £45
White wardrobe with two drawers at base. £15.
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Chopper bicycle. Good condition. New back wheel and brake cables. £25
Jonathan Tompkins Swa. 541

Two hand-made Aran sweaters 26" and 28" chest. Condition as new, hardly worn. £5 each.
Swa. 358.

FOUND

...by the well opposite the duck pond, a Boots 110 Minigrip camera. Ring Jamie on 529.

CLERK REQUIRED

TO SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

Anyone interested in local parish matters who would like to know more about the duties of the Clerk or who would like to apply for the position should write initially to the Chairman of the Gower Parish Council:-

Mr R.E. Payne,
Cedar Holme,
Sibford Gower.

NUMBER CHANGED

For a variety of reasons my telephone number has been changed from Swalcliffe 470 to 8306.

Mary Poulton
Beyond the End,
Sibford Gower.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

A Garden Party in aid of Church funds will be held on Saturday 29th June at 2.30 in the Rectory Garden, Sibford Gower.

There will be a variety of stalls: Cakes, White Elephant, Books, Plants and Greengrocery, and a Bottle Stall. Items for any of these will be much appreciated and may be left at the Rectory or given to any P.C.C. member. There will also be many games and competitions, as well as teas and ice creams.

Tickets are now available for the GRAND DRAW with two main prizes: a 1 hour plane ride with Dr Agnew or a three stone amethyst ring, kindly given by Lady May. The draw will take place at 5pm on the day of the Garden Party.

Do come along and help to raise a substantial amount towards the ever-increasing cost of maintaining our Church.

Mary Poulton

BARN DANCE

Don't forget the Barn Dance organised by The Warriner P.T.A. Saturday June 15th

HOOKY BAND

Tickets from Carole Moir (8241) or School

BROWNIE COFFEE MORNING

There is to be a Bring & Buy Brownie Coffee Morning on Saturday June 15th, 10.30 am at Judy Abbott's, Bramley Close Sibford Gower. Cake, Plant and Second hand Toy stalls. Everyone welcome. If wet, it will be held in the Friends Hall.

B.S. Brownie meetings are now held from 5.45 to 6.45 on Thurs.

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SODA BREAD

Many people commented after the Irish Evening that they had enjoyed the Soda Bread and asked for the recipe. It was taken from a Good Housekeeping Cookery Book. I chose not to include the sugar, otherwise it was made as set out below.

INGREDIENTS

1lb plain flour
2 level teaspoons bicarbonate of soda
2 level teaspoons cream of tartar
1 level teaspoon salt
1 oz lard
1 - 2 level teaspoons caster sugar
(optional)
 $\frac{1}{2}$ pint soured milk or 9 fl oz
buttermilk made up to $\frac{1}{2}$ pint with milk.

PREPARATION TIME
15 mins.

COOKING TIME
30 mins.

METHOD

Sift the flour, bicarbonate of soda, cream of tartar and salt into a bowl. Cut up the lard and rub into the flour with the fingertips until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Mix in the sugar if used. Make a well in the centre, add the milk (soured with 1 tablespoon lemon juice) or the buttermilk and mix to a soft but manageable dough, working the ingredients with a round bladed knife. Add more milk if necessary. Turn onto a floured surface, knead lightly and shape into a 7" round. Flatten slightly. Mark into 4 with the back of a knife, set on a floured baking tray and bake in the centre of a pre-heated oven at 400 F (mark 6) for about 30 minutes. Cool on a wire rack and serve fresh as a teabread.

Janette Skeath

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SIBFORD CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY

TUESDAY JUNE 11th 7.30pm

ALL WELCOME

LOST!

At the Methodist Harvest Auction 1984 an arrangement of flowers was sold. The container belonged to Mrs Hutchinson. Please could the container be returned to the Chapel or one of the Stewards.

Thank You.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday June 4th 2pm Village Hall.

Speaker - Mr J. Bristowe

Monday June 17th

Outing to be arranged.

VILLAGE HALL

At the A.G.M. the following officers were re-elected.

Chairman	Mr T. Rye
Vice-Chairman	Dr S. Agnew
Secretary	Mrs J. Skeath
Treasurer	Mr D. Wilson
Booking Secretary	Miss A.L. Bennett.

W.I.

Following the A.G.M. on May 14th new Officers and Committee members were elected.

President	Mrs Conway
Secretary	Mrs Jarvis
Treasurer	Mrs Stroud
Committee	Mrs Baadsgaard, Mrs Baggaley, Mrs Bristowe, Miss Bennett, Mrs Crabtree.

Monthly meeting on Tuesday June 11th at 2pm in the Village Hall. Speaker - Mr Baseley of Whichford with a slide show, "The Dragon Awakes" a journey through China. Visitors very welcome.

Amended date for the Coffee Morning, now Friday June 14th at Mrs Conway's house in Sibford Ferris. 10.30 - 12.

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Animal Design Sweatshirts "Hanes U.S.A." Best	£13.95
Sheep Design Pure Wool Sweater	£24.95

See us at Moreton-in-Marsh Market (Tues), Chipping Norton Market (Weds), Fimmere, Bucks (Sundays), or phone any evening Swalecliffe 8235.

CUB SCOUTS

This last month has been a busy one for the 1st The Sibfords. They entertained the Norban Pack from Mollongton and some 50 Cubs enjoyed rounders and inter-pack games on the Village Hall field. The District Cub Scout Leader presented Gold, Silver and Bronze Arrows to successful boys in both packs and families joined in for a barbeque afterwards.

The Group A.G.M. was held and the year's programme and events were reviewed by the Chairman and Akela. The Committee, retiring members and Leaders were thanked for all their work and a new committee was elected.

The Pack managed 100% turn-out for the St. George's Day Parade in Banbury, and 24 Cubs with Leaders and Helpers attended the District Camp at Horley. The Circus theme of the Camp gave 350 boys lots of scope for fun and games.

K.H.

The District Cub Camp

On Friday 17th May 1st The Sibfords Cub Scout Pack went to Camp and, along with all the other packs that attended, did lots of exciting activities.

I'd like to thank all the parents who helped in some of the work and also Akela, Ricki and Baloo (The Leaders) for taking us.

Peter Austing

YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club is not meeting on Monday evenings at present because David Baker is on the sick list. We send you our good wishes, David, and hope you will have a very speedy recovery.

Meanwhile, David hopes to go ahead with the six-a-side cricket tournament in June and the camp at Billing in July.

It will also be business as usual at our mini-fete on Monday July 15th, so do keep the date free and remember that we shall be delighted to receive anything saleable. If you have anything you would like collected, please get in touch with me (571).

This year we thought we would like to help other young people, perhaps more in need of assistance than we are at the moment. It has been suggested that we share the proceeds of the fete with the Banbury PHAB (physically-handicapped - able-bodied) club. We hear they are in need of funds as the special equipment they need is very expensive.

Joan Shields

RESULTS

On Sunday May 5th Gideon and Jacob Hedley held a Jumble Sale at Lister House. We raised £25, half for Cub Scouts (1st The Sibfords) and half for 1st Hook Norton Scouts. Thank you to all who came or gave jumble or donations. The sale brightened up the wet weather.

Gideon & Jacob Hedley

May I thank you all again for your support on May 9th. Through your generous contributions, donations and purchases more than £150 was raised for Famine Relief, and it was lovely to see so many people enjoying themselves at Handywater on a sunny day.

Sue Colquhoun

RED CROSS

Many thanks to all the kind people in Sibford who supported the Red Cross so generously, especially the members of the Youth Club who did the recent collection so well and cheerfully. The result of £94.59 is nicely up on last year.

May I also express sincere thanks to all those Sibford people who help the Red Cross by selling flags on Flag Day and, throughout the year, cutting stencils, making copies, pushing the Cheshire Home trolley shop and sewing for the Autumn coffee mornings with great generosity of money, time and goodwill.

Anne Stephens

THE GARDEN IN JUNE 1985

Once again it has been a disappointing Spring, apart from the daffodils which have put up a splendid show, and we stand on the threshold of summer with one of the busiest months of the year before us.

There are still vegetable seeds to be sown. These include beetroot, carrots, french beans and runner beans if you didn't sow them in boxes last month, chicory, kale and successional crops of lettuce and spring cabbage. Calabrese sown in early June will provide luscious green spears from October, or even September, given reasonable weather. It is time now to plant out cauliflowers, leeks, marrows and courgettes, sprouting broccoli, brussels sprouts, celery and sweetcorn.

Annuals sown earlier may need thinning but there is just time to sow some quick-growing varieties early in the month. Candytuft, cornflower, clarkia and godetia will provide a splash of colour where needed.

We must be mainly concerned with keeping on top of unwanted growth of shrubs and weeds. Now is the time to prune the spring-flowering shrubs such as forsythia. Remove the wood that has carried this year's flowers to encourage the young growth in preparation for next year's blooms.

Keep the hoe going in beds and borders, bearing in mind that the village has been entered for the 'Best Kept Village' competition and the inspection team will have a keen eye for the verges outside our houses.

Spring flowering bulbs such as daffodils are best left where they have flowered and not disturbed for five or six weeks until the leaves have died down; whereas tulips benefit from lifting.

JARDIN

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FETE

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Everyone is invited to come
and share the delights of
a summer evening.

WANTED!

Informers who know something
about the life of this
village.
Domesday needs you.
See below.

DOMESDAY PROJECT

During this term Primary School children all over Britain
will be taking part in a mammoth project designed to update the
Domesday Book of 1086.

Organised by the B.B.C., and under their guidance, our
children will be collecting and collating information about their
locality which will provide an invaluable piece of evidence for
generations to come. When all the information has been collected
the final data will be put onto our own school microcomputer.
The B.B.C. will then collect individual cassettes and discs from
all over the country and they will compile the final
Domesday Project.

The task should provide great insight for the children
into their own environment, and will also enable them to make
records of how they see their own lives. We have been given
two areas of 12 sq. km. to study. In all there will be four
categories for information gathering:

- 1 LAND USE The principal use of the land in our area
residential, farmland etc.
- 2 PRINCIPAL FEATURES Houses, shops, telephone boxes etc.
- 3 WHAT LIFE IS LIKE TODAY Family, village, community
life.
- 4 PERIOD OF CHANGE A picture of how things have changed
locally.

Could you offer help? We need information, contacts with
interesting people, people who would talk about their life,
work, house, interests with small groups of children or who
could show them things of interest in the villages.

Please help if you can and share in this great project for the
future. The school would love to hear from you.

MINI-MARKET

Would you like a stall at
Tadmarton Village Hall's
mini-market on Saturday
29th June?
£1.50 for half a table.
Contact Mrs Wright 402
after June 8th.

Tadmarton Gardens are open
that day.

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Contact Mavis Swa. 593 for
space. (£2)

As part of their Domesday Survey, the children have been visiting local places of worship. Here are extracts from some of their reports.

THE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE

The Quaker Meeting House is very plain and simple. Inside there are no decorations. A table is placed in the middle of the room. On the table there are usually flowers. The windows are very high so you don't look out when you are worshipping. The Quakers don't believe in showiness and so they don't have many things in the Meeting House. Here is a list of what they don't have and what they don't do.

They don't have stained glass windows
They don't have an altar
They don't have decoration
They are not baptised
They don't drink too much (and some don't drink at all)
They don't wear fancy clothes
They don't have a Vicar
They don't have a sermon
They don't fight wars

When you go to a Quaker Meeting everybody just walks in and sits down. Nobody speaks except if somebody reads from the Bible or says something they want everybody to hear. When the Meeting is over, the Elders shake hands and everyone can go.

The Quakers, or Society of Friends as they are now called, were started in the 1650's by George Fox. He started off as Church of England but didn't agree with the showiness. The Quakers got their name because, when they first started, when they were speaking they used to get excited and start shaking, and so people teased them and called them Quakers. In the olden days you were not supposed to be a Quaker and if you were, you would be put in prison. The Quaker Meeting House is the oldest place of worship in Sibford.

Rebecca Key

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Holy Trinity Church was built 145 years ago in 1840, that is, on the whole, quite young for a Church. If you were to go up in a helicopter you would be able to see that it was in the shape of a cross.

Inside it is very cold, but the air is still. The Church has very good acoustics, which means it echoes music or any noise very well.

On the east window there are lots of signs. There are four separate pictures each showing Matthew, Mark, Luke and John as animals. There is also a picture of Jesus on the cross and the dove of peace. Then come the signs Alpha and Omega, the Greek for A and Z, the beginning and the end. The east window has a mistake: Omega is upside down.

The font is always at the entrance to the Church, by the door. On the altar in Sibford Church are the letters I.H.S., Greek for the first three letters of JESUS.

Altogether the Church seats 400, though on average about 30 people go. At Easter and Christmas the Church can be full.

James Marcovitch
(adapted from James' much longer
account)

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WEEKLY EVENTS

LUNCHEON CLUB	Tuesday	12.30pm	Friends' Hall
FOLK DANCING	Tuesday	8pm	Village Hall
BADMINTON	Wednesday	8pm	Village Hall
BROWNIES	Thursday	5.45pm	Village Hall
GUIDES	Thursday	7pm	Village Hall
CUB SCOUTS	Friday	6.30pm	Village Hall
PLAYGROUP	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	9.30am	Village Hall

ON SUNDAYS

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS Meeting for Worship at 11am
METHODISTS Morning Service at 11am
HOLY TRINITY 2nd 8am Holy Communion
6pm SONGS OF PRAISE
9th 10am Holy Communion
16th 10am Family Service with Holy Baptism
8pm Adults' Own - Informal evening service
23rd 10am Holy Communion
30th 10am United Benefice Eucharist - Swalcliffe

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Material for JULY/AUGUST issue by Wednesday 20th June
to the Editor, PLEASE

FOOTNOTE.....We are advised that burglars have been at work in
the Sibfords as the holiday season comes on apace.
Please let us try and keep them unemployed!