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# SIBFORD SCENE

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## SIBFORD GYMKHANA

Saturday July 6th is the day. At any time between 10 am and 4-ish you will be able to see the horses, ponies and riders going through their paces. There will also be a mounted fancy dress. Various local groups will benefit: the Cubs are manning the gate for their funds, and the other profits from the event will be for the Katherine House Hospice Fund.

Spectators will be very welcome. Why not stroll along for half an hour for a Saturday outing?

## VICAR STEVENS'S DIARIES

The Reverend E.T. Stevens was, as many readers know, Vicar of Sibford between 1877 and 1900.

During the whole of his time here he kept detailed diaries which form a fascinating account of the Sibfords of the time. I am no expert but I imagine they are of little monetary worth. However, they form an invaluable contribution to the social history of the time.

A considerable number of the diaries are in the possession of Mr J.A. Oddie, whose parents lived at Sibford House in the Ferris and whose brother, Hugh, is commemorated in a window in the Church. Tony Oddie still holds these villages in high and affectionate regard. He has bequeathed the volumes of the diaries in his possession to the Bodleian Library in Oxford.

Of the many other volumes, some are known to be in the possession of present residents of these villages, and many more may be. I wonder if those who read this and who have volumes of the diaries would be willing to let me know what periods they cover so that a record can be compiled of what is still extant. Of course, if present owners were willing to bequeath their volumes to the Bodleian Library to add to the material which will be available to future researchers and historians, that would be wonderful.

I would be most grateful for any information which anybody is willing to give. If you wish it to remain confidential, of course it will. A note to Barn Close, Burdrop is all that is needed!

Thank you in advance.

Colin Frith



## SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Friday evening, July 19th, at 7.30, I shall be holding a cake sale at my home, Pewamo, Sibford Gower, and if it is a fine evening, coffee could be served in the garden.

Many thanks to the people who supported Kay Turner's last cake sale which raised £35.02.

Our next main event will be the ANNUAL SHOW at the Village Hall on August 17th and we would like to increase our number of exhibits this year. Entries to Kay Turner, The Leys, Backside Lane, on Wednesday 14th August between 7pm and 10pm.

The following stalls will be run by members of the Society and any gifts will be most acceptable.

Mr and Mrs Phillips	Tombola
Mrs Law and Mrs Bristow	Produce
Mrs Baseby and helper	Cakes
Mr R. Spicer and helper	Bowling
Mr and Mrs J. Sabin	Grand Draw
Mrs M. Hicks and helpers	Teas
Mrs J. Skeath	Wheel of Fortune
Ice creams	canned drinks
	raffle for a doll

We look forward to a fine day and hope that you will bring your friends with you to make it a success.

John Sabin

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## INDIA LINK

In the Village Hall on Saturday July 6th, the Women's Work of the Methodist Church will be holding a Fete and Sale, to be opened at 3pm by Mrs Ruby Kaul of India. There will be cakes and other stalls and refreshments.

At 5pm Mrs Kaul will speak at a meeting in the Methodist Chapel and the chairman will be Mrs Watson. The whole event is in aid of the Women's Work for Overseas Missions of the Chipping Norton Circuit.

### IMPORTANT ADVANCE NOTICE

GRAND BONANZA SALE on Saturday September 21st in the Village Hall in aid of Hall funds.

For further details or offers of help please contact Mrs K. Horn, Sibford Ferris. (Swa. 658)

## SMALL ADS

### FOR SALE

TWO TENTS in good condition.

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### THE FRIENDS

It was interesting to read the account of the Quaker Meeting House by Rebecca Key in last month's Sibford Scene, with its list of "don'ts".

Here is a list of "do's".

Quakers do work for reconciliation.

They do try to follow the teaching of Jesus of Nazareth.

They do aim to build communities of peace and friendship in every part of the world.

The Meeting House, which was enlarged in 1864 to accommodate the Friends School, has light, simplicity and space. The seats are arranged to focus on the centre because all members have an equal responsibility for the Meeting and its duties.

Worship is based on silence but anyone present may speak or give a reading if, in this gathered silence, the impulse comes to them and they feel it would help the Meeting.

Visitors are always very welcome.

A Group of Quakers.

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### SIBFORD HISTORY GROUP

This group has met several times in the past few months without really deciding how it should be tackling the problem of gathering material produced in the last 100 years. I myself feel that Clubs in the village, past and present, must have documents etc., which, if not recorded now, will be lost to future generations.

The group are hoping to hold another meeting in late September when all those interested should attend. Date and venue in September Scene.

A.L.B.

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### SAVE THE CHILDREN COLLECTION

I would like to thank all those who kindly collected for Save the Children and all who gave so generously. A total of £109.22 was collected in the Sibfords towards £2333.50 for the Banbury area.

G. Soden

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### SPORTS CLUB

TENNIS COURTS are available  
between 6 - 7.30 weekdays,  
9 - 12.30 Saturdays and  
Sundays.

During the summer holidays  
we will have full use of  
the courts.

Key from Joan Bready (Swa. 410)

SWIMMING continues as usual.

PLEASE - SUBS are overdue.

£5 per family

£2 per person

### JUMBLE SALE / BRING & BUY

Saturday 13th July

10.00 - 12.00

The Old Bakehouse, Sibford  
Ferris.

Any Jumble to be collected,  
please ring 505.

Funds for Cubs, Scouts, Guides.

Folly Bridge, then a country ride home, to return about 3 pm.

The price will be Members £3.75, non-members £4.75.

Bookings must be made to Mr T. Webb by JULY 2nd. Tel. 8211.

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### W.I.

Monthly Meeting - Tuesday 9th  
July in the Village Hall at 2pm.

A Cookery Demonstration by Mrs  
Stroud, assisted by Mrs Jarvis.

No meeting in August.

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday July 2nd - Visit to  
Epwell Village Hall for the  
Summer Tea.

Tuesday July 16th - Outing  
see below.

Sunday July 14th - Tea Party at  
Temple Close, by kind invitation  
of Mr and Mrs Jones.

No meetings in August.

### A TRIP ON THE RIVER

An outing has been arranged  
for Tuesday July 16th, leaving  
the usual pick-up points and  
then to Abingdon to join a boat  
for a 2-hour trip down river to

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## SHOPPERS' PARADISE

It was surprising how many shops there were in Sibford in the early 1900's.

In Sibford Gower there used to be a Co-op opposite our school. It sold groceries, paraffin and coal. A sweet shop had its place in front of what is now Wyatt's Close. That was owned by Miss Wyatt, hence the name. The Old Post Office was once the Post Office, owned by Mr Inns. Another sweet shop was in Bond's End Lane. Mrs Stow owned this one and used to sell sweets costing one farthing ( $\frac{1}{4}$  Of  $\frac{1}{2}$  a penny).

In Burdrop there was a shoe-menders that sold milk as well and was owned by Mr Ward.

In Sibford Ferris there were many shops. An old lady named Mrs Long owned the Bakehouse (now the Old Bakehouse), and baked the bread. On Sundays before Church people brought their beef and Yorkshire pudding to the bakehouse and she would bake it for 6d (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ p).

At Sunnybank there was a Post Office and shop. This was owned by Miss Green and that is where the name of Green's Shop came from. Dame Anne's house had a small grocers shop and drapers in it. In Little Thatch there was a wool shop. It then moved to Maria's House. The wool shop was owned by a Mrs Gibbins.

When you needed meat the butcher called. After the bakehouse closed down, bread came from the baker in Epwell, Tysoe or Hook Norton.

To get water in Sibford you had to draw it from a well. There was one outside Valley View, and one at the Burdrop end of Mannings Hill by the seat up to the Church Field. There was a coal depot in Sibford where Home Farm Close now stands. There were two stone quarries in Sibford Ferris, one at Temple Mill and one at Belle Isle Farm.

A Sibford Club kept Sibford going. This was an insurance club for sickness and special club days were arranged for all the village.

In Sibford Manor lived a man called Frank Lascelles. He looked after all the farm machinery in a big barn at the back of the Manor. Most of Sibford's farm machinery was kept here for there wasn't much.

When there were no cars it took a whole day to get to Banbury and back in a cart for the horses had to pull up all the hills. A carrier's cart went back and fro once a day. The Carrier took orders from anyone in Sibford, and then went and got all the orders and brought them back. For instance, if you wanted a pair of shoes you could go to Banbury on the cart if there was room, or you could tell the carrier what kind of shoes you wanted and he would go to the shoe shop in Banbury and get a selection of shoes and bring them home for you to try on, and next day take back the ones you didn't want. In about 1918 the first bus ran from Sibford.

Rebecca Moir helped in her  
researches by Mrs Frances Bason



### SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

With regret the Parish Council has accepted the resignation of the Clerk, Mr W.L. Johnson. He served the Council as Clerk for 16 years and the members would like to take this opportunity of thanking him for all his help and advice during those years.

We are pleased to confirm the appointment of Lt. Col. C.D.C Frith as the new Clerk to the Parish Council.

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### PLAYGROUP

The Coffee Morning held during National Playgroup Week was very successful and we would like to thank all those who helped or supported this event. As a result we have ordered a new slide as an extension to the outdoor climbing frame.

Playgroup children, Mums and friends are off to Burford Wildlife Park on Tuesday 9th July for their annual outing. The highlight of the summer calendar is the steak Bar-b-que to be held at Hadsham House, Horley on 13th July. Tickets are available from Playgroup committee members.

Term dates: Summer Term ends 12th July '85  
Autumn Term begins 9th September '85

There are still a few places available for children aged 3 - 5 years from September. Please contact Pauline Sagar (973 736) for details.

M.H.

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### 1ST THE SIBFORDS CUB SCOUTS

We have welcomed two new Cubs recently. Tim Andrews has joined the Blue Six and Stewart Wareing the Red Six.

14 Cubs took part in the District Swimming Gala at Banbury recently, with Martyn Hicks and Mark Collison taking places in the finals of the back stroke and free style. The relay team of Neville Dowley, Mark Tompkins, Martyn Hicks and Mark Collison also took third place in the final.

### APPEAL

Can anybody offer us some lengths of round timber suitable for pioneering work? We are looking for pieces between 8' and 12' long, reasonably straight and between 2" and 3" in diameter. Please ring Keith Hicks on 259.

K.H.

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### GARDEN TEA PARTY FOR THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

On Sunday July 14th Mr and Mrs Ernest Jones are holding a Garden Tea Party at Temple Close from 3 pm for members of the Friendship Club. They would also like to extend a warm welcome to those in the area who are eligible to join the club but are not members.

The object is not to put pressure on joining the club but simply to provide an opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones. Members of the Whichford Wednesday Club have also been invited.

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### SAVE OUR SCHOOL

On two recent weekends the Primary School buildings have been damaged by vandals. The front door has been broken and a fire lit in the porch. PLEASE if any passer by sees anything suspicious REPORT IT. Leaving it to someone else to worry about might just mean that we end up without a school.

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### CHAMPIONS

Sibford Table Tennis Club has enjoyed one of its best seasons for many years. The A Team, Bill Wealsby, Fred Inns and the Rev. Nicholas Morgan, finished top of the second division of the Banbury and District T.T. League, thus gaining promotion to the 1st Division. Bill Wealsby also won the divisional knock-out competition.

The E Team, Jennifer Wealsby, Sean O'Keeffe and Jason Tustain, finished top of the 5th division, gaining promotion to the 4th Division, and this team also won the Handicap Competition which involves all the teams in the League. Sean also won the Divisional Knock-out Competition for the 5th Division. In the individual cup competitions, Jennifer Wealsby reached the Ladies Singles final and partnered Ina Lamb to win the Ladies Doubles.

It is most encouraging to have several teams with keen young players in them and we hope that this augurs well for the future.

Ina Lamb

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### LUNCHEON CLUB

It is with regret that I have had to discontinue Luncheon Club. Due to the drop in numbers it was no longer economical.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported the club over the last 5 years and I hope it gave you the pleasure and friendship that it gave me.

There are one or two I feel I should mention personally. Firstly the Society of Friends for use of the hall and the consideration and help given to me; Mrs Arnold Lamb for her help; Mrs Woolgrove, Mrs Abell and Mrs H. Poulton for coping so wonderfully with me in the kitchen; Mr and Mrs C. Andrews for their help and support when the club started and since; and finally to Fiona Hook for running the club since last July whilst I was unable to do it.

Do remember there is a Luncheon Club running at Tadmarton Village Hall, I believe fortnightly on a Friday, and I think transport can be arranged. For further details contact Mrs Kinchin-Smith of Epwell.

Jean Poulton

I am sure there are many like me who will remember Jean Poulton's delicious lunches and the happy, friendly atmosphere she created with great affection. Thank you, Jean, for everything. Ed.

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### YOUTH CLUB

Do come along to our Mini-Pete on Monday July 15th at 6.30 pm in the Rectory Garden.

There will be the usual stalls, competitions and refreshments. In addition we have invited the leader and some members of the Banbury P.H.A.B. club (to which Teresa Baker belongs) who will be coming out in their specially adapted mini-bus. We hope to be able to give them the usual Sibford hospitality and a generous donation towards much-needed equipment.

We would be delighted to receive White Elephants, produce, cakes etc., raffle and tombola prizes. Ring me on 571 or David Baker on 676 and we will collect.

Above all, come along and enjoy yourselves.

Joan Shields

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### WARRINER SCHOOL NEWS

#### GEOGRAPHY CLUB TRIP

On Tuesday 28th May a group of 16 children went to Settle in Yorkshire. We did quite a lot of walking to places such as Ingleboro' Cave and Gaping Gyle, a very deep pothole. In fact the cave at the bottom is so large that you could fit St Paul's Cathedral in it. On the last day we broke camp early to rock climb and abseil down a rock face in Derbyshire, and from there we came home.

GIDEON HEDLEY (1st Yr.)

#### COFFEE MORNING

We are holding a Coffee Morning/Bring & Buy on Monday July 8th at Pond Cottage, S. Gower as a friendly gathering for all 'new' and 'old' Warriner parents (those whose children start in Sept. as well as those already there). This is not a fund-raising event, just a chance to meet each other.

Anne Marcovitch, Carole Moir



## THE GARDEN IN JULY & AUGUST

As I write these notes on Midsummer Day with the rain falling and a fresh cool wind blowing, it is difficult to realise that half the summer has gone. The borders which should be full of colour are thickly green and the weeds flourish. Let us hope that July brings some days full of sunshine. Meantime we must use the hoe in an effort to keep the borders clean and prune the flowering shrubs as the flowers subside, removing the wood that has flowered this year to encourage the young growth for next year's flowers. Towards the end of July clip hedges of beech, holly and hornbeam.

In this late season there is still time at the beginning of July to plant out pot-raised geraniums, begonias and regal pelargoniums. Dahlias will be making rapid growth now. Make sure they are well tied to their stakes and give them a general dressing of fertiliser such as Growmore hoed in around, but not too close to, the stem. Remove side shoots up to about 2 feet if you want to produce good sized flowers. Small bedding dahlias can be left to look after themselves apart from a dressing of fertilizer.

JARDIN

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Apollo Theatre Oxford  
Coach leaves Sibford 6 pm  
Cost £4 Ticket & coach  
Ring Robin Spicer (690)  
for more details.

### BROWNIE COFFEE MORNING

We would like to say thank you to everyone who gave, supported and spent at our Coffee Morning in Mrs Abbott's garden. We are especially grateful to Mrs Abbott and her family for making all the arrangements and our funds have now been increased by £42.33. Fantastic! THANK YOU.



ON JUNE 16th RICHARD ROBBINS was christened at Holy Trinity Church by Tim Wimbush.

### SWALCLIFFE NEWS

SATURDAY JULY 20th 2.30      SWALCLIFFE FAYRE      LANGSAT HOUSE  
PARKING AVAILABLE.

Many unusual attractions including folk dancing, clowns, mini-shae p dog trials, balloon race, children's sports 50/50 auction. A family outing with a difference. Enquiries Elaine Hobday 595

SUNDAY 4th AUGUST

WALKING TREASURE HUNT starts 4 pm Swalcliffe Village Hall and finishes at the Stag's Head which will open early at about 6.30. Distance approx. 3 miles. Solve the clues to win the prize. £1 per entry form (max. 4 persons per form). Details Jill White (8293) Chrissie Garrett (633)

THURSDAY 15th AUGUST

CHILDREN'S BEETLE DRIVE 6 pm Swalcliffe Village Hall.  
Entrance 20p Prizes to be won.

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### CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends			Sunday 11am
Methodists			Sunday 11am
Holy Trinity	July 7th	8am	Holy Communion
	14th	10am	Holy Communion - Preacher from Missions to Seamen
	21st	10am	Holy Communion Children's
		8pm	Adults' Own
	28th	10am	Holy Communion
	August 4th	8am	Holy Communion
	11th	10am	Holy Communion
	18th	10am	Matins and Holy Communion
	25th	10am	Holy Communion

### WEEKLY EVENTS

SWIMMING CLUB	Monday & Wednesday	6 - 7 pm	Friends School
FOLK DANCING	Tuesday	8 pm	Village Hall
BADMINTON	Wednesday	8pm	Village Hall
BROWNIES	Thursday	5.45	Village Hall
GUIDES	Thursdays	7pm	Village Hall
CUB SCOUTS	Friday	6.30	Village Hall
PLAYGROUP	Daily except Tuesday	9.30	Village Hall

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Apologies to those whose contributions have been truncated or held over - it seems to be a full summer.