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BONANZA '85

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21st 2.30 VILLAGE HALL

This event is to be THE occasion of the year. Mrs Horn has masterminded a Bonanza along even greater lines than before.

The discerning punter will note the outstanding choice and quality of goods on the linen and glass stalls and the 'Mrs Bridges' among you will be hard-pressed to decide which cake to take home. The green-fingered fraternity will be lost in a jungle of horticultural delights and the book-worms will have a field day. For those of you who enjoy a good cup of tea there will be a corner of the Hall reserved for you too. Renew your wardrobe - win a bottle or two - take home a Raffle prize - the Bonanza is to be THE event for excitement and opportunities.

So - if you have an eye for quality and style at competitive prices then the Village Hall on September 21st is the place to be.

Weather permitting, there will be lots of activities outside to test your skills and sharpen your wits

Entrance fee Adults 10p children free, in aid of the general upkeep of the Village Hall.

...AND ANOTHER DAY OUT

1st the Sibfords Cub Scouts are having a day trip to Windsor on Saturday 28th September, visiting Madame Tussaud's and taking a boat trip. The coach will leave Sibford at 9am, returning at 7pm. Fare £5 adult, £4 child. There will be some spare seats for any villagers who would like to come. Details from Ann Spicer Swa. 690.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME ?

When I was at school, the common names were not Bishop, Hall, Haines, Lamb, Lines, Manning and Poulton, but Archer, Bridger, Pargetter, Wagstaffe, Warrener and Woodward. Take any trade or occupation and you will find surnames. Thatcher, Tyler, Slater, Mason, Joiner, Carpenter, Sawyer, the list is almost endless.

Over the last sixteen months, the slab bridge over the Sib at the bottom of Oddie's field, has had four sets of handrails. The first was a well-worn, highly polished, rounded and chamfered piece of pitchpine, which was once part of a bench from the Meeting House. The next was a piece of rough-sawn 4x2 with the hope that it might yield splinters if roughly handled. Then there was the rustic effect in intertwined willow and ash, and now, I hope still, one of white washed plank. All these were fixed by stout nails made by Nailors.

Nailing was at one time a domestic industry in the Black Country. A length of iron bar was held in the middle by tongs and heated in a forge. When red hot each of the two ends was tapped diagonally to form the 'head'. Each piece was then cut in the middle and, while still hot and malleable, each cut end was flattened by hammer blows to form a point.

Nails were sold by weight, but were known by the number of nails in the pound weight, not by their length. A 'penny' nail 240 to the lb., a 'tuppenny' nail 120 to the lb., a 'threepenny' nail 80 to the lb., and so on up to a 'twelvepenny' nail (not a shilling nail) after which they became spikes and you had to get those from the Blacksmith.

These nails were, of course, flat, somewhat like a clout, and unlike the modern wire nails.

I was reminded of this old terminology, the way I used to buy nails, while reading an American farming journal last month. In an article on fencing, a New England farmer, maintaining the advantages of wooden over steel or concrete posts, wrote of 3d and 8d nails.

It seems strange that this nomenclature should have persisted so long in a country which long ago divorced itself from our duodecimal currency and imperial measures.

Is it too much to hope that the fourpenny nails will hold the present planks a tenth of that time ?

J.G.

.....AND SPEAKING OF AMERICA.....

Bob and Peggy Smith, who live in Santa Ana, California, will be staying at Birch Hill, Burdrop, during September, exchanging their house with Jack and Mary Bristow. They are revisiting England to explore the Cotswold villages and countryside.

HOOK NORTON EVENING CENTRE

Classes arranged for the Autumn Term are as follows:

	<u>Afternoon</u>	<u>Evening</u>
<u>Monday</u>	Cookery £3.50 5 wks. Christmas Cake Icing £4 5 wks.	Herbal Medicine £7 6 wks. Men's Keep Fit £7 term Upholstery £8 term Creative Embroidery £8 term
<u>Tuesday</u>	Bridge £8 term	Ladies' Work Out £6 term English Country Houses and their Furnishings £8.50 10 wks Flower Arranging & Christmas Decorations £8 10 wks. Bookbinding £8 10 wks.
<u>Wednesday</u>	Modern Fiction (a.m.) £22 20 wks. Pewterwork £8 term	Winemaking £6 8wks. Family Finance £4 4 wks. Beekeeping £7 8 wks. Yoga (Beginners) £7 term
<u>Thursday</u>	Current Ideas and Ideologies £11 10 wks or £6 5 wks	Spinning and Dyeing £8 term Yoga (intermediate) £7 term Spoken Italian £8 term Natural History £8 10 wks Painting £8 term

16th November Day School - Chocolate Sweetmaking £3

27th November Evening - Microwave Demonstration £1.25

Classes are held at the Primary School, Hook Norton and enrolment is on Monday 9th September from 7 - 8.30 at the School. Most classes start week beginning September 23rd, but full details may be obtained from Mrs Linda Buchanan H.N. 730052. Programmes will be available in most villages Post Offices from the end of August, and there will be a file in Hook Norton Library giving further particulars on the classes.

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Following last issue's piece
on shops in Sibford, Mrs
Mabel Dunkley has added to the
list of sweet shops with
memories of one in Burdrop
near where Miss LeMare now
lives.

YOUTH CLUB

We would like to thank all who so nobly supported us on the evening of our fete in July.

The Youth Club members themselves did a wonderful job helping to move everything at the last minute from the Rectory garden into the Village Hall.

We were overwhelmed by the kindness of those, known and unknown, who donated money, made cakes, gave bottles and other goods, and came along on a miserable wet evening to support us. We thank you most sincerely.

Once again the occasion was a very pleasant co-operative effort between members, management committee and all our friends in the village, with a wonderful result - over £144.

We were very pleased to welcome a mini-bus load of P.H.A.B. members who joined in with great enthusiasm. We were glad to be able to give them a sizeable donation which, they told us, would cover three months running expenses for the mini-bus.

Joan Shields

TED WEBB

It was just under three years ago that Ted's rolling gait became a familiar sight in the lanes of Sibford. He came with Phyllis to spend what they had hoped to be a long and happy retirement among us. Quickly they found many friends; Ted undertook all sorts of little jobs for other people's welfare. He was in the forefront of the re-organised Friendship Club, a member of the Horticultural Society and a regular worshipper in the Church.

At his funeral service, the size of the congregation from all the places where he had lived, testified to the affection in which he was held by those who knew him. He was a man of very fixed opinions - but never discourteous to those with whom he disagreed.

T.W.

Among the jobs that Ted undertook was delivering the Scene in the area between the Gower crossroads and Village Hall, as well as helping out with stapling and putting the magazine together at times when the Editor was hard-pressed. He was always generous and genuine in his help. Mrs Webb has kindly offered to take over his deliveries, and for that too we are very grateful.

Ed.

ARTICLES FOR SALE

ELECTROLUX550 upright cleaner with tools. Excellent condition, 18 months old, recently serviced. £60 o.n.o. Swa. 556

FOOTBALL BOOTS size 2. One pair leather £2, one pair synthetic £1. Swa. 558

SINGER SEWING MACHINE Very good working order. Electric/Swing needle. £75. Ring Swa. 494 (evening).

SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

What a lovely sunny day we had for our Annual Show on August 17th, and we are pleased that this event was so well attended. Considering the awful weather we have had this year, the exhibits were well up to our usual excellent standard, and the presentation perfect. We are pleased to say our takings reached £377.29, but unfortunately the marquee and tables cost us £285 this year, so this will only leave us with a small profit.

The prize-winners were as follows:

Dr H. Taylor Cup	Mrs J. Hone	Society Cup	Mr C. Tew
Sibford Rose Bowl	Mrs F. Inns	Village Cup	Mrs T. Law
Children's Cup	Amanda Sabin	Mrs F. Padbury	Rose Bowl
			Mrs B. Phillips
Large Picture	Mrs K. Winter	Banbury Marquee Trophy	Chris Sabin
S.J. Sabin Cup	Martyn Hicks	Mrs F. Padbury Cup	Mrs J. Benton

Congratulations also to the Blue Ribbon Awards: Helen Soden, Robin Spicer and Mrs Tanner.

The winners of the wooden bowls were Robin Spicer, Mrs P. Inns and Mrs Tanner. These were kindly donated by Mr Ted Webb who sadly died recently.

I would like to thank everyone who helped on the day or donated gifts and prizes to make the show possible. Our next meeting will be in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11th September at 8pm. Mrs Cropley will speak on 'Unusual Hardy Bulbs'. We intend to hold another cake sale and produce stall at my home, Pewamo, Sibford Gower, on Saturday morning 14th September at 10.

We would invite any new residents in Sibford to join our Society and I am sure you will be made welcome.

I have a red and grey umbrella and a brown leather glasses case left at the Show.

John Sabin (Chairman)
Swalcliffe 471

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR THE FOLLOWING:-

FOLK DANCE, BOTH PARISH COUNCILS, W.I., FRIENDSHIP CLUB, YOUTH CLUB ORGANISERS, CHURCH, METHODISTS, FRIENDS, HORTICULTURE BADMINTON, GUIDES, CUBS & BROWNIES (ORGANISERS), P.T.A. SIBBERTS, PLAYGROUP and any other club or society I have omitted

VILLAGE HALL QUIZ

For many years now, one of the Hall's most successful evenings has been that of the Quiz - a light-hearted event which sets out to discover the Village Organisation which can score the most points in answer to questions set by Miss LeMare.

I am reminding you of this occasion early on so that teams can be organised and well-prepared prior to the event which will take place in November. In recent years the number of entries has fallen off and I am hoping that, by giving plenty of notice this year will be very well supported. So come on, GET ORGANISED! Each team only needs 4 adults - so.....

Further details in the October Scene.

Janette Skeath

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3rd Coffee Morning at Epwell 10.30 - 12

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 17th Tea at "andywater Farm at 3pm, by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Colquhoun.

SAVING FOR PROFIT

The Sibford Friendship Club wish to thank those who continue to let us have their newspapers, magazines, cardboard, bottletops foil and stamps. A sizeable contribution of foil and stamps was sent to Guide Dogs for the Blind. The last collection of waste paper etc. made £67 for Club funds. Please continue to send all you can, either delivered to Tesco, Backside Lane or contact Swa. 652 who will collect reasonable amounts. Also please continue to send oddments of wool for squares for blankets for the Neithrop Hospital, Banbury.

The Club learned with great sorrow of the sudden death of Ted Webb on August 7th. He had been a most keen and helpful member and also Outings and Transport manager since 1984. The Club sends messages of friendship and sympathy to Mrs Webb and her family.

A.L.B.

W.I.

Tuesday Sept. 10th 2pm in the Village Hall.
Mrs Harmer will speak on Antiques.
Members - please bring some items with you for her to comment on.

Competition - A Treasured Possession.

Visitors are always welcome.

SIBFORD HISTORY CIRCLE

All those interested in Sibford History and how best to record it, are invited to Miss Bennett's house, Thurlstones, Backside Lane, S.G. on Tuesday Sept. 17th at 8pm.

BANBURY PEACE FORUM

A cross-community place to discuss defence and nuclear disarmament, supported by Tony Baldry M.P., C.N.D. and local Churches.

Next meeting Thursday 19th September, Banbury Town Hall 7.30pm. Stan Windass on 'Just Defence'. Chair, David Rowlands, Alliance Prospective Parliamentary Candidate.

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YOUNG PIANISTS

The yearly Music results are as follows:

December '84

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April '85

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July '85

Vicki Abbott Step 1

Lewis Soden Grade 1

Frank Soden Grade 1

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CALLING THE COLONISTS

For many years, Mr W. Baggaley has combined walking his dog with delivering the Scene in the Colony. However, he has now moved to the other end of the village, so we need a new volunteer to take his place. Offers please to the Editor, Swa. 358. Many thanks to Mr Baggaley for all his help, and best wishes to him and Mrs Baggaley in their new home.

JUMBLE SALE

On Saturday 14th September, Peter Brettell is holding a Jumble Sale at his house in Hook Norton Road in aid of Cub Funds. It will be from 2 to 3.30. If you have any contributions of jumble that need collecting, please ring Mrs Brettell on 556.

ADVERTISERS

Inflation has caught up with us at last. As from October, the cost of a small ad. in the Scene will be 2p per word, and the cost of a small display ad will be 80p per month (or £7.50 per year). It would save a lot of time and telephone calls if advertisers would work out the cost and bring the money with their copy! Many thanks. Ed.

THE GARDEN IN SEPTEMBER

This month we have arrived at a turning point in the season. On one hand we look back at the results of a difficult and perhaps disappointing time due to the uncertainty of the weather, and on the other, we must prepare for the months ahead.

First, we need to take care of the tender plants that will be coming to the end of their flowering season, the days are getting shorter and the nights colder, so it will be necessary to lift begonias and pelargoniums about the middle of the month. They can be potted up and kept on window sills in the house until they finally die down. Zonal geraniums should be lifted by the end of the month, chrysanthemums brought under cover if frost threatens, and in any case by the end of the month. Dahlias should go on for a week or two and can be left until a frost has cut down the green growth.

Shrubs, climbers and fruit trees can be pruned this month. Cuttings can be taken of buddleia and ceanothus, and rooted in a cold frame, while quite a lot of other shrubs such as flowering currant, willow and some roses, will root out of doors unless the weather proves very severe.

There is still time to sow lettuce in the vegetable garden: Valdor and Winter Density are suitable varieties, while White Lisbon onions, sown now, will be ready for pulling in the Spring. Radishes and turnips of the Golden Ball variety will be a rewarding crop, for their turnip tops cut as spring-greens.

Perhaps the most important job is the planting of Spring flowering bulbs. With a little care they will provide a great show of colour in house and garden in dull winter days.

Jardin

CHURCH SERVICES

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS SUNDAY AT 11
METHODISTS SUNDAY AT 11
HOLY TRINITY 1st 8am. Holy Communion
8th 10am. Holy Communion
15th 10am. Family Service
8pm. Adults' Own
22nd 10am. Holy Communion
29th 10am. United Benefice Eucharist
at Tadmarton
Thursday mornings 7.30am Holy Communion

WEEKLY EVENTS

SWIMMING CLUB Monday and Wednesday 6 - 7 pm Friends School
FOLK DANCING Tuesday 8pm Village Hall
BADMINTON Wednesday 8pm Village Hall (except 2nd)
BROWNIES Thursday 5.45 Village Hall
GUIDES Thursday 7pm Village Hall
CUB SCOUTS Friday 6.30 Village Hall
PLAYGROUP Daily except Tuesday 9.30 Village Hall

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Tuesday 3rd Friendship Club Coffee Morning at Epwell
Monday 9th Hook Norton Evening Centre Enrolment 7-8.30
Tuesday 10th W.I. Antiques 2 pm Village Hall
Wednesday 11th Horticultural Society 8pm Village Hall
Saturday 14th Horticultural Society Cake & Produce Sale 10
Jumble Sale for Cubs 2-3.30 Hook Norton Rd.
Tuesday 17th Friendship Club tea at Handywater Farm 3pm
History Group Meeting 8pm
Saturday 21st BONANZA '85 2.30 Village Hall
Saturday 28th Outing to Windsor.

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