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# SIBFORD

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## SIBFORD BROWNIES

Sibford Brownies are very grateful to Mrs Brooks for filling in as Brown Owl over the last few months. Regrettably, she is unable to continue after the end of September and a replacement Brown Owl is urgently needed. Adequate help is available for all the weekly meetings.

If anybody is interested, or knows of someone who might be, please contact the District Commissioner, Mrs Olive Springall (Banbury 810032) or Judy Abbott on Swalcliffe 731.

There is to be a County Training Day for interested Leaders and Parents on Saturday 12th October. Do contact me if you would like to attend.

Judy Abbott

## YOUTH CLUB

A special message to all members and prospective members - We have not forgotten you!

In fact we have been working hard on your behalf and hope to be able to re-open the Youth Club before Christmas.

Watch the Scene next month for more news.

Joan Shields

## SIBFORD SCENE

Sibford Scene urgently needs a typist. Do you enjoy Sibford? Would you be enthusiastic to contribute your skills to its magazine? Could you make time to type between 6 and 10 A4 stencils towards the end of each month? If you could offer, or would like to know more, please contact the Editor (Swa. 358).

Edwina Sabin has kindly volunteered to deliver the Scene in the Colony. Thank you.



## WARRINER NEWS

Welcome to all new children and their parents. Joanna Hall, James Marcovitch, Rebecca Moir, Brendan Sabin, Matthew Spicer and Jamie White have joined us from the Primary School and Laurie Harrison, Anna Stolwood and Victoria Scouse have recently moved into the village and have started at the Warriner.

The P.T.A. A.G.M. was held on Tuesday September 17th and it was very nice to see so many Sibford parents there. A new committee was elected for the P.T.A. They are Bill Braithwaite, Jenny Hallam, Anne Marcovitch, Keith Makin, Michael Fenner, Katherine Chapple and Adrienne Brown.

The following matters of interest were raised in Mr Ruddock's report:

### Teachers' Action

This is unfortunately continuing, but so far we have been lucky in avoiding too much disruption, though some lunch-time clubs and consultation evenings have been cancelled. Most sports fixtures are going ahead as usual. Lunch-time supervisors have been increased to 9 as this is the time that causes most problems during the dispute, particularly in wet weather, when children have to be kept indoors with adequate supervision. However, Mr Ruddock congratulated all the children on their good behaviour under difficult circumstances.

### School Roll

Numbers are still declining with the birth-rate and have fallen from 922 last year to 910 this, and are expected to fall further by next September. This brings problems with staff losses and timetabling (about which you should recently have received a letter).

### Parent Governors

These are being increased from 2 to 5 and nominations should be at school by September 30th. (You may nominate yourself).

### Buses

These are under discussion with the possibility of re-routing to make them more efficient.

### Tuck Shop

Concern was expressed at the amount being spent by some children on sweets and fizzy drinks. Please check how your children are spending their dinner money.

### Uniform

There have been problems obtaining certain items of uniform and these will be investigated by the school.

### Good News!

The school has received a 20% increase in its capitation allowance to help make up deficiencies and the Sports Hall should be started shortly.

### Next Event

Technology and Craft display in October. Watch out for further details.

Your village reps are:-

Anne Marcovitch, Pond Cottage, Sibford Gower.  
Tel. 8163

Carole Moir, Hillcot, Sibford Ferris.  
Tel. 8241



### BURIAL GROUND

The burial ground at the Friends Meeting House in Sibford Gower has been used for nearly three hundred years. Recently, Friends were pleased to agree that the ashes of Miriam Guest, for so many years a matron at the School, should be interred there.

As the area available for future burials is limited, Friends have decided that only members of The Society of Friends or those closely associated with the Society or with Sibford School, should be buried there.

Kenneth Francis  
Superintendant of the Burial Ground

#### SAVE THE CHILDREN

COFFEE EVENING  
THURSDAY 17th OCT.  
from 6.30pm

CAKES RAFFLE  
CHRISTMAS CARDS

WYATTS CLOSE S. GOWER

#### HOOK NORTON FILM SOCIETY

October's film is  
THE BRIDE WORE BLACK

Showing October 18th 8.15

Enquiries Hook Norton 737411

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

9th November is the day!

Thank you all for your generosity last November. We shall be back again this year!

Ex-servicemen, widows and children still and will continue to need the support that the Legion freely gives them, so please reach a little further into your pockets and purses this year. Be assured that the monies will not be wasted.

Collectors are the sharp end of our efforts and I hope that all of my band are still able to serve. Please let me know in the next few days if you are unable to help this year. Indeed if any others feel that they would like to help, please get in touch with me at home.

John Mulley, Hon. Collector,  
The Old Post Office,  
Sibford Gower. Swa. 629

### SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL QUIZ 1985

MONDAY NOVEMBER 4th 7.30pm

Once again we look forward to this exciting event and request that participating organisations fill in the form overleaf and return it not later than October 21st. Unfortunately we can only accommodate ten teams, so an early reply may avoid disappointment.

Please return completed forms to Janette Skeath, Nansen House, Sibford Ferris before October 21st.



### RED CROSS

A Red Cross Coffee Morning / Bring & Buy will be held at Cautherns by kind invitation of Lady May, on Wednesday 30th October, 10.30 - 12 noon.

There will be a special selection of Christmas presents for children and also for adults, together with cakes and Red Cross Christmas cards. A beautiful ring presented by Lady May will be raffled.

Please come and support the work of the Red Cross at home and overseas.

Anne Stephens

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### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

There should be plenty of mental stimulation in two of the Hook Norton Evening Centre's daytime classes this season. Modern English and American Novels (Wednesday mornings) and Ideas That Have Shaped Our Times (Thursday afternoons) will both have a few vacancies.

There is still time to join. Details from Mrs Linda Buchanan, Hook Norton 730052.

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### HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Despite the wet morning, I am pleased to report that the cake sale on September 14th raised £40. Many thanks to the members who provided the home made bread and cakes.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th October at 8 pm. This will be followed by a film, 'A Walk In The Forest', showing the harmony of plants and creatures in a forest.

New members will be most welcome. The annual subscription will be due in October.

John Sabin

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Maureen Graham, Swa. 448

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### STIFFORD VILLAGE HALL QUIZ - MONDAY 4th NOV.

The.....Club /Organisation would like to enter  
a team.

1.....(team Leader) 2.....

3..... 4.....



### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday October 1st Village Hall 2pm - A member of the Police Force will speak on Home Security. All visitors welcome.

Tuesday October 15th Outing to Leamington and the ASDA Superstore leaving 8.50 am, returning by 3.30. Cost, depending on numbers, £3 maximum. Non-members will be welcome at a cost £1 more than members, but £3 maximum. Further details from Mrs Webb, Wayside, Sibford Gower, before Monday October 7th.

#### Advance notice

Annual Sale on Saturday November 2nd in the Village Hall at 2.30 entrance 10p.

Stalls: Good as New (NOT JUMBLE), Cakes and Tarts, Produce, Plants, Books, Bric-a-brac, Jewellery, Bottle Stall, Tombola. Teas, Raffle - prizes to include Quartz watches.

Please support your O.A.P. Club. All gifts greatly appreciated. Please take them to - Mrs G. Law, Hillside S.G., Mrs F. Rollett Grasholme S.G., Mrs P. Webb, Wayside, S.G., Mrs M. Baker, Bankside, S.G., Major J. Long, Tel. 652.

A.L.B.

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### AUTUMN BONANZA '85

Mrs Horn does it again! Once more a highly successful fund-raiser for the Village Hall was masterminded by Mrs K. Horn. For two hours on Saturday 21st September, the hall was packed with spenders hunting for bargains.

We really are most grateful to her and to all her many helpers, and, of course, to our local residents who supported the occasion either by coming or giving to it. The latest news on the proceeds is £372.

A.M.R.

#### FOR YOUR DIARY

On Friday December 20th the Sherlow Singers will be entertaining us in the Village Hall. They are a local group whose songs range from madrigals to popular folk. It promises to be a most enjoyable evening - further details next month.

J.S.

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### SIBFORD HISTORY CIRCLE

Ten people attended the meeting in September. A map of Sibford showing land holdings, made by Henry Poulton while at the Friends School 59 years ago, was looked at. It was suggested that it could be updated to the present time. The next meeting will take place in late November/early December.

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#### W.I.

Monthly meeting on Tuesday October 8th at 2pm. Village Hall. The speaker will be Mrs Jerrans on 'The Bed and Breakfast'. Competition - a jar of home made marmalade. All visitors very welcome.

Sibford Church Bazaar: 2.30pm Saturday 16th November in the Village Hall. Competitive prices will be asked for all goods.



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## HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Harvest will be celebrated this year on Saturday 5th October with a service in Church at 6pm, followed by Supper in the Village Hall. Tickets are going well, so don't delay if you are intending to go to the Supper.

Proceeds to the Katherine House Hospice Fund.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

MARY POULTON is retiring (again!) after many years of service with the children of the Church. We thank her for all the work she has done.

The Sunday School, however, goes on under the guidance of Robin Spicer and his helper.

All children aged 5 to 11 are welcome in the Village Hall each Sunday from 10 to 11 am, starting on October 6th.

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## SEE AND BE SEEN

Darkness descends unexpectedly on warm Autumn evenings and it is all too easy for a cyclist to be caught out without lights.

Several people have commented on the dangerous antics of a few young riders with unlit bikes on unlit village roads. Please make sure your children are cycling safely (and legally) before the village suffers the horror of a tragic accident.

### DECOR SERVICE

Contact BRUCE HORN

your local

PAINTER AND DECORATOR

Swalcliffe 658

### COFFEE MORNING

in aid of LEUKAEMIA RESEARCH  
at SWALCLIFFE GRANGE

WEDNESDAY 23rd OCTOBER

10.30 - 12

### SWALCLIFFE VILLAGE HALL

Children's Halloween Fancy Dress Party on Thursday 31st October 5.30 to 7pm in the Village Hall.

Games, food, dancing.  
Prizes for the best fancy dress.

Entrance 70p at the door.  
Under-5's welcome if accompanied by an adult.  
Details - Jill White 8293  
Chrissie Garrett 633,  
Sue Harris 274.

CASH PAID for quality soft fruit suitable for jam or chutney. Tel. Swa. 347

### SWALCLIFFE HARVEST SUPPER

Friday 18th October in the Village Hall at 7.30.

Bar, 4 course meal, folk entertainment plus local celebrities.

Tickets £3 from Jessie Richards 692, Jill White or Sue Harris.



## THE GARDEN IN OCTOBER

This month sees the end of serious garden work for the season, but there is plenty to keep us occupied for a few weeks yet by way of clearing up.

The first, and perhaps the most important, task is to harvest the season's crops, starting with the apples, most of which are ready to pick this month. It is worth while to gather them gently and store in a cool, frost-free place. Lift potatoes and let them lie on the ground for a day or two to get thoroughly dry before bagging up; don't use polythene bags or they will sweat. Carrots and beetroot can be stored in dry sand or peat. Mice are very fond of beet! Onions are best twisted into ropes and hung up in a dry place. There is still time early in the month to plant onion sets for an early crop next year. The ground that becomes free when potatoes are lifted can be rough-dug and left to weather through the winter, or grow a few rows of spring cabbage. They will be useful in the spring even if you lose some to a bad winter.

In the flower garden, leave the herbaceous plants to die down naturally before you cut them down for their winter rest. Roses are probably best left for pruning next March, but other shrubs and hedges should be pruned now. Climbers particularly should have old wood that has flowered this year removed and regrowth tied back to avoid wind damage in the winter.

I hope you have planted your pots of bulbs and they are safely in the plunge pit. Leave them there until mid-November or until they are showing about two inches of growth and take them into a cool room, cover with newspaper for a week or two to get accustomed to daylight before they go into full light in a warm room. Outdoor planting of tulips and narcissi can go on throughout October.

Jardin

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## OXFORDSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Leaflets are now available detailing competitions that may be of interest to the village. Roger Davis, Field Officer ORRC, The Hadow Rooms, 101 Banbury Road, Oxford OX26NE (0865 512488) will be able to supply leaflets and information.

THE VILLAGE VENTURE COMPETITION, with £500 in prizes, will be of special interest to any village organisation or group who are undertaking a project for the village. Past winners have included such projects as Village Hall renovation, B.M.X. track, toy library and many others.

THE LOCAL HISTORY COMPETITION has the theme Rural Industries. A project may take any form, for example Essays, Original Research, Photographic and other collections, Repair and restoration, Setting up a study group. Any type of local history project will qualify if it is relevant to the theme of Rural Industries. The competition is open to both groups and individuals.

N.B. I have several leaflets outlining the above here at Nicholas Corner, Burdrop. Feel free to telephone me or call any time.

Inca Todd



## CHURCH SERVICES

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS      Sunday at 11  
METHODISTS              Sunday at 11  
HOLY TRINITY            6th    8am Holy Communion  
                             13th    10am Holy Communion  
                             20th    10am Children's Eucharist  
   8pm Adults Own  
                             27th    10am Holy Communion  
Sunday School    10am in the Village Hall

## WEEKLY EVENTS

SWIMMING CLUB    Monday and Wednesday 6 - 7pm 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

## OCTOBER 1985

Tuesday 1st      Friendship Club 'Home Security'.  
Saturday 5th     Harvest Service 6pm followed by Supper  
  
Tuesday 8th      W.I. Village Hall 2pm  
Wednesday 9th   Horticultural Society A.G.M. 8pm Village Hall  
  
Tuesday 15th     Friendship Club Outing to Leamington  
Thursday 17th    Save the Children Coffee Evening from 6.30  
  
Wednesday 23rd   Coffee Morning for Leukaemia Research  
Wednesday 30th   Red Cross Coffee Morning at Gautherns

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