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# SIBFORD SCENE

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### GOWER PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

#### "LITTER BLITZ" - 15/16 March

Following the success of last years Litter Blitz within the County we are again joining in with this year's appeal to tidy up our villages, roads and amenity areas. We have ordered lots of refuse sacks - all we need now is some help to fill them. The Cubs, Brownies and Guides and Youth Club are especially invited to meet with any other willing helpers. With lots of help the job will be done quickly and easily.

Date: Saturday 15th March  
Time: 10.30 a.m.  
Place: Village Hall

Of course, EVERYONE can help by maintaining a level of tidiness throughout the year.

#### "VILLAGE SAFETY"

Intense concern for village safety was expressed by all Councillors at their last meeting. The volume of traffic in and through the village continues to increase alarmingly. As villagers, we have a special responsibility and local knowledge of hazard areas - dangerous bends, narrow lanes, awkward crossroads and junctions, car and coach parking and especially the school, should be used to ADVANTAGE. Please may we ask everyone to think carefully about their responsibilities to themselves and towards others whether walking or driving in the village.

NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL 14th March. 8.15 p.m.  
Village Hall.  
ALL WELCOME.

#### ADVANCE NOTICE

Concert in Sibford Church.

The Shenlow Singers and Romanza.

Sat. April 19th at 7.30 p.m.

In aid of the Katharine House Hospice Trust.

Further details next month.

SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL

The Christmas festivities were heralded in fine style when the Shenlow Singers and Mike Spring entertained us in the Village Hall on December 21st. It was refreshing to hear some of the lesser known carols as well as a few old favourites. Mike's readings were well received and the non secular items were especially appreciated. The evening was a great success and £100 is to be shared with Katharine House.

May I say a special thankyou to the Committee members who worked hard to make it so enjoyable, and to Lionel Evans for his help providing the wine.

Janette Skeath (Secretary)

DRAMA WARDROBE

The Oxfordshire Rural Community Council maintains an extensive wardrobe available for hire by amateur dramatic groups, schools and colleges (for performances, not for fancy dress).

The charge for hire by groups inside Oxfordshire is £3 per costume. Costumes must be collected from and returned to the Wardrobe which is in Marsh Lane, Marston, Oxford.

All enquiries should be made to the Wardrobe Administrator (Mrs. Alex. Graham, 48 Bowness Avenue, Didcot, Oxon Ox11 8NE. Telephone enquiries (4.30 to 6 p.m. Monday - Friday) Didcot 813967.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME COFFEE MORNING

On Tuesday March 4th - 10 until 12.

At Jane Holliday's house - 2 Hillfield, Sibford Ferris.

Bring and buy. Cakes. Bric-a-brac.

All Welcome.

SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL

CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday April 12th & June 7th 2.00 p.m.

This is a new venture for the Village Hall Committee and we encourage you to book your Boot space in advance. £3.00 enables you to sell anything from your car boot (except refreshments) and to make some money for an Organization, Charity or just for yourself.

Book your space with J. Skeath on Swa. 494 (Nansen House, Sibford Ferris)

WOMEN'S WORLD  
DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 7th March at 2 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church.

Refreshments.

## WARRINER NEWS

Skiing Holiday At last the time had come to go skiing in Kitzbuhel, Austria. It all started at school at 4.30 p.m. on Friday 7th February. We hired our coaches from Yorks Coaches. They had toilets, T.V., Video and reclining seats. It was about 10.30 p.m. when we got to Dover and at about 11 p.m. we caught the ferry. The journey across took about 1½ hours. After the boat we drove all night and day, stopping a couple of times. We arrived at our hotel at 8.30 p.m. on Saturday.

It was a good hotel with showers in every room. Day 1 was very cold - 23° C in the day and 30° C at night. When we were skiing one girl had 3 stitches when her ski-pole went into her lip. On days 2 and 3 it was warmer - 12° C in the day. At night we went ice skating and one boy cut his eye. On days 4, 5 and 6 we were all much better at skiing. On Friday I got my award. I got a silver merit. Then came the journey back which was much better than the journey over. We got the video working and we arrived home at 8.30 p.m. on Saturday.

It was a really great trip to Kitzbuhel. It was beautiful with a deep blue sky. I would love to go there again.

James Lillward (3rd year).

### DON'T FORGET

Skittles Evening at Millcombe on March 14th.  
Tickets available from school.

### SIBFORD W.I. NOTES

March Meeting - Tuesday 11th at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall.  
Speaker from Singers Sewing Machine Shop, Danbury.  
Visitors always welcome.

Competition A home-made emergency sewing kit.

Advance Notice Super Spring Sale in the Village Hall on Saturday May 10th. Further details next month.

W.I. members were much saddened recently by the loss of one of their long standing members. Mrs. Kinnish will be remembered with affection and respect for her contribution to the Organisation especially in this village. She was President for some years and the inspiration for the W.I. Drama Group who rehearsed regularly at her home. She herself was an excellent comic actress and for this and her faithful support through the years, she will be greatly missed.

### AUSTERITY LUNCH

The next Austerity Lunch to be held in the Friends Meeting House will be on Wednesday, March 5th, between 12.30 and 1.30. Contributions will be added to a fund for a small self-help project in Ethiopia.

Come and join us for lunch.

Margaret Le Mare

SIBFORD YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club is rapidly gaining a reputation for being very active in view of the number of competitions entered and activities arranged. It has also had some notable successes. We were the best placed club in the County table tennis and badminton competitions, our girls 5-a-side team won their District league with the two boys teams coming 3rd and 4th respectively and one of our teams came second out of 26 teams in the District pop quiz.

We have also entered a Road Safety quiz and a County "Super-team" competition. The ten-pin bowling trip to Coventry recently proved popular but it was with regret that we had to cancel our Valentines Dance in view of other local competition.

On club nights recently we have had demonstrations in weight training and self defence which proved popular. This month we shall have a speaker on canoeing.

On Monday 10th March there will be an open evening for girls of secondary school age. It is hoped to be able to show a topical video and to have activities relevant to the group. Therefore, we trust it will be well supported. (The boys will visit Wolvercote Boys' Club on that evening).

The jumble sale held on Saturday 22nd February and organised by David Baker was well attended and raised £143 for youth club funds.

Should you wish any further details of the club and its activities, please contact us on Swalcliffe 381.

Sandra and Stephen Nutt.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday March 4th. 2 p.m. in the Village Hall - Informal Afternoon.

Tuesday March 18th 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mr. Bristow-Travel Slides.

Tuesday April 1st 2 p.m. in the Village Hall - Annual General Meeting. Election of Officers and new committee.

BUMPER JUMBLE SALE

Sibford Gower Primary School - Wednesday 12th March at 3 p.m.

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## FINANCIAL REPORT!!

It was during the time that the Editor was frantically putting forward reasons for his not taking on the job that the subject of finance cropped up.

How is The Scene financed? seemed a very ordinary question. Jenny - the founding editor, put on her innocent look of a housewife whose week's housekeeping runs out on Wednesday - the pitiful "can you help out gaze" !! "Oh money comes in! You have no need to worry. A collecting box here a collecting box there." The treasurer, as one whose calling suggests that he lift up his eyes unto the hills for any required help, was even more vague.

That was October. Now in February the Treasurer reports in short crisp tones that the Scene's kitty has enough in the biscuit tin for one more edition! And adds "your job to do something about it old chap!!!"

The Sibford Scene is a free publication and will remain so - yet a few facts to those who read it would not go amiss. The cost per month for paper, stencils etc. amounts to approximately £15. 300 - 400 are delivered by our dedicated band. Simple arithmetic would indicate this represents about 4p. per copy. There are 10 publications a year. Advertising kindly contributes about £20 per annum.

Donations are always welcome. They not only assist to swell the coffers but indicate a simple Thank You to the very many people who help to prepare and distribute this, hopefully 'Homely Rag'.

If anyone feels moved to add a coin or two to the treasurers old 'biscuit tin', simply put it (or them) in an envelope marked "Sibford Scene" (very important) and leave it with your milk bottles and George 'the Milk' Hall has kindly offered to collect and leave them at the Editor's cottage. (Don't do it on the same day as you pay the milk bill - it will confuse George's book-keeping! And his tax inspector!) Alternatively the Editor's own letter box is always ready with a hungry gape to receive a direct contribution.

The more observant of our readers will have noticed that those lovely helpful people, The Dyers, have kindly placed a collecting box in their Post Office. The trawl is extensive so only small fish should escape!

### 1st Sibford Cub Scouts

GANG SHOW - Saturday 22nd March at The Apollo Theatre, Oxford at 2 p.m.

Bus leaves Village Hall at 12.30. Price includes bus fare.  
Adults £3.85. Children £2.75 (under 15 years)

Contact Ann Spicer Swalcliffe 690 (7 High Meadow).

Regular Car Washing £1 per car.. Mark Chater (Swa. 294) and  
John Abbott (Swa. 731)

MORE NEWS FOR THE SCENE

quoting Mr. Eliot - and who doesn't? "A thin time we had of it".

February was a thin time! Thin in word and thin in weather. A cold thin month! Not only was it thin in climate it produced a thin contribution of news, announcements and reports for the Sibford Scene. So it too will be thin, similar to a bank holiday newspaper! Hurrah! says the treasurer! for it allows his depleted funds to stretch to yet one more month.

The Editor hopes that over a period of time readers will be encouraged to make more active use of the Scene by not only reading it but by contributing articles, in order that he can build a reserve of interesting items and thereby ensure a readable plump Scene even when things 'is' thin! It is claimed that everyone has at best one novel growing away inside trying to get out. How true then must it be that every Sibfordian has some little thing to tell- who knows it may prime the pump of authorship.

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DECOR SERVICE CONTACT BRUE HORN your local PAINTER AND DECORATOR SWALCLIFFE 658	<u>FOR SALE</u> Fisher-Price Garage £5 Child seat for bike £3 Kenwood Sodastream £8 Contact: Garrett, Swa. 633

Sibford Brownies

The brownies had a small celebration for Thinking Day on February 20th when the brownies made a collection of items from other countries and also brought an item of food each from another country. We had a super collection of food and we had a 'bean feast' trying out all the different kinds. At the end of the meeting we joined with Guides for a very short service and the Vicar kindly came along to talk to us.

Thinking Day is actually on February 22nd and is the joint birthday of our Founder Lord Baden Powell and his wife Lady Baden Powell.

The brownies are trying to get together a set of pack holiday clothes for their summer holiday. In particular, they are trying to collect a set of brown shorts and this is proving difficult as brown seems an awkward colour. Could you possibly look in your drawers and cupboards for any unwanted shorts - particularly in pale colours and then we can perhaps have a 'grand dyeing session'! We need them for girls aged between 7 - 11 years.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NOTES LENT 1986

I write before the Lent group scheduled for Sibford has actually met, but by now will have done so a couple of times, and I hope that it will have proved useful as a forum for listening and exchanging opinions on the various topics under discussion.

As I have said before, the one most important week in the Church's year is Holy Week, which this year runs from 23rd March from Palm Sunday till Easter Day on 30th. I would stress that the services outlined below are open to anyone who would care to come along; and a warm welcome will be extended to our fellow-Christians who are able to join us - perhaps where their own Church is unable to provide a service.

You will observe that there is to be no service on 16th March: the reason for this is that the PCC discussed at much length last year the sorry way in which churches kept themselves to themselves except in the special January week. The Council felt that it ought to take a clear lead here, and so we hope that as many Anglicans as possible will join in the worship of the Methodist Chapel on that Sunday at 11 a.m. I'm sure in my own mind that the only influential way in which the question of Christian Unity can be approached is by action.

The services are outlined below:-

Sunday 2nd 8am Holy Communion  
9th 10am Hothering Sunday: Family and Informal Parade Service.  
16th 11am No service in church: Combined worship in the Chapel.  
23rd 10am No service here: Palm Sunday service at Swalcliffe.

Tuesdays 4th, 11th & 18th 8pm Holy Communion  
Wednesdays 5th, 12th & 19th 7.30am Holy Communion  
Thursdays 6th, 13th & 20th 7.30am Holy Communion  
8.00pm Lent Group at Colin Frith's house.

Holy Week (24th, 25th, 26th): 7.30am Holy Communion  
8.00pm Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday: 8pm Evening Eucharist at Epwell

Good Friday: 7pm Evening Service of the Cross at Sibford  
(1.30pm Service of the Cross at Tadmarton)

Easter Night and Day: 11am Vigil Service and Midnight Eucharist  
7.30am Holy Communion  
11.30am Family Communion Service.

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### CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends  
Methodist  
Holy Trinity

Sunday at 11 a.m.  
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As set out on previous  
page.

### WEEKLY EVENTS

Youth Club	Village Hall	Monday 7 - 9 p.m.
Swimming Club	Friends School	Monday, Wednesday 6 - 7 p.m.
Folk Dancing	Village Hall	Tuesday 8 p.m.
Badminton	Village Hall	Wednesday 8 p.m.
Brownies	Village Hall	Thursday 5.15 - 6.45 p.m.
Guides	Village Hall	Thursday 7 p.m.
Cub Scouts	Village Hall	Friday 6.30 p.m.
Playgroup	Village Hall	9.30 a.m. daily except Tuesday.

### MARCH CALENDAR

March 4th	National Childrens Home Coffee Morning
March 4th	Am. Informal Afternoon - Friendship Club
March 5th	Austerity Lunch
March 7th	Women's World Day of Prayer
March 11th	W.I. Talk on Sewing Machines
March 15th	Village Blitz on Litter
March 18th	Travel Slides - Friendship Club.
March 22nd	Sibford Cub Scout Group Gang Show at Oxford.

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