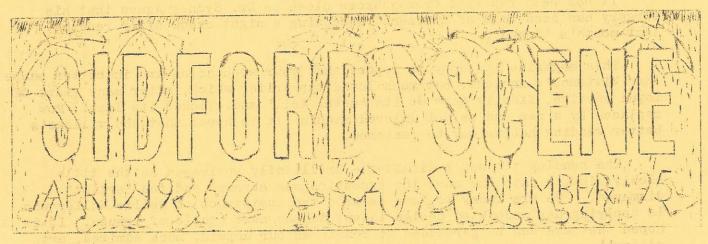
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# What - Sibford, Prime Minister?

"Whatever is going on?" everybody asked. "What are all those cables festooning the trees and crossing the road?" There were people, equipment and cars everywhere. The Wykham Arms' Carpark was full of B.B.C. vehicles and its bars full of B.B.C. personnel! The inside of the Friends Meeting House looked more like a film set than a place of worship - full of scaffolding, flood lights, cameras, monitors and technicians galore - and so much coming and going.

It was all simply explained. Paul Eddington of 'Yes Minister' fame had been invited by the B.B.C. to be Cliff Michelmore's guest on the programme, 'Home on Sunday' and, remembering his (happy?) days at Sibford Friends School and weekly visits to the Meeting House, he had asked that his choice of music be relayed from there.

By 10 a.m. on Wednesday 12th March the choir (from New College, Oxford) and musicians were installed and busy rehearsing. After lunch for about sixty at the Wykham Arms, the performance began and the cameras rolled - or whatever T.V. cameras do, so that by 5 p.m. it was all over bar the clearing up.

Later in the Spring, the cameramen will be returning to take some shots of the village, so please keep that litter down - or rather up! Then we must wait until June 22nd when the finished programme will be screened.

John Endersby.

# SIBFORD HISTORY GROUP

The last report in these pages was about the outcome of a slimly attended 'open meeting' at which it was decided to persevere, to attempt some interviews and, most important, to report the results so that they could be recorded.

It seems, sadly, that although there is quite a lot of support for aims of the Group, they have been found to demand more work than was realised and therefore more time than most of us have available.

The Group needs more support and quite a lot of time and hard work if it is to get off the ground. Colin Frith is looking after the small number of photographs and documents which have been received and remains happy to devise and operate a system of recording and referencing any details or reminiscences of village life which people obtain or wish to offer.

We hope that a future issue can report a resurgence of interest including the name of a new convenor!

#### Sight Testing

It has been reported from sources close to Dr. Sydney Agnew that his surgery has been full of citizens requesting a sight check after reading last month's 'Scene'.

This magazine is happy to report that your spectacles are in better shape than Vivienne's ancient, but much loved typewriter which, after many years of loyal service, finally gave up its 'metal toil' and clicked its last! Now replaced by a new and as yet unloved machine it is hoped that the village's better reading habits may be restored.

The heading too was a disaster - brilliantly envisaged as the title slowly sinking into the snow the execution was abysmal and the 'artist' dismayed. We are lucky to have secured the assistance of Mollie Mulley who is applying her undoubted design talent to the next couple of issues. It is hoped that she can be persuaded to remain as our unpaid, much admired, art editor!!

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#### SIBFORD FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday April 1st: Annual Coneral Meeting. Election of Officers & Committee.

Tuesday May 6th in Epwell Village Hall for Spring Tea 2 p.m. by kind

invitation of Epwell members.

Tuesday May 20th: Outing to Woburn Abbey starting 9 am. ending 3 pm. Price to include picnic lunch £4.50. All enquiries to Mrs.Webb Wayside, Sibford Gower. Tel: Swalcliffe 8211.

#### GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

The Gower Parish Council would like to thank all the young people and their leaders who helped to collect some 40 sacks of litter from around the village. Although crisp packets topped the poll as the most frequently found items a wide range of debris was collected.

The Village has been entered for the Best Kept Village Competition and judging commences in May so please help to maintain the tidy, litter-free appearance throughout the summer months.

Please note that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 8.15 p.m. on Friday 18th April.

#### AUSTERITY LUNCH

First Wednesday, April 2nd. 12.30 - 1.30 in the Friends Meeting House.

Margaret le Mare.

# WHAT IS NEWS WRITING?

The Editor is indeed grateful for the smashing article by John Endersby on the 'Happenings' at the Friends Meeting House - and indeed others like it.

Such newsworthy gems are a fine example of the sort of items that the Editor is seeking - would you believe it - only 100 yards from his cottage and the Editor knew nothing about this T.V. extravangza! Mainly because he was in Scotland on the day!! but even had it been otherwise it is doubtful if so unobservant a creature would have even noticed, never mind reported such a 'kiss of life' to Sibford.

So come on all you latter-day reporters. Something must have happened in your family - a wedding? a birth? or in your neighbourhood. A success? an award? an explosion? To be successful the Sibford Scene must tell the whole story each month of what has happened in the village - nothing omitted. Never having trimmed a lamp shade or made marmalade, the present Editor has not the "hot gossip" advantages of Jenny when she attended the W.I. or Mothers Union. He must rely on other ears - on other pens. So please!

# SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Mr. G. Wren will be the Speaker at our next monthly meeting in the Village Hall on April 9th at 8 p.m. "Have Camera will Travel".

The yearly coach trip has been arranged for Saturday May 17th leaving Sibford Crossroads at 9 a.m. to Stourhead, Wiltshire, a place known for its famous landscaping. Our first call will be at Stourton House Garden where Colonel Anthony Bullivant will be pleased to show us around his private garden. There will be many unusual plants for sale. There is a Public House near by where you can enjoy a good meal or cups of tea and snacks are on sale in The Village Hall. Coach fare will be approx. £3.50. Admission to Stourhead is at normal National Trust charge - if you are a member naturally admittance is free.

On April 26th I shall be holding another Cake Sale at my house at 10 a.m.

We have two free tickets available for Thursday and Friday for use for members of our society. Please telephone me if these can be used.

New members are very welcome to join our Society. £1.50 subscription per year.

John Sabin. Tel: Swalcliffe 471.

# 'HELP'

A tidy widower who can't see dust would welcome a little domestic assistance (say 2 two hour sessions per week) to maintain his small easily run cottage in the manner to which it has become accustomed!! Spotless now but fading fast! So do please, someone, HELP soon!!

Telephone: Swalcliffe 29 th - evenings.

# RECTOR APPOINTED RURAL DEAN

Readers of our sister publication, the Banbury Guardian, and members of Holy Trinity Church will probably know that the Reverend Timothy Wimbush has been appointed Rural Dean (of Deddington Deanery). So, you may well ask, what does that mean?

Conscious that almost any job is what the holder makes it and also that this is an appointment for which no job description exists, our correspondent asked Timothy Wimbush how he saw his task. "I hope to look to the future and to continue blending all parishes in the Deanery to make a powerful unit for mission" he said. He also hopes to continue the work already started towards greater unity among churches with different traditions.

His appointment involves chairmanship of the Deanery Synod - the second stage in Church Government between the Parochial Church Councils and the Diocesan Synod - and chairmanship of the Deanery Chapter, the assembly of clergy in the Deanery, which meets five or six times a year. In this capacity he hopes that members of the clergy will regard him as the first person to whom they can turn with any problems - whether purely personal or connected with their ministry.

He is responsible for arranging for pastoral care and for services to be taken in parishes which are temporarily without a priest and has a number of other less demanding but recurrent duties.

We congratulate him on his selection and steel ourselves to the realisation that his assumption of another task must to some extent reduce the demands which we can make upon his time. We all surely wish him well, and those of us who are so inclined will pray for him, and indeed for his family because, of course, increased demands on father are inevitably increased demands on all. C.F.

#### VILLAGE HALL HIRING CHARGES

It was agreed that Hiring Charges should be increased in line with inflation. The charges are set out below for your information:

# Recognised Village Organisations

Weekdays and Sundays £2.20 per hour. Saturdays

£4.20 per hour.

(15% discount on 400 hours per annum usage or more).

(10% discount on 100 hours per annum usage or more).

# Private Hire

Weekdays and Sundays £4.25 per hour. Saturdays £8.75 per hour.

These charges take effect from May 1st. Anyone wishing to book the Hall must contact Miss A.L. Bennett at Thurlstones, Backside Lane, Sibford Gower, Telephone Swalcliffe 235.

Janette Skeath (Sec.)

#### GARAGE SALE

A Garage Sale of miscellaneous articles is to be held at Hillside, Sycamore Close on Saturday April 19th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

# 1ST THE SIBFORDS CUB SCOUTS AN ACTIVE START TO A SPECIAL YEAR

1986 is the 70th Anniversay of Cub Scouting and a full programme of activities is planned throughout the world. The first three months have already been very busy for Cubs and leaders alike.

A team of three boys, Ben Andrews, Stewart Wareing and Frank Soden, represented the Pack in the District Chess Competition and two teams entered the Six-a-side football competition held at Spiceball. A group of boys and leaders were among more than 1,500 Cub Scouts at a special Founders Day service at Dorchester Abbey to commemorate the founding of the Scout Movement by Lord Baden-Powell nearly 80 years ago.

lst The Sibfords gained 3rd place out of 27 teams competing in the District Cub Scout activity afternoon at Banbury School recently and a number of Cubs could have been seen 'wombling' around the local villages helping in the Oxfordshire Litter Blitz. In addition to all these extra activities, 4 boys have completed their training programme; Neville Dowley, Frank Soden, Daniel Hale and Peter Austing have all gained the Gold Arrow award (the highest award available to Cub Scouts).

The theme for the year is 'rainbow' (many will have noticed the special rainbow badges being worn by the boys), with Cub Scouts supporting the Rainbow Club for the disabled on a national basis. The Sibfords will be visiting the local Banbury branch in April.

# A NEW SCOUT TROOP FOR 1ST THE SIBFORDS!

Since Sibford's Cub Scouts restarted nearly four years ago; many parents have expressed the need for a Scout Troop in the Sibfords. This need is at last to be realised as we welcome Mike Bowden, who has recently moved to the district, and has agreed to become Scout Leader of a new 1st The Sibfords Troop.

# SCOUT JOB WEEK AGAIN!

As well as getting training in many practical skills, Cub Scouts include helping others among their activities - from litter clearing to a daily 'good turn'. But it costs a lot of money to run a Scout Group even though the leaders give their services voluntarily. Once a year the boys set out to help themselves and <u>earn</u> part of their keep by doing jobs around the neighbourhood during Scout Job Week.

This year Job Week is between 31st March and 5th April and all boys taking part will be in uniform or, when not, will carry an official Job Card for recording earning and jobs done. It is Scout policy for Cub Scouts to work in at least pairs, so please keep this in mind when you are looking out jobs for the youngsters to do. Should you have any major tasks, please let Keith Hicks know so that the older scouts can be organised.

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#### WHAT ON EARTH IS THE CHURCH FOR?

A mixed bag of over twenty people from The Gower and The Ferris have been meeting - half way so to speak - at Burdrop on Thursday evenings to discuss the above very simple question which, like all matters dealing with Religion, produce some extremely varied and complicated answers (surely it should be the other way round?).

At the time of writing the course has not finished nor has any conclusion been reached except a general agreement that it has been the best Lenten discussion project for many years.

A very big thank you is due to Tina and Colin Frith who hosted the meetings and provided coffee, biscuits and a huge log fire on two of the coldest nights experienced in these parts.

Colin had previously agreed to chair the proceedings and this he is doing with his usual professional approach which required preparation by reading and research. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

S.M.

#### SIBFORD BROWNIES

Sibford Brownies have had a busy time during March. On Sunday 9th March they attended a Mothering Sunday Service at which our four newest brownies made their Promise and became full members of 1st Sibford Pack. They were: Hilary Masey, Catherine Seeds, Suzanne Bennett and Jenny Taylor. It was quite a big ordeal for them, but they came through with 'flying Colours'.

On Sat. 15th March, while many people were busy collecting litter, Brownies did a house to house collection for Dr. Barnardos. We had promised to do this some weeks before, and were sorry not to be able to take part in the Litter Blitz. However, a total of £55.24 was collected. Well done to those brownies who took part.

Our term ended on 20th March when we performed our play "The Sibford Piper". This was a great success and all the brownies thoroughly enjoyed taking part. We were very well supported by parents and friends. The brownies really excelled themselves and were really sorry when it was over. They all wanted to know if we 'could do it again'. I must record special thanks to Mrs. Chris Garrett who both wrote and produced the play for us and who made the whole enterprise such 'fun' for the brownies. Well Done to everyone.

Vivienne Scouse.

Sibford active. Yes! But is there a passive Sibford?

Swimming, cricket, Youth Club, adventure, folk dancing, badminton, brownies, guides, cubs. All burning up energy.

But - What about Chess? Now there's a game for the not so nimble!

The Editor would be happy to put chess players in touch with one another if those who are interested in forming a small group would let him have their names, addresses and 'phone numbers.

#### SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL

If anyone is having a 'clear-out' in their garden this Spring and has any unwanted plants, the Village Hall would be very glad to give them a 'home' in the front garden of the hall. Any 'donations' would be most gratefully accepted by Mrs. A. Gilbert in High Meadow.

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall will be held on Tuesday May 6th at 7.45 p.m. in the Friend's School Library.

CAR BOOT SALE

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Saturday April 12th & June 7th 2.00 p.m. åt The Village Hall

Don't forget the first Car Boot Sale is on Sat. April 12th at 2 p.m.

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#### A BIG 'THANK YOU'

Thanks to some further donations the final total for the Youth Club sale in February was £160!

The Management Committee would like to thank all who gave goods, cakes, money, help and time. As usual, Youth Club members turned up trumps and gave invaluable help in sorting, selling and clearing up.

David and Diana Baker who masterminded the whole operation gave up at least a week of their time, and even said they enjoyed it!

It is because we have two very dedicated leaders, Stephen and Sandra Nutt, and a hard working Management Committee to back them up, that we are aiming to provide opportunities for members to participate in a great variety of activities, as you will have gathered from the leaders' column each month in the 'Scene'.

All this of course, needs money, and your generous contributions will be well spent.

Joan Shields
Youth Club Management Committee.

# A GENEROUS RESPONSE

The Sibford Scene is financially secure for yet another six months and may be even longer when the Post Office collecting box is opened. Jenny, our first Editor can now partly relax - we have the cash - all that remains is to return the editorial matter to its original Jenny-like perfection.

Many of the contributions were most generous! Some anonymous! Some cheques obviously identifiable! The Treasurer from behind his biscuit tin sends a very big Thank You via this column to everyone and every Society who have contributed, a decision having been made not to acknowledge individual donations due to the number that were unidentifiable.

The 'season' is still open should anyone feel moved to contribute or whose good deeds have not as yet caught up with their good intentions. "The box in the Post Office is growing steadily in weight" so reports the Treasurer as he makes a daily pilgrimage to The Ferris just to rattle the cash. He threatens to leave it there until it overflows! So do hurry!

# W.I. Notes for April

Monthly Meeting on Tuesday April 7th. Speaker is Mr. Baadsgaard talking on Geology followed by tea and biscuits.

Competition: A Rock or Fossil.

At this special meeting the W.I. extends a welcome to all, both male and female. Do not forget next month Super Spring Sale: Sat. May 10th.

# CHARITY CHARITY CHARITY THREE WEEKS OF IT:

Save the Children

Red Cross

Christian Aid

The three weeks from Sunday 27th April to Saturday 17th May are nation-wide collecting weeks for the above great International Charities. Between them these charities have the experience, the know how, the contacts and, above all, the trust of black, white and yellow nations. All they need to do the job of relieving suffering world wide is the resources - LOTS AND LOTS OF MONEY.

Please give generously so that the good work may go on.

Willing helpers will collect for Save the Children during the last days of April; members of the Youth Club will collect for Red Cross on Thursday 8th May and there will be a Coffee Morning for Christian Aid during the second week in May.

Anne Stephens.

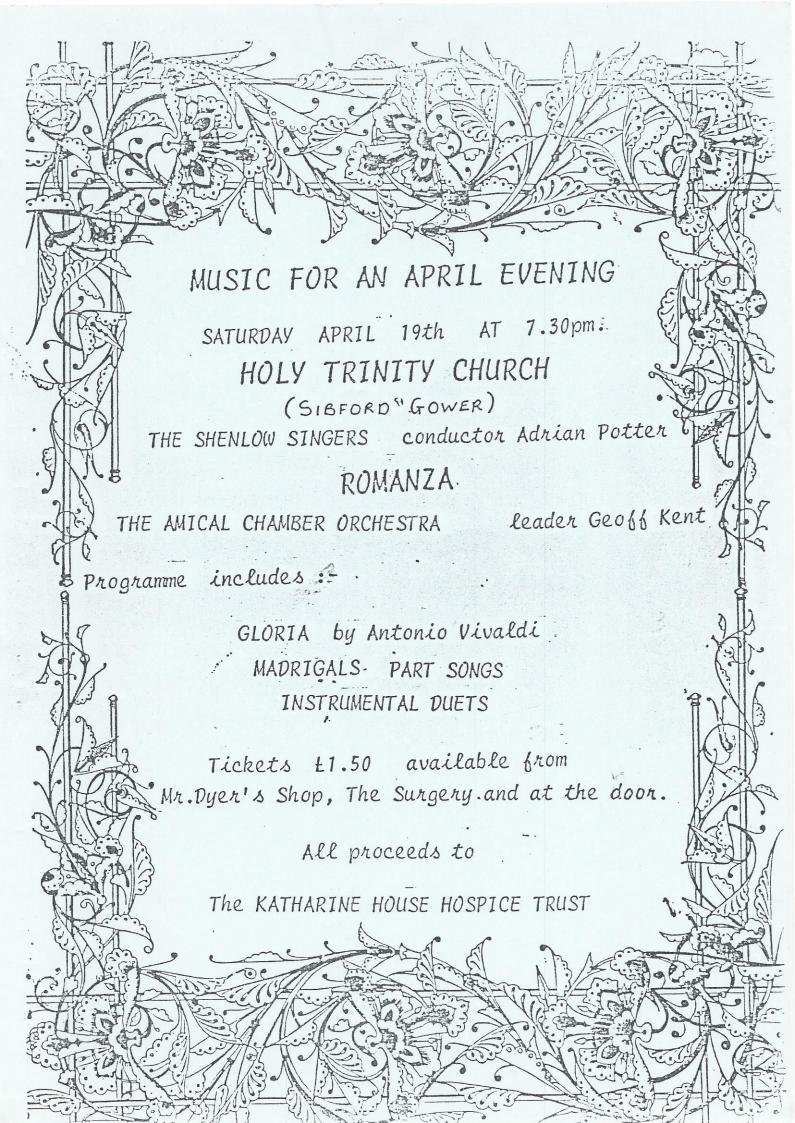
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#### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH NOTES

6th April 10 a.m. United Eucharist at Epwell
13th April 10 a.m. Holy Communion
20th April 10 a.m. Holy Communion (Children's Special)
8 p.m. Adults' Own (Church)
27th April 10 a.m. Holy Communion.

#### An apology in advance

Due to our typist, Vivienne, taking a holiday, it has been essential for the 'Scene' to close its shutters promptly at 12 midnight on 20th March, in order that she can type away with one hand while packing with the other. This will enable our 'priestly' printer to churn out his Roneo machine with well directed overhand leg lobs. Had we left the stencilling any later, our printing department would have been more involved with Spiritual aspirations than secular desires at the months end.

Some of you may have been too late for this edition. Sorry! Do try to be prompt in future, although normally there is a 24 hour 'fail safe' period. Your articles will be kept over until May but announcements may be too late. Sorry - the editorial staff do their best within the confines of other duties!

#### SIBFORD GUIDES

Sibford Guides joined with Brownies and Cubs for the Mothering Sunday Service in Holy Trinity Church. The three newest members of the Guide Company, Julia Conway, Dawn Morby and Clare Sandys all made their Promise as Guides. Margaret Taylor, who has been a brownie at Broughton and a Guide at Sibford was presented with a Leaders Handbook as she is about to start her training for an Assistant Guide Guider with Sibford Guides.

Sibford Guides joined in the Litter Blitz on Saturday 15th March and also went along to support Sibford Brownies at their play on March 20th and some of the Guides helped serve refreshments and clear up afterwards.

#### SIBFORD P.T.A. NEWS

A fun/social evening is planned for April 25th at 8 p.m. "Trivial Quiz".

Picnic evening to be held in School - details will be sent out with the children after Easter.

The recent Jumble Sale made the magnificient sum of £188.85. Thank you to all those who helped and contributed.

# CHURCH SERVICES

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# 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.
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# APRIL CALENDAR

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April			Friendship Club, A.G.M.
April			Austerity Lunch - Friends Meeting House.
April			W.I. Talk - Geology.
April	9th		Horticultural Society Talk - 'Have Camera
			will Travel'.
April	12th		Car Boot Sale, Village Hall 2 p.m.
April	18th		Parish Meeting, Village Hall 8.15 p.m.
April	19th		Garage Sale 11.30 'Hillside', Sycamore Close.
April	19th		Shenlow Singers, 7.30 p.m. Sibford Church.
April	25th		Sibford P.T.A. 'Quiz' 8 p.m.

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