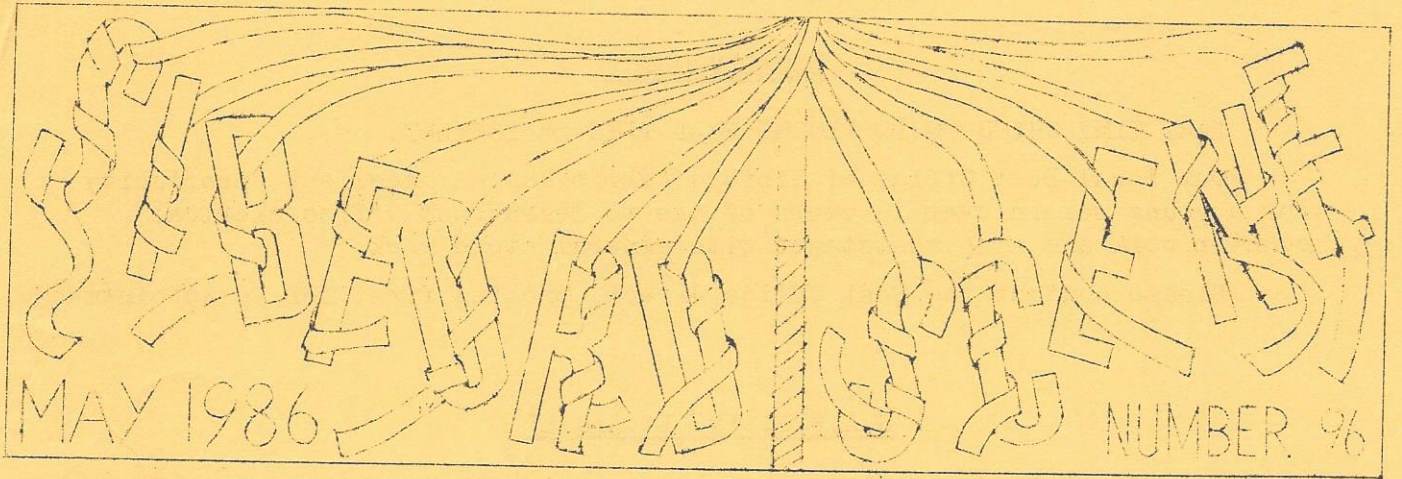


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#### A FEARSOME AFFAIR

The editor's minor successes in life can be explained by his adherence to the advice given to him by his housemaster all those years ago - "Love all men! Honour the King; Fear God and the W.I.!"

Apparently as a young vicar this dear old 'Mr. Chips' had crossed his local W.I. by refusing to rent the parish hall to them on a Thursday, preferring the 'League of Health and Beauty' simply because they had invited him in to watch!

Alas the wrath of the W.I. was hurled upon him and from that day to this his hassocks were never again repaired!!

The memory of that well meant advice swept back to the editor this month as he struggled to deal with Sibford W.I. request for a free, or almost free full page advertisement for the May Scene. Working on the mathematical principle that if 1/8 of a page costs 50p. (Jenny's ruling - so it must be right), then a full page should be 50p x 8 = £4. "Far too much! our funds wouldn't stand it". "O.K. then, whatever you think fair". (The editor was thinking of that League of Health and Beauty!) "The matter must be referred back to the Committee". Much later a rather less ambitious advertisement was received with the request that it be given prominence (The editor had a mental picture of all those torn hassocks and shuddered!) The editor now understands that the W.I. determined to do their best for the cause contacted the Scene's typist to ensure that if the editor failed them, then Vivienne should make sure the W.I. advert had suitable prominence.

The poor editor has capitulated completely and, with the horror image of all those lampshade offcuts being thrust through his letter box and ignited in revenge, not only does the advert appear in grand isolation on Page 3 - everyone please note - but has received this huge build up on page 1.

One thing the editor requests - please - please - please - all you other organisations- please be satisfied by being treated equally; after all, you do not have that fearsome identification of "Fear God and the W.I.!"

AUSTERITY LUNCH

First Wednesday, May 7th 12.30 - 1.30 in the Friends Meeting House.

Margaret le Mare.

LOCAL VACANCY

PART TIME WHICH COULD BECOME FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT.

Our local Post Office at Sibford Ferris has an excellent opportunity for a young person over 18 years of age to learn Post Office clerical counter work and also assistance with general store work.

Please contact the Post Office direct, phoning first for an appointment.

S.A.F.C. 'Do It Again'

When first formed as 'Sibford A Reserves' by Managers Beryl Sullivan and Pat Warmington 14 years or more ago, the team consisted of all local Sibford lads. Now managed by Mick Canning for the last 12 years and renamed 'Sibford Athletic', the team has gone from strength to strength.

Although the team now consists of Banbury players, Mick still represents Sibford firmly, along with local Sibford supporters. As there is no football pitch in Sibford, The Banbury Twenty Club pitch is used and well maintained by groundsmen/linesmen Phillip Gilbert and Steve Jones (both Sibford men). 'Sibford Athletic' started in the 3rd Division of the Banbury Sunday league, then promoted into the 2nd Division and after getting into Division 1, have won the John Wood cup twice, were runners up in 1983 for the Sam Waters No. 1 Oxfordshire County Challenge Cup (of which well over 100 teams enter), and runners up for the 1st Division title. 1984 was the year for winning the Sam Waters Cup and the league championship. Being the only Banbury side to win this cup, Sibford Athletic have gained respect from all clubs in the Oxfordshire area. 1985 the John Wood Cup was won and up to date Sibford Athletic will be playing in the Sam Waters final again at the Oxford City ground on Sunday May 4th, k.o. 3.00 p.m. followed by the 'Eyfield Bethel Cup on May 11th. All support would be welcomed at these games or at any other time throughout the playing seasons.

£1,000 a year is needed by the club to exist and whilst Josie Canning (Secretary/Chairman/Treasurer) runs a tote to help costs, funds are still much needed, so a Jumble Sale is being organised to raise money for general funds. Any donations of any sort will be accepted by Bernie Jones.

If there are any young players (18 - 30) interested in playing, please contact Mick Canning on Swa. 321.

Thank you for your support.

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for you on a commission basis).

There will be a RAFFLE and delicious refreshments on sale.

PLEASE COME AND ENJOY YOURSELVES.

P.S. We shall be most grateful for any items of jumble  
turned out during Spring-cleaning - or any other  
contributions.

## OUR VICTORIAN SCHOOLDAY

On Thursday we decided to have a Victorian Day at school. We all came to school dressed as Victorian children and played in the playground until the teachers came out. Everybody started laughing, Mrs Francis was ringing a bell and wearing a black shawl and a little pair of glasses, she looked very good. Mrs Stanford also had a little pair of glasses, she looked very good too. They all carried canes! Mrs Stanford said in an icy voice "Standard One girls line up here." They did as they were told. "Standard One boys here, Standard Two girls here and Standard Two boys here." We filed into the hall and stood in rows. All three teachers came round looking at our hands. Those children whose hands were not clean were rapped lightly on their palms with the canes. After hand inspection we repeated a prayer and then sang the hymn 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'.

Then the funniest thing of all happened - Mrs Stanford had an ink-well and a pen and started to write with the pen but it would not write. She was laughing herself, we were also laughing and Mrs Amphlett was looking out of the window. Mrs Francis did her register and we all called out "Yes Miss". After a boy was punished for showing off a catapult we all filed into the classrooms and sat at our desks, which had been re-arranged to face the black-board. Mrs Francis gave us each a little brown book for us to write in. We began our handwriting and it had to be in copperplate. We wrote the alphabet and then wrote some sentences. When we had finished handwriting it was nearly recreation so some children said a few recitations of poems and went outside. We played with hoops, hop-scotch, skipping rope and blown-up pigs bladder as a football.

We had break until eleven o'clock, then we were told that the Inspector was coming. The Inspector was Mr Wimbush. He came in and said to us "Good Morning, children," and we said "Morning, Sir," and he said "See whether you know some of these questions." We answered a few of them but not all. We had that until a quarter past eleven, then we went back up to the classroom and had some more recitations from Standard One. We then had to write out a money table and do some sums. Before anyone had time to finish the sums we had to stop and have dictation which Mrs Stanford read from a book about Victorian children. After this Mrs Francis asked us all some questions about Queen Victoria and her family. More children recited poems and we went down to lunch. The children who brought sandwiches wrapped them in a tea-towel. For dinner we had pork, cabbage, potatoes, carrots and gravy. It was nice, for drink we all had water, even packed lunch people.

We went outside to play on the grass and I got my hands quite muddy, but luckily there was not another hand inspection, and I had time to wash before we went back to class. We then went over some dates, but this lesson was disturbed by boys flicking pellets around the room, although Mrs Francis soon put a stop to that!

After learning about dates we went through our tables. One boy got a lot wrong so he had to wear the dunce's hat. Our last lesson before the boys had to go for football was drawing. In this lesson, we were allowed to draw anything we liked in the centre pages of our little books. Then the boys had to go off for football so the girls packed up and went into the hall. We played lots of Victorian games like oranges and lemons and 'Here we go Round the Mulberry Bush'. The teachers joined in with some of the games.

For Victorian Day I wore an old dress of my mums and a mob-cap with an apron and white socks and black shoes. We enjoyed our Victorian Day but I don't think it would suit us all the time!

The following contribution was received too late for the April edition, but as the weather has not improved it is just as relevant in May as it was in February.

Will the Poet please identify himself/herself as unfortunately the name on the submitted photo-copy is indecipherable.

This magazine would like to encourage local poets to submit their 'musings' for publication. A regular poetry feature would raise the whole tone of The Scene!! There may even be a hidden Ted Hughes or Sylvia Platt in the village just waiting to burst forth.

This poem was inspired by a 6 mile walk performed by myself and my father on a cold, snowy February afternoon.

#### GRIP OF ICE OVER THE COTSWOLDS

1. The air is bitter, the day is cold,  
Then suddenly a flurry of snow filters down from the sky.  
Overnight it settles and mounts.  
Children wake up to find a huge white playground,  
Sledges come down from the loft,  
Scarves from the bottom drawer,  
And off they go, into the snow.
2. The Cotswold countryside is transformed,  
From separate sections of green fields to a vast blanket of snow.  
As you walk by,  
Snowballs fly high,  
And forlorn snowmen stand still.  
The paths are bare.  
Solitary hill after hill look down on you in the freezing air.  
The tracks of a rabbit are embedded in the soft fluffy snow  
And distant cries of tobogganing children are heard.
3. There's no sign of life, except,  
Cows mooing from distant cowsheds  
And lonely sheep stand side by side in the windswept fields.  
Crows caw,  
Blue tits titter in the branches above,  
Pigs shelter from the snow, in huts,  
And redwings and fieldfare's arrive,  
So the red berries soon disappear.
4. The droving track is empty,  
As you follow tractor prints dented into the snow.  
Beautiful sculptured snow drifts line the path,  
Bent by the wind, into wonderful shapes.  
Bare trees hang over the path laden with snow,  
And the isolated farmstead, shivers sheltered, in the valley between the  
barren hillsides.
5. Traitors Ford lies just ahead,  
The river flowing by,  
The frozen bridge holds icicles which hang like stalagmites.  
The current still flows strongly, without a sight of ice.

GRIP OF ICE OVER THE COTSWOLDS (continued)

6. The roads remain deserted,  
And nearby hedges catch the snow drifts.  
Soon the wind catches your face,  
Your ears go red,  
Your hands are sore,  
And your mouth becomes cold and numb.  
Icicles hang from the corrugated iron of a cowshed.  
The sunset chases you across the hills,  
Appearing a deep red and slowly disappearing beyond a hill.  
Night follows and all is dark.
7. As morning dawns the snow has dispersed,  
And all the children are sad.  
The snowman thaws,  
The sledge run melts,  
And the icicles fall.  
Thats the end of the snow's reign, until another year!

SCOUT AND CUB NEWS

Our thanks to all those people who found jobs for the Cubs and new scouts during the first week of April. The boys completed nearly 250 jobs during the week.

The new Scout Troop nearly doubled its numbers within two weeks of starting. Unfortunately we shall now have to start a waiting list, because our very limited leader resources means that we must restrict our numbers in the best interests of the boys training. If any parents have boys of cub or scout age who would like to join 1st The Sibfords, please contact me on Swalcliffe 259.

We shall be joining other Scouts and Guides in the District at the annual St. Georges Day Parade at St. Mary's Church Banbury on Sunday 27th April.

Keith Hicks.

WASTE PAPER COLLECTION

With effect from 1st May 1986, Major John Long is handing over the task of collecting waste paper (newsprint, magazines and cardboard) to 1st Sibford Scout Group.

Newspapers, magazines and cardboard may be taken to Mrs. P. Webb, Wayside, Sibford Gower (next to School House). Please have them tied in bundles and they can be deposited on the steps of Wayside.

In the case of reasonable quantities which require collection, please get in touch with Mrs. R. Spicer, 7 High Meadows, Sibford Gower. Telephone Swalcliffe 690.

John Long on behalf of the Sibford Friendship Club thanks all those who have contributed over the past three years; the Club and the Guide Dogs for the Blind have benefitted considerably.

We would also like to wish every success to the Sibford Scout Group - you can help them - the more paper the more money!!!

L.J.L.

### LOCAL PART TIME APPOINTMENT

Temporary part time Secretary urgently required to work in Sibford.

Telephone Alexis Agnew. Swalcliffe 8260.

Typing essential. Good telephone manner. General administration ability in the absence of The Appeals Officer of a well known charity.

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Owing to the resignation of Major J. Long from the position of Secretary and Treasurer for which the Club are grateful for his work for two years, Miss A.L. Bennett has undertaken the Secretaryship until the next annual meeting.

Next Meeting Tuesday May 6th in Epwell Village Hall at 2 p.m. by kind invitation of the Epwell Section of the Club. Short business meeting followed by Spring Tea. Visitors always welcome. Members Sub. £1.

Tuesday May 20th Outing to unknown destination, stopping for lunch at Pub. Starting 9 a.m. finishing 3 p.m. All enquiries to Mrs. P. Webb, Wayside, Sibford Gower. Swalcliffe 8211.

A.L.B.

### GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Church Hall on Friday 18th April. 1.25% of the villagers attended. This is apparently a crowd when compared to Wroxton where no one turned up!

What a shame that our welfare state has sporned consumers rather than participators.

There must be other local village issues to be raised other than the old familiar ones of pot holes, subsiding roads, litter, cleaning the pond and the report on the charity fund.

One good piece of news for all the villagers who have received their rate demand last month - the parish rate of one penny remains unaltered!! The ten stalwart villagers who attended went home happy!

The Secretary's official report of the meeting may appear next month when he has had time to translate his notes.

### Sibford Cricket Club

Sibford Cricket Club, who recently held their A.G.M., are now preparing for the new season. After last season when the team finished in the middle of the Banbury League and were runners up in the League 'six a side' competition, they are hoping for a position near the top of the League this year.

Adrian Lamb is continuing as Captain of the team with Mervyn Simmonds Vice Captain. The season starts with a friendly match against Sibford School and League cricket starts in May. As well as Saturday matches the Club is hoping to arrange some evening friendly matches.

The team have lost 2 or 3 players to a local club, who are just joining the League and are looking to strengthen their squad of players. Any player (particularly young players) wishing to play for Sibford this season should ring Adrian Lamb on Swalcliffe 380.

THE SIBBERTS DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Many villagers who enjoyed the plays and Pantomime put on by the Sibberts in the Village Hall may be wondering why there have been no productions recently.

Unfortunately, because a number of keen members have left the area, it has not been possible to find a cast for a play for almost two years now. The Society was very successful and ended up with a very healthy bank balance. Because there seems to be no hope of putting on a play in the near future, the old committee of the society has decided to donate £100 to Katharine House, £100 to the Home Farm Trust and £50 to the Sibford School Childrens Camp which provides holidays in the village for under privileged children from London. The remainder of the funds of the society will be held on deposit and made available to any group who can organise a revival of dramatic productions in the Sibfords, Epwell or Swalcliffe. The apron stage, which the society had made to fit on to the front of the Village Hall stage will be donated to the Hall on the understanding that it will be made freely available to any drama group which may emerge in the future. The props and costumes of the society have been made available for use by Chrissie Garrett who is running drama workshops for children from the Sibfords and surrounding villages.

I hope that we can soon start up a "New Sibberts". The money and facilities are available; all that is needed are a few people interested in acting or backstage work and determined enough to get a production going again. If you are interesting please get in touch with me.

David Moir, Hillcot, Sibford Ferris. Tel: 8241

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FRIENDS OF SIBFORD SPORTS CLUB

The club is open to all families and individuals living in the village and entitles you to use the Friends School Swimming Pool and tennis courts at certain times.

Subscriptions for the coming year are now due and have been reduced to compensate for the lack of swimming last term. Family membership will be £4 for the year and individual membership £1.50.

Swimming Pool is available from 6 - 7 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Tennis Courts available throughout the summer 6 - 7.30 p.m. on weekdays during term and 9.30 - 12.15 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Courts are available freely throughout the summer holidays.

Reminder of the Rules

1. Parents of children who use the swimming pool are required to take their turn on the supervision rota.
2. Correct soft-soled footwear must be worn on the tennis courts.
3. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult when playing tennis.

Further details and subscriptions please to:

Joan Broady, Swa. 410 or Carole Moir, Swa. 8241.



WARRINER NEWS

French Exchange '86

A party of about 40 French children have been staying with families from school. Here are some impressions from one who stayed in Sibford.

Hello, my name is Lydie Junkes. I am 15 years old. I am coming from Central France exactly from Cahors. The nearest big town is Toulouse. It is the first time I come in England and I enjoy my stay here and I discover the English people's life. I stayed in a family who lives in a nice village which name is Sibford Ferris. As well as seeing Sibford Ferris and Banbury I also saw Blenheim Palace, Oxford, London and Stratford. I also taste English food and against what I heard before, English food is very good.

Goodbye and best wishes.

Lydie Junkes.

Exams Good Luck to all those who are taking C.S.E. and "O" levels soon.

SOCIAL EVENTS May 11th - Fun Walk around the Cotswolds led by John Parniter. Details of where to meet later.

Advance Warning - SUMMER FETE - Saturday July 12th.

W.I.

Last month Mr. Baadsgaard gave a most interesting talk on Geology.

The May meeting on Tuesday 13th is the A.G.M. We have an interesting and varied programme of talks and events for the coming year and always welcome new members.

S.A.F.C.

JUMBLE SALE

Sibford Village Hall, Saturday 17th May.

Raffles. Cakes. Bric-a-brac. etc.

Kick-off - 2 p.m. Admission 10p.

THURSDAY MAY 22nd

COFFEE DAY 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

in aid of

CANCER RESEARCH

Cakes, Jumble, bric-a-brac. Raffle.

Lots of wonderful bargains. Don't miss it at  
2 Hillfield, Sibford Ferris (Mrs. J. Holliday).

The Coffee morning held on March 4th at 2 Hillfield in aid of the National Childrens Home raised £70. Thank you to all who came and supported the event.

Jane Holliday.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

The Parochial Church Council have applied for permission to level graves in the new churchyard to make maintenance easier.

We will not level any graves without first asking permission personally of known relatives.

We would be grateful to hear from anybody who would be prepared to share the task of keeping the churchyard tidy. This would involve either being responsible for a specific task, such as weedkilling or strimming, or keeping a small section of the churchyard mown.

Please contact Sue Colquhorn, Tel: Swalcliffe 660.

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SIBFORD YOUTH CLUB

The club continues to meet each Monday evening in Sibford Village Hall. Some new activities introduced recently include golf, cricket, hockey and netball.

A successful coffee morning was held recently which raised £64.42 to pay for the netball equipment. Our under 14 netball team have been selected to represent Cherwell District in a County competition to be held in May. The County Council Playing Fields Service kindly agreed to mark out the combined netball and badminton court on the Village Hall car park. Two club members have represented Oxfordshire in National and Regional finals - Jonathan Nutt in cross country running and Gordon Inns in table tennis.

We are holding a family coach trip to Drayton Manor Park and Zoo on the Mayday Bank Holiday, Monday 5th May. The coach will leave Sibford Village Hall at 10 a.m., returning about 7 p.m. Other collection points can be arranged, and the cost will be £3 adults, £1.50 children, including admission. Rides can be paid for, according to choice. It is hoped that this trip will be well supported.

May we add our personal thanks to the many villagers who actively support the Youth Club.

Sandra and Stephen Nutt, Swalcliffe 381

CHURCH NOTES MAY 1986

4th May	8am	Holy Communion
11th May	10am	Holy Communion
18th May	10am	Matins and Holy Communion
	8pm	Adults' Own
25th May	10am	Holy Communion
	6pm	Songs of Praise

Erica and I are delighted to invite you to the supper which by tradition follows the Songs of Praise of Trinity Sunday, 25th this year. We would only ask that you give us some indication of your requirements so that we can ensure that sufficient food is prepared. If you make a last minute decision, worry not - there will be food available. Many of you have enjoyed these little suppers over the past few years; and we have enjoyed your company.

As to the service itself, Songs of Praise depends upon the willingness of would-be singers to choose a hymn or two which has particular attraction to them: my choice is obviously not always everybody's favourite! If I could have your choice(s), on a piece of paper (with reasons for the choice if you desire to make them public!) as soon as possible, please.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 1986

This year's Sibford effort takes the form of a Coffee Morning, with Bring and Buy and Raffle at Toonie Law's house, Hillfield, Sycamore Close. We are most grateful that she has agreed to organise this event this year: all we need now is your co-operation in producing goods (cakes, etc.) to sell, in offering her your assistance if possible (460), and in coming on WEDNESDAY 14th, between 10.30 a.m. and noon, and spending as generously as you possibly can. Donations may be left with Mrs. Law, or at the Rectory, or made via the church collections on any of the first three Sundays of May.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Brian and Fiona Carlisle on the birth of Alexander, brother for Emily -

also to the Berry family of Cotswold Close on the arrival of their 4th daughter, Georgina.

NEW ARRIVALS

Welcome to Pat and Judith with daughters Katy and Louise in Valley View, Sibford Ferris and to the Van Meenen family who have recently come to live in Backside Lane. We hope they will all enjoy living in Sibford.

THE CASE OF THE LOST SCISSORS

A Sibford Brownie has lost a large pair of scissors with red handles which she left in the Village Hall on Thursday 20th March and which belong to her Mum! If anyone knows where these might be she would be very relieved. Please contact Brown Owl (Vivienne Scouse) on 8320.

## CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends  
Methodist  
Holy Trinity

Sunday at 11 a.m.  
Sunday at 11 a.m.  
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.
Scouts	Village Hall	Friday (following Cubs)
Playgroup	Village Hall	9.30 a.m. daily except Tuesday.

## MAY CALENDAR

May 4th	Sibford Athletic in "Sam Waters" Final, Oxford City Ground.
May 5th	Youth Club Trip to Drayton Manor Park
May 6th	Friendship Club - Spring Tea - Epwell Hall.
May 6th	Village Hall A.G.M. Friends School Library 7.45 p.m.
May 10th	W.I. Super Spring Sale. Village Hall. 2 p.m.
May 7th	Austerity Lunch 12.30 p.m. Friends Meeting House.
May 13th	W.I. A.G.M. Village Hall.
May 14th	Coffee Morning for Christian Aid at 'Hillfield', Sycamore Close, 10.30 a.m.
May 17th	Horticultural Society - Coach Trip.
May 17th	S.A.F.C. Jumble Sale, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
May 18th	Farewell to Bishop of Oxford at Banbury.
May 20th	Friendship Club Outing.
May 22nd	Coffee Day at 2 Hillfield, Sibford Ferris 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Sibford Scene is grateful to the large number of villagers who have contributed to articles, reports and news - especially the new contributors.

Keep it up! It can but broaden the interest.

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