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"LEWIS"

Sibford Gower, Ferris and Burdrop are one whole family when they speak of Lewis - oldest son of William and Louisa Poulton of Burdrop Farm.

He has most of his working life developed a keen interest in the Village as his forbears did before him.

In doing this he was successful in 1946 to become Sibford Gower District Councillor. Again later he was elected District Councillor for the Ward.

These 40 years he has served his district with a motto of "Duty and Honour". To you Lewis we say THANK YOU for these years of dedication and wish you a peaceful retirement with your wife and family and amongst your OLD PALS and acquaintances that have come to surround you.

Murder at the pond

The Scene's ace reporter Eric was first on the scene one morning in late April to find the severed head of "Jemina" on the pond side.

She had, of late, been paying court to a "prick eared, bushy tailed gentelman" (all you other girls be warned!)

All is not lost! Eric reports that "Hector" is now laying eggs but having seen what happened to "Jemina" he is laying them in the pond. Eric reports that they will be fertile as "Jemina" was on duty at the time.

Hey! Surely Eric's got it wrong! Hector must be Helen and Jemima must be Jeremy or something very fishy is going on in the Sibfords.

AN OPEN INVITATION TO A GARDEN TEA PARTY

Ernest and Vera Jones have pleasure in inviting members of the Friendship Club, and any non-members who are senior citizens, to join them for afternoon tea and music at Temple Close, Sibford Gower on Saturday 28th June at 3 p.m.

OUR FRIENDS

Fresh from its recent T.V. debut (now to be screened on July 6th - 'Home on Sunday'), the Friends meeting house hosted a wedding on May 17th when Mary White (daughter of Brian and Maurcen, who many villagers will know) married Niall Hudson after the time honoured manner of Quakers. Visitors to the meeting house and burial ground often ask me about Quaker customs and sometimes express surprise that allotments are allowed (even welcomed) in the burial ground. They also comment on the uniform (size smallness) of the headstones. This latter arises from Friends belief, since their beginning in the 17th century, in the equality of all men and women irrespective of rank and honours or occupation, wealth and class. Thus you will find ploughmen, merchant bankers, historians and farm workers all alongside with minimal epitaphs.

If you have something nice to say about someone - how much better to do it while he or she is alive!

As for the weddings - they are real DIY affairs, shocked by the power consciousness of many 17th century priests, the founders of the Society of Friends rejected priestly authority and they opposed the swearing of oaths - since this implied double standards of truth. Having considered that everyone could have a direct experience of God, without an intermediary, they decided that it was quite valid for a man and woman to declare, during a meeting for worship, their intention to live together in a state of Christian marriage. An accepted form of words for the VOWS made has evolved and all those present at the wedding sign the certificate of marriage. When state legislation, standardising marriage procedures throughout Britain was introduced, Quakers were allowed to retain their customary procedures although, of course, a state wedding certificate has also to be completed and one Friend within the meeting is vested with the authority for this.

Many folk today, deeply concerned at the decline of religious faith of any sort and at the increased rise in greed, materialism, violence and just plain confusion over morality (in its widest sense), are desperately seeking for something that will provide a central pivot to their lives. The cry is heard, why not give the wealth of religion available in this country another chance?

There are many books on Quakerism and further information is available from Q.H.S. (enquiries), Friends House, Euston Road, London N.W.1. 2BJ.

John Endersby, May'86.

LEO CLUB
(Ladies Evening Out)

Anyone interested in the opening of the LEO Club, would they like to come along on Tuesday June 3rd at 8 p.m. to Ellen Warrickers, The Court House, Sibford Gower.

SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL

CAR BOOT SALE

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH YARD

The P.C.C. would welcome offers of help from both organisations and individuals to tidy and cut the grass in the churchyard.

It was thought that the area could be divided into undaunting, small, easily managed patches and these could be allocated to clubs or church members to keep in trim during the growing season.

Would volunteers please contact: Sue Colquahorn, Swalcliffe 660.

1st The Sibford Scout Group

Waste Paper

If you have any old papers, magazines or cardboard, the Scout Group will gladly take it off your hands. Just leave it on your front door step on Saturday June 7th or from then the 1st Saturday of every month. Or if you see a Cub or Scout about they will gladly take it from you, or contact Richard White on Swalcliffe 529.

Ann Spicer.

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It is understood that while those villagers who live on the top of the hills have been employing cubs to relieve their homes of mountains of unrequested free newspapers - the lowlanders in the valleys have been starved of these priceless issues of knowledge and delight not to mention their insight into the second hand car market.

The Scene is happy to report that this has now been rectified and the dedicated delivery lads, who set out fair weather and four - week after week - for no other reason than gold in the palm of their hands, are now including 'The Colony' in their round. So that is more waste paper towards cub funds! Cubs take note!

AUSTERITY LUNCH

First Wednesday, June 4th. 12.30 - 1.30 in the Friends Meeting House.

Margaret Le Mare.

Inter-Village Sports Day

The Gower-Ferris Sports Day is being revived this year as it was greatly missed by many people last year.

The date has been set for Sunday July 13th and the day will take the same form as in previous years with Adult and Junior Cricket and Rounders, Tennis and Races for the children. The emphasis will be on fun and participation rather than winning.

So please put the date in your diary, start getting into training and volunteer for a team!

Phone: Gower - Richard Lace - 503 - Cricket
Ferris - Brian Holliday - 500 - Cricket
Gower - Chrissy Garrett - 633 - Rounders
Ferris - Andrew Jones - Cotswold Close - Rounders

Further details in next months Scene. WATCH THIS SPACE!

Swalcliffe Summer Fete. Saturday 28th June 2.30 p.m. Langsat House.

Come along, enjoy an afternoon in the beautiful garden of Langsat House, with stalls, cakes, gifts, toys, produce, plants, books, bric-a-brac, crafts, spinning demonstration, art exhibition, strawberry cream and traditional teas, Bar-b-que.

A full entertaining programme with childrens games, sports, pony and Go Kart rides, performing clowns, 50/50 Auction, fortune telling, Gipsy Rose Lee, Skittles, Coconut shy, clock golf, grand draw.

Childrens Fancy Dress: How about winning a McDonalds Meal Voucher - Well come along in Fancy Dress. Entries accepted on admission. Judging at 2.45 pm.

Why not! tie in with your afternoon at the fete time to look around the beautifully decorated church, celebrating its patronial Flower Festival.

Barbara Taylor.

WARRINER NEWS

Remember School Fete - Saturday July 12th. Thank you to those who have already offered their help and any further volunteers would be very welcome.

Phone: Carole Moir 8241

TENNIS at the FRIENDS SCHOOL

The Headmaster has requested that all those going to play tennis on the school courts should wear sports clothes - not necessarily whites but shorts and T shirts rather than ordinary clothes.

Tennis Coaching There is a tennis coach willing to take groups of children for coaching on the school courts. This could be arranged for evenings, weekends or holiday time according to demand and a small charge would be made for each child attending. Those interested please phone Joan Broady 410 or Carole Moir 8241.

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Vivienne, Frank and Victoria Scouse would like to say a very big 'Thank You' to all their neighbours at Burdrop who turned out in full force to hunt for Victoria's escaped pony. The pony was eventually found safe and sound, but we did appreciate the kindness and support from everyone around.

Our new District Councillor

The Scene sends its congratulations to David Green of Lower Tadmarton who takes over from Lewis Poulton after a very close run race.

Gratitude is also due to the other brave candidates who allowed their names to go forward and offered themselves for election.

Now about the state of our roads!!!

TO MISS G. BERRY OF BARLEY CLOSE

Dear Georgia,

Mummy has quite rightly written to say that our roving, but well meaning reporter mis-spelt your name in last months Scene. We are so sorry but welcome you to Sibford none the less - "Georgina" indeed, when everyone knows its Georgia! And you are to be found singing in your pram in the front garden in Barley Close not Cotswold Close, if anyone wishes to have a peep below the blankets.

Lots of love, Editor.

Letters to the Editor - A New feature?

The Editor has received the following letters which he is delighted to publish. He would welcome a monthly feature based on such comment. Criticism would also add spice to the Scene! and could save the Rector being used as a messenger boy!!

Comment on Gower Council Report S.S. 5/86.

Our Welfare State
Is sure in spate
When gatherings full are thus recorded
Nevertheless we've been warned
By our parents who've sporned
Us, to spell as the dictionary worded!

May I congratulate you on well maintaining the quality of the 'Scene'.

F. Rollett

Dear Mr. Editor,

May I through the medium of the Scene, extend a big 'thank you' to Mrs. Law of Hillside who has unfailingly, since we moved from Sibford six years ago, kept us up to date with the local news by supplying a copy of the Scene every month. Its good to keep in touch with all the 'goings on' and, who knows, one day we might return and won't feel so out of things.

So, once again, thanks Mrs. Law and please, please keep up the good work!

Helen Butler, Tadmarton Post Office.

Dear Editor,

May I, through the Sibford Scene, thank everyone for the marvellous support at the S.A.F.C. Jumble Sale where the magnificent sum of £100 profit was made. Well done to all who helped.

Bernie Jones, 7 Cotswold Close, Sibford Ferris.

DOCTOR'S DESCENT : Friday 13th June : Sponsors for Katharine House Hospice fund can still sign the forms at the Surgery.

Good Luck, Doctor!

"W.I."

Sibford W.I. would like to express their appreciation to the village for the support given to their super Spring Sale on May 10th. Despite the Cup Final, and poor weather, people turned out and spent £145 on cakes, plants and all the fun of the sale, amply rewarding us for the time spent on preparations.

As a result a donation of £40 will be made to the W.I. College - Denman College, for the refurbishing fund. Nationwide, W.I. members have pledged themselves to raise £3 per head and Sibford have now met their target. The college provides courses in all aspects of adult education and is unique in not requiring entry qualifications.

£40 will also go to the Katharine House Appeal.

The remainder will be used for running expenses of the W.I.

The aims of the W.I. are to encourage women to further their interest in country life, citizenship, handicrafts, cultural subjects, social welfare etc.

It is of course accepted that many women do all these things outside of an organisation, but others enjoy meeting together and such things as the church kneeler project (mainly supported by W.I. members), help with the "Over 60s" party, provision of teas at functions and fund raising for charity are some of our activities, which we greatly enjoy. We welcome any visitors to our meetings and new members.

Some of us do make quite good jam and we were pleased to see the Editor of the Scene leaving our sale with a pot of home-made marmalade under his beard!

(and not only marmalade! Yummy Yummy Cakes, Rhubarb, Busy Lizzies and all kinds of good things from happy stall holders with smiling, welcoming faces. How it all brought back nostalgic memories of the many many years that the editor's wife was chairman of a very active imaginative "W.I." group and he himself was directing them in Drama and entertainments that gave such delight when toured round hospitals and homes - oh happy happy days gone by). Editor.

W.I. NEXT MEETING Tuesday June 10th.

Talk by Mrs. K. Winter - "CRAFTS".

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THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday June 3rd in the Village Hall at 2 p.m. Mrs. Hodgekins of Shutford on Plush Mills.

Tuesday June 17th - to be arranged.

Saturday June 28th - Garden Party at Temple Close, Sibford Gower at 3 p.m. by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. E. Jones.

Tuesday July 15th Outing (open to the Village

Starting 9.30 a.m. to Stratford on Avon Butterfly Farm. Home by 3 p.m. All enquiries to Mrs. Webb, Wayside, Sibford Gower. Swalcliffe 8211.

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1.

It was carefully hidden -
a nest!
deep in the bush
dark shadow,
in a weed-blown pool;
her secret
so she thought.
3.

It was responsible -
feeding
life giving life
Three bird scraps
floating in her care
but alone
She could not do it all.

5.

How useless it seemed
Can birds feel
frustration, bitterness, grief
life killing life?
The mother
drooped
deprived
silent water.

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2.

She appeared to be alone
The Thrush!
flying, sitting,
excited, busy.
A job to be done
and proud
Yes, very proud.

4.

I heard the pain -
Shrieking
beak thrust into scattered earth
one magpie
was satisfied
The nest
an empty womb.
A moment passed
and all she had was gone.

6.

I did not see her for several days
Wing-borne
Maybe she travelled
hiding from her loss.
Then quite by chance I knew her
grass cuttings dripping from her beak
re-creating, joyfully,
another nest.
Life's shadow in the depths of a pool.

Anon.

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Sibford Table Tennis Club did not have such a successful season as last year, despite good performances by several players. Two of the teams who won promotion last year found the higher divisions too strong and will be relegated. The F team, Peter Hiatt, Adrian Lamb and Jeffrey Hutchinson, finished second in the fifth division and will gain promotion, while the D team, Jennifer Wealsby, Sean O'Keefe and Jason Tustain, who were playing two divisions higher than last year, did extremely well to finish third in the third division. They were unfortunate to have to play the last several matches without Jason because of his ankle injury.

The G and H teams, also made up of young players, put up very creditable performances and there was good support throughout the season for the juniors practice time on Friday nights.

Christian Aid

The Coffee Morning held at Hillside realised £110.50 - a magnificent sum. Toonie Law would like to thank everyone who helped and those who gave so generously.

Sibford Cricket Club

Sibford's 1986 season started with a close game against North Aston. The match ended in a draw despite the efforts of Roger Gilbert who took 5 for 32 from 17 overs and then scored 52 not out.

North Aston, who are new to the league, had a team including 3 ex-Sibford players, Steve Cook, Pat Coe and David Prickett. Their innings started solidly with the Sibford bowlers struggling to cope with the slopes of the North Aston pitch. David Lamb took two wickets before limping out of the attack with a leg injury. The batsmen were now beginning to score more freely and quickly reached the 100 mark for the loss of only 3 more wickets, one each for Roger Gilbert, John Simms and Adrian Lamb. Sibford's bowlers now took over and the batting collapsed to 116 all out with Gilbert taking 4 more wickets and Adrian Lamb 1.

Sibford never found batting easy but after losing 3 early wickets to the bowling of David Prickett, a long stand between Russell Mobley and Roger Gilbert took them to a strong position. However when Mobley was out for 22 the scoring slowed and wickets fell steadily. At the end of the 40 overs allowed they had scored 103 for 7 with Gilbert not out 52.

The following Saturday Sibford played Warmington at a very breezy Horton View. Warmington batted first and found conditions very difficult with the ball moving both in the air and off the wicket. None of their batsmen reached double figures and they were all out for 28. Roger Gilbert took 5 for 12 and David Lamb took 5 for 15. Sibford won the match comfortably, scoring 32 for 3, with Russell Mobley scoring 13.

In the Broughton and North Newington Jubilee Cup, Sibford met the strong Cropredy team and lost by just 15 runs.

The match against Brailes on the 17th May had to be abandoned due to the wet weather. Brailes had reached 74 for 7 before the abandonment with Roger Gilbert taking 3 for 24 and Nigel Fletcher 3 for 32 in his first bowl for Sibford.

Sibford have made a solid start and with tidy performances by some of the younger players, notably David Inns, behind the stumps, they will now be hoping for a high league position.

JUNE AND JULY FIXTURE LIST

Saturday June 7th		Cropredy	Away	League
Wednesday June 11th	6.15 p.m.	North Aston	Away	G C Cup
Saturday June 14th		Radway	Away	League
Saturday June 21st		Wroxton	Home	League
Sunday June 22nd	a.m.	Six-a-side	Wroxton	Cup
Wednesday June 25th	6.15 p.m.	2nd Round	Home	G C Cup
Saturday June 28th		Wroxton	Away	League
Saturday July 5th		Whitnash	Home	League
Wednesday July 9th	6.00 p.m.	Final	Horton View	G C Cup
Saturday July 12th		Cropredy	Home	League
Saturday July 19th		Brailes	Home	League
Saturday July 26th		North Aston	Home	League

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New Local Echo

The Editor is indebted to the Editor of the new EPWELL ECHO for a free copy of the First edition (just think of the value in years to come!) So May Day in future will not only commemorate the Russian Revolution but also the arrival of yet another newspaper to swell the ranks of tomorrows Eddy Shaws.

Congratulations! the Scene envies the Echo's ability to reproduce pictures! but has no intention of putting more work on to Mollie and Vivienne (well there would be a strike wouldn't there) and we don't want another Wapping in Sibford Main Street.

SATURDAY 14th JUNE
IN AID OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH FUNDS

T E A S
BUMPER CAKE STALL
RAFFLE
CHILDRENS SIDESHOWS AND PONY RIDES

at HANDYWATER FARM

SIBFORD GOWER

from 3 p.m.

MEET THE YOUTH CLUB!

You are warmly invited to attend our A.G.M. on Monday June 30th at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall. Normal Club activities will be taking place before and after the half hour meeting and there will be refreshments.

On Wednesday July 2nd at 6.30 p.m. we shall be holding our Mini-Fete in the Rectory Garden. This is the annual event organised by Members, Parents and Committee, when we try to leave the leaders free to chat to parents and other visitors. So do come along for refreshments, a chat, and a bit of fun. There will be the usual stalls and competitions. Joan Shields.

SIBFORD METHODISTS
CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY

This will be held on Tuesday 10th June at 7.30 p.m. The Speaker is the Rev. D. Softley of Banbury, the chairman will be Mr. T. Wilde. Everyone welcome - there will be a cup of tea after the service

ALSO

On the evening of Thursday 12th June at 7 p.m. a cake stall and mini-sale will be held at The Leys, Backside Lane (Mrs. Turners).

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Holy Trinity Church - June

1st June	8 a.m.	Holy Communion
8th June	10 a.m.	Holy Communion
15th June	10 a.m.	Family Worship: Holy Baptism
22nd June	10 a.m.	Holy Communion
29th June	10 a.m.	U.B.Eucharist at Swalcliffe

JUNE CALENDAR

June 3rd	Friendship Club Talk - 'Plush Mills'
June 4th	Austerity Lunch
June 7th	Car Boot Sale, Village Hall 2 p.m.
June 7th	Waste Paper Collection Day - thereafter 1st Saturday in the month.
June 10th	W.I. Meeting 'Crafts'.
June 10th	Methodist Church Anniversary 7.30.
June 12th	Sibford Methodist Church - Sale - The Leys, Backside Lane.
June 14th	A Happening at Handywater Farm
June 17th	Friendship Club Meeting.
June 28th	Swalcliffe Garden Party
June 28th	Friendship Club invitation Garden Party (Temple Close).
June 30th	A.G.M. Youth Club - Village Hall.

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.

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