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SIBFORD SCENE

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CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

The Banbury and District Citizens Advice Bureau is planning to recruit some new volunteer interviewers to help staff its offices.

They are looking for people of all ages up to 65 who can spare 8 hours a week, who are interested in keeping up with new legislation and would like to help fellow citizens cope with any problems which they have.

Training is given to all new recruits mostly in the Banbury office, but 7 days are spent in Birmingham. At the end of the training volunteers will have gained the confidence to undertake interviews and to use the Bureau's information system.

Anyone interested should contact the Organiser, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, Citizens Advice Bureau, Castle House, Banbury (Telephone Banbury 4637).

YOUTH CLUB

We have been quite busy since our re-opening in September. A number of new members have joined us since then and we welcome them.

Our first outside event was the annual County Assault Course which was held one month later than usual in October. This was held at the new venue of Edgcote Park on a bitterly cold and wet day. We entered 3 teams, 1 girls, 2 boys A & B. Eighteen teams from the County took part. Our girls team came 2nd overall and our boys 'B' team came 2nd overall likewise. The club Badminton Tournament was won by Jason Tustain who has been unable to compete for some time due to his accident. Well done Jason. The trophy was donated by David and Sandra Tustain. Thank you both. Table Tennis was next which was won by Gordon Inns. Well done Gordon.

In November a party of 41 club members went on a trip to Solihull Ice Rink - a favourite trip of our Youth Club and had a good night out.

Our Carol Service held on 22nd December was very well attended. Thanks go to the Vicar for organising the service and the Church collection and also for doing such a grand job on the Raffle afterwards. The proceeds of both go to the Banbury P.H.A.B. Club which was an amount of over £60. Thanks to Committee members and friends who supplied the refreshments and also all parents, friends and villagers who turned out on such a cold night and for your support throughout the year.

We would like to say a special thankyou to Nick Barton and Karen French who help us so much with the running of the club. We would be unable to carry on without them. Last but by no means least thankyou to all members of the Management Committee who give their full support in all we do. We have a full and varied year ahead of us. Look out for details of our Jumble Sale to be announced later.

David and Dian Baker.

MEMO TO DOG OWNERS

An inquisitive dog can panic sheep just as much as one intent on chasing them. Please remember this when walking your pets on Bridleways and Footpaths. With lambing time approaching, keep your dogs under control at all times.

Please take care and oblige.

Frank Wealsby.

(Thank You).

NORTH COTSWOLD SPORTS CLUB

The facilities of the Fire Service College, Moreton-in-Marsh, are available to members of the public at certain times. Residents of the Sibfords are eligible to apply.

Facilities include Swimming, Squash, Tennis and a Sports Hall with provision for Badminton, Volleyball, Basketball, 5-a-side Football, Netball, Indoor Hockey and a Climbing Wall.

For security reasons only persons admitted to membership and thus in possession of a valid identity card can be admitted. Applicants must certify that they have read and understand the rules and conditions of membership and hire and that they will comply with them and with any rules made by the Home Office or the Commandant of the College in relation to persons entering the premises.

Types of membership: Family - Parents and members of their family between the ages of 5 and 16; Adult - persons over 16; Senior Citizen - persons over normal retirement age; Junior - persons under 16 having the consent of their parent/guardian.

Applications, which must be accompanied by a passport sized photograph and a stamped self-addressed envelope, should be sent to the Fire Service Technical College Sports Centre, Moreton-in-Marsh, Glos. Colin Frith (Tel: Swalcliffe 512) has a copy of the rules and current membership subscriptions. Further information may be obtained from the Council Offices, Moreton-in-Marsh 50881, Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or from the Sports Centre, Moreton-in-Marsh 50000, Friday 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SNOWDONIA - Super Family Bungalow to let in the Village of Fairbourne. N/Mid. Wales.

3 Bedrooms. Sleeps 6/8. All Mod Cons.

300 yds. to sandy beach or shops.

Ideal for that long winter weekend break or your summer holiday. Reasonable rates.

Details - Gill Judd. Swalcliffe 243.

HALF-A-SIXPENCE

WHAT? JUST 3 OLD PENNIES? NO!!

Its this year's Amateur Operatic Society's
production at Stratford-upon-Avon.

There's still time to book a seat for

Saturday's matinee on March 14th.

Tickets £3 from M. Cox (Tel. 510)

Coach details in the March 'Scene'.

SIBFORD BROWNIES

On 18th December 3 more Brownies were enrolled into Sibford Brownie Pack - Emily Corbett, Helen Gasson and Kirsten Richardson. We also said goodbye on the same evening to Lucie White and Samantha Garrett who have gone to Guides where we wish them well.

Unfortunately there was a gale blowing on the night of the 18th, and it was not the sort of weather to tempt the Village to our Blue Peter Bring and Buy Sale. However, we did get support from a faithful few and we were delighted to be able to send £56.50 to the Blue Peter Sight Saver Appeal. Well Done to all the Brownies and grateful thanks to the parents who helped and to those who came along and supported us.

We do have a few spaces in Brownies at the moment due to the fact that quite a few went up to Guides in the autumn term. Anyone interested should contact Vivienne Scouse, Swa. 8320. Brownies are aged 7 years and upwards.

We also require some help with brownies and if anyone is interested they should contact Vivienne on the above number. We meet on Thursdays from 5.15 - 6.45 p.m. It really is great fun and very rewarding and we have a lovely group of girls. Vivienne would be very pleased to hear from anyone willing to help as there is a need for another helper.

DAVID LAMB INSURANCE CONSULTANT FRIENDLY PERSONAL SERVICE AND COMPETITIVE RATES ON ALL TYPES OF INSURANCE SWALCLIFFE 357	RALPH C. HOGGINS TYSOE for SOLID FUEL SUPPLIES AND SIGAS BOTTLED GASES RING TYSOE 281
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A LINK WITH THE PAST

Anne Marcovitch has a perceptive Uncle to whom we are grateful - via Anne - for the following extract. Unfortunately Uncle's perception is not matched by his memory! He has forgotten from which book the extract was taken!

ACT OF SETTLEMENT OF 1662 the basic provision of which was that the Community (rural) must appoint overseers of the poor whose task it was to collect a rate from the occipiers of property within their area and use the money to give necessary relief to those deserving.

The following extract from the overseers account book for SIBFORD GOWER, Oxfordshire in October 1774 gives an idea of the kind of aid bestowed:-

	£:	s:	d.
Paid Ann Kings House room		9	0
To Ann Kings since 2nd May various dates	1	19	0
Bought for do a Kettle and cup		4	3
Nursing do 6 weeks and washing		3	6
Susannah Treadwell & Ann Kings			
Chimney pole, fire rack & links		1	9
Fuel for do		6	8
Wm. Young's lodging and washing		4	2
2 new shirts and making and other mended for Wm. Young		8	3
Jane Bevins, a pettycoat and mending		2	7½
Gave Do being out of place			6

However, under the terms of the 1662 Act each pauper could only obtain help from the parish in which he or she could claim a settlement.

Achtung! Achtung!

Maybe it was the snow? Perhaps nothing has happened in Sibford during the last two months. It may be that with a fallow January Villagers have just got out of the habit of contributing, as on 20th January (closing date for copy) we had not enough material to put together 5 pages of The Scene.

However, by the time the Scene was in the process of being typed, quite a bit of extra news came in, although much of it was rather late.

Perhaps all Societies, groups etc. could make an extra effort next month to send in some news for The Scene - and a plea to everyone - PLEASE could you make sure it is sent in by the 20th of each month.

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OUR BEACHSIDE APARTMENT IN IBIZA IS AVAILABLE FOR LETTING. SLEEPS
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Olive Coleman (0608) 737274
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FOR ANY DRESS MAKING, ALTERATIONS AND
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CONTACT: Olive Coleman on (0608) 737274
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Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School
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URGENTLY REQUIRED Lunch time supervisor Monday - Friday 12.30 - 1.30 pm.
Current rates approx. £2.10 per hour, plus free lunch.
For further details please apply to the School (Swalcliffe 270).

SIBFORD SCHOOL - DIARY - 1987

We are pleased to be able to report that our Carol concert at the end of last term raised £230.00 for 'EDUCAID'

- Monday 12th January Because of the bad weather the Spring Term had a rather slow start this year. Many students arrived back late having been cut off in towns and villages throughout the country.
- Wednesday 28th A fourth year history group enjoyed a visit to the Science Museum in London.
- Friday 30th Friends of Sibford have organised an Educational Evening on Health Education at 5.00 pm. (Refreshments available). The meeting will take the form of an opening session on the school's position regarding smoking and drinking, followed by a talk on the health education course and a question and answer session.
- Saturday 7th February OPEN MORNING 9.30 am - 12.00
Have you considered a small independent school for the secondary years? Visit Sibford and see what we can offer, meet staff, ask questions and see the school at work.
Daily transport is available between Stratford and Sibford and Banbury and Sibford.
- Thursday 19th Meeting for Third Years and Parents re Subject choices.
- Friday 20th Half Term begins
- Sunday 1st March Half Term ends
- Saturday 7th March SCHOLARSHIP EXAM 9.30 am.
A Scholarship worth half the day pupil's fee is offered from September 1987 and will be awarded on the result of an examination to be held at the school. Details can be obtained from the Headmaster's Secretary.
- Saturday 14th PARENTS DAY
Parents interviews with teaching staff by appointment.
- Saturday 28th SOCIAL EVENING
'Opening of the new Music School'. The school is arranging a music programme whilst Friends of Sibford will provide buffet refreshments. Tickets bookable in advance.
- Monday 30th March Ski Trip leaves for Leysin, Switzerland.
- Wednesday 1st April Term Ends

Note from Printer: Machine failed on the first side of printing. The mender has gone (Thursday at 2.30pm, 5th Feb), leaving bill of £52.33!!

SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our last meeting was held in the Village Hall on December 10th at 8 p.m. The Speaker was our President - Mr. Keith Hicks - "Gardening Entertainment".

Members Competition 1. Christmas Table Arrangement
 2. Christmas Door Arrangement

Refreshments were provided by the Committee. New Members will be made welcome at all times. Subscription £1.50.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis had their usual Sales Table. All gifts were appreciated.

John Sabin.

Didn't she do well?

The more perceptive of our readers will have noticed a certain quality - a kind of radiance about the December Scene and it had nothing to do with Christmas!

The Editor, like Terry Waite, had slipped unnoticed out of the Country leaving the Scene to Vivienne who naturally performed magnificently.

Thank you Vivienne for your December efforts.

Corrymeela Sunday - Northern Ireland Afternoon

On Sunday 15th March, at 2.30 p.m., there will be a Northern Ireland Afternoon at the Friends' Meeting House. Three or four short talks on various aspects of the situation will be followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion, then tea. We hope to have some Corrymeela goods on sale, and there will be a collection for Corrymeela and for other peace work in Northern Ireland. All Welcome.

Pippa Cookson (Swa. 522).

Calling all SIBFORD SENIOR RESIDENTS

Do you know who were really responsible for the super Christmas Party provided for us once again? Isn't it difficult when you don't know whom to thank, but say a big THANK YOU we surely must.

It really was a most enjoyable evening - a delectable meal with such efficient service - our congratulations to the cooks and all the "backroom girls and boys!"

As for the entertainment - what talent!! It really was delightful.

To everyone concerned in providing such a memorable evening, please accept our sincere and grateful thanks.

WELL DONE

Congratulations to the boys of the Youth Club, especially Simon, Mark and Alex, who helped raise £70 towards the Banbury Cake electric Wheelchair appeal at a Bring and Buy on December 14th.

HELP - SIBFORD GOWER

Tidy and Considerate Widower who finds dusting and hoovering difficult seeks Domestic Help 2 half days a week to keep his easily run small cottage in the sparkling manner to which it has become accustomed! A simple flexible weekly task. If you can help ring SWALCLIFFE 291.(evenings) to arrange a friendly chat.

MOTHER AND TODDLER GROUP

Our first term ended in festive spirit with our Christmas Party. Everyone enjoyed themselves - Mums and Toddlers alike. The new term started well with a boost to the funds, all thanks to Fiona Carlise who bravely set herself the task of a sponsored slim just before Christmas and a thank you also to everyone who sponsored her. Anyone still owing sponsor money, if they could see Fiona it would be greatly appreciated. We are hoping to buy a slide and some large items of equipment with the money raised.

Another fund raiser we are organising is a Coffee Morning on 10th Feb., 10.30 - 12.30 at Hill House, Sibford Ferris. This will include a Nearly New Stall, so anyone wishing to sell anything please either get in touch with me on Swal. 234 or come along on the morning.

Shortage of equipment being our main problem, all donations of old toys are gratefully received.
Jane Fletcher.

LEO CLUB

Although it was cold and wintery on January 20th, 12 members braved the elements to attend the monthly meeting at The Court House. A very cosy evening was spent in front of a huge log fire when several members brought along items that were very 'special' to them in some way and we were fascinated at the history and interest behind them.

A very big THANK YOU to Ellen Warwicker for organising the dinner at The Kings Arms, Chipping Camden. This was a super evening, enjoyed by all.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 17th February when the Manager of Marks and Spencer, Banbury, is coming along to talk to us.

SIBFORD W.I.

The December meeting was entertained by Mrs. Grundy, who gave an interesting account of a self-catering holiday on the Island of Tenerife. With the aid of maps and slides, she gave a fascinating account of the geography, history, customs and traditions of the island. After the talk Mrs. Soden and Mrs. Hutchinson served a special tea with delicious biscuits in keeping with the Christmas season.

Due to the bad weather conditions, the January meeting was cancelled.

The February meeting will be in the Village Hall at 2p.m. on Tuesday Feb. 10th, when Mrs. Heather Stewart will speak on "Katharine House and Healing". As this is a subject which many in Sibford are interested in, we should, of course, be very happy to extend an invitation to join us on that occasion for the talk and refreshments.

The competition will be "A Heart".

M. Bristow.

Mrs. Dorothy Abel I feel sure that the people of Sibford, especially The Friendship Club, will be very sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Dorothy Abel. When I visited her at the beginning of December she was looking very well and full of life - we had a long chat about the happy days she spent with her husband in Sibford and of the friends she had left behind when she moved to Daventry. Her nephew, Tony Case, gave her a very happy and full 3 years and she had spent a lovely Christmas with him, his sister and brother, whom I am sure will sadly miss her.

My association with Mrs. Abel began when she offered to help in the kitchen when I was running the Luncheon Club and her friendship, help and cheerfulness were very greatly appreciated and will be sadly missed. Mr. Case was sorry not to let people know of her death, but she wanted her passing to be very quiet, without fuss. He asked me to let as many people know as I could as he had no idea whom his aunt had kept in touch with.

Jean Poulton.

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends
Methodist

Sunday at 11 a.m.

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Holy Trinity Church - February

1st Feb. 8 a.m. Holy Communion (said)
8th Feb. 10 a.m. Holy Communion
15th Feb. 10 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion
22nd Feb. 10 a.m. United Benefice Eucharist at Sibford.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Tues. Feb. 10th Mother & Toddler Group, Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m. Hill House
Tues. Feb. 10th W.I. Village Hall 2 p.m. Katharine House & Healing -
everyone welcome.
Tues. Feb. 17th Leo Club. 8 p.m. The Court House.

(As you can see our Calendar is very thin on the ground for February)!

WEEKLY EVENTS

Youth Club	Village Hall	Monday 7 - 9 p.m.
Drama Club	Village Hall	Monday & Wednesday - 3.15 - 6.00 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 p.m.
Scouts	Village Hall	Friday (following Cubs)
Playgroup	Village Hall	9.30 daily except Tuesday (term time)
Mums and Toddlers	Friends School	10.00 - 12.00 Mondays (term time)

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SIBFORD PLAYGROUP

We are holding a COFFEE MORNING WITH BRING AND BUY to raise much needed funds. We hope that our many friends will come and support us.

Date: Wednesday 17th February, from 10.30am till 12.30pm.

Place: Field House, Epwell (turn towards the ford at the bottom of the village)