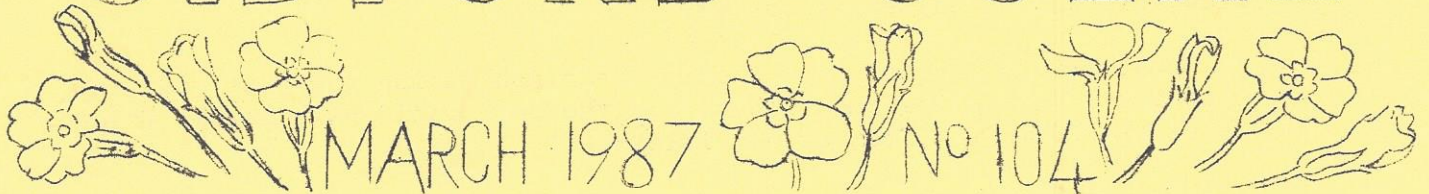


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SIBFORD SCENE



We are delighted that Ann Marcovitch's contribution to the February Scene has inspired another recollection and we are pleased to publish this article by John Gilchrist who gives us a promise of more to follow!

Links with the Past

Following Mrs. Marcovitch's article last month, things had not materially improved into the nineteenth century, at least in the Ferris, where the overseer's accounts shew that in 1835 up to the beginning of June, the overseers paid out £90.12.7½ in relief to men and women who were without work, either thro' weather or there being no work for them, or (if I can have more than one or!) there being no one willing to employ them. This when the agricultural wage was 10/- a week or 9d. a day for a man of 18.

Things did not improve much over the next fifteen years for when the old Elm fell down - the toppings were made available for fuel, and the Vestry (i.e. the Parish Council) sold the trunk for £3-4-0 and agreed to distribute it in bread to the poor according to the following rules: 1. That not any tradesman shall be a recipient, with the exception of William Haynes hairdresser, 2. That all married agricultural labourers shall receive in the proportion of 1½ loaves of bread for each man, his wife and each child under the age of twelve years, 3. That any surplus money shall be used to pay a debt of 7/4d. to Samuel Woolgrove for the use of his house as a relieving office.

It was this year too that William Sabin of Temple Mill paid a rate of 15/6d. while Sibford School was assessed at £1-06¼ and the two cottages of Little London at half a crown. The rate then being 6d. in the pound.

Austerity Lunches

For the next two months the Austerity Lunch will be held on the first TUESDAY in the FRIENDS HALL, (not the Meeting House) - 12.30 - 1.30.

Please note the dates:-

March 3rd

April 7th

We are sending contributions, again this year, to the same self-help project, on the borders of Ethiopia and Somalia.

Margaret Le Mare.

SIBFORD GUIDES

Sibford Guides is now a very flourishing Unit with some 22 members, although not so very long ago it was down to some 11 girls and there was concern about its future.

However, for the past 12 months, the Unit has been running without its Guider, Mrs. Springall, who has been ill and in and out of hospital. Mrs. Springall has now decided, due to personal circumstances, that she is no longer able to continue with Guides, and we are left with a super Guide Unit and no Guider to run it.

Mrs. Tricia Ray has done a marvellous job during the past year in keeping the Unit going and without her the Unit would have surely folded. A very big THANK YOU from us all Tricia.

We are now in the position of needing offers of help URGENTLY from anyone interested in helping to run this Unit. Please don't read this and dismiss it as "having nothing to do with me" - it has to do with us all and we are in danger of the Unit closing if some offers of help are not forthcoming. So - pick up the phone NOW and give Tricia Ray a ring on Swalcliffe 752 and have a chat with her. Tricia is very keen to keep the Unit going and to carry on with Guides, but is not prepared to do this without some firm offers of help. Do give this matter some serious thought - we do urgently need some help for Guides.

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CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday 15th March 1987

To be held at the Warriner School, Bloxham from 11.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. £6 a pitch. £5 a pitch if booked prior to 15th March. Please book through Mr. M. Ruddock at the school - Banbury 720777. Refreshments will be available. This event is being run by the P.T.A. to raise funds towards a new mini-bus.

Gina Hyde.

1ST THE SIBFORDS SCOUT GROUP

Scout and Cub News

It hardly seems 3 months since the Village was enjoying the delights of the Christmas season. It was over this period that the Cubs raised £46 from their Carol Singing which at the bequest of the boys, was split equally between Katherine House Hospice and the BBC Blue Peter Appeal. The Scouts for their part raised a further £50 at their Carol Service, which was sent to the Children in Need Appeal. Our thanks to all those who supported these activities.

The Scout Troop has continued to grow in numbers and we have recently welcomed a newcomer to the Group, Matthew Walsh, from 7th Banbury who was invested into the Troop in February. Gillian Soden, our Chairman, and myself attended a recent conference where we were surprised to learn that the Scout and Guide Movement in Oxfordshire has more members than all other youth organisations combined in the county.

Cub training activities continue with Peter Austing and Lewis Soden completing their Gold Arrow Awards. The Pack welcomed Matthew Clark who was invested in February. The Troop completed a tough Night Hike on Friday 20th February, organised by the Patrol Leaders. This involved a number of incidents, including a simulated road accident at Sibford Elm in the early hours of Saturday morning. Our thanks to parents who helped with the organisation and cooked sausage and mash afterwards. Several members of 2nd Banbury joined our Scouts for the evenings excitement.

The Cubs have entered several District events, with teams in the Chess competition and Six-a-side football at Spiceball. All the teams did well and the Football 'A' team came third in their league.

Two events for your diaries:

SATURDAY 21ST MARCH at Tadmorton Village Hall. A Supper Dance and Social Evening. Food, music, entertainment and Bar. Tickets £3.25 from committee members and leaders.

SATURDAY 11TH APRIL at the Friends School. An evening of music by the Hook Norton and District Band. Tickets £1.50 (OAP and Children £1.00) from Richard White - Swal. 529 or other committee members.

The proceeds from both these events will go towards our camp equipment fund.

Finally we are always pleased to welcome ex-members of the Movement to the Village Hall on a Friday evening. Things haven't really changed a lot - just more noisy!!

Keith Hicks.

PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

Would anybody be interested in a pre-school group for children from the ages of 4½ - 5 years run by a qualified nursery-infant teacher in her own home on Tuesday mornings from 10 - 12 a.m. starting after Easter?

If you are interested and would like further details please phone Lucy Emm on Swalcliffe 724.

Lucy Emm,
5 Barley Close,
Sibford Gower.

SIBFORD W.I.

The February meeting was well attended by members wishing to hear Mrs. Heather Stewart speak on the progress of the Katherine House project and also on the Art of Healing. It was most encouraging to hear that the Hospice Appeal is going well and that support is coming in from all quarters. A twelve-bed unit is envisaged, which, with an expected average stay by a patient, of two weeks, should prove adequate for the proposed catchment area. Two MacMillan Nurses are also to be based in the area and funding, both private and N.H.S. are assured. The second part of Mrs. Stewart's talk was a most impressive and sincere account of her experiences in the field of Healing. We felt very much indebted to her, both for what she so cheerfully does, and for sparing the time to come and tell us about it.

A competition for "A Heart" was won by Mrs. Shields with a delightful Ribboncraft entry, and runner up was Mrs. Arvin, 3rd Mrs. Conway.

Teas were served by Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Crabtree. Mrs. Cox has also organised an outing to Stratford to see the musical "Half a Sixpence" on March 14th, performed by the Stratford Amateur Operatic Society. Thank you Margaret.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday March 10th in the Village Hall. Mrs. Glennis Hutchinson will give a much illustrated talk on Japan where she recently spent nearly 3 years. This should be a really interesting meeting. Bring along an Oriental Item and win a place in the Competition - 2 p.m.

Friendship Club - Notes for March

Tues. March 3rd. at The Main Hall, The Friends School, Sibford Ferris by kind permission of The Headmaster, a Musical Entertainment and tea at 2.30 p.m.

Tues. March 17th in The Village Hall at 2 p.m. Mr. Baldwin of Daventry on Safari Holiday in Africa.

Tues. April 7th in the Village Hall at 2 p.m. Annual General Meeting and general discussion of Clubs future.

CARNIVAL WEEKEND - JUNE 27th and 28th

Programme for the Saturday. The start will be made at 10.30 with a Car Boot Sale on the Field. £3 in advance, £5 on the day. Bookings to me - Miss A.L. Bennett, Thurlstones, Sibford Gower. Tel: Swa. 235. followed by refreshments provided by Fish and Chip Van and Ploughmans Lunch provided by The Youth Club in the Village Hall until 1.30 p.m.

Opening (official) will take place after this with planting of tree (if possible) followed by Procession and Floats round Villages and back to the Hall for 2.30 p.m. for Open Market. 2 stalls already confirmed - Red, White and Blue Stall by Friendship Club and White Elephant Stall by Youth Club. Same charges as car boot sale. Bookings to same person (Miss Bennett). Various sideshows and competitions planned. Teas by W.I.

Victorian Evening organised by Mr. A. Rye.

More to follow next month.

Saturday April 4th Coffee Morning at 10.30 in aid of providing flowers for Church Decoration on the Saturday of the Carnival and of course this will take place in the Village Hall.

FRIENDS OF SIBFORDS VILLAGE HALL

I would like on behalf of the Trustees to thank most warmly those who have supported the Village Hall in response to my recent letter. The list below is, I hope, only the first of many!

S.A. Agnew

The Revd. and Mrs. Austing, Mr. and Mrs. Baggaley, Mrs. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Barrett, Miss Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Bristow, Mr. and Mrs. Burt, Mr. and Mrs. Chater, Mr. and Mrs. Coxon, Mr. and Mrs. Elldred, Mr. and Mrs. Endersby, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Frith, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. F.J. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Hitchens, Mr. and Mrs. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Horn, Mrs. Lake, Miss D.J. Lamb, Mrs. Law, Miss Le Mare, The Misses Lissaman, Major and Mrs. Long, Mr. and Mrs. Malloy, Mr. and Mrs. McGee, Mr. and Mrs. Messenger, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Pearlman, Mrs. Picton Warlow, Mr. Rye, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. and Mrs. Shields, Mr. and Mrs. Skeath, Mrs. Spiers, Dame Anne Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Warwick, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wealsby, Mr. and Mrs. D.G. Wilson, Mrs. Winter, Mr. and Mrs. Woolfenden.

Mother and Toddler Group

Attention all Mums - as from 4th March we will be meeting on a Wednesday morning instead of a Monday. I hope this will not be too inconvenient for any mums.

Our Coffee Morning held on 10th February was well attended and we managed to raise £57. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

Jane Fletcher.

AN APOLOGY

The rumours are quite untrue! The pickets that abandoned Wapping did not re-appear at the garden gate of the Rectory, thus preventing the printing of last month's Scene. Nor did the anxious editorial staff slumber and sleep.

No, the reason for the late arrival of your February Scene was simply that that which the Rector, in his off-duty life, values most dear after his family and cricket - namely his beloved duplicating machine - fell apart and would not be coaxed to work. Sorry!

The delay was also responsible for a rather unfortunate remark about the Archbishop of Canterbury's special envoy. When the Scene was put together Terry Waite was still among friends and the tragedy of his disappearance had not occurred. Our prayers go out to him and his family. May he return to us in good spirits, unharmed, very soon.

LEO CLUB

A most enjoyable trip took place on Wednesday 18th February to The Royal Shakespeare Theatre to see Kiss Me Kate. It was a lovely evening, enjoyed by all, and thanks to Mrs. Warwick and Mrs. Baseby for arranging it for us.

The next meeting of Leo Club will be on Tuesday March 17th at 8 p.m. at The Court House.

MOZAMBIQUE

Most of you will surely have heard or seen some quite distressing news about the tragedy befalling Mozambique at the present time. The Church has been approached: and we have decided to send £100 now. An opportunity will be given for people to add their own donations: at the Family Service on Bothering Sunday, or through the Rectory letter-box before the end of March; please be generous.

SIBFORD SCHOOLDIARY OF EVENTS

- Saturday 14th February A Valentine 'Hop' was held in the school hall with prizes for the 'Coolest Dude' and the 'Chicest Chick'.
- Sunday 15th February The Staff at Sibford School played hockey against a team from the Horton Hospital. The Hospital team won by a narrow margin of 3 to 2 and it was voted a great game by one and all.
- Thursday 19th February A meeting was held for Third Year pupils/Parents to discuss options for next year. Many of the subject staff had arranged their own displays to give the pupils an insight to the courses available, and the staff were there to answer questions from parents. This event gave everyone a chance to see the scope of the new G.C.S.E courses.
- Monday 2nd March Theatre trip to Stratford to see 'Kiss me Kate'
- Tuesday 3rd March
- Monday 3rd March The School will be host to the Friendship Club for tea and musical entertainment 2.30 pm.
- Friday 6th March Sponsored Archery Shoot
- Saturday 7th March There is still time to enter your child for the Scholarship Exam to be held at 9.30 am Saturday 7th March. This scholarship is worth half a day pupil's fee and will be awarded from September 1987. Details can be obtained from the Headmaster's Secretary.
- Saturday 14th March PARENTS DAY - Parents interviews with teaching staff by appointment.
- Saturday 22nd March FUN RUN. 6 mile sponsored run from school car park 10.45 a.m. All proceeds for GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND.
- Saturday 28th March MUSIC SCHOOL Opening concert with the GOUANNON TRIO starts at 7.30 p.m. The Trio will play for 45 minutes. Friends of Sibford will be providing buffet refreshments. Phone 441 for details of tickets.
- Joseph Haydn ... Piano Trio No.1 G Major (Gipsy Rondo)
- Frank Bridge ... Miniatures
- Felix Mendelssohn ... Piano Trio C minor op.66
- John Foulds ... Kashmiri Boating Song (1st performance in England)
- ... Last performed in India in 1937 before the Viceroy. John Foulds famous as the composer of the World Requiem went to India 1935, became interested in using a combination of Indian and Western instruments, died in Calcutta in 1939.
- ... Kashmiri Wedding Procession
- ... (1st Performance in England of Piano trio version)
- Percy Grainger ... Handel in the Strand

WARRINER NEWS

Buses Following the recent incident when a child was injured by the School Bus as it approached the stop, could all parents point out the importance of standing well back as the bus approaches and of waiting until it has actually come to a standstill before trying to get on. I understand that the staff have already spoken to all the children and Banbury School were also informed of the incident so that they could speak to their children who travel on the Warriner bus. We must hope that such an incident never happens again.

Dates to remember:-

Wed. March 4th. Forum Meeting 8 p.m. Your chance to air your views and discover more about the running of the school and its role in the community.

Sun. March 15th Car Boot Sale. Contact school if you wish to have a pitch - £5 paid in advance or £6 on the day.

SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our first monthly meeting will be held in the Village Hall on March 11th at 8 p.m. The Speaker will be Mr. John Taylor "Greenhouses, Summer Bedding etc."

The Annual Show will be on Saturday 15th August 1987 and to enable exhibitors to enter Class C the Handicraft classes have been decided:

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Ladies Hand Knitted Garment

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Handicrafts Ladies. Handicrafts Men.

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Collection of 4 views 6 x 4½. A flower photograph 6 x 4½.

Painting (amateur)

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Jarvis will welcome plants, cakes, Bring and Buy for their monthly Sales Table.

New members are very welcome. Subscription £1.50. per annum. Just come along to the meeting.

John Sabin.

WELCOME TO SIBFORD

The annual revision of the leaflet "Welcome to Sibford" has now been completed. This is an information sheet designed to help new residents feel at home as soon as they move into their new house, by acquainting them with the services, schools, churches, clubs and societies currently active in the village.

I depend entirely on the goodwill of everyone in the villages who are interested enough in their new neighbours to let me know they've arrived. They can then receive a leaflet ideally within the first week of their arrival, as much of the information will be of most use to them within their first month here.

However, "Welcome to Sibford" is not exclusively for new residents. Anybody else may receive one, but would be asked to pay a small amount to cover cost of production. Please let me know if you would like one.

Sue Colquhoun - Tel: 660

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

House Group for Lent: The Group will meet from Wednesday 11th at 8 p.m. weekly at Colin Frith's house. The five week "course" will be based on the report "Faith in the City" - a study of the problems and challenge that the Church has to face in inner city areas of much deprivation in this country. More details from Colin Frith or from the Rector. Anyone is invited.

T.W.

Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March at 2 p.m. in the Methodist Chapel. In recent years there has been a tendency to welcome men to join in the service as well. So may we invite everyone to join us on this occasion of the centenary of the Day of Prayer.

E.J. Wimbush.

Alas! The Biscuit Tin is silent.

The more observant of our readers will have noticed, and those whose memory still functions will recollect, that March is the month when The Scene cries out for help!

During the year many kind friends send in their contribution towards the cost of paper and production - we are also supported by advertisers both regular and spasmodic. However, they only postpone the day when the Treasurer's biscuit tin rattles no more and remains ominously silent when shaken with expectant vigour! "Facts my dear Watson, stick to the facts".

1. It costs about £200 per year to produce
2. This year we have the added burden of £50 to repair the duplicator's breakdown (some say it was sabotage!!)
3. We distribute about 350 copies, one to each household and farm, ten times a year.
4. The Scene is financed by voluntary contributions.

Those of our readers who are moved to help us financially are asked to drop their offerings into an envelope and pop them through the Editor's letter box with or without the name of the contributor - Cheques made payable to "The Sibford Scene". There will also be a collecting box in the Post Office, Sibford Ferris, by kind permission of the Postmaster.

Please, please, be your usual generous selves. Please DO IT NOW - while you remember.

THE SIBBERTS

The group put on two evenings of one-act plays in early December. Because of unfortunate sickness in the cast the plays had to be postponed at short notice, but were held a week late in the Friends School music room instead of the Village Hall as originally planned. Thanks to the School for rescuing us in this way. The evenings were very well received by enthusiastic audiences.

At the moment we are rehearsing a short play to be performed at the "Welcome to Sibford" party in late March. Further productions are planned for later in the year.

We would be delighted to hear from anybody who would like to join the group whether they wish to act or help backstage.

David Moir - 8241.

SIBFORD DRAMA WORKSHOP

On Saturday March 7th, two classes of the Drama Workshop will be performing "The MAGIC MIRROR", a fairy tale based on Snow White and the Seven Dwarves, and a series of improvisations based on "The Circus".

This is the second production staged in Sibford by the Drama Workshop, which now has over 50 children participating.

The show will start at 7.30 p.m. and last approx. 2 hours. The cost of tickets will be 50p. available on the door.

We do hope that as many people as possible will come and support your local talent! The children in this production are aged between 7 and 11 years old. Look forward to seeing you there.

Keep your eyes peeled also for the next production - a full length play called "The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew", performed by the older class - and being shown on June 4th, 5th and 6th.

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Wednesday March 4th, 10 a.m.
at 2 Hillfield, Sibford Ferris.

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends
Methodist

Sunday at 10.30 a.m.
Sunday at 11 a.m.

Holy Trinity Church - March

March 1st	8 a.m.	Holy Communion
March 8th	10 a.m.	Holy Communion
March 15th	10 a.m.	Holy Communion
March 22nd	10 a.m.	United Service at Tadmarton
March 29th	10 a.m.	Parade and Family Service

Ash Wednesday 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion
8 p.m. Holy Communion at Epwell.

MARCH CALENDAR

Tues.	3rd	March	Austerity Lunch, 12.30. in the Friends Hall.
Tues.	3rd	March	Friendship Club, Friends School, 2pm. Musical Entertainment
Wed.	4th	March	National Childrens Home, Coffee Morning, 2 Hillside.
Wed.	4th	March	Warriner School - Forum Meeting 8 p.m.
Fri.	6th	March	Womens World Day of Prayer, 2 p.m. Methodist Church
Sat.	7th	March	Drama Workshop, "The Magic Mirror", 7.30 Vill. Hall
Tues.	10th	March	W.I. Meeting 2 p.m. Vill. Hall. Talk on Japan
Wed.	11th	March	Horticultural Society, 8 p.m. Village Hall.
Sat.	14th	March	W.I. Theatre Trip.
Sat.	14th	March	Coffee Morning, Vill Hall. 10.30 in aid of Carnival
Sun.	15th	March	Warriner - Car Boot Sale, from 11.00 a.m.
Tues.	17th	March	Leo Club, 8 p.m. The Court House.
Tues.	17th	March	Friendship Club, 2 p.m. Vill Hall, 'Safari Holiday'.
Tues.	17th	March	Austerity Lunch, 12.30 in the Friends Hall.
Sat.	21st	March	Sibfords Scout Group, Supper & Social Evening, Tadmarton.

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 Wednesdays (term time)

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