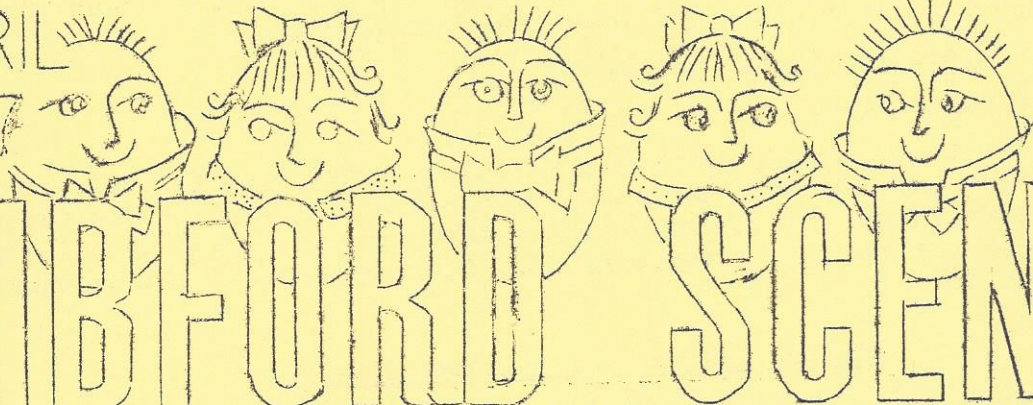


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WELCOME TO SIBFORD

If you have just moved into our village and have not received a copy of the leaflet, "Welcome to Sibford", please ring Sue Colquhoun on 660 and she will deliver a copy to you. This information sheet is designed to help you feel at home as soon as you move into your new house, by acquainting you with the services, schools, churches, clubs and societies currently active in the village. So let us know you've arrived!

GOWER PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

The Council received with great concern reports and complaints of various forms of misbehaviour and vandalism by a small group of young people in certain areas of the village. Of particular concern is broken glass being left around the seat overlooking the pond caused by wanton smashing of bottles. It is hoped that these reported incidents will not happen again but may we ask everyone PLEASE to be vigilant and let us know if they see anyone causing damage or harassment to people or property so that we can forward the complaints to the appropriate authority. We want to be proud of our village and its community and not ashamed of it.

The Oxfordshire 'Litter Blitz' will take place again this year during the weekend April 4/5. It is a sad thing that this now needs to be an annual event but we shall be doing our best to tidy up our own village. In addition to help from the Youth Groups the Parish Council would very much appreciate additional help from anyone who is free for an hour or so on Saturday 4th April. Please meet at the Village Hall at 2.00 p.m. where collection sacks will be provided.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 9th April at 8.00 p.m. in the Primary School Staff Room.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday, 23rd April at 8.00 p.m. All are welcome at these meetings.

PAPER COLLECTION

Monthly Paper Collection in aid of our Scouts. This takes place on the first Saturday of each month.

Please put your papers out at your gate for collection by a Scout.

The Sibford Scene - on the map!

Colin Frith - that veritable ferret down the holes of every opportunity, has nosed out yet another chance of local fame and writes:-

Ventures Competition in the Scene.

I append a suggestion.

You may like to know that there is a parallel competition for village newsletters. The emphasis will be on the exchange of information and ideas rather than distribution and quality. Entry form from me or, if my one copy has been used by someone else, from O.R.C.C., The Hadow Rooms, 101 Banbury Road, Oxford OX1 6NE.

Village Ventures Competition 1986/88

This competition is run by the Oxfordshire Rural Communities Council. The aim is to encourage self-help projects which help to maintain the quality of village life.

The competition is free and is open to any organisation or group so long as the project involves some voluntary input and aims to benefit the whole community or a group in need.

If a project is already set up, finished or nearing completion all that is needed is for an entry to be submitted before 31st December 1987. Advice and perhaps financial help is available for projects which are in their early stages. Even if money is not needed, interested groups are advised to contact the Oxford Rural Communities Council, The Hadow Rooms, 101 Banbury Road, Oxford OX1 6NE (Tel: 0865 512488). Many previous entries have benefited from their advice.

A combined leaflet and entry form is available from them. Colin Frith, Clerk to the Gower Parish Council (Tel: 512) has a copy.

Now the Scene has 'certain merit'. Superb presentation and layout. First-class duplicating by a machine which has recently received the kiss of life, and a most imaginative and well designed heading by Molly. The distribution network is most efficient and the Society reports are accurate and presented in an interesting way.

Why then does the Editor hesitate? Simply because at the moment the Scene lacks the homely sincerity of trivialities - idle gossip that lubricates village life. Surely there must be someone somewhere among the mellow walls of Sibford who would accept the challenge of becoming the Sibford William Hickey?

The Scene also sadly lacks a monthly contribution similar to the gardening notes of Jardin. Have we not got a naturalist who would pen each month a short local nature column? With these two additions the Editor feels that the Scene could be entered and maybe even gain a consolation prize of "This newsletter has promise"!! Please, please. Anyone who could fill the above vacancies contact the Editor now.

SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday April 8th at 8 p.m. The Speaker, Dr. M. Casling "National Trust Gardens". Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis will be pleased to receive plants, cakes, bring and buy for their Sales Table.

New members welcome. Subscriptions £1.50 per annum.

John Sabin.

SIBFORD W.I.

We were very fortunate to hear a beautifully illustrated talk by Mrs. Glennis Hutchinson on her experiences in Japan. With the aid of a wealth of colour slides she packed a great deal of information and anecdote into a short time and gave us a delightful Oriental afternoon. We were pleased to welcome quite a few visitors as well as a good membership turn-out. Mrs. Baadsgaard and Mrs. Walpole served tea and the competition for 'Something Oriental' was won by Mrs. Baadsgaard, 2nd Mrs. Bristow, 3rd Mrs. Baggaley.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall on Tuesday April 14th when Mrs. Arvin will give a talk on Life in Alaska. The competition will be for an unusual piece of pottery.

CUB AND SCOUT NEWS

March has been a very active month for both cubs and scouts. The scouts entered 2 teams in the district 5-a-side football competition at Spiceball and although just missed being the in final league play off, had a great time and cooled off with a swim afterwards. 2 scout teams also took part in the Banbury Road Safety Competition with the 'A' team gaining joint second place overall. Well done Gideon Hedley, Guy Robbins and Andrew Wimbush.

Eleven cubs took part in the district activity afternoon at Banbury School competing against other cubs in the Banbury district. The activities are designed to test all aspects of the cub training programme and the boys did very well to gain second place.

Lewis Soden and Simon Philpot have moved on from cubs and were both recently invested as scouts. Helen Soden was also presented with her Cub Instructor's Warrant by the District Commissioner, Ron Marchington. Two boys have also achieved the highest award in their sections. Martyn Hicks has gained his Gold Arrow and Jonathan Nutt his Chief Scout Award. Jonathan is the Senior Patrol Leader of the Troup and joined us from 15th Oxford. He has worked extremely hard during the last 3 years to gain this coveted award. He is the first scout from 1st The Sibfords to achieve this honour and he was presented with his badge by the District Commissioner. Later he will be invited to a County ceremony to receive his certificate along with other award winners. Congratulations Jonathan and thank you for a splendid first birthday present to the Troup.

April Events Please come and join us for an evening of varied musical entertainment provided by the Hook Norton Silver Band at the Friends' School Hall, Sibford Ferris on Saturday 11th April at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are available from R. White (Swa. 529), Adults £1.50., children and OAP's £1.00. All proceeds to our camping and equipment fund.

JOB WEEK Cub scouts will again be coming to see you during the week commencing 20 April. Please look out any jobs which you feel are suitable for 8 - 10½ year old boys. If you have any major jobs that require the efforts of more or older boys please contact Erica Wimbush (Swa.555) or Keith Hicks (Swa.259).

FRIENDSHIP CLUB NOTES FOR APRIL

Tuesday April 7th - Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall at 2 p.m.
Election of new Committee.

Wednesday April 15th - Mystery Tour starting 12 noon, back by 6 p.m.
Please contact Mrs. Webb, Wayside, Sibford Gower. Tel. 8211.

'Rumblings' from the past.

The New Extension

In the last two decades of the 19th Century, and until the outbreak of the first World War, the numbers at Sibford Gower Endowed School were in the region of 130. This, when Epwell, Swalcliffe and Tadmarton each had flourishing schools of their own. These numbers, as you can well imagine, caused no little overcrowding.

Joshua Lamb, who though living in the Ferris, was one of the ffoeffees (Trustees) of the Sibford Gower Town Estate Charity, and was one of the Trustee appointments to the governors of the school. He wrote to the Trustees in September 1898 formally asking if the Charity would provide increased accommodation for the infants. The reply, in a letter from the Chairman to the overseers of the Vestry of Sibford Ferris, shewed that charity not only began at home, but firmly stayed there.

"I was instructed as Chairman to call your attention to the following:

1. That as ffoeffees of the Sibford Gower Charity estate, we do not consider ourselves managers of Sibford School. That school is, we suppose, considered to be for the school districts of Sibford comprising the two parishes. With Sibford Ferris, we as ffoeffees of the Town Estate Charity have nothing to do, and, upon that Estate Sibford Ferris has no claim.

2. We are not aware, that we have at any time accepted any responsibility to provide accommodation in our school, for children from Sibford Ferris. We have only allowed them to avail themselves of such accommodation we can spare for them.

3. That the increased accommodation is rendered necessary only for the Ferris children, and the terms of our Trust do not allow us to spend money for their benefit.

4. That while we are willing, in consideration of any increased value to our property, arising from any additional building, to share such expenses as may be incurred, we think pressure should be put on the Ferris to provide the necessary accommodation."

There must have followed a series of letters to the newly formed Board of Educations in Whitehall, we concurred with the opinion of H.M. Inspector that increased accommodation was urgently needed, and, doubtless with the prospect of providing the salary of another teacher for the Ferris, wrote to the overseers of the Sibford Ferris Parish.

-----"I am to enquire, whether the ratepayers or inhabitants of Sibford Ferris are prepared to contribute to this enlargement of the Sibford Gower School as was suggested in the first letter. Failing this it may become necessary for My Lords to issue Notices under statute, with the view of setting up a School Board for Sibford Ferris, which would have to provide a new school at the expense of the rates. It would appear that the better course educationally, and also the cheaper course, would be to enlarge Sibford Gower School -----"

"I am to request that this letter be laid before the inhabitants of Sibford Ferris, at a Parish Meeting, and that you will inform Their Lordships in due course, what course it is proposed to take".

There is a marginal note here, in pencil by Joshua Lamb, the result was, we saw the necessity of immediate action, and I undertook to endeavour to raise the sum of £300 necessary. This was accomplished and the addition was built in 1900. I contributed £25 towards the cost myself. Now put that in perspective. £25 was nearly the yearly wage of an agricultural worker. Now about £5,000 and the extension would cost about £60,000 at today's prices.

The Ferris still had no representative on the School Managers, unless a Charity Trustee from the Ferris was one made available under the Board of Education Trial Order of 1904. Representation was again made in 1921 under the new Education Act, and again in 1945. It wasn't until recently that Ina Lamb, whose father, as Chairman of the Parish Meeting, had strived for over 25 years for this representation, was appointed as a School Governor.

WARRINER NEWS

Special attention all Pupils

Are you one of those people who are always complaining that you hate school? Well now's your chance to tell teachers, parents, governors and other pupils why!

The meeting held on March 4th to set up the Forum was not very well attended with pupils and teachers almost outnumbering parents. Dr. Shapley spoke for the governors, Kate Barlow and Mark Ingham for the pupils, Mr. Garnett for the teachers and Mrs. Hyde for the parents. Discussion was around the topic "whose school is it anyway?" Points raised included:-

Should the school provide more vocational training?

Should closer links be formed with the community? and should pupils have more say in the running of the school?

If you have any strong views on these or any other topics that could be discussed, look out for details of the next meeting and come along and bring your parents and friends with you.

If you do not tell the school what you don't like nothing will be changed.

Kate Moir (5th year)

The Car Boot Sale on Sunday 15th March raised over £100.

Next Event - 7th April. Complementary Medicine Evening at School. Speakers from the fields of Hypnotherapy, osteopathy and acupuncture, followed by discussion. This promises to be a very interesting evening. Everyone is welcome.

SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL

By the time this edition of the Scene appears the work on the kitchen will probably have been completed. You will see the new units, cooker and floor. There will be a different sink in the kitchen cloakroom. This is for the playgroup to use.

I am sure we would all wish to thank David and Dian Baker for doing all the work so well and so quickly, and the kitchen sub-committee for their ideas and planning.

So that we can keep the kitchen in good condition there will be a few requests posted. I would ask all users to make sure that it is always left clean and tidy.

The window frame may not have been replaced, but it will be very soon.

Even with very careful market research the cost of this will be in the region of £1,000 plus £300 for the window. We are very fortunate in having the funds from the Appeal to pay for it.

A.M. Rye,
Chairman.

SIBFORD FERRIS PLAYAREA

A meeting has been arranged for April 7th at 7.30 p.m. at the home of Bernie Jones, 7 Cotswold Close, Sibford Ferris.

If you would like to help get this scheme 'off the ground', do please come along.

Bernie Jones and Jen Huckfield.

SIBFORD CARNIVAL NEWS Sat. June 27 & 28

PROGRAMME SO FAR

- 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Car Boot Sale. Entries for this event to Swa. 235 or Swa. 658.
(Ice Cream Van there from 10 a.m.)
- 12 - 1.30 Fish and Chip Van on Car Park. Ploughmans Lunch in Village Hall.
- 1.30 for 2 p.m. Owing to NO interest in Floats or Processions, this event will be started by Dr. Agnew planting a tree.
- 2.15 for 2.30 OPEN MARKET and Side Shows. 8 stalls have been booked, so far more are needed. Entries to Mrs. K. Horn on Swa. 658. 4 Side Shows have been booked so far. Grand Draw will take place at 5 p.m. Mini-bus will run from Ferris to Gower during day
- And last but not least

COFFEE MORNING Sat. April 14th for flowers to decorate Church.
(to include Bring and Buy Stall, Raffle etc.)

More about Evening and Sunday events next month.

A.L. Bennett.

P.S. A Big thank you from me personally to Mr. and Mrs. Baker and Teresa for the splendid job they have done in the Village Hall Kitchen. You would not know it now.

A.L. Bennett.

DR. BARNARDOS

WELL DONE. WELL DONE to Sibford Brownies, who on a very 'wintery' Saturday morning on March 7th, braved the elements to do a collection for the above. They were delighted to collect the magnificent sum of £110.53. Thank you very much to all the Villagers who supported them.

LEO CLUB

A friendly group met at Mrs. Warwickers on March 17th when they were given a short Make-up demonstration (based on colour coding) by Dian Baker. This was much enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st April at The Court House at 8 p.m. when a Video will be shown all about freezers and freezing from Lakeland Plastics.

SIBFORD GUIDES 3 new guides were enrolled into Sibford Guides on 19th March. Congratulations to Lucie White, Samantha Garratt and Katie Weeks. We wish them well in the future.

If anyone would be interested in becoming a 'Badge Tester' for Guides would they please let Mrs. Ray (752) know as she is short of Badge Testers.

SIBFORD SCHOOL

DIARY OF EVENTS

- March 6th & 13th A Sponsored Archery Shoot.
To take place in the School Hall to raise money for the Archery Club. Target £200.
- March 9th - 28th Thirteen 6th Form CPVE Students have been on work experience during this period in shops in Banbury. We have received some very good reports from their employers. Well done!
- March 21st Hockey trip to Wembley to see England versus U.S.A.
- March 22nd Sponsored Fun Run - 6 mile sponsored run from School car park 10.45 am.
All proceeds to GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND.
- March 25th Cross Country Championships 3.00 pm.
- March 25th and 26th 6th Form Drama Group Play in Gymnasium.
"Stress in Strange Places"
- March 28th Opening of New Music School.
Concert with the Guannon Trio.
Starts at 7.30 pm - the trio will play for 45 minutes. (See Last month's Scene for programme) Friends of Sibford will provide buffet refreshments.
Ring Swalcliffe 441 for tickets.
- Car Wash Campaign - to send a handicapped child on holiday.
Contact Lesley Norton.
- March 30th Ski Trip leaves for Switzerland.
Returns April 6th.
- Wednesday 1st April Term Ends.
We say farewell to Anne Muir our deputy head and wish her well for the future.
- Saturday 11th April Congratulations to our new Deputy Head Stephen Bunney who is to be married to Elizabeth Gelsthorpe at Jordans Meeting House in Buckinghamshire at 2.30 pm.
Stephen is the grand-nephew of Dorothy Brigham who was a history teacher at the School in the 1950's.
- Monday 27th April New Term Begins

SUCCESS OF SIBFORD STARLETS

Sibford Village Hall came alive to the sounds of the circus several Saturdays ago. The aptly-named Garrett's Circus was the latest production of the Class 2 Drama Club expertly managed by Chrissie Garrett. The performers included tightrope walkers, tigers (including Trainer), acrobats, clowns and ring master, and each received tumultuous applause from the packed audience.

After the interval the members of Class 3 primed themselves for their equally rivetting performance of ... The Magic Mirror. This was a three act scenario of the story of Snow White and Seven Dwarves. Again, there were some very creditable individual performances; but the outstanding success would seem to rest on the total commitment that Chrissie Garrett has succeeded in extracting from all her drama students.

A pleasant change from the Saturday TV for the audience but what obvious super fun for the cast!

The Good News and the Bad!

Advertising in the Scene does bring results - eventually!

The dust from the tiny cottage has been whisked away as if by magic but the 2 pairs of Football boots, size 3 and 2, are still going cheap. Go on ring Jamie on 529 and make him an offer!!

CORRYMEELA SUNDAY

On 15th March there was a Northern Ireland Afternoon at Sibford Gower Friends' Meeting House. The speakers - all Quakers - were Heather Swailes, Jack Wood and Pippa Cookson. Heather has been writing for a year to a Loyalist prisoner in the Maze, who is now "the man in her life", and she spoke of what she has learned from this. Jack Wood grew up in Belfast, though he has lived for a long time in England. He spoke on wider aspects of the Northern Ireland problem, from the viewpoint of the Irish Nationalist. Pippa Cookson, who has corresponded for more than two years with an IRA prisoner in various English prisons, read two brief extracts from letters from friends of his, to give an idea of the Republican viewpoint.

The talks were followed by questions, then the reading of the Peace Prayer and a short period of worship. After that there was tea - Irish stew, potato bread, bannock, soda bread and barm brack. While people ate they looked at an exhibition of books about Ireland, and bought articles from the Corrymeela stall. The end wall of the Meeting House was decorated with two large panels representing typical graffiti from Catholic and Protestant areas in Belfast, made by pupils from Sibford School during Sunday morning Art Club.

There were 25 people present at the event, and £38 was collected for Corrymeela in sales of goods and donations.

Pippa Cookson.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends
Methodist

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

Holy Trinity Church - April

5th April	8 a.m.	Holy Communion (said)
12th April	10 a.m.	Palm Sunday United Service at Swalcliffe
13th, 14th and 15th	7.30 a.m. <u>and</u> p.m.	Holy Communion: with short address in the evening.
16th April	8 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service in Epwell.
17th April		Good Friday services: 1.30 p.m. in Tadmarton 7 p.m. in Sibford.
18th April	11 p.m.	Easter Even: The First Service of Easter.
19th April		Easter Sunday: 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion (said) 11.30 a.m. Family Communion with hymns.
26th April	10 a.m.	Sunday after Easter: United Service in Epwell.

Church Missionary Society

For many years in the past, the church, and others too for that matter, supported with giving and praying, the work of Niall Watson as an agricultural expert in Kenya. Niall retired a year or two ago and we have been without a 'link-missionary' for the duration. I am glad to say that support has continued almost unabated.

Now, however, we have found a new person to support - Elizabeth Allen, who is about to embark on a primary education scheme in the Sudan. To 'launch' her, we are holding an open meeting at Epwell Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 10th April. She will be present and sharing with us her hopes and fears for this new stage of her life. Those who are box-holders have been invited personally, but everyone is invited to join us. Drinks and biscuits at the start of the meeting.

Anne Stephens and Timothy Wimbush.

APRIL CALENDAR

Sat.	4th	Coffee Morning, Vill. Hall, in Aid of Carnival.
Sat.	4th	Litter Blitz - meet 2 p.m. Village Hall
Sat.	4th	Scout Paper Collection.
Tues.	7th	Sibford Ferris Playarea Meeting 7.30 7 Cotswold Close.
Tues.	7th	Warriner School, Complementary Medicine Evening.
Tues.	7th	Friendship Club, A.G.M. 2 p.m. Village Hall.
Wed.	8th	Horticultural Society 8 p.m. Village Hall.
Sat.	11th	Scouts & Cubs present Hook Norton Silver Band 7.30 p.m.
Tues.	14th	W.I. Meeting 2 p.m. Village Hall, Talk on Alaska.
Wed.	15th	Friendship Club, Mystery Tour.
Mon.	20th	Cubs Job Week starts.
Tues.	21st	Leo Club, 8 p.m. The Court House, video on Freezing.
Wed.	22nd	A.G.M. Parish Council of Sibford Ferris.
Thurs.	23rd	A.G.M. Gower Parish Council.

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)