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ODDIE'S FIELD

Further to last month's Gower Parish Council comments on vandalism in the Gower, may we bring to everyone's attention the recent, extensive tree and hedge planting in Oddie's Field. This planting will in time, we hope, bring pleasure to members of both village communities and enhance a part of the Sibfords so many enjoy. However, we have already had several trees and their supporting stakes vandalised by a small group of young people. As their activities were seen, we have been able to get the boys concerned to make good the damage they did. However, they have been told that any further damage will be reported to the Police.

Could we please emphasise the Scene's request for everyone's vigilance in such matters and ask everyone to share the responsibility for an amenity from which we can all benefit. It would be the greatest pity to have to fence off the footpath from the rest of Oddie's Field (tobogganing would never be the same!) but if our efforts to beautify the field and encourage wildlife in the valley are to be thwarted, we shall feel obliged to do so.

Perhaps the Friends' School will also join us in encouraging everyone to keep to the footpath - which is, after all, the only public right of way within the field.

Andrew and Marilyn Barrett.

FRIENDS OF SIBFORD SCHOOL

CAR BOOT SALE

MAY 16th 2.30 p.m.

£4 and £5. Apply to Janette Skeath. Swa. 494 evenings
or in writing to her at the school.

SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MAY 6th 8.00 p.m.

in the Library at the

FRIENDS SCHOOL

SIBFORD W.I.

At the April meeting once again the W.I. was able to call on a member to give a talk. Mrs. Debbie Arvin from Sacramento, California, who with her husband has been living in the village for several years, gave a most interesting talk, illustrated by slides, on Life in Alaska. Debbie and Sonny were stationed there and she showed slides of the countryside, and gave a good insight into life in a rather inhospitable climate. It was a most enjoyable occasion and we shall miss the family very much when they move on.

The next meeting on May 12th will be the A.G.M. at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall.

INDIA - A NEW EXPERIENCE

On 11th April 1987 I flew into Heathrow and walked back into the land of green fields and logical thought. This change can be quite a shock to the system after spending three months in an apparently different world where emotions reign and rational thought has no place in society. In fact, culture shock works both ways!

India - a land with eight major religions, fifteen official languages, ten times as many spoken languages and a population growth of more than a million every month. A land of intensity with, at first, no apparent relief. The beauty of the land is sharply contrasted by the never ending inner-city slums and hoards of deformed shapes and hungry eyes pleading for money.

From a physical point of view, to a western eye, India's contrast of slums and starvation to palaces and riches can sometimes prove too much for the budding tourist. However, to enter into the real Indian way of life, to live and eat with the families and share in the joys and sorrows of the people is something quite different and quite beautiful. India holds a spiritual quality of happiness rarely found elsewhere.

I would like to tell you a little about the wonderful people I met who are devoting their lives to help the poor and needy ... the amazing eye camps, polio, dental and veterinary camps, all free and all run by one man who once said to me -

"Faith in God and devotion comes first, then medicine and hard work".

Miracles are an everyday occurrence ... the blind can see and the lame can walk.

If you would like to hear how this is possible and see some slides then you are welcome to come to:

Sibford Village Hall on Monday 11th May at 7.30 p.m.
(no charge, of course).

Katherine Stewart.

SIBFORD CRICKET CLUB

Sibford Cricket Club are now preparing for the new season. They will again be competing in the Banbury & District League together with some cup competitions. Having finishing fairly well up the league last year, hopes are high that they can finish in the top three this season.

At the recent A.G.M. David Inns was appointed Captain for the first time, with Adrian Lamb as Vice Captain. The club are always keen to welcome new members so if anybody is interested in playing cricket, whatever standard you are, please contact David Inns on Swalcliffe 702 or Adrian Lamb on Swalcliffe 380.

APRIL THOUGHTS IN SIBFORD

Old head stones in the churchyard lean with age
and lonely look upon the rolling hills;
past Sibford Ferris to the Witchford Wood:
cold monuments to life's accomplishments.

The gilded belfry clock round time chimes on!

The winter takes its toll - the stones bow low.
the bleakness of the place relieved by pricks of
conscience in a Christmas Holly Wreath,
birthday posy - a withered bunch of flowers.

The shaddowed wings of rooks pass overhead.

The rain beats on the stone and carves anew
the name, the date, the satisfying words
which once gave solace to a mourning band
who then trailed home - mounds multiply each year.

Spring's 'Laying on of Hands' is tardy late!

And then as slowly as enlightenment,
Not bright conviction in a blinding flash,
but imperceptibly guilt tints appear.
until one day the Daffodils have bloomed.

Gold Bounty of the ever living earth.

The graveyard glows with bowls of Spring's sweet host
~~canaried~~ floral songs trumpet aloud.

A cloth of gold waves in the warm west wind,
cloaks bright bare bones, acclaiming charity.

Hope shines! Faith ends death's brief uncertainty.

J. de F.

Warriner School Forum, Steering Committee - has now met twice with the
intention of defining itself, or rather its parent body, and areas of
improvement for the benefit of the school. Set itself the aim of finding
a task or two which can be accomplished within months and will show,
hopefully, that we are not wasting time and effort in 'hot air'.

At the last meeting ideas were flowing so well that not all present
had a chance to air their schemes. A sub-section was formed to help in
a specific area, always assuming that this area wants to be helped!

We shall meet again early in the summer term armed with greater
energy to work for your school.

John Mulley.

The TADMARTON W.I. SPRING FAIR will be held in the Village Hall on
Saturday, 16th May, at 2.30 p.m. Entry 20p. (including tea and
biscuits). Various stalls - Cakes, plants; groceries, raffle.

WANTED - PIANO

Would anyone be willing to give the Village Hall Weekend
Committee an Old Piano. We would like to have sponsored
piano players outside the Village Hall on Saturday June 27th.

Phone: Bernard Phillips - 296.

YOUTH CLUB

Despite having to cancel the first jumble sale, we went ahead on the evening of Monday 16th March. This was a first for us as Saturday is our usual day, but as it turned out it was a record as far as our total was concerned, as we took just over £142.00.

All proceeds went to our treasurer, Dame Anne Stephens, who does such an admirable job looking after our funds.

Thanks must go to all the people who came and supported our sale and all the committee members who baked cakes and helped collect jumble etc. Also thanks to the club members who helped, many of whom came straight from school.

Everyone is welcome to come to the Youth Club A.G.M. in the Village Hall on 1st June, and don't forget our Mini Fete on 3rd June, to be held in the Rectory garden.

David and Dian Baker.

AUSTERITY LUNCH

Please remember the first Tuesday of each month:

May 5th: June 2nd: July 7th:

An Austerity Lunch will be held on each of these dates, between 12.30 and 1.30 in the Friends Meeting House, Sibford Gower.

We welcome everyone and any contributions to our fund for the self-help farm and trading project on the borders of Ethiopia and Somalia. We have been sponsoring this now for two years, since the worst days of the Ethiopian famine, and it still needs help to ensure its continuance.

So please join us at the Friends Meeting House for a frugal meal of bread and cheese and coffee and a friendly get-together.

Margaret Le Mare.

A DAZZLING RAINBOW MIX OF MUSIC, SONG AND ACTION

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JOTTINGS FROM A NATURE LOVER'S DIARY
APRIL 1987

We have twice this year seen a fox taking an interest in our flock of lambing ewes. On each occasion the two fearsome looking Wiltshire Horn rams had stationed themselves between the flock and the fox and once, were walking towards it as if to see it off.

On March 29th I was surprised to find a dead bat, probably a pipistrelle, lying in the road. Might a cat have taken it when it emerged too early from hibernation?

Primroses are making a particularly good show this year and the few warm days before Easter brought out the first cowslips. On Good Friday I saw Brimstone, Peacock and Comma butterflies which had successfully overwintered. We shall soon see the Orange Tip, which is one of the first butterflies to emerge from its chrysalis.

Also on Good Friday I saw, what I think were, 6 Whinbrel flying west to east in a very determined way, doubtless on their way to their breeding grounds in Scandinavia or Russia.

It is nice to see corn buntings back on our telephone wires, where they seem to sit for most of the summer. This morning, in the apple tree outside our bedroom window, there were four bullfinches all practising their religion. There was also a blue tit showing its strength by pulling shreds of bark from a dead twig and taking it to a new nest box that I only put up a fortnight ago. I could also hear that our blackcap had returned. I wonder whether it is the same pair that return each year.

F.A.L.

LEO CLUB

A small group met at The Court House on Tuesday 21st April and were most interested to see a Video on Microwave Ovens and Microwave Cookery. For those of us with Microwave Ovens we were given many new ideas, and for those who do not yet own one, they may soon do so! Our thanks to Mrs. Warwicker for organising the evening and for her hospitality.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 19th at The Court House at 8.00 p.m. when Mr. Hardman will be giving us a talk on Wine.

Anyone interested in joining Leo should contact Mrs. Ellen Warwicker, Tel: Swa. 764. New members are always welcome.

COFFEE MORNING (30p.inc.)

In Aid of SIBFORD FERRIS PLAYAREA, Monday May 11th 10.30 - 12.30 p.m. at 7 Cotswold Close, Sibford Ferris. 'Nearly New', Cakes, Bottles, Raffle, Toys and books. Bric-a-brac etc.

Please help us to help the younger members of the community. Any donations would be very gratefully received.

Bernie Jones (Mrs.)

RED CROSS COLLECTION

On Thursday 7th May members of the Youth Club will be doing their annual good turn by making the House-to-House Collection for the Red Cross. Please give them a cheerful welcome and generous support.

Anne Stephens

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!

Last year at this time The Scene was able to report that readers' generosity in answering the annual appeal for funds had ensured a twelve months supply of cash under the Treasurer's mattress.

Although it is not possible to report that happy state of affairs this year, nevertheless the Scene and its anxious Treasurer are grateful to the people and organisations who have been so generous in response to our appeal. Many many thoughtful villagers have also popped coins into the collecting box in the Post Office - Thank You all very much.

The Scene is not in debt but there's not much stuffing in that old mattress yet. The fund is not closed and anyone feeling a bountiful uplift of spring may yet contribute, thus enabling the Treasurer to sleep in greater comfort - on a lumpier mattress!

FRIENDSHIP CLUB NOTES

Tuesday May 5th. 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mrs. Wimbush on Sitting Down Exercises.

Wednesday May 13th Outing to Coughton Court, Nr. Alcester. Further details from Mrs. Webb on Swa. 8211.

A most enjoyable trip took place on April 15th around Warwickshire and Northants countryside stopping at Daventry Countryside Park, Dunchurch.

SIBFORD CARNIVAL JUNE 27th and 28th

Bookings are now taking place for the Car Boot Sale on Saturday June 27th at 10 a.m. Please contact Mrs. Horn on Swa. 658 or Miss Bennett on Swa. 235.

16 Stalls have already been booked but the Committee would like more if possible. Again please contact Mrs. Horn on Swa. 658. Teas by the W.I. at 3 p.m.

A cry from the heart or is it the stomach for the evening! The music is being provided but the Committee are looking for somebody to provide a supper - the same contacts as before please. Grand Draw tickets are now on sale.

and Do Not Forget the Village Hall A.G.M. at the Friends School Library at 8 p.m. on Wednesday May 6th.

SATURDAY MORNING CLEANING

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DON'T FORGET CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 11th - 18th MAY.

Coffee morning, Bring and Buy, Cakes & Raffle.
10.30 a.m. - 12 noon. Wednesday 13th May
at The Rectory

SIBFORD SCHOOLDIARY OF EVENTS

Monday 27th April 1987	Term Begins
Saturday 2nd May	Swimming Gala
Tuesday 12th May	Trip to the Appollo Theatre Oxford to see Romeo and Juliet
Saturday 16th May	Friends of Sibford AGM 1.30 pm in Library
	Car Boot Sale 2.00 pm
	To Reserve a place please write to Janette Skeath £4 in advance £5 on the day
Sunday 17th May	Trip to Drayton Manor
Friday 22nd May	Half Term begins at 12.45 pm
Sunday 31st May (Half Term Ends)	Education Evening in the school hall at 6.00 pm on 'The Kent Maths Project'. The curriculum is continually evolving and it is often difficult to keep pace with present trends but it is essential to do so if one is to fully understand what our children (particularly those in the first three years) are studying. So come and hear Andrew Chowne explain.
Saturday 6th June	SPORTS DAY
Saturday 20th June	OPEN DAY The annual occasion on which Sibford opens its doors to all who are actively involved with the school, as well as to prospective customers. A marvellous opportunity to meet other parents, and to see what the School has accomplished during the previous year.
Friday 10th July	Term Ends

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SIBFORD CHURCHYARD

You will all have appreciated, we hope, the rebuilt wall extending along the front boundary of the churchyard. This has left, however, some remedial work to be done inside the churchyard, from where the interior wall was removed. On Saturday 9th May, from 9am onwards, there will be the opportunity to try and clear up properly, and make the churchyard completely joined through the gap. Anyone with a good heart, and a fair amount of strength, will be welcomed on that day to assist in the work.

The Parochial Church Council

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends
Methodist

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

Holy Trinity Church - May

3rd May	8 a.m.	Holy Communion
10th May	10 a.m.	Holy Communion
17th May	10 a.m.	Matins and Communion
24th May	10 a.m.	Holy Communion
31st May	10 a.m.	United Eucharist at Tadmarton.

Also

28th May	7.30 a.m.	Holy Communion) Ascension Day
	8 p.m.	United Eucharist at Epwell.	

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Coffee Morning, Bring and Buy and Cakes and Raffle.
10.30 a.m. - 12 noon. Wednesday 13th May at The Rectory.

MAY CALENDAR

Sat.	2nd	Scouts Paper Collection. Please put out tied or boxed.
Tues.	5th	Friendship Club 'Sitting Down Exercises, 2 p.m. Village Hall.
Tues.	5th	Austerity Lunch, Friends Meeting House 12.30 p.m.
Wed.	6th	A.G.M. 'Sibford Village Hall' at Friends School Library 8 p.m.
Thurs.	7th	Red Cross Collection by Youth Club
Mon.	11th	Talk on India, Village Hall 7.30 p.m.
Mon.	11th	Coffee Morning, Sibford Ferris Playarea, Cotswold Close 10.30.
Tues.	12th	W.I. A.G.M. Village Hall 2 p.m.
Wed.	13th	Friendship Club outing to Coughton Court
Wed.	13th	Christian Aid Coffee Morning, the Rectory, 10.30 a.m.
Sat.	16th	Friends of Sibford School, Car Boot Sale. 2 p.m.
Sat.	16th	Tadmarton W.I. Spring Fair 2.30 p.m.
Tues.	19th	Leo Club, Talk on Wine. The Court House 8 p.m.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Youth Club	Village Hall	Monday 7 - 9 p.m.
Drama Club	Village Hall	Monday & Wednesday 3.15 - 6. 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 & Toddlers	Friends School	10.00 - 12.00 Wednesdays (term time)

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