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HOLD THE FRONT PAGE!

The Scene is often criticised for, among many other things, lack of up to date news and 'on the spot' reporting. This month it is different! The Scene is pleased to publish unedited a world exclusive! A despatch from our roving reporter David Bristow on the immediate after effect of the recent storms.

On Friday October 16th some of the Warriner School pupils were meant to go to Boulogne in France. Friday the 16th we could not have picked a worse day - the day of the big storm.

We all got up at 4.00 a.m. to leave the school at 5.00 a.m. It was all jolly until London. We were stuck. We could not proceed. Trees and power lines were blocking the road. We had lost the bus and the telephones weren't working. The only thing to do was look for a telephone which was working. We found one. We rang the ferry company. No ferries running. We rang the police and told them to look for bus 1. Then the bus driver had the great idea of going to Chessington World of Adventure. Great! We arrived very excited. The teachers went to find whether it was open. It wasn't. The storm had wrecked it. What a disappointment!

Then the driver had another idea; to go to Hampton Court but the man on the door said "I'm afraid the storm has damaged the building, no public allowed in".

The only thing to do was have lunch and go shopping. We came back for 3.30 and caught our school buses home.

Almost a great day in Boulogne!

David Bristow. 2nd year.

DON'T FORGET THE QUIZ

NOV. 4th 7.30 in the VILLAGE HALL

ADVANCE NOTICE

BOOK A DATE WITH THE SHENLOW SINGERS

A Christmas Concert on December 21st in the Village Hall. Further details next month.

RURAL AREAS LOCAL PLAN

Cherwell District Council has published a draft plan for the rural areas. Readers may have seen posters in the villages; some may even have attended a public meeting at Bodicote House on 20th October. The Council asks for the views of those affected by the proposals before the end of November.

There are proposals for limited housing development by some infilling, by small groups of up to 5 dwellings in environmentally acceptable sites within built up areas and/or by conversion of redundant non-residential dwellings. These could apply in villages which have their own school, post-office, shop and public transport (which therefore includes the Sibfords which for this purpose the Council groups together). No sites have been selected in our villages.

There will be strict controls on development in open country outside the built-up areas and there will be a general presumption in favour of retaining the predominant use of land for agriculture. Commercial development in villages will be limited. There are no sites planned for such development in the Sibfords. The District Council will seek to preserve trees, woodlands etc. of high amenity value and will promote planting. They will resist development in the valley between the Ferris and Gower.

As foreshadowed by Mr. Burke at the public meeting in Sibford Gower in September the District Council proposes to designate part of Sibford Gower and Burdrop as a conservation area (part of the Ferris is already designated).

The draft plan is a consultative document and is being circulated to Parish Councillors for comment. Copies are available (£1.50) from Bodicote House. A limited number of 'summary leaflets' (which only give the general outline of all the proposals rather than the possible effects on individual villages) are available from the Clerks to the Councils, Tony Skeath, Nansen Boys' House, Sibford School and Colin Frith, Barn Close, Burdrop.

CHERWELL IN BLOOM COMPETITION 1988

The District Council is promoting this 'district-wide community campaign' with the aim of encouraging as many people as possible to contribute to the enhancement of their towns, villages and countryside thus making them more attractive places to live and work in and to visit. It is not confined to the use of flowers, but also to the preservation and enhancement of natural features, the screening of eyesores and the clean-up of litter. The competition is open to towns, villages, and community or street groups. In addition local competitions, flower shows or festivals of flowers can be dedicated to Cherwell in Bloom 1988.

Classes are:-

- Best town floral display
- Best village floral display
- Best community group/street floral display
- Best floral display by a local company/business
- Best clean-up project for the removal of local eyesore, clearance of derelict site etc.

Promotion leaflets, posters and application forms will be available from Bodicote House, Banbury Museum (and possibly from Parish Clerks) later this year. Entries have to be made by 30th April 1988.

Lt. Col. C.D.C. Frith

Clerk to Sibford Gower Parish Council

C H U R C H B A Z A A R

VILLAGE HALL, SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER

Doors open at 2.30 pm. Come early and get the best of a big choice:

Christmas gifts and decorations
Books, tapes, records
Jewellery
Food, produce and ready to eat dishes
White elephant
Chance to win bottles and toys
GRAND DRAW at 4.00 pm.

A MESSAGE WORTH REPEATING

"The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal".

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY THIS YEAR IS THE 8TH NOVEMBER.

House to House collections will be between the 26th October and 7th November. The Appeal helped 50,000 people directly last year and only 7% of the nearly 8½ million pounds collected was spent on administration costs, not a lot of wastage!

The Legion also employs and trains disabled ex-Service people, some 1500 of them during the year.

We still need more collectors. I told you previously of the hard work and I hope that the above gives a glimpse of the end result: helping those who have served and need some service in return.

Perhaps those words may indicate as well that this Appeal exists only to try to repay and thereby maybe to help repair, to a degree, the results of warfare and other kinds of public service where injury occurs, at the personal level.

I hope that you will dig into your pockets just a little more deeply this year when our collectors call.

Thank you for your kindness.

John Mulley
Hon. Collector - Sibford (Swa. 629).

TO NEW COMERS

If you have just moved into our village and have not received a copy of the leaflet 'Welcome to Sibford', please ring Su 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!

1st THE SIBFORDS SCOUT GROUP : **invite** cubs, scouts, parents, would-be parents of cubs or scouts, and friends young and old to an

OPEN EVENING : SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL : 6th November 7 - 9pm

COFFEE MORNING

in aid of

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Wednesday 2nd December

10 a.m. - 12.30

WESTERWAYS - SIBFORD FERRIS.

Bring and buy. Home made cakes and jams. House plants. G.D.B.A. Sales: Christmas Cards & Gifts.

SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 14th October and 40 members were present. This was followed by Gardeners Question Time with Mr. Hackett and Mr. Meredith, who answered many interesting questions from the members.

Our new year 1987/88 has now begun and it was carried unanimously that the subscriptions be increased to £2.00.

Mr. Alan Jarvis is now Chairman of the Society and the Committee is as follows:

President: Mr. K. Hicks. Secretary: Mrs. M. Bristow
Treasurer: Mr. M. Pearlman Assistant Treasurer: Mrs. G. Soden.

Committee: Mr. J. Sabin, Mr. D. Eldridge, Mrs. T. Law, Miss A. Agnew
Dr. S. Heath, Mrs. E. Warwicker.

Mrs. Jarvis will continue to run the Society's Sales Table and all gifts are gratefully received. It was agreed that should anyone wish to have an additional Sales Table at our monthly meetings they could do so. All items must be priced and 20% of sales donated to the Society.

The next monthly meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. on Wednesday November 11th. "Pruning of Fruit Trees and Soft Fruit Bushes" by Mr. Sperrey.

A 'THANK YOU'

I would like to thank everyone who contributed so generously to my Jumble Sale in aid of Cancer Research for which £111.50 was raised.

A special 'thanks' to Mr. Craig for donating a super Christmas Cake for our raffle - to Mary Jane Lamb, Jane Holliday and Kim Fairy for their help and great salesmanship and last, but not least, to all of you who braved the bad weather and came to do all the buying.

J. & M. Burt
Long Barn, Sibford Gower.

W A N T E D

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SIBFORD SCHOOL - DIARY OF EVENTS

SUNDAY 1st November	Half Term Ends
SATURDAY 7th November	Bonfire and Fireworks Party
WEDNESDAY 11th November	Casuals Day. Collection for either the term charity Katharine House or House Charities or both.
SATURDAY 14th November	Youth Hostelling Trip to Welsh Bicknor for Juniors. Seniors YHA trip 5th and 6th December.
SATURDAY 21st November	Parents Day. Interviews with teaching staff. Friends of Sibford will be running their usual bookstall (including computer software) which allows parents, staff and pupils the opportunity to purchase new books and software at half price.
SATURDAY 28th November	CHRISTMAS FAIR - we expect stalls to "sell out" quickly so book yours now. Tell all your friends that this is <u>the</u> Christmas Shopping event par excellence, and bring them along. Donations of home made produce and craft articles will be appreciated!
SATURDAY 5th December	Long Exeat Weekend
THURSDAY 17th December	Carol Service 6.00 p.m.
FRIDAY 18th December	End of Term

EVERYMAN! The bottom line!

No sooner had the sound of the hand cart's squeaky wheels faded and the dust settled from the feet of the departing wandering players, than the 'chink chink' of counting coins could be heard from the study in Tadmarton Manor as Jane and Richard Asser, with green eyeshades and grey slip-on cuffs, totted up the proceeds.

Several days later they emerged smiling to announce that the magnificent sum of £300 was to be donated to Katherine House Hospice Fund.

Wouldn't the men who built that lovely old barn be pleased to know that it was still serving the community today and that the present owners were clever enough to recognise and appreciate its unique appeal.

The imagination and hard work of director Peter Whittle had been well rewarded.

"SPECIAL OFFERS FOR CHRISTMAS"

Order early for Christmas:-

Holly Wreaths.	Door Rings or swags
Table Centres	Topiary trees etc.
Selection of dried flower baskets	Christmas baskets
	Dried flower pictures

Fresh flowers always available.

Bouquets, Arrangements, funeral tributes.

Gillian Brookes, "The Potting Shed",
Sunrise, Swalcliffe. Tel: Swa. 295.

COME & ICE YOUR CHRISTMAS CAKE
IN ONE DAY

Last year was great fun - so do come and join us.

£6.50 (includes all icing). Tadmarton Village Hall

You only need to bring a few items - and your cake already
marzipanned. No other extra cost!

Last year 'mums' expressed interest for their teenage daughters -
so - a possibility of two dates (one being a Saturday).

Could you let me know if you are interested in either as soon as
possible please.

Could you let me know if you are interested in:

Wednesday 9th December 9.30 - 3 p.m.

Saturday 5th December 10.00 - 3.30 p.m.

Anyone welcome - you will be amazed at your capabilities.

Gill Judd. Swa. 243

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Gill Judd -Swalcliffe 243.

WHICHFORD POTTERY

END OF SEASON SALE

9th - 20th November. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. including Sunday

Discounts on all flowerpots - many at half price.

Come and have a look at your local pottery and find some
bargains.

P.S. Our pots make lovely Christmas presents!

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<p>FRESH FLOWERS FOR ALL OCCASIONS ***** Baskets Posys Bouquets etc. ALSO Funeral Tributes. Selection of flowers available for sale Gillian Brookes. The Potting Shed, 'Sunrise', Swalcliffe. Tel: Swa. 295</p>	

NATURE NOTES

Oct. 3rd: Raining again today, but these last 10 days, with hardly any rain, have given farmers a chance to catch up a bit on the land work. The contract line spreaders have also been making full use of this dry spell. One came to us with just enough day-light left to see the fields to be done, and finished spreading 90 tons on 45 acres by 3.30 a.m. - then straight on to the next job.

Oct. 5th It is so long since I last saw an adult harvest mouse that when I saw one today I was quite surprised by the brightness of its chestnut back and white underparts. We recently had 2 dead young ones come in a trailer load of corn, probably from a nest attached to the stems of the wheat, that was taken through the combine harvester.

Oct. 7th I understand that 13 foxes ran out of the last few acres of a field of beans by Swalcliffe Common, when it was harvested which confirms my suspicion that fox numbers have increased in sympathy with the rabbit population.

Oct. 13th Saw two swallows flying S.W. in the rain this afternoon. They may well be the last we shall see this year, but as they head for Africa, they will soon be replaced from the North by redwings and fieldfares coming to winter with us. They will enjoy the haws and other hedgerow fruits, which are abundant this year on hedges that have escaped the mechanical trimmer.

Oct 17th I have measured over 3 inches of rain in the first half of this month, but luckily we have missed the worst of the gales that did so much damage in the S.E.

TO KEEP A TIDY VILLAGE It is pleasant to see dogs being taken for walks, but it would be even more marvellous to see owners carrying their dog scoops with them. Cottagers try to keep their grass verges tidy. Consideration for other people should be taken into account by animal lovers exercising their pets - their "left behinds", hidden in the grass, cause much annoyance when transferred to mowing machines and footwear and the subsequent cleaning off is nauseating - so PLEASE!!

MRS. FLINN REMEMBERED

We are all sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Flinn on 6th October at Northampton.

Mrs. Flinn, being a W.R.V.S. representative, organised the Friendship Club, the Chiropody Service and Meals on Wheels. She had many other interests. Many people will be grateful for all Mrs. Flinn did while living in Sibford.

NOTES FOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB FOR NOVEMBER

Tuesday November 3rd. 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. Bingo.

Tuesday November 17th 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. Musical afternoon with the Rector and Mrs. Barlow.

Shopping outing to be arranged. This will be on Tuesday November 24th.

WARRINER CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - SAT. NOV. 28th.

Goods of all kinds needed for sale please and offers of help to school or village reps. Please come along and support your school.

LEO CLUB

Leo Club will meet on Tuesday 17th November at 8 p.m. at The Court House, and members will have the opportunity to purchase Gold and Silver Jewellery.

SWIMMING CLUB

Swimming Club has now stopped for the Winter break and the supervision rota will be re-started at the Spring Half Term. The pool is, however, still available throughout the winter at the usual times for adults and parents able to accompany their own children. Key can be collected from me as usual. Thank you all for your help and support throughout the season.

Carole Moir - 8241.

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If you would like to have a demonstration at home, inviting some friends, why not have a party. A free gift for the lady who organises it. A lovely evening for you and your friends, with a difference.

Please give me a ring for an appointment, or if you just want a chat or more information. Enjoy a fully professional treatment in the comfort of your own home. No parking or travelling problems. You do not have to provide anything but yourself.

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PLEASE TO REMEMBER

Sibford Gower Primary School, "BONFIRE NIGHT FUN"
Thursday November 5th. Fireworks at 6.00 p.m. Bonfire at 6.30 p.m.
Admission 50p. Good Food Too!

SIBFORD W.I.

An eagerly awaited second talk on Japan, given by Mrs. G. Hutchinson, was well attended with several visitors as well as the members. A very diverse collection of colour slides complemented a lively and informative commentary and Mrs. Hutchinson also brought along a collection of very colourful and interesting souvenirs. It was a real treat. Mrs. Walpole served teas and the competition for a Fan was won by Mrs. Conway, 2nd Mrs. Crabtree, 3rd Mrs. Bristow.

The next meeting will be on November 10th at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. The Speaker will be Mr. Vince who will be talking on the use of the Sewing Machine. The W.I. will be pleased to see any successful or unsuccessful sewing machinists who would like to attend!

The competition will be for a Machined Handicraft item.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

BRING & BUY COFFEE MORNING

will be held from 10.30 - 12.00

Wed. 4th November

by Mrs. R. Asser, Tadmarton Manor, Upper Tadmarton

Entrance, Coffee & Biscuits 35p.

Please come with your friends to support the Society in it's vital work.

Sale of Christmas Cards & Presents

Gifts of cakes, pates, quiches, jams, plants, etc. are most welcome.

Please contact Swalcliffe 212 if you would like to donate a Raffle Prize.

<u>FOR SALE</u>	Sharp Stereo Car Radio Cassette Player wit complete with speakers	<u>£20.00</u>
	Child's Raleigh Tricycle - first class condition	<u>£8.00</u>
	Child's Raleigh Blue Bird Bicycle with stabilisers, to suit 4-6 years old excellent condition	<u>£25.00</u>
	Child's Roller Boots. Size 12 very good condition	<u>£5.00</u>

S. Lines, 5 Shepherds Close, Sibford Gower. Tel: Swa.8322

The Village Hall needs a new CARETAKER

Mrs. Gilbert, the caretaker of the Village Hall, wishes to give up the post. For nearly 10 years she has looked after the Hall for us and together with her husband has tended the lawns and borders.

Applications are urgently invited from anyone who would be prepared to replace her.

The post carries a small remuneration.

Please phone Swalcliffe 763 (Mr. Rye) or 494 (Mrs. Skeath) for further information.

Grace Benton is leaving Burdrop, after twenty seven years; she said, can I, through the Scene, just say "thank you to everyone in the Sibberds, and in Burdrop, for their friendship and their kindness, both to Eric and to me, in all those happy years".

After 1st December 1987, I shall be at Print House, 4 Horsefair, Shipston on Stour, CV36 4PD. Tel: 0608 61175.

Its not a million miles away; please come. Horsefair is opposite the top of Sheep Street; used to be the old Burgess's yard.

BANBURY GUARDIAN Contributions to 'Round Towns & Country'

The Village news section of the Banbury Guardian has diminished considerably lately; The Friends School is currently the most consistent contributor. There must be many more events in our villages that would be of interest to others, but your Village Correspondent cannot keep tabs on every event without a supply of information from those involved. Reminders of forthcoming events, especially those at the very end or the very beginning of the month, which may have been forgotten after initially being read in the Sibford Scene, can easily be inserted in Round Town and Country so that we can keep our villages on the map! Items need to be submitted at least by Friday or Saturday prior to publication and there is no charge.

Sheila Baseby - Swa. 544

SIBFORD BROWNIES

A very successful Open Evening was held on Thursday 22nd October when Sibford Brownies were very pleased to welcome not only parents, but also the Rector, the Division Commissioner, Mrs. Sprittlehouse and the District Commissioner, Mrs. Ostler. There were photographs and scrap books on show depicting many of the activities undertaken by the Pack over the past twelve months. Lorraine Buzzard and Wendy Rolt were also enrolled into the Pack. Many of the brownies successfully gained their Hostess Badge and the evening finished with a sing-song by the Brownies. Many thanks to everyone who came and supported us and helped make it such an enjoyable evening.

Vivienne Scouse.

WASTE PAPER COLLECTION

Don't forget the paper collection on Saturday 7th November. Please leave your paper in tidy bundles or boxes for collection.

THE SIBFORDIANS

The annual Christmas Party, to which all residents should receive their invitations, is to take place this year on Saturday 12th December in the Village Hall: invitations will be coming out in mid-November, and clear instructions will be included as to what to do about them. If, by some chance you haven't had an invitation by 25th November, then ring the Rectory (555), and we'll do the rest. The 'qualification' is that one person in the house is 60 years or over, male or female. (Some people don't like us to know how old they are - but there's no way we can find out!)

CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

There is only to be one service in church this year - Tuesday 22nd at 7pm. The uniformed organisations will all be sharing with us in our Christmas carol service this year.

CHURCH SERVICES

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Society of Friends
Methodist

Sundays at 10.30 a.m.
Sundays at 11 a.m.

Church of England - Holy Trinity Church

1st 8am Holy Communion

8th 8am Holy Communion: 10.55 SERVICE FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

15th & 22nd 10am Holy Communion with hymns and sermon

29th 10am United Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton

Monday 2nd 7.30pm: Evening Communion for those departed this life.

Roman Catholic Mass

Hook Norton Sunday at 11 a.m.

Brailles Sunday at 11.30 a.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 - 12 noon Wednesdays (term time)

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Nov. 3rd	Friendship Club, 2 p.m. Village Hall - Bingo
4th	Coffee Morning, 10.30 Tadmarton Manor - Red Cross Society
4th	Village Hall Quiz, 7.30 Village Hall.
5th	Fireworks, Bonfire. Primary School. 6.00 p.m.
7th	Scouts Paper Collection
8th	Remembrance Sunday
10th	W.I. Meeting, Village Hall 2 p.m. The Sewing Machine
11th	Horticultural Society Meeting, 8 p.m. Village Hall.
14th	Holy Trinity Church Bazaar, 2.30 Village Hall.
17th	Leo Club 8 p.m. The Court House. Jewellery Evening
17th	Friendship Club, Village Hall 2 p.m. Musical Afternoon
24th	Friendship Club Shopping Spree
28th	Warriner School Christmas Bazaar.

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