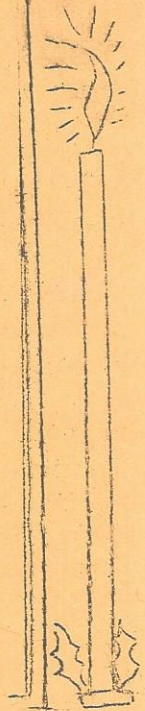
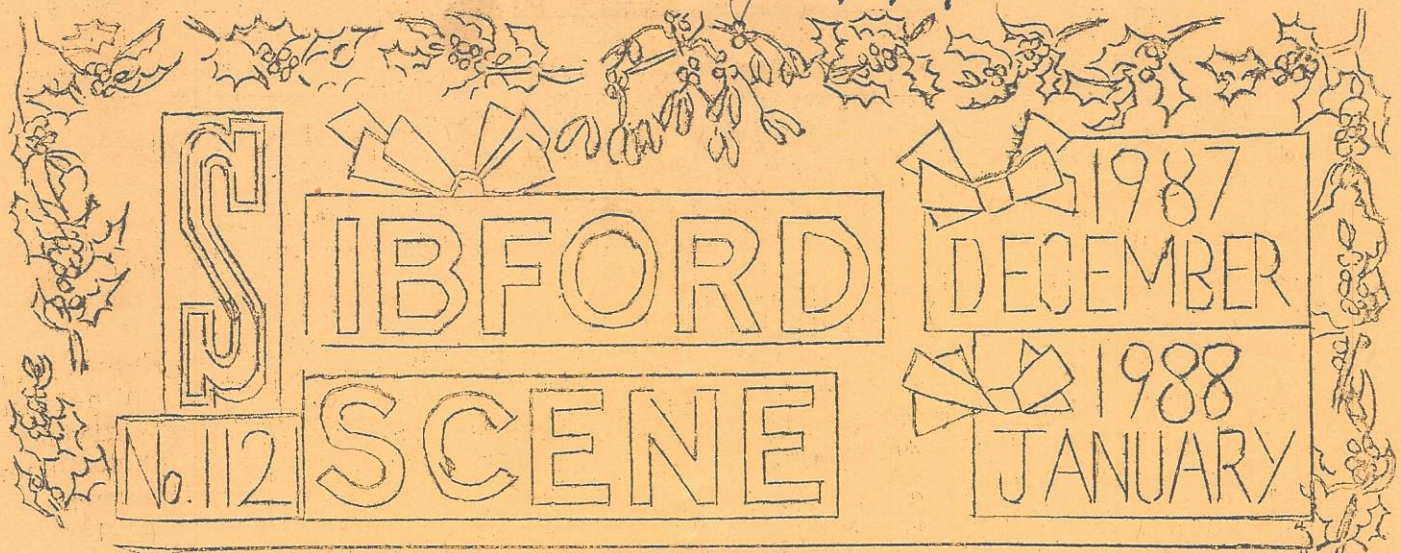


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CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

A year ago The Scene held a colouring competition to mark the 100th Edition. It collected 23 entries.

This year you, the children of Sibford, are invited to design a Christmas Scene (line drawn only) such that might be used for a Christmas Card - any subject.

Please use the space shown above.

Entries to the Editor by January 10th please. The winner will be printed in the February Scene.

Judging from outside the villages, so name, age and address clearly marked please.

THE SIBFORD GOWER TOWN ESTATE

Like so many treasurers in England the local people take it for granted that charities are widely appreciated and recognised by all. In recent times the comings and goings of a nomadic population make it less likely that everything about their present local environment is known by all.

"The Sibford Gower Town Estate" has long been just such a blessing recognised by local folk but unknown to many recent residents.

The Secretary, Mr. Peter Baadsgaard, has been good enough to explain the mystery of this 'charity' and exactly what it represents to The Villagers of today, and writes:-

This charity originated about 1560 when a number of people (who they actually were we do not now know) contributed plots of land with the objective of helping the less fortunate in the village, and to ensure that the children were given schooling. Just how the charity functioned in this early period we do not know, but under Act of Parliament in 1773 these lands were collected into the Town Estate of Broad Sibford (the Gower) and Burdrop.

This estate comprised what is now Sibford Heath Farm, and allotment lands, together with an area on the heath (now a part of the farm) called the Fuel Lands, on which villagers could collect wood for fuel. The Town Estate charity is also owner of the original part of the Primary School and the School House as well as some woodland.

The Town Estate and Fuel Lands have long been under the jurisdiction of the Charity Commission, and since 1922 managed under a formal instrument by a body of nine trustees, five of whom are always appointed by the Sibford Gower Parish Council. The trustees have to maintain the assets of the charity, and are authorised to distribute the income in three ways: one third for the school, one third for the relief and maintenance of the poor and one third for charitable and pious purposes. Funds which are not distributed are invested until they are required.

The charity therefore operates in part in the same field as statutory social services because its rules were set up long before these were established, and care must consequently be taken to ensure that its activity does not conflict with or reduce any statutory benefit. However in a real case of need the charity - the estate which belongs to the town - has the means to help. Not only the elderly or disabled, but also the sick, unemployed, those on low incomes and single parent families may justify help. A genuine need is the main criterion; it is not just a question of eligibility for statutory benefits.

Ways in which the charity can help are, for example, by making payments related to specific needs, providing facilities or items (either outright or on loan) or paying for services. But, without knowing details about a case of need the trustees can do nothing.

The Secretary to the Trustees is available for consultation on Tel: 378.

The current Officers of the Charity are:-

Mr. D.R. Sabin	-	Chairman	Mr. F.J. Inns	-	Deputy Chairman
Mrs. V. Jones	-	Treasurer	Mr. P.H. Baadsgaard	-	Secretary

NOTE: The area of activity of the charity is restricted to Sibford Gower and Burdrop for direct help to individuals, but is in fact more widely felt through help to organisations in Sibford Gower whose members include residents of other villages.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

COFFEE EVENING

at Beyond the End, Sibford Gower
(Mary Poultons House next to Church)

on Wed. 16th December
from 6.30 p.m. onwards

Raffle, Christmas Gifts & Decorations, Bring & Buy Stall
Proceeds towards repair of Stained Glass Windows.

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Order early for Christmas:

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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 please 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.
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SIBFORD W.I.

The next meeting of the W.I. will be on Tuesday December 8th in the Village Hall at 2 p.m. Mr. Alan Jarvis will be giving an illustrated talk on Alpines. The Competition will be for the best Flower Photograph.

H E L P ! ! We have nothing to sit on in our Common Room
at Banbury 6th Form Centre.

W A N T E D Free or very cheap 2nd hand sofas, armchairs, floor
cushions etc. Phone Kate, 8241.

WANTED Help in modern house in Burdrop, 1 morning (3 hours)
per week. Tel: Swa. 8320

LEO CLUB

Ellen Warwicker had a very 'full house' for the last meeting of Leo when we were all tempted by a super selection of eye-catching jewellery and many purchases were made. Many thanks to Ellen and also to Mrs. Hutchinson for helping to arrange the evening. The next meeting of Leo will be held on Tuesday December 15th at The Court House at 8 p.m. Members are asked to take a small plate of sweet or savoury tit-bits and Wine will be provided.

WASTE PAPER COLLECTION

Don't forget the paper collection on Saturday 12th December. Please leave your paper in tidy bundles or boxes for collection.

WELCOME TO THE SIBFORDS.

Kerrith and Chris Carr, who have moved into The Old Bakehouse, Sibford Ferris, have come from Beverley, North Humberside. Chris's job, with Akzo Coatings, has brought them south again, having lived in North Warwickshire some years ago. They have two daughters, Kathryn (12) and Philippa (8) who are at school in Leamington Spa.

Mr. Fergusson arrived at the Strouds old house at 3 Sycamore Close at the end of October. He is now retired, but is no stranger to the area as he lived in Avon Dassett for many years, before coming here.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have moved into Vine Cottage, Bonds End Lane. Before their move here they lived in Shipston for two years and before that Kent. They have four children, all married apart from one daughter who is to get married next April.

Recently they started out on a new business venture together, running a Christian Bookshop in Stratford. In Brailles, Mrs. Brown can trace her ancestors back to about 1600 and obviously has strong connections in this area. Already they love being here and look forward to making new friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston moved into 'Brent', Sibford Gower in September, from Guildford, where they lived for over 30 years, but with Mr. Johnson retiring from his job in London decided to move nearer to their married daughter who lives in Bloxham. They are both keen bridge players, enjoy opera and Mr. Johnston plays golf and is an enthusiastic cricket follower.

TO NEWCOMERS

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 6660 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

Sibford Scouts and Cubs have been on view at two recent events.

On Remembrance Day Scouts and Cubs joined the Guides and Brownies for the parade and service at Holy Trinity Church. There was a good turn-out of smartly presented boys and one of the Scout Patrol Leaders played the Last Post and Reveille on his cornet after the two minutes silence.

On Friday 6th November parents and families were invited to a Troop Open Night when there were displays of various Scouting activities from proficiency badge work to a sing-song around the camp fire.

During the evening Charles Etherington-Smith and Nicholas Hutton were invested into Cubs and Stuart Wareing, James Taylor, Tom Woodall, Tim Andrews and Martin Wood went up to Scouts. Martyn Hicks left Cubs to join a Sea Scout Troop. Daniel Hutton was invested as a Scout and Frank Soden was given his APL flash.

Future events include the Christmas Carol Service on 22nd December in Holy Trinity at 7.00 p.m. This is a joint service with the Guides and Brownies and everyone is invited to come - please do.

W A N T E D

WORKSHOP SPACE: Suitable for Self employed Antique Restorer/
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Haven Cottage, Sibford Ferris.

SIBFORD SCENE - DECEMBER 1987

SIBFORD SCHOOL - DIARY OF EVENTS

- SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER CHRISTMAS FAIR 2.00 pm
Come and do your Christmas Shopping in the School Hall. Save your bus fare or your petrol and join the fun here!
- FRIDAY 4th DECEMBER Meeting for First year pupils and their Parents to meet staff and see the childrens work.
- SATURDAY 5/6th DECEMBER Senior Youth Hostelling Trip.
Reporting on the Junior WHA trip on the 14th November, a party of ten pupils from years 1 to 3 spent an enjoyable weekend walking. The route was alongside the Wye from Ross to Goodrich, where they stopped for a late lunch. On Sunday a walk in Queen's wood ended with the discovery of a car abandoned on a footpath and two people apparently burying something and acting suspiciously. Subsequent investigation by the law showed that Forestry Commission workers were collecting acorns!
- WEDNESDAY 16th DECEMBER Christmas Tea in the School Hall for ex-staff and guests.
- THURSDAY 17th DECEMBER Traditional Christmas lunch for all pupils and staff. Christmas Carols in the school hall for parents and children.
- FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER Term Ends
- THURSDAY 7th JANUARY Ski Trip. School party departs for Risoul, France, a small village due south of Briançon in the French Alps. Return on the 14th January.
- MONDAY 18th JANUARY Spring Term commences.
- SATURDAY 30th JANUARY OPEN MORNING 9.30 am - 12.00 noon.
Visit Sibford School and see what we can offer for your child's education. Meet staff, ask questions and see the school in action.
Daily transport is available between Stratford on Avon and Sibford School and Banbury and Sibford. All welcome.
- WEDNESDAY 17th FEBRUARY Half Term
- SUNDAY 21st FEBRUARY Return for Second Half of Spring Term
- FRIDAY 25th MARCH End of Term

COFFEE MORNING

in aid of

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Wednesday 2nd December, 10 a.m. - 12.30

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The Chapel Christmas Carol Service will be on Sunday 20th Dec.
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THE VILLAGE QUIZ

This, the twentieth-century version of "the village stocks", was started some thirty years ago and indeed was one of the first enterprises to be held in the, at that time, "new", Village Hall.

This year under the stern and matriarchal eye looking down from the portrait of 'Her Majesty', the Quiz took place on November 4th before a large representative audience of villagers who had gathered to cheer - not a rotten egg was thrown!

Among mounting tension, almost too great to bear, the Oddfellows all but retained their supremacy only to be beaten into second place on the last 'ask' of the question.

The Reverend Tim, surrounded by gadgetry, tore open endless envelopes with his teeth and put the Questions with a certain sadistic pleasure. The answers were provided by - some extremely mature Brownies - three perennial Horticulturists - a trio of wobbly buttresses of the Church, certain odd, oddfellows with a strong whiff of family ties, extremely friendly 'Friends' who sat poker faced without a flicker of a smile - a troop of ancient Scouts whose pedigree could not be traced back to Baden Powell and finally a sandwich of be-apronned Gourmets who lost four points and the battle through their difficulty in identifying certain questioning on cheese and wine.

During the interval, far from 'odd' coffee was served by the wives of the Odd Fellows (it was delicious thanks). Thereafter followed the "Wake or Break", ten point, identification of some very strange music which sounded as though it had crawled from the strangulated organs of a cracked '78' played at 30 R.P.M. It even included running bath water! "A clue" quoth Father Tim, rather too late to be of any assistance to the competitors! All this was far too much for the Horticulturists, who had done well up to that point; their leaves became blighted by music and they wilted! Like all good entertainment should, the battle reached a climax when, with the Oddfellows at 56 points and The Friends on 55, with one question to go, the Questionmaster bowled a yorker.

"What is the name of the outer layer of the skin?" While the rest of those present were pinching themselves to see if in fact they did have an outer layer, Anne Marcovitch calmly gave the correct answer as though she were reading from the D.I.Y. compendium of "What every good surgeon should know". That clinched it! The computer registered 53, which when translated into more reliable paper and pencil numbers, turned out to be 57, and the cup was won!

A faint flicker of a smile briefly crossed the faces of our Friends and was gone - the cup was theirs!

After a great deal of mathematics it turned out that 'BISH' Calveley had won the award for earning the most points in round one. His knowledge was astonishing and during his virtuoso display of erudition, he had been crossed off many potential Hostesses's dinner lists as far too awesome a figure to invite to dine (not true really!)

The Raffle was drawn - the chairs stacked - the cups washed and the lights turned out. The Village Quiz was over for yet another year.

Most! Most enjoyable. Thanks to the Rector and some hard work on behalf of those who had organised it and of course to those that had had the audacity to take part!!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This world-wide week of prayer has been going for many years now, and each year we have played our small part in the week by holding a united service in one of the three places of worship in the village.

This year, although I suppose it's next year!, the Methodist Church has kindly agreed to host the service. All Christians - and indeed any others who want to see what Christians get up to in their meeting houses! - are most warmly invited to join us for that truly joint occasion.

POPPY DAY

Long after the publication of the November Scene, yet before the well attended, simple and moving ceremony of Remembrance, made more poignant this year by a lone Scout bugler focusing our minds on our friends and comrades who died as well as the countless unknown dead, a lengthy letter was received by the Editor who, wishing to encourage every point of view, publishes extracts that summarise the sincere thoughts expressed.

Dear Sir,

On Remembrance Day there is always a danger of sentimentality taking over to give us a glow of satisfaction that once more we have honoured the dead. Remembrance is not enough. There must be penitence - a change of heart by everyone renouncing war for ever.

Sincerely,

John Endersby.

SIBFORD BROWNIES AND GUIDES

will be CAROL SINGING in aid of THE CHILDRENS SOCIETY on Thursday December 17th from 6.45 p.m. onwards.

Please 'listen out' for us and support this worthy cause.

SATAN ALWAYS MISCHIEF FINDS FOR IDLE HANDS TO DO!

FIRST TIME	-	AN ORIGINAL PRANK!
SECOND TIME	-	A BORING COPY!
THIRD TIME	-	JUST PLAIN SILLY!

The two sign posts on the Crossroads have been repeatedly turned around all through the summer months and this still continues. A stranger to the Village in the dark will soon meet with a serious accident. BOYS! the time has now come to STOP.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEWSAGENT

Don't forget to cancel newspapers by the 14th December for the Christmas and New Year holidayits no good ringing us on Christmas Eve.

Gill and Nigel Judd. Swa. 243.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your efforts - and Tim - and Vivienne - and dare I say it - the illustrator! and your post people, not the same as postmen is it?

Sincerely,

John Mulley.

The W.I. send traditional Greetings and some not so traditional recipes for Christmas.

SCANDINAVIAN SHORTBREAD

200g. plain flour, 125g. butter or margarine
75g. sugar 2 tbs. brandy or cream

Rub butter into flour, mix in the sugar and liquid, and knead lightly. Roll dough into long sausages (finger thickness). Flatten slightly on the top. Brush with beaten egg and sprinkle with mixture of chopped almonds and sugar. Cut out, on the slant, into $1\frac{1}{2}$ " pieces. Bake at 200°C (400°F) for 10-12 minutes.

MORMORS JULEKAGE (DANISH CHRISTMAS CAKE).

25g yeast slightly less than $\frac{1}{4}$ pint milk
75g butter or margarine 2 eggs
225g plain flour $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp cardamom
75g sugar 75g raisins
30g candied peel

Cream the yeast with a little sugar, warm the milk and melt the butter in it. Add the rest of the sugar to the flour and mix to a smooth dough with the milk, eggs and yeast. Leave to rise till double the size then mix in the raisins and candied peel. Put dough on well oiled baking sheet or roasting tin and leave to rise. Brush with beaten egg and sprinkle on sugar. Then bake at 200°C (400°F) for 20 minutes.

CHRISTMAS TREE BISCUITS (Germany)

- 1 lb. plain flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. sugar, 4 eggs.
1. Cream eggs & sugar (10-15 mins)
 2. Add flour
 3. Roll out on a floured board and cut into fancy shapes, e.g. small figures, stars, rings etc.
 4. Brush with beaten egg yolk and bake in hot oven
 5. Glaze with coloured icing and tie with Christmas string and hang on Christmas tree.

CHRISTMAS FRITTERS (Germany)

3 ozs. butter 3 tablespoons water
3 ozs. sugar 1 lb. flour
3 eggs 1 teaspoon B. Powder
3 tablespoons milk

1. Cream butter and sugar
2. Add other ingredients and beat to a dough with wooden spoon
3. Knead well with hands and chill in fridge.
4. Turn dough on to a floured board and roll out very thinly
5. Cut into strips 3" long and $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide
6. In the middle of each strip cut a gash and twist the ends through
7. Fry in deep fat until golden brown
8. Drain on absorbent paper and dust with icing sugar or caster sugar.

CHURCH BAZAAR

A big "THANK YOU" to all those who so generously supported the Church Bazaar in November. The grand total was £489. The P.C.C. is now going ahead with estimates for the repair of the East and South windows.

Anne Stephens

CAN YOU HELP?

Banbury Cruse offers counselling to people who are bereaved, and would like to hear from anybody who is interested in training to become a Counsellor. If you would like to know more about the work, please telephone Banbury 4676 or Steeple Aston 47235.

Julia Gordon.

RED CROSS

The Coffee Morning in Tadmarton on November 4th raised £432 for the British Red Cross. Thank you to everyone who came along and to all who helped by giving raffle prizes and donations and by serving the coffee.

J. Asser

A Christmas Charity Fair was held at the home of John and Margie Taylor, Blenheim Farm, on Tuesday 3rd November 1987, in aid of The Foundation for Conductive Education and The Oxford Kidney Unit.

Generous donations were given by Burdrop Country Sweaters, Marks and Spencer, The Old School House, Bloxham and Vicki Patrick and Sally Taylor.

We would like to thank everyone for their support and generosity. The total proceeds were £264.56.

Margie Taylor

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME CAN PRICK

Villagers may wonder why the Editor carries an umbrella at all times. It is not to keep off the incessant rain but to defend himself against the ferocity of village folk who have found their names mis-spelt in The Scene. At the approach of a villager, usually female, with eyes ablaze he first comes to the "High Part and then to the "advancing thrust". The ferrule is ground to a point!! It is often difficult enough to read the writing of submitted reports (heaven knows both the Editor and Vivienne try hard) but when the name as submitted is wrong in the first place, what hope is there??

SO PLEASE - will contributors please PRINT NAMES and also check their validity.

Finally, all our readers please note that the "Mr. D. Eldridge" referred to as a Committee Member of the Horticultural Society in the November issue is really the Mr. D.W. Elldred that we all know so well in Sibford Ferris. All will be pleased to know that his wife is recovering admirably from a sharp umbrella wound and the red finger marks round the editor's neck are fading fast!!

DECEMBER & JANUARY NOTES FOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Tuesday Dec. 1st 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mrs. B. Phillips to give a demonstration on Christmas Flower Arrangements followed by tea & biscuits.

Tuesday Dec. 22nd in the Village Hall at 12.30. Annual Christmas Lunch. Members and Guests only.

Tuesday Jan. 5th in the Village Hall at 2 p.m. Speaker to be arranged.

Tuesday Jan. 19th In the Village Hall at 2 p.m. A Members Meeting. New members always welcome.

NATURE NOTES

Oct. 30th A lot of the mushroom which is appropriately known by the name of Lawyer's Wig, have appeared on our lawn over the last few days. They are said to be edible before they open and start melting away, but I wouldn't care to try them.

Nov. 4th We see pied wagtails frequently on the farm, but today we were visited by the very colourful grey wagtail, a graceful bird that seems to be fully aware of its own beauty. A few years ago we watched a grey wagtail fighting its own reflection in the door mirrors of a parked car. It would attack the mirror on the driver's side, then fly over the car to repeat the performance on the passenger side. We returned after a walk to find it still fighting itself. Perhaps it can't have beauty and brains as well.

Nov. 6th It is nice to hear that a party of long-tailed tits have been seen working their way through gardens in the Ferris. Not a common sight these days.

Nov. 15th We now see fieldfares and redwings most days in considerable numbers. In recent years they seem only to spend the early winter here and then move on, but we have seen sizable flocks in late winter on grassland around Brailes.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Thank you all for your donations to this cause on behalf of the Appeal.

A special thank you this year to the staff of Barclays Bank in Hook Norton - they count the contents of our collecting tins every year and I have never publicly acknowledged this to date - remiss of me. Thank You.

Our House-to-House people collected £262.83 this year, an increase! The Remembrance Service held at Holy Trinity gained us £77.72, an increase! Sibford Ferris Parish Council gave us £10.00 and laid the Wreath.

Altogether £381.35 has been sent to The Legion to assist those who need it. All I can say is thank you again on their behalf.

John Mulley, Hon. Collector, Sibford.

SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday December 9th at 8 p.m. "Bonnie Scotland" by Mr. Bryce. Music and Slides. There will be two classes for members to enter their exhibits:

1. Christmas Arrangement in a Candlestick
2. Christmas Arrangement in a Log.

Do please make a special effort.

Refreshments will be provided during the evening. Any plants, Bring and Buy etc. will be gratefully received by Mrs. Jarvis for her Sales Table. Anyone wishing to have their own Sales Table can now do so. Their wares must be priced and 20% of their takings donated to the Society Funds.

New members are always made welcome. Subscription £2.00 which allows members to receive 10% discount at four local Garden Centres.

To enable Exhibitors to do their Handicrafts ready for next year's show, the following classes have been decided:-

Childs garment 4 ply - label to be attached
Ladies hand knitted garment - label to be attached
Gents hand knitted garment - " " " "
Machine knitted garment - " " " "
Piece of Embroidery of any design
Handicrafts Exhibit - Men
Handicrafts Exhibit - Ladies.



Sibford Village Hall.

MUSIC AND WORDS FOR CHRISTMAS

THE SHENLOW SINGERS

MONDAY DECEMBER 21st.

7.30pm.

Tickets £2.50

(to include seasonal refreshments)

TICKETS available from THE POST OFFICE

and 'DR. AGNEW'S SURGERY.

A FIRST!

The Sibford and Epwell Branch of the North Oxfordshire Conservative Association held its first meeting at the home of Monty and Rosalind Pearlman, Burdrop House on Friday 30th October 1987. The Association is very keen to encourage new members to join them and hope to bring the village communities together to discuss local issues, raise funds and have fun! A committee of officers was elected as follows:-

Chairman	Monty Pearlman
Treasurer	Peter Baseby
Secretary	Aniela Duggins

It is hoped that bright ideas, lively conversation and new friendships will emerge over the coming months - watch this space for latest exciting developments on the Sibford and Epwell social scene.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Twenty four days of living and loving to Christmas!

The tiring team that put together the 'Scene' wish you all - our friends - the villagers of Sibford - a wonderful Christmas.

Whether it be in the simple look of wonder in a child's face on Christmas morning or something rather more mysterious such as the thoughtful moment that stretches beyond the border of belief to the ultimate horizon of knowing - Let there be wonder.

The Editor would like to take this opportunity, as 1987 slowly slides away, to join with the very many villagers who have asked him to thank on their behalf: our assistant editor who does all the hard work - Vivienne - Mollie who designs our front page - regular contributors, The Rector and his printing machine and also of course the countless number who turn out in the snow and rain to deliver OUR SCENE.

Thank you all and an exciting and challenging 1988 to us all and may we have the strength as well to deal with it!! God rest Ye Merry!

Dear Mr. Editor,

Thank YOU for putting the Scene together for us every month and for not appearing to mind too much the criticisms, which inevitably come when one is involved with producing a Village publication.

We wish you a Happy Christmas and a well earned rest!

MUSIC AND WORDS FOR CHRISTMAS

THE SHENLOW SINGERS

A reminder that the Shenlow Singers are coming to The Village Hall on Monday December 21st at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £2.50 to include refreshments.

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends
Methodist

Sundays at 10.30 a.m.
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Roman Catholic Mass

Hook Norton Sunday at 11 a.m.
Brailes Sunday at 11.30 a.m.

Holy Trinity: 6th Dec & 3rd Jan - 8am Holy Communion (Old Service)
13th Dec, 20th Dec, 10th Jan & 24th Jan - 10am Holy Communion
17th Jan - 10am Matins and Holy Communion
27th Dec - United Benefice Eucharist (10am) at Epwell
31st Jan - United Benefice Eucharist (10am) at Sibford

Christmas: Carol Service on 22nd December at 7pm

Midnight Mass at 11.30pm on Christmas Eve

Christmas Day: Family Communion 11.30am (Early Communion at
Tadmarton & Epwell)

26th Dec. & 1st January: 10.30am Holy Communion.

WEEKLY EVENTS

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)

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Dec.	1st	Friendship Club 2 p.m. Vill. Hall. Christmas Flower Arrangement
	2nd	Bring & Buy Sale, Guide Dogs for the Blind 10.30 onwards at Mrs. Ross's, Westerways, Sibford Ferris.
	5th	Scout Paper Collection.
	8th	W.I. Meeting 2 p.m. Village Hall. Talk on Alpine Plants
	9th	Sibford Horticultural Society 8 p.m. Vill. Hall "Bonnie Scotland"
	15th	Leo Club 8 p.m. at The Court House. take some food.
	16th	Coffee Evening for Holy Trinity 6.30 p.m. at Beyond the End.
	17th	Carol Singing by Brownies & Guides from 6.45 p.m. onwardss
	20th	Christmas Carols at Methodist Chapel 11 a.m.
	21st	Shenlow Singers, Village Hall 7.30 p.m.
	22nd	Friendship Club, Xmas Lunch. 12.30 p.m.
	22nd	Joint Carol Service 7 p.m. Holy Trinity Church.

JANUARY CALENDAR

Jan.	5th	Friendship Club - Village Hall 2 p.m.
	19th	Friendship Club - Village Hall 2 p.m. Members Meeting.
	24th	United Ecumenical Service at 3pm at the Methodist Church.

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