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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

The judges found it difficult to select one clear winner from eighteen excellent entries.

After many days of being locked together the puff of smoke eventually came and the winner is:

CHARLOTTE EMM, 5 Barley Close.

Well done Charlotte! A book token is winging its way to you in the care of Postman Pat!

The winning entry is reproduced (above) in this issue of the Scene.

1ST THE SIBFORDS SCOUTS COFFEE MORNING

VILLAGE HALL, SATURDAY 30 JANUARY

10.30 - 12.00 p.m.

Bring and Buy, Nearly New, Tombola, Car Washing and more, besides.

RURAL AREAS LOCAL PLAN AND SIBFORD GOWER CONSERVATION AREA

Readers may remember that last September Cherwell District Council published a draft Rural Areas Local Plan which included a proposal to designate a conservation area for Sibford Gower - a proposal which had already been considered by the Parish Council. They invited comments and objections, to be received by 30th November.

They have now told the Parish Council that there were no objections to the plan for Sibford Gower so the way is now clear for them to consider the Parish Council's proposal to add to the conservation area originally suggested the field to the south-east of Burdrop House; this seems to be a logical extension to the valley which is already included in the proposal. In all other respects the area is that discussed at the public meeting which was held on 23rd September 1987.

DOES THIS APPEAL TO YOU

An opportunity to visit Orpheus in the Underworld?

If so, there are spare seats on the coach leaving Sibford on Saturday 19th March for the 2.30 performance at the Memorial Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon.

Tickets £4.00. Fare approx. £1. W.I. Organiser: M. Cox, Tel. 510.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Village Quiz

Poker faced Friends indeed!! Why, I distinctly remember giggling three times! As to surgery and D.I.Y. Never! I know all about layers of the skin from the endless women's magazines I read on skin care and the page after page of advertisements for moisturising creams.

Happy Christmas.

Anne.

URGENTLY NEEDED
Reliable cleaning help
Sibford Gower.
Please ring: Swa. 216

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION

On behalf of G.D.B.A. may I thank all those who helped and contributed so generously to the Coffee Morning on December 2nd.

We made a wonderful total of £202.55 for which G.D.B.A. are most grateful.

Chris. Ross

SIBFORD W.I.

The December Meeting was enlivened by a fascinating and colourful illustrated talk given by Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis. They described travels in Europe during which they sought out and photographed Alpine Flowers, some very rare. The quality of the slides and all the little asides about their holiday made a most interesting talk. Many thanks to them. Afterwards, tea was served by Mrs. Conway and Mrs. Baggaley and Mr. Jarvis judged competition entries on a theme "A Flower Photograph". The winner was Mrs. Baadsgaard, 2nd Mrs. Bristow, 3rd Mrs. Grasby.

It was decided to hold the January "Members Meeting", traditionally arranged by non-committee members, at Mrs. Bristow's house. A pleasant afternoon was had by all and Mrs. Conway's games were played enthusiastically. Mrs. Baggaley, Mrs. Grasby and Mrs. Conway provided refreshments, and all enjoyed themselves. A sub-committee has been formed to put together a programme of meetings for the year 1988 - 89. Any member with a particular request or idea is asked to contact Mrs. Jarvis before February 8th.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday February 9th when Mr. Barry Davies will give an illustrated talk on "Faded and Vague Memories of a forgettable, uneventful train journey across Canada!" 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. The Competition will be for the best jar of Marmalade. As Mr. Davies is very fond of marmalade he has promised to help with the tasting!

WELCOME TO SIBFORD

After three weeks of all the upheaval involved in re-wiring, damp-coursing and plastering, Hugh and Fiona Pidgeon moved into their new home in Burdrop just in time to see in the New Year. They have come from just over the border in Warwickshire in search of greater space but also the sense of community they so much enjoyed in their former village. Before they had children Hugh and Fiona travelled widely, including two years in Peking. The family now includes Jenny (9) and Anna (7), who have both started happily in the village school. Hugh works in industry as a consultant in organizational change and has recently completed three years training as a Gestalt psychotherapist. Until they moved here, Fiona was working as a lab technician in their local secondary school.

Dee Evetts lives with Hugh and Fiona when he is in England. Originally from Essex and Cambridge and a former language teacher, he and Hugh first met when they were both working in Thailand. He now earns his living as a carpenter specializing in sympathetic alterations. In his spare time he studies and writes haiku poetry.

David and Hilary Maguire have moved into Sunnybank, Sibford Ferris from Bucks. Both are Chartered Accountants and David commutes daily to London where he is a partner in a firm of Accountants. Hilary alas had to give up full time work with the abacus when Michael (now one year old) arrived. He would like us all to know he has just started walking.

Hilary enjoys music and plays the flute and used to sing in a Choir. David is more down to earth and into such he-man like activities as SPORT! He has taken part in the London Marathon and even intends to do it again!

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 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!

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SIBFORD SCHOOL - DIARY OF EVENTS

MONDAY 18th JANUARY	Spring Term commenced
	Each Saturday during term time Bryan Lee, Director of Music, who is a trained classical guitarist will be offering classical guitar classes which will run from 11.00 am to 12.00. The cost will be £1.00 payable each session and the invitation is open to all interested adults, the only thing you need to bring is a nylon strung guitar.
WEDNESDAY 27th	Trip for 4th and 5th Years to Swan Theatre, Stratford on Avon to see "Testament of Youth"
FRIDAY 5th FEBRUARY	4.00 pm Fifth Year Parents Evening
SATURDAY 6th	Long Exeat Weekend
TUESDAY 16th	6.00 pm Third Year Options Meeting
WEDNESDAY 17th	Half-Term begins
SUNDAY 21st	Half-Term ends
THURSDAY 25th	11.00 am. Visit of John Lewis's Representatives to measure children for school uniform.
SATURDAY 27th	<u>9.30 am SCHOLARSHIP EXAM</u>
—	A Scholarship worth half the day pupil's fee is offered from September 1988 and will be awarded on the result of an examination to be held at the school. Details can be obtained from the Headmaster's Secretary . Telephone Swalcliffe 441.
SUNDAY 29th	Another theatre trip has been arranged. This time to Stratford on Avon theatre to see "Carrie".
WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH	Inter-House Cross-Country Competition
SATURDAY 12th	Parents Day - Parents interviews with teaching staff by appointment. F.O.S.S. are organising an Auction and 50/50 Sale. Entry to the auction is free but if you would like to enjoy a delicious buffet for £2.00 per head phone the school for a booking form. Full details of timing (probably around 6.00 pm with viewing from 5.00 pm and the auction itself at 6.45) will be sent to you with your tickets once plans have been finalised. Please let us have your requirements by 1st March.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 1988

The annual service, with a theme 'Open Doors' will be held on Friday 4th March at the Methodist Church. There will be the opportunity to meet one another after the service; it starts at 2pm and will finish in time to collect children from school at 3pm.

Erica Wimbush

NATURE NOTES

Dec. 12th I disturbed a fox which was lying up in the dutch barn this afternoon. Now that we stack the bales mechanically in blocks of 40, there are some gaps between the stacks in which a fox can be very comfortable.

Dec. 22nd Took a walk along Ditchedge Lane and saw two very well used badger setts.

Jan. 11th A lot of birds are voicing their thanks for the mild weather, including a great tit giving its spring call that sounds like someone filing a saw.

While shifting some wet bales of straw today, we came across a water shrew. One once stayed for a while under our sink unit and used to come out in the evening to drink milk from the cats' bowl.

Jan. 15th. Having said last month that I rarely see long-tailed tits, I today saw another group working their way along a hedgerow. They must travel some distance during a day. I wonder whether they return to a set roosting site.

Jan. 17th. The mild weather has helped the late planted wheat and barley to catch up. It has also brought out the spring flowers. I saw some violets in bloom today and also a few flowers on a forsythia bush.

Jan. 19th. While having breakfast I saw 13 sorts of birds come to our bird table. They includes coal tits, green finches, tree sparrows, a magpie and a cock pheasant, while wood pigeons and collared doves looked on from the trees around. Two squirrels also came, but I have put a plastic pipe round the leg of the table to stop them climbing up. Last year a clever old rock learnt to settle on the top and, taking the string in its beak, would lift the lump of suet from its hook. To stop this, I have added a flat piece of weldmesh above the table from which we hang the nut containers, suet etc.

Jan. 20th. Found a dead water shrew, probably the same one that I disturbed on the 11th, or are they more common than I realise? It is quite a bit bigger than a common shrew with a back the colour of a mole and almost white underneath.

S O R R Y

A very sincere apology from the Scene to the organisers of the Christmas Carols at the Methodist Church.

How your notice became mixed up with Hockey, Hedge Cutting and Taxis we shall never know!!

Sorry! It won't happen again. Next year - a page to yourself!

ETHIOPIA APPEAL

February 3rd is RED NOSE day when the BBC is promoting the wearing of red plastic noses to raise money for Ethiopia. We are just planning to offer coffee and a chance to meet your friends and buy some home made cakes and bric a brac and bits and pieces (no jumble!) on the week after,

SAT. FEB. 13th 10.30 - 11.30

at The Mission Hall

Contributions of all kinds gratefully received please!

Anne Marcovitch and family. 8163

ARTS IN CHERWELL

Cherwell District Council issues a quarterly leaflet giving details of events in the District. The current issue has details of 'Cupid's Lark' by Tacit Dance Theatre (Banbury School, 24th Feb), 'Venice to Vienna' a musical journey from Monteverdi's Venice to Schubert's Vienna (Banbury Town Hall, 26th February also at Bicester 25th February), Berlin Chamber Orchestra (Bloxham Parish Church 5th March), 'Look what we've got' (comedy theatre at The Mill, Spiceball Park, 24th February) as well as regular sessions of the Mill Youth Theatre, Mill Drama Group, Mill Jazz Club, Mill Folk Club and Banbury Community Dance Project.

Anyone wishing to be put on the mailing list for these leaflets or wishing to advertise their own arts events in them should write to the Arts Officer, Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Banbury, Oxon OX15 4BH. Mailing list applicants are asked to say which of Dance, Mime, Visual Arts, Theatre, Classical Music, Other Music and Literature particularly interest them.

1ST THE SIBFORDS SCOUT GROUP

Those of you who also read other local newspapers will know already that 1st The Sibfords hit the headlines recently when four of our boys won the County Cooking Competition judged by the Randolph Hotel chef. Needless to say we are very pleased with the boys' effort (they only lost 8 marks) but we are delighted that they have put 1st The Sibfords on the County 'map'. CONGRATULATIONS TO ASHLEY HICKS, JAMIE WHITE, FRANK SODEN AND DUNCAN JUDD.

WASTE PAPER - We will continue to collect this on the first Saturday of each month (except when Scouting events require the boys to be elsewhere, and then we will inform you.)

Unfortunately, we do find that cardboard is difficult for us to handle - you see it is more bulk than weight and we have only limited storage and, moreover, get paid by weight. So, we do not really want flattened cardboard boxes but as we like the paper to be bundled up we don't mind if this is done in a cardboard box.

We have also had complaints about waste paper being left outside the garage, particularly when it has blown around. We are sorry about this but we can only deal with paper at the weekends

FRIENDSHIP CLUB NOTES

Tues. Feb. 2nd. at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. An Open to All Whist Drive. Visitors will pay 50p. Members will pay usual 10p. plus 5p. Good prizes and Raffle and Refreshments.

Tuesday Feb. 16th A Coffee Morning 10.30 - 12.30 in the Village Hall. Admission 25p. including Coffee. Bring & Buy Stall and Raffle.

Tuesday March 1st At 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mrs. Judd on "Cake Icing". Tea and Raffle. Do not forget first meeting in April (April 5th) will be the Annual Meeting.

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.

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Swa. 8337

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Gillian Brookes. The Potting Shed, 'Sunrise', Swalcliffe.

Tel: Swa. 295

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<p>HEDGE, VERGE & GRASS CUTTING DRY STONE WALLING N. G. PLUMRIDGE SWALCLIFFE 8346 for competitive prices & professional results</p>	<p>COTSWOLD CARS PRIVATE HIRE TAXI POLITE AND FRIENDLY SERVICE FOR ALL YOUR LONG OR SHORT JOURNEYS RING: SWALCLIFFE 676</p>
<p><u>BANBURY MENS HOCKEY CLUB</u> are looking for new members ANY AGE Hockey, Social Events, Training Ring Adrian Lamb, Swalcliffe 380</p>	

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CLEANING HELP

HELP urgently needed for housework,
including some Saturday mornings by
arrangement. Please ring Swalcliffe 216.

North Oxon Conservative Association

For those interested The Womens Group will be holding its A.G.M. on February 24th at 10 a.m. at The Conservative Office, 16A North Bar, Banbury.

There is also the Constituency Race Night on February 27th in the Town Hall. Tickets and information about this social event from Conservative Office, Banbury 62341.

PAPER COLLECTION

The collection will take place this month as usual on the first Saturday, 6th: please do not deliver any paper to the garage except on the first Saturday of every month.

ECUMENICAL LENT STUDY

What on earth is the Church for? was the question we asked ourselves two years ago. In towns and villages all over the country, well over one million people of all denominations (and indeed of none!) addressed themselves to the problem.

Two years further on and we ask 'Who on earth are you?' Colin Frith has kindly offered the use of his house, and on Thursdays (from 25th Feb.) all are invited to answer that new question. Please let him know if you are likely to attend. A book, excellent value at £1, is indispensable to a really useful discussion. It can be obtained in advance: just ask him or the Rector. If Thursday's not a good night, other groups meet nearby.

'A BRIDGE QUITE NEAR'

It is planned to start a weekly Afternoon Bridge Group in Hook Norton. Anyone interested please contact Mrs. Saito (0608) 730-285.

CHECK MATE

DEE EVETTS of BURDROP, phone Swalcliffe 360, claims to lack match practice in his favourite pastime of CHESS, and would like to hear from anyone with a similar interest who might wish to arrange a friendly game or two.

START THE CLOCK!

WELCOME TO SIBFORD LEAFLET

It is time once again for the annual update of this most useful Leaflet. Normally Sue Colquhoun contacts ALL the organisations in the Village to check that the information contained in the leaflet is correct. This year, however, she would very much appreciate it if each group that is featured in the leaflet, or would like to be featured, would ring her on Swa. 660 (evenings) to confirm, or otherwise, the information contained in the leaflet. So remember, if you want your organisation included, you MUST ring her.

SIBFORD BROWNIES & GUIDES

are holding a Coffee Evening, Bring and Buy, on Thursday 11th February in Sibford Village Hall from 6.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. The proceeds to be given to Holy Trinity Church towards the cost of repairing the stained glass windows. Bric a Brac Stall, Book Stall, Home made etc.

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT US.

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends
Methodist
Roman Catholic Mass

Sundays at 10.30 a.m.

Sundays at 11 a.m.

Hook Norton Sunday at 11 a.m.

Brailes Sunday at 11.30 a.m.

Holy Trinity.

Sunday	7th	8 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday	14th	10 a.m.	Holy Communion (also 21st)
Sunday	28th	10 a.m.	United Service in Sibford.

Ash Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Tuesdays in Lent; Holy Communion 7.30 p.m.

Thursdays in Lent; Holy Communion 7.30 a.m.

Lent Study Groups; Thursdays 8 p.m. at Barn Close, Burdrop.

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)

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Jan.	30th	Scouts Coffee Morning - Village Hall 10.30 a.m.
Feb.	2nd	Friendship Club, Whist Drive. Village Hall 2 p.m.
Feb.	6th	Paper Collection.
Feb.	9th	W.I. Meeting, Village Hall 2 p.m.
Feb.	11th	Sibford Brownie & Guides, Coffee Evening, Village Hall, 6 p.m.
Feb.	13th	Ethiopian Appeal, Coffee Morning, Mission Hall, 10.30 a.m.
Feb.	16th	Friendship Club, Coffee Morning Village Hall, 10.30 a.m.
Feb.	16th	Leo Club, The Court House, 8 p.m.
Feb.	24th	North Oxon. Conservative Ass. Womens Group A.G.M. 10 a.m.
Mar.	1st	Friendship Club, 'Cake Icing', Village Hall 2 p.m.

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