



DATE ALTERATIONS FOR YOUR DIARY

"The Horticultural Society Committee are very sorry that several incorrect dates have appeared in the programme for 1988 on the back of the green show schedules which have just been delivered to your homes.

Will you all therefore alter your programmes as follows:-

In April the meeting will be on the 13th of the month.

In May the meeting will be on the 11th of the month.

In December the meeting will be on the 14th of the month.

In every case this is the usual second Wednesday.

M. Bristow - Secretary. "

BANBURY PEACE FORUM

The next meeting of the Banbury Peace Forum will be held on Friday, 11th March, starting at 7.30 p.m., in St. Mary's Church Centre, Banbury.

The Speaker will be Brigadier Michael Harbottle, O.B.E., one of the retired NATO Generals working for peace and disarmament. He has had wide experience, serving in India, Africa, Europe and the Middle East, but is now undertaking practical projects for promoting international understanding and security. Brigadier Harbottle was General Secretary of the U.K. World Disarmament Campaign for some years, and founded the London Centre for international Peacebuilding.

His subject will be "Waging War on War" at this meeting, after which refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

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!

SIBFORD W.I.

The February meeting was well attended to hear an entertaining and interesting talk by Mr. Barry Davies on the origins of the Trans Canadian Railway and a journey across Canada which he made on it. He illustrated the talk with slides and with word pictures which he wrote about the journey and which brought the talk alive. It was very enjoyable.

A competition for good marmalade was won by Mrs. Soden and Mrs. Shields was runner up. Mr. Davies elected to be rewarded for his efforts "in kind" and made off with quite a few jars.

Next month on March 8th there will be a talk by Mrs. Davenport on "Fostering". There will be a competition for the best Baby Photograph - Guess Who?

There will also be a Bring and Buy stall at the March meeting as funds need replenishing.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB NOTES FOR MARCH

Tuesday March 1st in the Village Hall at 2 p.m. Speaker Mrs. Judd on making Chocolate Figures. Tea and biscuits.

Tuesday March 15th in Epwell Village Hall at 2 p.m. Slide Show by Mr. Lovesey. Tea and Biscuits.

The Friendship Club is for the over sixties. Please come and join us. Visitors always welcome.

A WORLD WORTHY OF THE SURVIVAL OF NATURE

The Editor has received a number of rebukes for publishing details of which certain of our animal friends can be found and watched.

The rebukes are well meant, for of course, in the present climate, it is unwise to give such details, but how it hurts not to be able to share pleasures with all because of the few!

1ST THE SIBFORDS SCOUT GROUP

THE TRIBULATIONS OF THE WASTE PAPER COLLECTORS (PART 10B)

We have been extremely grateful to Mrs. Webb who has allowed us to use her garage to collect paper for the past two years. Unfortunately this garage is no longer available to us so PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY MORE PAPER OUTSIDE IT.

However, we are now in the debt of Mr. Barry Davies who has kindly allowed us to use his garage (opposite Whitt's End) so our money raising efforts can continue. Many thanks to all who help by lending garages, saving paper, putting out paper on first Saturday morning in each month, and by bundling up with string, and not leaving cardboard

SIBFORD PRIMARY P.T.A./WEBB IVORY

On behalf of the P.T.A. may I thank many people who ordered Webb Ivory goods last Christmas - helping us to raise £204.46. for P.T.A. funds.

Gill Judd

TIME FOR A "WHIP ROUND!"

There are certain triggers which switch the Editor over from his aimless and tireless glide through life to action and urgency.

Easter Eggs in the shops means Christmas is nigh "buy the turkey" - advertisements for Christmas indicates Summer Holiday Time - "book a flight!"

This month three click, click, clicks, namely the receipt of a most generous cheque from The Sibford School, the snowdrops in full bloom and half a torn envelope from the Treasurer saying that "funds is low", sharpen the Editor's awareness that it is the time of year to bring out the begging bowl and ask for alms to keep the Scene thundering through the village letter boxes for another twelve months.

The Rector - who knows about these things - reports that paper has escalated to £3.50 a ream (whatever that is), so apparently all those readers with bright children will be able to get them to calculate that a 10 page (5 leaf) Scene with stencils, printing ink, etc. cost about £20 for 400 copies - 10 Scenes a year and the magic target figure of £200 appears on the screens of their home computers (don't you wish you had refused the children's Christmas requests now?).

The Scene is lucky in having most generous Societies and Charities and Councils who donate about half of the sum required but we do rely very much on individual families who feel that they can contribute towards the remainder.

As usual, donations, either cheques or coins of the realm, should be popped through the Editor's letter box in an envelope.

We are also lucky in being able to count on our Village Shop displaying a collection box in a prominent position. It is understood that as the postmistress gives back the change she presses a pedal and the collecting box rattles menacingly!

Remember the Sibford Scene is your monthly guide as to "what is on". Please be generous and above all do it NOW.

WANTED FOR RED CROSS

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Odd balls of wool; large or small bits of material; old feather pillows and bolsters or even a feather bed.

I shall be glad to collect and grateful to receive any of these, all of which can be put to good use for the benefit of the Red Cross.

Anne Stephens, Swalecliffe 452.

LEO CLUB

The Leo Club met last month at the home of Mrs. Hutchinson. We had a very good evening and were most interested to see some Cine film of the time Mrs. Hutchinson spent in Japan. She has promised to show us the rest another time. Many thanks to Mrs. Hutchinson for her hospitality.

The next meeting of Leo will be held on Tuesday 22nd March at 8 p.m. at The Court House. Sara Watts will be coming along to give a Make-up demonstration and a short talk. (NOTE the 22nd is the 4th Tuesday in the month).

SIBFORD SCHOOL - DIARY OF EVENTS

Tuesday 1st March)	Mock Interviews for members of the 5th Form.
Wednesday 2nd March)	
Wednesday 2nd March	Iner House Senior Netball Matches
Saturday 5th March	ISIS Exhibition at Kensington
Sunday 6th March	
Sunday 6th March	Inter House Volleyball Matches
Wednesday 9th March	Inter House Cross-Country Competition
Saturday 12th March	Parents' Day - Interviews with teaching staff.

FRIENDS OF SIBFORD are organising an Auction and 50/50 sale.

Entry to the actual auction is free. A Buffet supper will be served at a cost of £2.00 per person. Full details of timing (probably around 6pm with viewing from 5pm and the auction itself at 6.45) will be sent to you with your tickets once plans have been finalised. Please phone school office (Swalcliffe 441) for details.

Thursday 17th March	Sibford will be host to 13 visiting schools for the Cross-Country League meeting.
Saturday 19th March	House swimming gala at 2pm.
Friday 25th March	Term Ends

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C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S T O T H E D I R E C T O R O F M U S I C F O R S I B F O R D
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TO LONDON ON SUNDAY 13th MARCH FOR REHEARSALS. W E W I S H T H E M " A L L T H E
LUCK IN THE WORLD".

North Oxon Conservative Association - Sibford & Epwell Branch

There will be a Coffee Morning, with cake stall and raffle on Thursday
24th March at the Yews, Main Street, Sibford Gower, from 10.30am until
Noon. Entrance fee - 50p to include refreshments.

WELCOME TO SIBFORD

The affray bordering on riot that was heard in Bonds End Lane one night last month had nothing to do with Nurses on the march or militant seamen - the loud knocking on the Editors door turned out to be nothing more challenging to the peaceful Sibford Scene than THE BUTTS demanding to know why after eight months in the district they had not been featured in the 'Welcome to Sibford' column, especially as they had for that special reason invited the Editor to their house warming. The Editor, who is no coward, explained through the locked door that it was "Sue's fault" and after dispensing Remy Martin through the letter box the noise abated and shadowy figures with candles in nearby windows faded away.

SO - Richard and Sandra Butt moved into College Barn Farm soon after their wedding last June - an ideal permanent honeymoon home where even George the milkman seldom penetrates - accessible on fine summer days by ten wheel drive troop carriers or commandos in thigh boots!!

With ten thousand others, the Butts claim their bungalow has the loveliest view in Oxfordshire and so it has when the wind subsides.

Sandra does something pretty important in Banbury and is to be seen staggering along under enormous portfolios. She says her office overlooks the longest and most permanent traffic jam in England!

Richard on the other hand talks vaguely about developing things but does not specify whether "the things" are films or muscles or even his appetite for he is often to be seen with dog and gun potting the evening meal - Rook Pie!

Neither are strangers to the district. Richard came here at an early age and attended Sibford School (The School itself wishes this to be kept secret!) while Sandra's parents farm in nearby Whichford.

We wish them both a super life together - a grand couple!

Once more the finger post on the Shipston Road indicating "Good Food at the Wykham Arms" is correct under the trade description act! The menu has been altered and many would claim greatly improved by our new Landlord and lady - Mike and Sheila Offer who we welcome to the Sibfords.

Mike and Sheila have come from Winchester where, for the last ten years, they kept the pub right next to the Cathedral. They took last year off and spent time down in Spain to fortify themselves for the next challenge to be fought here at the Wykham Arms. They moved in on December 19th and it is to their credit and experience that the Christmas rush went so smoothly and was hardly noticed. Daughter Claire returns now and again to ensure that standards have not stopped since she left home!

Mike and Sheila share all the work and responsibility. They are anxious to meet all the Sibfordians and ask that locals introduce themselves by name (preferably Christian) when they call in. The 'real' villagers (those second, third and more generation) are allowed to introduce themselves with the words "I remember when this....." In this way Mike will be able to distinguish the legitimate 'locals' from their adopted neighbours!

The Dining Room has been given a completely new atmosphere and Mike and Sheila are now advertising a three course Sunday Roast Lunch which is very popular.

The Wykham Arms is in good hands; old traditions and new quality will be safely preserved. The village can be proud of this pub and can strongly defend its reputation against the claims of any neighbouring hamlet.

Welcome Mike - a pint please! Welcome Sheila - have you a table for four about half past seven? Oh incidentally, what about American Express?

WELCOME TO SIBFORD

Nick and Sue Richards moved into 3 Barley Close the Monday before Christmas which they felt was either a foolhardy or brave date, but they managed to enjoy the festive season despite the chaos.

Nick has joined the Nat. West Staff College at Heythrop Park as a Tutor. He enjoys chess and would like to hear from anybody who enjoys a game at intermediate level. He is also a keen runner and a marathon and half marathon participant.

Sue gave up teaching when Stuart was born 2½ years ago. Matthew was a New Year's Day baby a year ago and is already a sturdy walker. They are already regular members of the Toddler group, and look forward to joining in with Playgroup after Easter.

ETHIOPIA APPEAL

On Saturday February 13th the Mission Hall was given an attempted "Valentines Day" decor and home made cakes and childrens toys and books were sold. The fine sum of £80 was raised. Very grateful thanks to all who helped and contributed in any way.

P.S. I've heard several approving reports about various cakes and pies sold!

Anne Marcovitch.

SIBFORD FERRIS PLAYAREA PROJECT UPDATE

Since the last 'fun fundraiser', that being the Childrens Halloween Party which was a great success for the children and raised £25, another £14 was emptied from the collection box left in Green's store by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. David Dyer, and a sale of spring bulbs by Joanna Lamb brought in another £23, bringing our total at the end of 1987 to approx. £1,100.

With this sound amount behind us, we were able to arrange a meeting with members of the manpower services commission to discuss which equipment to purchase for the children. We are at present waiting for a quote on what we thought would be most suitable and hopefully work on the playarea can commence sometime during late spring or early summer.

More recently a contribution of £44 was given towards the project by pupils from Sibford School. This was much appreciated, as this project is to be a long-term one and funds must always be made available to cover costs such as rent, maintenance, etc. over the years.

The group are hoping to organise a Coffee Morning in the near future and would welcome anyone along.

Bernie Jones
Chairman/Secretary, S.F.P.G.

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NATURE NOTES

Jan. 22nd While inspecting our winter barley crops, I was looking at the piles of small stones that the worms had collected to cover their hole entrances - some of the stones as much as an inch across. I don't know why they do this. Could it be as protection from predators when they are drawn to the surface by the flooding of their holes?

Jan. 26th Watched three squirrels busily feeding on haws; also a great spotted woodpecker on the nuts on our bird table.

Jan. 31st With daffodils in bud by the farm lane, and cock blackbirds sparring on the lawn, we might be forgiven for thinking that spring is really here.

Feb. 6th Saw a warbler, a chiff-chaff I think, working its way through a patch of stinging nettle stalks. With its feathers puffed out it didn't look very excited with life, and as an insect eater, will be hard pressed to survive till spring, unless it moves back south or to lower ground. Chiff chaffs normally winter in southern Europe or North Africa but do sometimes stay in Cornwall or South Devon. They are among the first of our summer birds to return but I have never seen one in February before.

Feb. 14th Found a bumble bee crawling on a plant in the garden. With a helping hand it readily crawled back under the plant again.

GANG SHOW

Oxford - Saturday 19th March. Few tickets left. £3.50.
from Anne Spicer (690)

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 4th March. Service 2 p.m. Methodist Church.

ALLOTMENT TO LET

Moderate Terms. Friends Meeting House Grounds.

Telephone: 317

SIBFORD BROWNIES AND GUIDES

Many many thanks to all those parents and friends who supported so well our Bring and Buy Sale on 11th February. The grand total of £100.65. was given to Holy Trinity to help with the repair of the stained glass window.

WELL DONE BROWNIES AND GUIDES.

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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. £1.00. W.I. Organiser: M. Cox. Tel: 510

SIBFORD BROWNIES

Sibford Brownies, accompanied by parents and leaders, will be coming around the villages during the period March 10th - 17th to do their annual collection for

DR. BARNARDOS

Please look out for us and give us your support.

SIBFORD SCHOOL

AUCTION - March 12th 6.45 p.m.

Entrance is free

Buffet £2.00

Friends of Sibford School are staging an AUCTION in the Main School Hall on March 12th. Items to be auctioned include:

a Holiday in the Swiss Alps, an Amstrad Computer, a bottle of Champagne, tennis coaching, fishing expeditions and lots lots more.

There is a buffet laid on from 6.00 p.m. (tickets £2.00 to be booked in advance from Janette Skeath c/o the School). During that time from 6.00 p.m. - 6.45 p.m. you can view the items and decide what you would like to bid for.

Why not come along and support the school. Entrance to the Auction is free. The money raised is to go towards equipping the new Resource Area.

Janette Skeath
F.O.S.S. Secretary.

WELCOME TO SIBFORD LEAFLET

It is time once again for the annual update of this most useful leaflet. Normally Sue Colquhoun contacts AEL 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, would ring her on Swa. 660 (evenings) to confirm, or otherwise, the information.

At the last count, only 2 organisations had contacted her. So don't put it off a moment longer - Ring Sue N O W on 660.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends	Sundays at 10.30 a.m.
Methodist	Sundays at 11 a.m.
Roman Catholic Mass	Hook Norton Sunday at 11 a.m.
	Brailes Sunday at 11.30 a.m.

Holy Trinity

March 6th	8 a.m.	Holy Communion
March 13th	10 a.m.	Family Mothering Sunday Service & Baptism
March 20th	10 a.m.	Holy Communion
March 27th	10 a.m.	Palm Sunday Service at Swalcliffe.
Tuesdays	7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Thursdays	7.30 a.m.	Holy Communion

HOLY WEEK

March 28th	Monday	7.30 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
March 29th	Tuesday	7.30 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
March 30th	Wednesday	7.30 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
March 31st	Maundy Thursday	8 p.m.	Service at Epwell.
April 1st	Good Friday	7 p.m.	Service at Sibford.

EASTER DAY (3rd)

11 p.m.	Saturday	Midnight Eucharist
8 a.m.		Holy Communion
11 a.m.		Family Morning Service with 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	Following Cubs on Friday
Playgroup	Village Hall	9.30 daily except Tuesday (term time)
Mums & Toddlers	Friends School	10 - 12 noon Wednesdays (term time)

MARCH CALENDAR

March 1st	Friendship Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.	'Mrs. Judd'
March 4th	Womens World Day of Prayer 2 p.m.	Methodist Church
March 5th	Scouts Paper Collection	
March 8th	W.I. Meeting, Village Hall 2 p.m.	'Fostering'
March 10th	Start of Brownies collection for Dr. Barnardos.	
March 11th	Peace Forum, Banbury 7.30 p.m.	
March 15th	Friendship Club, 2 p.m.	Epwell Village Hall. Slide Show.
March 19th	Trip to Stratford, Orpheus in the Underworld.	
March 19th	Trip to Oxford, GANG SHOW.	
March 22nd	Leo Club, The Court House, 8 p.m.	Make up demonstration.

AND

DON'T FORGET: Saturday March 12th.

AUCTION at Sibford School 6.45 p.m.

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