

Do you remember the forore when the Archbishop's Commission produced 'Faith in the City'? You would have thought that the end of the world was in sight. Much adverse comment came from many sources, and yet some remedial work has already been put in hand by those who were the most vociferous.

But now there has been launched, on 20th April, the fund named above: it aims to raise £18,000,000 over the next two years to support church-based work in the urban areas of deprivation about which most of us must surely have heard something.

That target has been divided among the dioceses, or areas, of England, and our own diocese - one of the richest in the country - has been given the target of  $\mathfrak{L}^1$  million!! (not just Sibford!)

I have done a bit of breaking down of the figures, and Sibford's own target is about £1000 over two years - which is £10 a week for that period, that's all! Colin Frith has agreed to be the man in charge of our efforts here, and he's a mine of information as to how that money can be raised. So please have a word with him.

Timothy Wimbush.

### BANBURY PEACE FORUM

The next meeting of the Peace Forum will be at 8 p.m. on Friday 20th May, in Banbury Town Hall. It will take the form of a debate between General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley, GBE, KCB, DSO, and Rev. Bruce Kent, Chairman of CND. Both men are outstanding experts on defence, and will challenge each other's ideas on whether Europe needs more conventional forces after the INF Treaty. The Chairman will be the Editor of the Banbury Guardian.

Sir Farrar-Hockley has been Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces in Europe; he is a military historian and author of many books. Bruce Kent served in the 6th Royal Tank Regiment before being ordained in the Catholic ministry, and is now President of the International Peace Bureau.

Everyone is welcome. Refreshments available afterwards.

## RED CROSS WEEK 1988

Once again members of the Youth Club will be collecting for the Red Cross during the first week in May. Please give the collectors a cheerful welcome and donate generously to this world wide charity.

Anne Stephens

### SIBFORD W.I.

The W.I. were fortunate in being able to hear a local lady, Mrs. Fiona Carlisle, from Sibford Ferris, who spoke on "Sewing and Design".

Among the many projects which she explained were the design and making of wedding dresses, silk ball gowns and church vestments as well as children's "fun" clothes and beautiful silk scarves. At the moment Mrs. Carlisle has to limit her output and devote her time to her small children, but in a few years time, Zandra Rhodes - beware!

The members' competition for a silky scarf was won by Miss Harris with a lovely antique scarf which had been handed down to her, 2nd Mrs. Hutchinson with a Japanese silk scarf and 3rd Mrs. Elldred. Mrs. Law and Mrs. Bristow served tea.

Next meeting on May 10th is the A.G.M. 2 p.m. in the Village Hall.

# FRIENDSHIP CLUB NOTES FOR MAY

Following the Annual Meeting the position of Chairman is vacant and Mrs. Hall has joined the Committee. Mr. F. Tustian of Swalcliffe died during April and he will be much missed.

Tuesday May 3rd 2 p.m. in the Main Hall, Friends School, Musical afternoon, followed by tea.

Wednesday May 11th Outing to Claydon House, Bucks. home of the Verney's, visited by Florence Nightingale. All Welcome. Contact Mrs. Webb, Tel: 8211.

Tuesday June 7th In the Village Hall at 2 p.m. Speaker from Club Holidays Ltd.

#### SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL CLUB

May 1st Sibford Open Gardens 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.

May 11th Monthly meeting - Mrs. J. Cropley, Village Hall, 8 p.m.
"Flower arrangement with particular reference to Flower Shows".

May 26th Visit to Clows Garden Centre, 7 p.m. onwards.

Looking ahead June 4th. Annual Day out to Barnsley Park Garden and Miserden Park. Tickets still available £5.00.

June 18th. Garden Sale at Mr. Bernard Phillips' home, Temple Lodge. Cakes, preserves, produce and plants of all kinds.

#### BABY SITTING CIRCLE

Bad News! The baby sitting circle is floundering as we are in need of new members.

When I first joined ten years ago it was a flourishing group but lately, as children grow older and people find that they no longer need to use the circle, it really is in need of resuscitation. So if you have small children and like to go out, a little or a lot, why not join?

Come to a get together, old members and new on Tuesday 10th May at 10.30 a.m. at 8, Barley Close, Sibford Gower, or phone Penny Lace on Swa. 503.

#### NATURE NOTES

Mar. 31st Saw two wheatears by our farm road. They looked very smart in their summer plumage. We saw two on the 27th, but none on the intervening days. I would think they were separate pairs, moving north.

April 4th A sizable flock of fieldfares were talking noisily in the trees at Hill Bottom today. I expect they will soon be leaving us.

April 10th I have heard a greater-spotted woodpecker drumming frequently over the last few days.

We have a lot of disease in our winter barley this year, particularly rynchosporium which the mild wet winter has encouraged. The winter wheat and the spring barley are moderately healthy.

April 16th I have not seen many redwings this winter, but we watched three feeding on ivy berries in the garden today.

April 17th I saw a chiffchaff in the garden a few days ago, but it has taken today's glorious weather to set him singing. Also heard a blackcap.

April 19th Heard a willow warbler and a corn bunting that has returned to our telephone wires after wintering on lower ground.

April 20th Caught sight of another wheatear.

## An unusual second appeal

#### COLLECTING BOX

The Post Office Box yielded £18.12 towards costs of the Sibford Scene. Thanks to all who contributed (except the person who placed an old one penny (1d) eein in the box!)

Last year's appeal was much better supported! The box remains in the Post Office by great kindness of David Dyer.

Two alternative boxes are available:

- 1) Through the Treasurer's (Rector's) Letter Box!
- 2) Through the Editor's Letter Box!

There is a large 'short fall' in money required to continue for another 12 months. Please help. Every little raises the total.

Timothy Wimbush - Treasurer.

## The Annual Parish Meeting Sibford Gower

Due to deadlines, it has not been possible to include the report of the meeting held on April 22nd in this issue. It is hoped to have details of this and the meeting of Sibford Ferris on May 9th in the June issue.

#### A DAY IN THE COUNTRY

Oxfordshire Y.F.C. County Show and Rally at Swalcliffe Grange on Saturday May 28th, 10.30 - 6.00.

Animals, Vintage Tractors, Craft Fair, Food and Drink and Miss Y.F.C.

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#### SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL

Following the Annual Meeting of Sibford Village Hall held on Monday 18th April, Mr. T. Rye and Mrs. J. Skeath resigned as Chairman and Secretary being replaced by Dr. Agnew and Mrs. V. Scouse; also Mrs. Warwicker becomes Vice Chairman and there are several new members on the Committee.

#### A JOB WELL DONE

The distance from the Church to the cross roads is not very far but when the route is extended up and down each garden path including many steps the physical effort is considerable.

Month after month for a good number of years, Mrs. Webb has been walking this route delivering the Sibford Scene to all households.

Alas she has recently moved to High Meadow and has had to give up her delivery service. From all the cottages and houses in this area, THANK YOU Mrs. Webb for a job well and faithfully done.

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FOR SALE

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The Red Cross has approx. 10 yards of roof lining 48" wide for sale.
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COMING SOON

SIBFORD PLAYGROUP

Jumble SALE, Wed. 18th May 2.-4 pm. Jumble, Cakes, Bric-a-brac & Books.

All Welcome.

## NORTH OXON CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION - Sibfords & Epwell Branch

The Branch Summer Party and Charity Auction will be held on 14th May at Gautherns Barn, Sibford Gower (the home of Lord and Lady May). Admission will be by ticket only.

All are welcome whether you support the Branch or not. The evening will start at 6.30 p.m. with a smoked salmon and champagne reception followed by the auction at about 7.30 p.m; it will probably finish at about 9.00 p.m. Half of the proceeds of the auction will be donated to the Katherine House Hospice Appeal.

The aim of the event is to have an enjoyable evening:

Tickets at £5 per person can be obtained from:

Mr. Monty Pearlman, Burdrop House, Burdrop (Swa. 8162)

Mr. David Bennett, 3 Mannings Close, Sibford Ferris (Swa. 373)

Mrs. Bobby Harbour, Horseshoe Cottage, Epwell (Swa. 530).

Monday 18th April 1988

Term Begins

Wednesday 27th

Inter-House Cross Country

Saturday 30th

Open Morning

French trip departs

Sunday 1st May

Sponsored Walk

Every year a group of our Senior Pupils give a week of holiday to provide a holiday for needy children from London. To raise money for this valuable service we are helding a sponsored walk in which the whole school will take part.

Tuesday 3rd May

Invitation to Friendship Club for tea

end entertainment. 2.00 p.m.

Saturday 7th May

Long exeat weakend. French trip returns.

Saturday 14th May

Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition

Tuesday 17th May

GCSE exams begin.

Saturday 21st May

Sports Day

FOSS Annual General Meeting

Friday 27th May

Half term begins at 12.45 p.m.

Sunday 5th June

Half term ends

Tuesday 7th June

Tennis trip to Queens Club

Thursday 9th June

Visit of John Lewis representative to measure children for school uniform

Saturday 11th June

FOSS Barn Dance at Chilaway Farm Duke of Edinburgh Award Expedition

leaves for Ullswater

Saturday 18th June

Expedition returns

Thursday 23rd June

Tennis trip to Wimbledon

Friday 24th June

Activities week begins

Saturday 25th June

Open Day

A marvellous opportunity to come and

look round the school. Old Scholars Cricket Match

Friday 8th July

Term Ends 

STOP PRESS: NEWS FLASH!!!!! 19th APRIL 1988

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PUPILS INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT RESPOND SCHEME SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK. SIBFORD SCHOOL HAS BEEN AWARDED £100 TO BE USED FOR THE ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP FOR DEPRIVED CHILDREN FROM LONDON. HEAD BOY, PHILIP MOLLET AND HEAD GIRL RUTH SHARPE ACCOMPANIED BY MIKE AND WENDY FINCH WENT TO THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TODAY AT THE NAT, WEST COLLEGE IN HEYTHROP.

#### WELCOME TO BIBLOID

Charlotte Ryall, aged eighteen months and known as Charlie, has recently moved into FAIRVIEW, Sibford Gower, with her parents David and Cathy. She was born in Birmingham, but went to live in Adderbury before deciding to settle down here.

David is an actor and Cathy was a wig-maker before Charlie decided that life would be more fun if Cathy became a full-time wife and mother.

Having lived partly in London and partly in Birmingham, all three of us are very pleased to be all in one place and are glad to have found such a beautiful and friendly spot to settle in.

Joan and Jack Rowlatt have come to live in Annes Cott. Sibford Ferris. They have farmed all their lives in Worcestershire and Gloucestershire, most recently between Gloucester and Ross-on-Wye in a village called Longhope.

Jack is rearing cattle, sheep and lambs and a lovely jersey cow and calf in the Friends School fields so that the pupils can learn some animal husbandry at first hand. Joan likes pottering in the garden and painting and sketching. They look forward to enjoying their retirement in Sibford.

### WARRINER SCHOOL - FRENCH EXCHANGE

For two weeks in April some children from the Warriner School had their French Penfriends to stay. Their French coach arrived at the Warriner School at nearly 4.00 p.m. on Friday 8th April, after a journey of nearly 24 hours. The French children were collected by their various families, several of them from Sibford. They soon settled in and returned to school with us on Monday. During their fortnight's stay they went on many outings, including London, Oxford and Stratford. At the weekend I had great fun with my penfriend at the swimming pool, roller disco and Drayton Manor Park. We all had a wonderful time together and the Warriner pupils are looking forward to going to France at the end of June.

Amanda Sabin.

#### LEO CLUB

A large group met at the home of Mrs. Warwicker on 19th April and enjoyed an evening of Flower Demonstrations given by The Flower Shop, Banbury, A variety of arrangements were demonstrated, some very unusual and quite unique. Members also had an opportunity to purchase and order hand made earthenware pots for the home and garden. A big thank you to Mrs. Warwicker for letting us totally disrupt her house!

Leo Club will meet next month on Tuesday 17th May at 8 p.m. at The Court House when the evening will take the form of a 'Taste and Try' with a variety of foods being provided by Leo members. Do come - it should be a very good evening.

### The Childrens Society

A very sincere 'thank you' to those who collected and those who gave so generously to this society through this year's envelope scheme. The splendid sum of £127.75 was collected and will, I am sure, be put to good use by this very worthwhile charity.

Mary Poulton

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: Coffee Morning from 10.30am at the Frith's house, Barn Close, Burdrop. Cakes, home-made produce etc. Raffle. All proceeds to help those in need - as the collections also for 1st 3 Sundays of May. TW

#### ... COMING - SOON

Sibford Primary School P.T.A. are holding a Family BARN DANCE on Friday June 24th. Watch next month for further details.

### 1st The Sibford Scout Group

## A. G. M.

To be held on Thursday 19th May at 8.00 p.m. in the Friends Hall, Sibford Gower.

The new District Scout Flag was paraded for the first time by three Sibford Scouts at the annual St. George's Day Parade in Banbury on 24th April and was dedicated during the Service at St. Mary's, Banbury. The flag had been made by a Guider from Banbury.

#### FOUND

Bathroom Sink Coke tins Lounge Carpet

Kitchen work surface Crisp packets Hoover.

Just a few of the items we found by the Elm on our Litter Blitz trip. How sad that this should be dumped in our lovely village.

#### '2 BLITZERS' !

#### WELL DONE! WELL DONE!

To all the uniformed organisations from The Sibfords (Brownies, Cubs, Guides, Scouts and Leaders) who 'did us proud' at the annual St. George's Day Parade in Banbury on Sunday 24th April. There was a very good smart' turn-out from The Sibfords and some 1,700 young people took part in the Parade in brilliant sunshine on Sunday afternoon. After a service in St. Mary's Church, Banbury, the Parade marched back to Castle Street Car Park with the Mayor and Division and District Commissioners taking the salute outside The Town Hall.

#### WEEKLY EVENTS

Swimming Club	Friends School	Monday & Wednesday 6 - 7 p.m.
		Friday 4 - 5 p.m. (Toddlers)
Malla Danaina	77:77 77-77	
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 n 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 Wednesday (Term time)

#### CHURUH 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 - May Services

lst	8	a.m.	Holy	Communion		
8th	10	a.m.	Holy	Communion		
15th	10	a.m.	Holy	Communion		
22nd	10	a.m.	Holy	Communion		
29th	10	a.m.	Unite	ed Benefice	Eucharist	here
	6	n.m.	Songs	s of Praise		

### TRINITY SUNDAY: PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Special day in Holy Trinity Church.

The morning service will be attended by people from our neighbouring parishes.

SONGS OF PRAISE: Along similar lines to last year. Please let me have written requests (and reasons if you like) for hymns you would like sung by 20th May at the latest.

After the service, a light buffet supper will be laid on at the Rectory. Though not essential, some idea of numbers would help catering.

Timothy Wimbush.

### ASCENSION DAY

12th May (Thursday): 8 p.m. United Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton Church.

### WHITSUNDAY (PENTECOST)

In addition to the 10 a.m. Service in Sibford, the Chair will be singing Evensong at Tadmarton Church at 6 p.m.

## MAY CALENDAR

May	lst	Start of Red Cross Collection week
	lst	Open Gardens afternoon.
	3rd	Friendship Club, 2 p.m. Friends School.
	7th	Paper Collection
	9th	Sibford Ferris Parish Council A.G.M.
	10th	Babysitting Circle Meeting, 10.30 a.m. 8 Barley Close.
	10th	W.I. A.G.M. 2 p.m. Village Hall.
	llth	Horticultural Society, 8 p.m. Village Hall.
	llth	Friendship Club - Outing.
	14th	North Oxon. Conservative Assn. Summer Party & Auction,
		Gautherne Barn, 6.30 p.m.
	17th	Leo Club, 8 p.m. The Court House. Taste & Try Evening.
	18th	Sibford Playgroup - Jumble Sale 2 - 4 p.m.
	19th	1st The Sibford Scout Group, A.G.M. 8 p.m. Friends Hall.
	20th	Banbury Peace Forum, 8 p.m. Banbury Town Hall.
	26th	Horticultural Club - visit to Clows. 7 p.m.
	28th	Oxon. Y.F.C. County Show & Rally, from 10.30 a.m. Swalcliffe Grange.

#### SIBFORD SCENE

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