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# SIBFORD SCENE

## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

I leave the enclosed pamphlets to speak for me. There may be points that could be added, but the real needs are still there, and growing day by day.

Many times people have said to me that the Government should be doing the work of the Legion, any government could only use our money, income from taxation. Think of the administration costs compared with those of the Legion, just 7% in 1986. In 1987 the Legion only spent 6p. in every pound on administration: few voluntary bodies could match that, let alone a government.

Please dig deep into your pockets and purses when we come round; your gift will not be wasted.

John Mulley

Hon. Collector Sibfords.

## VILLAGE HALL QUIZ 1988

Please can you let Vivienne Scouse have the teams' names by 17th October, so that final preparations can be made for the QUIZ on Monday 7th November in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Do come along and give your support. Teams of 3 names to be sent to Vivienne Scouse, Meadowbank, Burdrop, Sibford Gower (Swa. 8320).

## SIBFORD GUIDES

Sale/Bring & Buy

Thursday October 20th at 7.30 p.m.

in Sibford Village Hall

Please come along and support Sibford Guides on 20th October. Half the Proceeds of the evening will go to The Leukaemia Ward at Gt. Ormond Street and the other half to Guide Funds. Any contributions towards the Guides Stalls will be much appreciated.



A very pleasant evening was had back in August when a Shenington member, Miss Keyser, invited the W.I. to visit her garden and cottage. Both were delightful and Miss Keyser served coffee and delicious cakes to complete a memorable summer gathering.

The September meeting was addressed by Mr. Bernard Phillips who gave a most stimulating talk on the Confectionary Industry. Attention to his talk was very close as a warning had been given of a quiz at the end, and the two most attentive members received boxes of chocolates as a reward. Many thanks to Mr. Phillips for his generosity. Mrs. Shields and Mrs. Cox served teas.

In October, Mr. John Plant will speak on Work abroad with the Salvation Army. This will be on October 11th at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. Bring along a Hedgerow Arrangement for the competition and any friends who may be interested.

In the past few weeks, the W.I. have provided teas for both the Horticultural Society's Annual Flower Show and the Village Hall Autumn Fayre. Thanks to all the ladies who cooked, served and washed up, have been expressed by the organisers of both events.

We are glad to welcome back Mrs. Ashton to our meetings after her recent illness.

### SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL AUTUMN FAYRE

I would like to express my appreciation for the magnificent effort by all who contributed and helped in running the many and varied Stalls, Side Shows, Bowling, Pony Rides, Teas and the Auction, all of which helped to 'Make the Day' for the Village Hall Fete. The magnificent sum of £593.76 was raised and this will help greatly with the ever increasing running and maintenance costs as well as with various improvements and replacements. Special thanks must go to Hook Norton Fire Brigade for providing children and adults with the opportunity to look over a Fire Engine.

Thanks also for the help in fetching and carrying, setting up tables, mowing and tidying up afterwards. Without all this combined help and the support of the villagers who seemed to be enjoying a very worthwhile afternoon, we should not have had such a good result.

Kathleen Horn  
for Sibford Village Hall Committee.

P.S. There are a few Raffle Prizes unclaimed. Please collect these from Mrs. Scouse, Meadowbank, Burdrop (Swa. 8320).

Pink Ticket No. 14. Blue Tickets, Nos. 207, 210, 215, 358.

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### Sibford Horticultural Club

Next Meeting - October 12th, 8 p.m. Village Hall.

This will be the A.G.M. followed by slides and a talk given by Mr. and Mrs. A. Jarvis. The questionnaires handed out at the September meeting may be given in at this meeting or handed to a committee member.

Autumn Fayre The Produce Stall run by the "Horti" Club was groaning with fruit, vegetables and plants provided mainly by members. It was very well patronised and almost sold out. Around £30 was raised. Thanks to all who contributed and bought.

### CHILDRENS FANCYDRESS HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday 28th Oct. Oct. 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Sibford Village Hall

Admission £1. to include Hotdogs, Popcorn, drinks etc.

Prizes for the best boy/girl fancy dress



It is with great sadness that we record the death of Lewis Poulton.

Lewis was one who lived to serve:- The Village School, The Village and the Rural District. He was first elected to the Old Banbury Rural District Council, later to join the newly formed Cherwell District Council where he served for many years as Chairman of the Northern Area Planning Committee. In this work his experience in the building trade was much valued.

Another facet of his public service was his devoted interest in his work as Chairman of the Governors of the Village School which was outstanding. He was a great supporter of any project to further and improve the facilities and environment for the children. He was wise and far seeing and always with the children's welfare at heart.

He himself was educated at The Friends School and as a lifelong member of the Old Scholars Association, he remained interested in all the affairs of the School.

The Village Hall, of which he was a founder member, was another of his interests to which he devoted much time and energy.

Another avenue of service was Lewis's membership of our Parish Council which extended from 1949 right up to his death.

All his life he was interested in local sports and was a member of the Sibford Cricket Team.

Another aspect of his service which is more difficult to define was his daily contact with village folk on his milk round when he was able to give much useful advice and help.

It is easy to say that Lewis will be greatly missed by all who knew him but that is very much an understatement!!

M.E.P.

J.W.

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Sibfordians will be most grieved to read of the death of Tubby Woodhouse. She and husband Tom lived in the Gower for many years. They both joined in activities in the Village and were helpful in so many ways. We send sincere condolences to Tom and family.

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CHURCH BELL Those among you who may have been wondering why you have not heard the Church Bell recently, may be interested to know that the Church Bell will not be rung for a while as a 'Bell Specialist' has discovered a crack which will get worse (possibly necessitating in recasting the bell) if the bell is rung.

J.W.

T H A N K S I would like to thank those people who sent cards, flowers and gifts for my 90th Birthday. Also THANKYOU to the Friendship Club for the Birthday Cake.

Mrs. Rymell

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CAR BOOT SALE CAR BOOT SALE CAR BOOT SALE

Saturday 22nd October, 10.30 a.m. Sibford Village Hall

£4 pre booked (Tel. Swa. 235) or £5 on the day.







SIBFORD SCHOOL - CALENDAR AUTUMN TERM 1988

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| SEPTEMBER 5th  | Term began with all the new entrants arriving at 4.00 p.m. After meeting their new friends in their Houses they had tea in the dining room whilst their parents relaxed with a cup of tea in the Hall foyer. After tea the new boarders unpacked their trunks assisted by day pupils. |
| SEPTEMBER 6th  | Boarding pupils returned.   |
| SEPTEMBER 18th | Staff/School Hockey Match   |
| SEPTEMBER 30th | Southern School Pilgrimage until 3rd October.   |
| OCTOBER 1st    | ISIS Exhibition at Cheltenham<br>9.30 a.m. Open Morning - Phone for details to the School Office.   |
| OCTOBER 6th    | ISIS Exhibition at Milton Keynes.   |
| OCTOBER 8th    | F.O.S.S. SOCIAL EVENING- a formal dinner with live music. A chance to meet friends and acquaintances or to join together in a family group.   |
| OCTOBER 21st   | 12.45 p.m. Fourth Year pupils and parents lunch and meeting. Half Term begins.  |
| OCTOBER 30th   | Half Term ends  |

Sibford is delighted with its first set of GCSE results. As we hoped we have seen a significant rise in our grades - a fairly natural result in view of our established emphasis on a practical approach. Sibford does not publish percentage pass rates because they conceal the vitally important individual results. There are many which give us pleasure including the following gained by local students :

Emma Rivers - Geography A, History A, English Literature B, English Language C, Food & Nutrition B, French C, Maths D.

Graham Stewart - Geography A, English Language B, English Literature B, History C, Maths C, Food & Nutrition D

Benjamin Taylor - Maths A, Geography A, Chemistry A, English Language B, English Literature B, Biology B, Art B, Physics C

Lucy Winslade - Art B, French B, English Literature B, English Language C, Maths C, History D, Science D, Textiles D

Michelle Wood - French A, Art A, Geography A, English Literature B, English Language C, Maths C, Biology C, Food & Nutrition C



## THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Here, alive and growing in support: support in number of members, this is good. By the time you read this, 119 households will be in the process of being registered as members with the Police, this is good; because then we can go ahead with applying for licence from the Local Authority to advertise our presence more publicly than little stickers in windows, and they are very good too!

I have received from P.C. Ron Glynn our Liaison Officer a letter emphasising certain points, most of which appear on the report forms you should all have; our black mark so far is that you do not all have them yet. To those who are lacking, do not wait for us if we are slow - ring or call your local contact and get them! Just add to what is on these sheets in your minds these points:

"Have you seen the person(s) before?"

"How old was he/she?"

"Did you see which way they went?"

A long report (I suspect the Editor) was included in the last edition of the Scene about the meeting called by the Parish Council, which started Neighbourhood Watch in these two villages (when are you going to join in Ferris?). Thank you Barry for your offer of "free access to the Scene" and its openness; I shall take as much advantage as I can! I can nearly hear some of you wondering when the obverse to the goods will come. Two points: despite the quotation at the head of the report holding this watch is a continuous occupation, and that despite the fact that it is not in existence to limit any constitutional rights that an individual has, I must emphasise that it is in itself only a watching and reporting organisation: not a derivative of the 16th/18th centuries Local Police forces. We have professionals, let's use and support them. Point two. Where are your reports. Have all the incidents you have seen been reported directly to the Police? A form is not essential, it is only a guide; pen and paper are the essential parts of evidence and I would rather have a suitcase full of 'bumf' to deliver than silence covering events.

Do not be shy. Your Police can only act from knowledge and you have the other 118 for company!

Finally, Barry, give us time. We have thought of many of the things you suggest. Thank you for your last paragraph. All members of all the joining households are members: all individuals of the villages are potential members in fighting crime. We are open to any suggestions of a useful kind from any source.

!!! Legal of Course!!!

John Mulley Co-ordinator N.W.

## SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

Vacancy on the Council The Council has declared a vacancy after the death of Mr. L.W. Poulton.

The statutory notice has been placed on the Parish Council Notice Board. It gives details of how a poll may be demanded, failing which the Council will co-opt to fill the vacancy. Persons willing to serve should inform the Clerk to the Council as soon as possible.

Clerk to the Council The Council has appointed Mr. John Berry as Clerk in succession to Lt. Col. Frith. Mr. Berry's address is 2 Barley Close. Telephone: 462.

ADVANCE NOTICE Saturday 3rd December in Sibford Village Hall

## CHIPPING NORTON MALE VOICE CHOIR

Put the date in your diary NOW. It promises to be a really good evening.



## WELCOME TO SIBFORD

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!

The excitement and interest generated by the auction of Woodway, Mr. Crabtree's old farmhouse that lies between the Ferris and Temple Mill, has now died down. Those of you curious to know who the buyers were, will be interested to learn that the new owners are Guy and Sue Wilson from London, who with their two small sons, John aged 4 and Hugh aged 2, are busy turning this lovely old Georgian house back into a bustling, happy family home..

Guy is a corporate finance partner with Ernst and Whinney, the firm of Chartered Accountants in London. His favourite pastimes are golf, tennis, cricket and squash ("or any game where I can hit a ball"). Meanwhile Sue has a somewhat unusual job as an arms dealer. Quite a conversation stopper, that one, but she laughs and hastens to add that she's not a gun-runner, but specialises in antique arms and armour. This means that she works closely with the Tower of London, and she has recently had an exhibition in Paris. She is uncertain how she came to be involved in such a fascinating business. She comes originally from a Derbyshire farming family, and spent a term at the Royal College of Music (both a grandmother and a godmother were concert pianists), but neither farming nor music seem natural qualifications for becoming a successful dealer in antique arms!

Sue is a keen hunting lady and hunts regularly in Derbyshire. She will eventually move her horses down here, and then probably join the Warwickshire Hunt. Their elder son is keen on his pony too, so we'll no doubt soon be seeing them riding the lanes together.

Gill and Paul Manthorpe moved into Fielding House, Sibford School in August. They have two lovely children, Emma 9 and Thomas 5. Their home was in Banbury where Paul lectured at the Technical College in special needs. He is currently on secondment training to be a Teacher of the deaf and hearing impaired. Gill is a House Parent in Fielding and also teaches in the 6th form. She was a lecturer at the Tech. in social care before moving to Sibford.

Francis and Una Mallia have just moved into Meadowview At the top of the Ferris, with their two sons Shane (4½) and Alvin (10 months). They have come from Chiswick in London, where Francis' mother and other members of his family still live, and he works for Crest Hotels in Banbury. Una has already joined Shane to the Play-group so is making new friends quickly, and both she and Francis are looking forward to becoming involved in various village activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell are the newest arrivals in the Colony. They moved into Meadow Cottage, having previously lived in Croydon for 5 years, and say they far prefer the rural surroundings in Sibford. The Halifax Building Society moved Mr. Powell to their office in Banbury, where he is manager, and he hopes to remain there until his retirement in a few year's time. They have a daughter of 25 in Canterbury and a son of 24 in London, and now their children have grown up and left home, they like to spend their spare time gardening. They are both keen gardeners and hope to extend the garden by reclaiming the full acre behind the house. Mrs. Powell is also a keen flower arranger and would like to join a flower club as soon as possible. Once they are settled in she hopes to take up her voluntary work again. In the past in Croydon, she has worked for MIND and Age Concern. Both she and her husband look forward to joining in with village activities.

A MESSAGE TO NEWCOMERS The Sibford Villages are not a teapot for dormice!! Much interest and activity for the villagers is available. Everyone has a talent of some sort; so after reading Sue's booklet please decide how best your experience and ability could be used, then offer to 'help and do' rather than just join. By doing and helping, new friendships are soon formed - please do it now, not next year! What's your line? Ring Sue and tell her. She will point you towards the Club or Society that needs the assistance that you can give.



# SIBFORD CRICKET CLUB - THE FINAL SAGA OF 1988

August and September did not bring any better weather with one match against Tysoe failing to start and others being played under threatening skies with more than one interruption. The holiday season brought the opportunity to give one or two of our teenagers the feel of village cricket and with the keenness and willingness shown particularly in the field, Sibford have much to look forward to in the next few years as youngsters such as Ian Gilbert, David Simms, Gavin Simmonds and Jonathan Bennett mature: who knows we could have a Colts side in 1989.

Performances with the bat, until the last game were sound if not spectacular and bowling steady and on the final game sensational, but the results overall perhaps somewhat disappointing bearing in mind the experience and potential in the side. In the final analysis it has been catches that have been our downfall - yet once again in the final game there were a number of magnificent efforts, highlighting again "what might have been"! So in conclusion the accolades are to those who give their time unstintingly, particularly Bert Gilbert for his umpiring, David Inns and Adrian Lamb for their team selection and procurement and to all those who have acted as 2nd umpire and scribe in the scoreboard. With more commitment and practice, particularly mid-week, who knows what the 1989 season may bring. We have a very good ground (thanks Percy) and a number of players who are good with both bat and ball, so the potential is there to be harnessed and moulded into positive results.

## RESULTS v. WHITNASH Lost by 35 runs

Whitnash 152 for 6

Sibford 117 all out  
(Percy Turner 31  
Chris Bateman 15).

## v. HOOK NORTON Won by 110 runs

Sibford 184 for 5  
(Adrian Lamb 77\*  
David Lamb 31  
Nigel Fletcher 28)

Hook Norton 74 all out  
(David Lamb 2 - 21  
Chris Guy 2 - 5  
Adrian Lamb 2 - 1)

## v. WROXTON Lost by 29 runs

Wroxton 141 for 8  
(Nigel Fletcher 3 - 22  
Roger Gilbert 2 - 32  
Adrian Lamb 2 - 31)

Sibford 112 for 7  
(Adrian Lamb 45  
David Bennett 33)

## v. WARMINGTON Lost by 2 wickets

Sibford 23 all out.

Warmington 24 - 8  
(Nigel Fletcher 3 - 11  
Adrian Lamb 4 - 8).

## STATISTICS - The Final Analysis

|                | <u>Innings</u> | <u>Not Out</u> | <u>Runs</u> | <u>Highest Score</u> | <u>Average</u> |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Mervyn Simmons | 6              | 1              | 111         | 28*                  | 22-16          |
| Brian Holliday | 10             | 1              | 187         | 49                   | 20-78          |
| Adrian Lamb    | 14             | 1              | 246         | 77*                  | 17-57          |
| Percy Turner   | 9              | 3              | 100         | 34                   | 16-67          |
| Roger Gilbert  | 10             | 1              | 133         | 25                   | 14-78          |
| David Inns     | 14             | 2              | 161         | 39                   | 13-42          |
| David Bennett  | 8              | 1              | 90          | 33                   | 12-85          |
| Nigel Fletcher | 13             | -              | 144         | 28*                  | 11-08          |
| David Lamb     | 8              | 2              | 66          | 31                   | 11-00          |

## BOWLING

|                | <u>Overs</u> | <u>Maidens</u> | <u>Runs</u> | <u>Wicket</u> | <u>Average</u> |
|----------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|
| Percy Turner   | 12           | 4              | 43          | 7             | 6-14           |
| Adrian Lamb    | 90-5         | 13             | 264         | 29            | 9-10           |
| David Lamb     | 79-5         | 15             | 207         | 16            | 12-94          |
| Roger Gilbert  | 103-5        | 28             | 220         | 16            | 13-75          |
| John Simms     | 32           | 1              | 152         | 11            | 13-81          |
| Nigel Fletcher | 114          | 27             | 320         | 21            | 15-24          |
| Brian Holliday | 46           | 4              | 201         | 13            | 15-46          |



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| Fred Inns      | 13 catches + 5 stumpings | David Inns    | 5 catches |
| Percy Turner   | 5 "                      | David Bennett | 4 "       |
| Nigel Fletcher | 4 "                      | David Lamb    | 4 "       |
| John Simms     | 4 "                      |               |           |

C H R I S T M A S ? ! ? !

Come along and ice your CHRISTMAS CAKE in one day at Tadmarton Village Hall. Expert tuition at very little cost! Last year was very creative and fun too, and the beginners became experts very quickly!

Only a few ingredients to bring (Craftsmen's tools provided!)

Christmas Cake - on a board and already marzipanned  
 ½ lb. Royal Icing  
 Icing Sugar (for dusting)  
 Greaseproof paper and waxed paper  
 Scissors and rolling pin  
 Ribbon - colour of your choice - not more than ½" wide  
 Empty egg carton  
 Small piece of sponge  
 2 knives.

For more information phone Gill Judd, Swalcliffe 243.

Ring and book your place NOW. £7.50 for the day (includes Fondant Icing)  
 Bring a packed lunch - coffee and tea provided.

Please let me know which day you can come:-

Tuesday 6th December 9.30 - 3.00 p.m.

Thursday 8th December 9.30 - 3.00 p.m.

Saturday 10th December 10.00 - 3.30 p.m.

GILL JUDD

TADMARTON POST OFFICE, STORES & NEWSAGENTS

Although I hate to remind you, Christmas is nearly here and we are pleased to offer the same service as last year - leave your order with us for making up and delivery or collection as required. We can supply the following:- fresh or frozen turkey, ducks, geese or chicken. Beef, pork, home cooked ham, fresh vegetables, Salad vegetables, wines and spirits, chocolates - not to mention those important items like tea, salt and milk!

We can also supply the Christmas Tree! Just let us know!

While we're on the subject - if you are going away don't forget to give us plenty of notice for cancelling your papers. If you don't usually have a Radio or TV Times, but would like them for Christmas - let us know as soon as possible.

Helen Butler, Swalcliffe 668

HAVE YOU HEARD

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T H E W I N D E R T O N S I N G E R S ?

If so, you'll want to hear them again. If not, you've a treat in store.

You will be welcome at TYSOE VILLAGE HALL on Saturday October 22nd 7.30 p.m.

Admission £1.50. Proceeds for Tysoe Methodist Church.

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GRAND JUMBLE SALE

Wednesday October 19th at 2.30 p.m. at The Primary School.

NOT TO BE MISSED



## NATURE NOTES

August 26th There seem to be an abnormal number of wasps' nests this year. We have three in our garden, and I have seen several more in the parish.

September 5th It was nice to see a well-grown covey of eleven grey partridge today. Their numbers have been very low for many years. It may be that the growing of a greater variety of crops on our farms could help them to increase. We also saw a wheatear by our farm road this morning - the first this autumn. I think it must be a favourite resting field for migrating wheatears, for I seldom see them anywhere else.

September 6th Although we have not seen many butterflies this year, except cabbage whites, I notice there are plenty of caterpillars of the Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell on the stinging nettles.

September 8th Completed the corn harvest today. The yield of the autumn-sown barley was a bit disappointing but the wheat and particularly the spring-sown barley, yielded well. The turnips that we planted a month ago after harvesting the barley are, due to some well-timed rains, already six inches tall and look like providing the sheep with plenty of winter keep.

September 13th Found a slug obviously of the big black kind, but this one was white with an orange frill. I have seen orange ones which are a recognised variety and are as common in some places as the black ones are here, but I don't recall ever having seen a white one before. Perhaps it was an albino and not a separate variety.

### MUSICAL 'HOUSES' in the villages.

Last month the Hicks family moved into their new house 'Farthings' in Pound Lane, Sibford Gower. Meanwhile the Carlisles from the Ferris moved to 'Pentangle' (former home of the Hicks' family). We wish both families every happiness in their new homes.

### CHILE EVENING Wednesday October 19th 7.45 at Pond Cottage, Sibford Gower.

Diane Tickell (who used to live in Hook Norton) has close links with a women's co-operative in Chile: they produce beautiful jumpers, hats and patch-works, and use the small profits towards trying to find their menfolk who have "disappeared". Diane has just returned from Chile: she will be talking about the work there and selling goods. Anyone interested is welcome but please phone me by the 18th because if too many will be coming, I shall have to find a larger venue!

Anne Marcovitch. Swa. 8163

"GOOD NEIGHBOUR" SCHEME When the Leukaemia Fund Raising event was being organised, there was such good will shown by all the boys involved that it seemed a pity when the event was over. Several of them are now interested in offering help with small tasks or errands for anyone around the village who needs something done and who cannot do it themselves eg. a parent with a sick child, or an old person unable to get out and about easily. The scheme is planned for a trial period to see how it gets on, and will be organised through myself initially, though I shall be glad to hear from any other interested adults willing to participate or anyone with ideas. Requests for help after 4.30 p.m. on weekdays or any (reasonable!) time Saturdays, please.

Anne Marcovitch. Swa. 8163

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Wednesday October 5th Mystery Outing 12 noon - 5 p.m.  
All enquiries to Mrs. Webb.

Tuesday October 18th 2 p.m. in the Village Hall. Mrs. Ross will speak on Guide Dogs for the Blind.



NORTH OXFORDSHIRE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

Sibfords and Epwell Branch

Present: "MUSIC FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT"

At The Manor House, Sibford Gower.

(Proceeds to Music Scholarships for Disabled Young People)

Special Guest: Evelyn Glennie

Compere: John Dunn

Saturday 15th October, 7.30 p.m.

Sunday 16th October, 12 noon.

Tickets £10.00 each (inc.Wine)

Even though there has been little general publicity so far the interest expressed has been such that it is obvious the capacity of some 80 seats at the Manor House will be over-subscribed. It has, therefore, been decided to repeat the concert on Sunday 16th October.

SATURDAY 15th OCTOBER Concert commences at 7.30 p.m. but you are invited to arrive at 7 p.m. as a bar will be available. The concert will last about two hours with a short interval when a glass of wine will be available included in the ticket price. After the performance a further glass of wine will be provided and a buffet supper will be served for which contributions will be invited for the charity.

SUNDAY 16th OCTOBER Concert commences at 12 noon and there will be a 'long interval' during which a buffet will be available as for the supper described above - two glasses of wine being included in the ticket price.

There will be a full programme on sale giving details of the performers and of the charity as well, of course, of the music which will be mainly Classical but will also include lighter pieces.

Tickets may be obtained at £10 each from myself at Burdrop House or from Committee Members:-

Mrs. Law (Swa. 8113), Mr. Bennett (Swa. 373), Miss Bennett (Swa. 235),  
Mr. Edwards (Swa. 287), Mr. Hardman (Swa. 751), Mrs. Harbour (Swa. 530),  
Mr. Baseby (Swa. 544) and Mr. Green (Swa. 8410).

Please let us have your ticket requirements for either performance as quickly as possible as this event promises to be a sell-out! Cheques payable to N.O.C.A., Sibfords and Epwell Branch please.

Monty Pearlman, Swa. 8162

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

The Duck Pond

This letter of thanks should have been written for your September edition but our calendar fell off the kitchen wall!! Sincere thanks to Eric Payne and David Soden who left their comfortable Saturday 'lie-in' to drain the pond at 7 o'clock a.m. Equal appreciation to the band of noble workers who paraded at 8.15 with brush and spade and who helped catch the 43 fish and untold tadpoles, not to mention water shrimps and transfer them to an aerated tank, kindly provided by the Trent water Board. A mention in despatches to Glen (Eric's dog) who drew our attention to a stranded duckling by putting his nose to the drain pipe and barking until the Quacker was retrieved none the worse for its incarceration from down the drain. The biggest thanks of all to David Taylor from Swalcliffe who arrived at 9 a.m. when the pond was drained, with his tractor and suction machinery; with the help of a multitude of slime covered villagers brushing the bottom of the pond two truckloads of evil smelling sludge was sucked out and transferred to The Colony to, perhaps, help with next year's celery crop! Our thanks to the amateur refuse collectors who transferred the salvaged bicycle wheels, broken bottles and other junk to the refuse tip. Finally even more thanks for the loan of a garden hose to help the natural drainage of water into the pond to refill it, and to the long suffering fish who were returned by 7 p.m. just in time for a 'midge' supper. A kind lady from the Ferris planted a group of plants in the pure clean pond. Our thanks to her too; we trust they will survive and flourish.

Beverley Hardman.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I reply to the letter of Lucy Marcovitch in the September issue of the Scene. Lucy is obviously unaware that an official Neighbourhood Watch Scheme has existed in Backside Lane for over twenty years and possibly in other parts of the villages if it be known. This does not have anything to do with spying, or with young people but is a friendly concern for others and for their property. Now that the villages are much larger, more accessible and many properties left unattended for much of the day, an official Neighbourhood Watch Scheme would seem a wise idea and not a "ridiculous" one.

When Lucy owns a home of her own I hope she never has to experience the sickening despair of returning home to find that an uninvited party has turned everything over, damaged much and stolen items of sentimental value, these, more precious than valuables. Not a situation that caring people would wish onto anyone. As for living in a village, she must know that thousands do live and have lived in more isolated villages than Sibford and at times when amusements had to be of their own devising and not at the press of a button. Boredom comes from within, it is not inflicted upon you. There is plenty to do if you look for it and it will be more pleasurable if it is constructive and considerate.

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen M. Winter.

Dear Sir,

Having first come to live in this village in 1948 and then returning in 1967 to present day, I feel that I must reply to your comments, published in last month's Scene, about locals peeping from behind curtains at the cleaning of the pond etc. etc. The implication being, to my mind, that genuine old villagers give lots of advice and little else. May I point out that all the old villagers living in the pond area have given a lifetime of service to the community and all its amenities which newcomers seem either to abuse or take for granted or want to change.

A village community is the product of countless generations of forebears and all of them hold the amenities of this area in high esteem. Footpaths, notice boards, telephone kiosks, road signs and names of houses, schools and village halls are for the benefit of all persons living in the community and should be respected and maintained by everyone. Newcomers seem to be unaware of some of their children's behaviour in damaging these amenities and excuse same to be childless pranks and boredom. I beg to differ. If one decides to live in a village community one must conform to an accepted form of behaviour which is practised by most of the residents. I often wonder what the reaction of some of the newcomers would have been to the hermit, Theodore Lamb, a member of a greatly respected local family, who ended his days amongst us in the late 1940's.

Yours sincerely,

F. Baggaley

Dear Sir,

### About Neighbourhood Watch

I was very cross when I was unable to identify the youths who jumped on my car roof. I now feel pleased as it leaves me with an open mind.

I think the Neighbourhood Watch is a positive and constructive way to deal with these internal problems as well as crimes committed by people outside the village. It was recommended by the Police. The initial meeting was arranged by the Parish Council. Its success does depend on each one of us working together, young and old alike; I sincerely hope it will prove a caring and supportive edition to the life of Sibford Gower and Burdorp.

Mollie Mulley.



Letters to the Editor (continued)

Dear Sir,

A waste land of school days will tell!  
Our Editor must learn to spell!  
T.S.E. will rave  
and turn in his grave!  
His name should be spelt with one L!

The Mulleys are furious! Why?  
The Editor's faults make them cry  
Dyslexic its plain!  
He's done it again,  
Spelt Mollie "I.E." with a 'Y'!

"WORTH WORDS"

(Name and address supplied).

Dear Sir,

I feel I have to write in response to Lucy Marcovitch (Sibford Scene-Sept.)  
I for one support the Neighbourhood Watch all the way and will be making myself  
a member shortly. A few months ago Sibford Ferris had a spate of thefts and  
burglaries. I was at my wits end when we went on our holiday, but what a wonder-  
ful idea to think my friends and neighbours were on the 'look out' for anything  
suspicious late at night.

I do agree that something needs to be done about entertainment for the 14 to  
20 age group. It would be good to hear what the youths in the village would suggest.  
I wouldn't mind giving up a couple of evenings to help organise youth activities,  
such as a concert, trips or ice skating trips etc. Anyone who thinks this may be  
an idea, please contact me on Swa. 8337, early morning or mid evening.

Marilyn Leathery.

Dear Sir,

So often people say there is nothing for the young in the village, there is  
nothing for them to do. In Sibford we have:- a wide variety of clubs and  
organisations for all ages; a limited bus service; we do not have a large area  
of common land but we do have a wealth of public footpaths and wonderful country-  
side, apart from personal hobbies and interests within the home. We also benefit  
from a playgroup, excellent primary schooling with encouragement to develop  
personal interests and hobbies and good secondary education at The Warriner School,  
a friendly and supportive rector, Holy Trinity Church, the Methodist Church,  
Friends Meeting House, the Village Hall and the Mission Hall, two pubs, excellent  
medical care and the Sibford Scene to keep us informed.

Mollie Mulley.

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SIBFORD CHURCH BAZAAR

Saturday 12th November, 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Stalls include: Homemade fare: glass and china: bathroom supplies:  
Christmas decorations: white elephant: bottles: and anything else  
that anyone wants to run.

You will probably be aware of the repairs that have recently been made to  
the stained glass windows. This has cost "loadsamoney" and we need to  
refill the coffers which have inevitably been drained. Your generosity  
towards the Bazaar will be greatly appreciated. Raffle tickets will soon  
be around and folk may come begging for things of different kinds to be  
sold. Please be as kind to those who call as you can manage to be!

T.W.



## CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends  
Methodist  
Roman Catholic Mass

Hook Norton  
Brailes

Sundays at 10.30 a.m.  
Sundays at 11 a.m.  
Sundays at 11 a.m.  
Sunday at 11.30 a.m.

### Holy Trinity - October

|            |         |         |   |
|------------|---------|---------|---|
| Sunday 2nd | October | 8 a.m.  | Holy Communion                          |
| 9th        | "       | 10 a.m. | Holy Communion                          |
| 16th       | "       | 10 a.m. | Family Harvest Service                  |
| 23rd       | "       | 10 a.m. | Holy Communion                          |
| 30th       | "       | 10 a.m. | United Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton. |

### HARVEST THANKSGIVING

At the last Parochial Church Council Meeting, it was decided to alter the plans for Harvest Thanksgiving. Plans for the 1st October were scrapped; instead it was decided to make the Family Service on 16th the Harvest Service. We hope that many of you will join us. Gifts may be brought either on the Saturday or on the Sunday to the Service when we shall offer them during the Family Service.

It was good to welcome so many, especially the children, on 18th September. We hope that as many - if not more - will join us in thanking God for his goodness towards his people in the Harvest Service.

### WEEKLY EVENTS

|                 |                |   |
|-----------------|----------------|---|
| Swimming Club   | Friends School | Monday & Wednesday 6 - 7 p.m.<br>Friday 5 - 6 p.m. (Toddlers) |
| Brownies        | Village Hall   | Tuesday 5.15 - 6.45 p.m.                                      |
| Folk Dancing    | Village Hall   | Tuesday 8 p.m.  |
| Badminton       | Village Hall   | Wednesday 8 p.m.  |
| Guides          | Village Hall   | Thursday 7 p.m.   |
| Beavers         | Village Hall   | Friday 4.30 p.m. - 5.45 p.m.                                  |
| Cub Scouts      | Village Hall   | Friday 6 p.m.   |
| Scouts          | Village Hall   | Friday following Cubs   |
| Playgroup       | Village Hall   | 9.30 Monday, Wednesday & Friday (term time)                   |
| Mums & Toddlers | Friends School | 10 - 12 noon Wednesday (term time)                            |

### OCTOBER CALENDAR

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Sat. 1st Oct.    | Scouts Paper Collection   |
| Wed. 5th Oct.    | Friendship Club, Mystery Outing. 12 noon - 5 p.m.                 |
| Tues. 11th Oct.  | W.I. Meeting 2 p.m. Village Hall, Talk on Work Abroad.            |
| Wed. 12th Oct.   | Horticultural Society, A.G.M. 8 p.m. Village Hall.                |
| Sat. 15th Oct.   | North Oxon. Conservative Assn. Music for your enjoyment 7.30 p.m. |
| Sun. 16th Oct.   | " " " " " " " " 12 noon.  |
| Sun. 16th Oct.   | Harvest Thanksgiving Service 10 a.m. Holy Trinity Church.         |
| Tues. 18th Oct.  | Leo Club. The Court House, 8 p.m.                                 |
| Tues. 18th Oct.  | Friendship Club, 2 p.m. Village Hall. Talk on 'Guide Dogs'        |
| Wed. 19th Oct.   | Jumble Sale, 2.30 p.m. The Primary School                         |
| Wed. 19th Oct.   | Chile Evening, 7.45 p.m. Pond Cottage, Sibford Gower.             |
| Thurs. 20th Oct. | Sibford Guides, Sale/Bring & Buy 7.30. Sibford Village Hall.      |
| Sat. 22nd Oct.   | Sibford Village Hall Car Boot Sale. 10.30 a.m.                    |
| Sat. 22nd Oct.   | Winderton Singers, 7.30 p.m. Tysoe Village Hall.                  |
| Sat. 28th Oct.   | Childrens Fancy dress Halloween Party, 4 - 6 p.m. Village Hall.   |

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