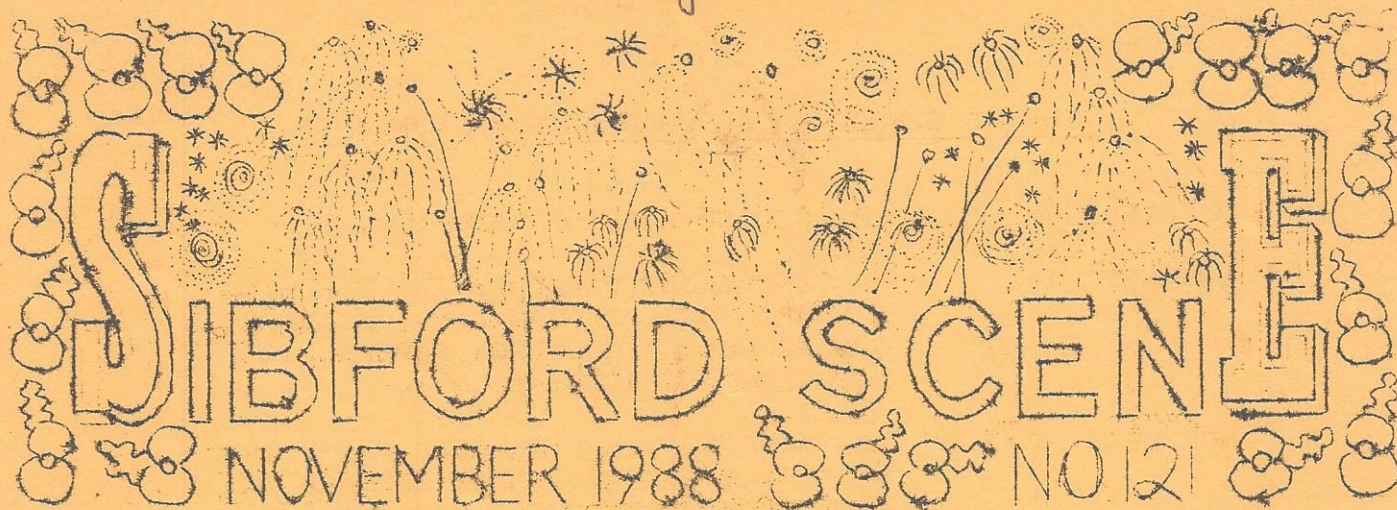


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3 IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 1988

By the time you read this we shall be out collecting House-to-House for the Poppy Appeal, 31st October to 12th November are the dates this year.

Please be generous in your support of the dependants of those who died, and the injured and the infirm and the aged who served to keep your, and others throughout the world, freedom and right to free speech.

Thank you in advance. Please note that Remembrance Sunday is on 13th November.

John Mulley. Hon. Organiser Sibfords.

REMEMBER REMEMBER THE TWELFTH OF NOVEMBER

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. Personal appearance of Father Christmas.

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.

GRAND FIREWORK DISPLAY AND BONFIRE

on NOVEMBER 5TH 1988

at SIBFORD GOWER ENDOWED SCHOOL

FIREWORKS 6 p.m.

BONFIRE 6.30 p.m.

ENTRANCE 50p. REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

SIBFORD SCHOOL - CALENDAR AUTUMN TERM 1988

- OCTOBER 30th THE SECOND HALF OF TERM BEGINS.
- NOVEMBER 1st WE TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN WELCOMING A RUGBY TOURING TEAM FROM WATERFORD QUAKER SCHOOL AND LOOK FORWARD TO WATCHING AN EXCITING GAME.
- NOVEMBER 5TH THE BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS PARTY IS ALWAYS AN EVENT TO LOOK FORWARD TO AND SOMEHOW MORE FUN WHEN THE 5TH FALLS ON A SATURDAY.
- MORE SERIOUS BUSINESS IS TO BE DONE AT THE ISIS EXHIBITION IN LEICESTER ATTRACTING MORE PEOPLE TO LOOK AT SIBFORD WHEN SELECTING SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR THEIR CHILDREN.
- NOVEMBER 11th BOARDING STAFF CONFERENCE AT FRIENDS SCHOOL SIDCOT
- NOVEMBER 12th SIBFORD GENERAL MEETING 11.00 A.M.
- NOVEMBER 14th GCSE EXAMS BEGIN
- NOVEMBER 15th HEADS CONFERENCE AT JORDANS UNTIL 17th
- NOVEMBER 18th FIRST YEAR PARENTS EVENING AND DISPLAY OF WORK
- NOVEMBER 25th/26th LONDON EXHIBITION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
- NOVEMBER 26th OPEN MORNING AT SIBFORD 9.30 a.m.
- CHRISTMAS FAIR - OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE COMING YEAR AND FUN FOR ALL. THIS ACTIVITY IS NOW BECOMING SOMETHING OF A TRADITION AT SIBFORD AND IS THE IDEAL VENUE TO PURCHASE CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

THE FRIENDS OF SIBFORD SCHOOL FUND RAISING EVENTS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY ALL THOSE WHO BENEFIT FROM THEIR VERY GENEROUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. JUST RECENTLY THE SUM OF £1,150 HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO DEPARTMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SUNDRY ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT WHICH WILL SERVE AS AIDS TO LEARNING AND MAKE EACH DEPARTMENT WIDEN ITS HORIZONS. THE ITEMS ARE TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION BUT INCLUDE A RESUSCITATION DOLL FOR FIRST AID LEARNING, COMPUTER, WORD PROCESSOR AND PROGRAMMES, RAIN GAUGE, WEIGHTS MACHINE FOR P.E. AND BINOCULAR MICROSCOPE.

OUR THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE INVOLVED BOTH IN ORGANISING AND SUPPORTING.

Holy Trinity Church Sibford



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IN-AID OF CHURCH WINDOWS APPEAL

STALLS INCLUDE:

Christmas decorations
Children's tombola
Homemade sweets
Homemade savouries
Bathroom supplies
and MANY others

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GRAND DRAW FOR FIRST PRIZE OF £100

FATHER CHRISTMAS

Saturday 12th November 1988

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION?, PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE? OR A QUICK LOOK
AT THE PROBATION SERVICE.

Have you ever watched a cat settling down? It goes round and round on the carpet or chair seat little realising that it is flattening down imaginary grass in jungles it left centuries ago when it became domesticated.

Humans sometimes do similar things; we go on preparing for conflict knowing that it doesn't solve real problems. We also go on locking people up in prisons even though we suspect that it doesn't eliminate crime, indeed, in the case of many young people it can turn a first or second time offender into a hardened criminal.

The probation service is trying other ways. When a person (usually young and male), having been punished for a first offence, returns to court on a second charge, the service tries to find out why and goes to considerable lengths to gain the confidence of the offender to see if there are particular problems which are leading him into criminal behaviour. It may be problems with parents or partners, inability to find employment or housing, worry over debt or any combination of some or all of the seven deadly sins.

No one can be complacent about the society which we have created with its inequalities. Many of our young people having undergone a period of compulsory and often inappropriate education, in the belief that it was fitting them to take their places in society as full members and to contribute constructively to its needs, become angry and frustrated when told that further effort and training is required before they are equipped to offer themselves to prospective employers. There are training schemes but many can't participate because they will sometimes be worse off. Fine, if you've supportive parents who will keep you but if not - where do you live? A small flat or bed-sit can cost £20-40 per week and in London and the South East where there are better opportunities of permanent employment - the cost is considerably more.

In a short article there is no room to list the many problems that beset the young - especially the socially immature and inadequate but if we believe in the human family - we should be concerned about all its members and support those who do.

Those in the probation service often work long and unsociable hours. They are constantly seeking new ways of understanding the causes of anti-social behaviour and looking for and experimenting with alternatives to prison such as community service, also 'preventative' ideas like 'Operation Raleigh', for more details contact the Probation Service, 23, South Bar, Banbury. They carry out in-depth studies of offenders, often providing these young people with the sort of no-nonsense support and friendships necessary to assist them to embark on - or return to - a useful industrious life.

Like the NHS and armed services, it is short of funds and personnel, yet its dedicated staff fulfill an increasingly vital function if crime is to be presently contained and eventually overcome. It is up to us to give them all the support we can.

John Endersby Oct '88

MOVING SALE!

Electric Flymo Mower. General Electric upright freezer 16 cu.ft.
Fridge freezer 14 cu ft. Large GE electric cooker, 4 hobs, 24" oven and grill
American GE washing machine and tumble dryer. Glasstop for round table 36" dia.
Marblétop coffee table 5 ft.3" x 2 ft.2". Two sunloungers, white w/orange canvas
Small antique pine side table or desk w 2 drawers. Old book case.
Good pine modern shelf units 20" deep. Antique railroad lantern.
Large Edwardian highback easy chairs. Fire grate.
Snug bug. portable gas heater.
Various curtains, garden tools and household items.

PLEASE RING Swalecliffe 251.

ALSO WANTED Garage to house large car to rent for 6 months. Tel: Swa. 251.

THANK YOU SUE

A very big thank you to Sue Richards who has volunteered to help from time to time with the typing of the Scene and has in fact helped with this month's issue. I really am most grateful Sue.

Rev. Norman Richards

Norman Richards died recently in Swalcliffe, at the age of 76. Over the past 25 years he had served the Church of England in this area, and particularly over the past 11 years since his ordination upon retirement from Webb Offset.

He hailed from Birmingham, but moved here for work, and soon became a respected member of the local community. He ministered more in Swalcliffe and Tadmarton than here in Sibford, but nevertheless he was a familiar figure and friend to many whom he met on his bus journeys to and from Banbury. He was also a member of Swalcliffe Parish Council for some years.

His faith was rock-solid: he never wavered, least of all during the past two years when various serious conditions came his way. Through them all he kept his belief in God's good purpose, and died - surer than ever I believe in his faith - peacefully in his cottage in Swalcliffe. He will be sorely missed.

T.W.

MARJORIE COXON

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Marjorie Coxon on 12th October 1988.

Marjorie and Norman first met during their school days at Sibford Friends School in the 1920's and were married in 1934. They have one daughter Rosemary who also married an old scholar, Glyn Berrington, who in turn have 2 daughters, Gill and Sharon.

Norman was employed in a flourishing family business and gave it up in order that they may give their services, for some 20 years, as Wardens of Shrewsbury Youth Hostel, leaving in 1963 to live at Sibford where both Marjorie's and Norman's green fingers will have recently been admired by many when their garden was open to visitors.

Marjorie had various artistic qualities some of which were shown in the hobbies she chose. A very caring person, she held office at the Quaker Meeting for many years. She was one of the original committee members of Sibford Friendship Club, helped in Banbury Family Planning and W.R.V.S. Meals on Wheels until disablement overtook her in 1985.

Carriers Cottage was an ever open door for many friends from near and far.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Norman and Rosemary.

A friend.

Old Sibfordians will be sorry to learn of the death in September of Dr. Tony Oddie. During the war, Dr. Oddie served in the Navy and was awarded the D.S.C., but as a result of a serious wound was no longer able to practise as a surgeon, so he moved into Hospital Administration in London, and later in Oxford. After retiring, he took up painting in a studio at Over Norton, and also travelled abroad as a Hospital Adviser.

Tony's father, Sidney, was a son of Robert Oddie the Headmaster of the Friends School from 1880 till 1906. His mother, Ethel the Artist, was sister to the two Rev. Moxons, erstwhile vicars of Sibford, and lived with Mrs. Lily Tustain in her later years.

A window in the parish Church is dedicated to Tony's brother, Hugh, who was a bomber pilot and was killed in Holland during the war. The flower stand in the Church was given by Tony in memory of his mother, and he never lost his great love for Sibford throughout his 71 years.

J. and J.S.

Friends of Flo and Harold Hall who lived for many years at Westways, Burdrop, will be sad to hear that Flo died on September 24th after a very short illness. She had been on her own since last December when she lost Harold, but had the comfort and support of her family. Burdrop friends visited her recently and she wished to be remembered to her friends in the village.

The Musical Event at the Manor - October 15th and 16th on behalf of Opportunities for the Disabled.

AN APPRECIATION All who attended send their sincere thanks for all the hard work of the Performers and Mr. D. Bennett, also the hospitality of Monty and Ros Pearlman and Peter and Sheila Baseby.. A special thanks to Michael Edwards and his mother, Mrs. Edwards, without whom the event could not have taken place. All other helpers, although nameless, are worthy of our thanks.

A.L.B.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB for the Over-Sixties

Anyone who is interested in joining either as a member or helper, please contact Miss A.L. Bennett on Swalcliffe 235.

Next meeting - A Coffee Morning at 4 High Meadow, home of Mrs. Webb, starting 10 a.m. Entrance 25p. Raffle. Bring & Buy. Tuesday November 1st.

Wednesday Nov. 16th. An Outing to Worcester starting at 11 a.m. until 4.30 p.m.

All enquiries to Mrs. Webb, 4 High Meadow.

A.L.B.

SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Next meeting - November 9th - 8 p.m. Village Hall. "Alpines". Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis. Slide - talk.

The A.G.M. on October 12th was well attended. The committee said goodbye to Mr. John Sabin who has been a member, and until this last year, an officer for many years. Tribute was paid to his enthusiasm and hard work for the Club and Village. Fortunately he has been persuaded to become Vice-President. Mr. Sabin has kindly offered to donate a further cup to the Society for presentation at the Annual Show.

Mrs. Toonie Law has also retired from the committee. She it is who has supervised, among many other duties, the provision of refreshments at meetings and the provision of flowers. Her efforts have been much appreciated over eleven years and she is looking forward to hearing the end of gardening talks without worrying about getting the kettle on.

Two new members have been voted on to the committee - Mrs. Sheila Baseby and Mr. Ray Henbury, otherwise it stays the same. Mrs. Brenda Phillips and Mrs. Miriam Henbury have volunteered for the refreshments rota.

Unclaimed Raffle Prizes Mrs. Warwicker (Tel. Swa. 764) still has some unclaimed raffle prizes from the Annual Show in August:-

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| 1. J. Mahoney Sully 0222-530-788. | 2. Abbot 0628 33557 | 3. T. Goodfellow |
| 4. P. Rogers, Wigginton Heath. | 5. Robinson Swa. 781. | |

Please contact her.

The Club has lost, in Marjorie Coxon, a well loved and respected member. This year, with Norman, she welcomed many enthusiastic gardeners to share in the pleasure of the garden at Carriers Cottage. She was also able to come on the day's outing to Barnsley House in June, and enjoyed it. We shall all miss her courage and smile.

MEALS ON WHEELS

There may be a possibility of getting the Meals on Wheels service in the Village for the old people. However, we must have a minimum of 6 people wanting this service. If you are interested, or know anyone who may be interested, please contact Mrs. Webb, 4 High Meadow, Sibford Gower, Swa. 8211.

SIBFORD GUIDES

Would like to thank all those who supported their Sale on October 20th. Despite the fact that very few people turned up, they managed to raise the magnificent sum of £60.00 half of which is being sent to Great Ormond Street to the Guide and Scout Ward.

SWIMMING CLUB

Supervised swimming sessions have now stopped for the winter. Parents may still take their own children swimming at the usual times, Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m. during term time. Key available from Carole Moir as usual.

Thank you to all parent helpers for their support during a very busy and successful season. Several children who were non-swimmers at the beginning of the summer can now swim quite well thanks to the generosity of the Friends School in allowing village children to use their pool. The sessions will begin again after the Spring half term.

COMING SHORTLY!

Early in 1989 The Sibford Scene hopes to provide each month a page of 'Commercial Sales and Service Directory'. It is, at this very moment, being compiled by Elaine Hutchinson, who is contacting all the services which are available in and around Sibford, be it butcher, baker, plumber, electrician, gardener, hairdresser, restaurateur, florist, tinker, tailor, and so on.

She hopes to provide the name and address of at least one of each service, who, we trust, will donate a pound a month to the funds of the Scene thereby lowering the Treasurer's existing high blood pressure. Of course, we shall continue to appreciate contributions from our many friends and societies who support us so generously, but with luck the constant surviving from hand to mouth will be eliminated.

If you offer a Service, please be helpful and generous to Elaine when she calls.

Never again will it be necessary for a villager to have to go outside our 'moat' to find the necessities or luxuries of life! Good Luck Elaine in your most useful task.

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* Holly Wreaths. Door Rings. Door Swags. Table Centres. Garlands.
* Flower Arrangements. Bouquets etc. Selection of Topiary Trees.
* Christmas Baskets and Dried Flower Baskets. A treat for yourself
* or an ideal gift. Cut Flowers also for sale.
* Flowers for Weddings, Parties, Anniversaries and funerals.
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* Gillian Brookes. 'The Potting Shed'. Swalcliffe 295.
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SIBFORD GOWER

Small, sweet cottage - modernised and easy to run, which houses one tidy and 'house trained' widower, would appreciate the help of some kind person to dust and Hoover each week. Light duties ONLY with no heavy work. Might suit an older lady who would appreciate a little extra spending money?

Please phone, Swalcliffe 291 evenings or weekends.

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!

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.

LEO CLUB

Leo Club will be held at The Court House on Tuesday 15th November at 8.00p.m. when the evening will take the form of a Black Velvet Jewellery Party. There will be lots of new and different lines this year - a chance perhaps to buy some early Christmas presents.

CHANGING CHILDRENS LIVES

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN CHANGE CHILDREN'S LIVES BY JOINING UNICEF?

SUE MACANTNEY, PREVIOUSLY PRESS OFFICER OF A CHESHIRE BRANCH HAS BEEN ASKED TO FORM A LOCAL BRANCH IN OXFORDSHIRE.

ANYBODY INTERESTED IN JOINING THIS WORTHWHILE ORGANIZATION SHOULD PHONE HER ON SWALCLIFFE 8213.

IT IS ENVISAGED THAT AN INAUGURAL FIRST MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 22nd NOVEMBER.

UNICEF HAS EARNED THE RESPECT AND COOPERATION OF GOVERNMENTS OF MANY DIFFERENT PERSUASIONS. IT WORKS WITH THEM, AND ENSURES A MAJOR COMMITMENT FROM THEM ON ALL ITS PROJECTS, SO MUCH SO THAT THE 1965 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WAS AWARDED TO UNICEF.

UNICEF'S PROJECTS MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH, HEALTH AND SICKNESS, TO LITERALLY MILLIONS OF CHILDREN.

STOP PRESS

Does anyone know who was responsible for running over 3 ducks on SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24th killing one(the pretty mottled one). Whoever did it must have known as "Pretty" was quite flattened. We don't expect reparation but an apology would be something.

Anne Marcovitch.

VILLAGE HALL QUIZ

Monday November 7th 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

Do come along for a really good Family evening and support the 9 teams that have entered the Quiz this year. No charge for admission. Refreshments available.

NATURE NOTES

September 24th A flock of gulls was enjoying the puddles in our farm road today, a sure sign that repairs are overdue. Years ago we seldom saw seagulls and people used to say that to see them so far inland was a sign of stormy weather, but now we see them almost everyday, often in large numbers and I understand that many of the black-headed gulls breed by inland waters and may never visit the sea.

September 25th Our cat bought in a harvest mouse today. I saw several this harvest in the wheatfield below the farm.

September 28th A large lime tree near us, has already lost the leaves from most of its lower branches following an attack by a leaf fungus. In mid-summer one of the lower branches looked as though it had been scorched by a bonfire, but on closer inspection the leaves were covered with a fungus much like the brown rust that sometimes attacks the leaves of our barley. It spread in a few weeks over a good part of the tree and it is this part that has dropped its leaves prematurely.

October 5th I watched several blue tits eating elderberries - unusual fare for them I would have thought.

October 7th I read in my farming paper today that an aerial survey done for the Ministry of Agriculture shows that there is little change in the radiation levels in the surface vegetation and soil of the Cumbrian hills, although it is 2½ years since they were enveloped in the radioactive cloud from the Chernobyl accident. I expect, therefore, that the restrictions on the sale of lambs will affect the hill farmers for some years yet. They also tested areas around the Ravenglass estuary which is just 5 miles from the Sellafield nuclear re-processing plant, and found levels ten times higher than the highest found in the hills. I wonder what the effect of this will be on the marine life and on the birds that feed in the estuary.

October 14th Saw a fieldfare this morning - just one with some starlings. This is the earliest arrival date that I can recall.

October 15th The fieldfares really have come. I counted 15 today on one of our tall hedgerows.

SIBFORD W.I.

Mr. John Plant of the Salvation Army spoke to the W.I. about the aims and work of this worldwide organisation showing slides and some of the craft work produced in overseas missions. It was a most sincere and interesting talk and gave an idea of how money collected in this country is used both here and overseas. Mr. Plant thanked the W.I. for their efforts this year with the Sibford collection.

A beautiful arrangement of hedgerow material - flowers, berries and leaves, won 1st place for Mrs Hutchinson in the competition. Equal second were Mrs. W. Johnson and Mrs. G. Baadsgaard.

The President, Mrs Greta Baadsgaard paid tribute to Mrs M. Edred who won 1st prize for her Lemon Curd in the Oxfordshire W.I. Produce Show at Kidlington in September. Entries are very numerous and competition is fierce. Teas at the October meeting were provided most deliciously by Mrs Walpole and Mrs Bagdaley.

Mrs Cox has offered once more to organise a trip to the Stratford Memorial Theatre to see "My Fair Lady" in the Spring. Details to follow.

In November Mrs Wheeler will be speaking and demonstrating on Christmas Cookery. A competition for the best Personal Recipe Collection will be judged. This will be at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall on November 8th.

REWARD

A reward for the return of the spare-wheel cover that "fell off the back of"(!) my LandRover, between the evening of Tuesday 27th September and dawn on Wednesday 28th.

Guy Grasbey (271)

'THANK YOU'

Tom Woodhouse and Family thank most sincerely all friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, letters and donations for Cancer Research following the loss of a most courageous wife and mother.

A CONCERT BY CHIPPING NORTON MALE VOICE CHOIR

Saturday 3rd December in The Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.
Tickets £2.50 (including supper) Available from The Surgery.

"Be off or I'll throw you downstairs!"

Our Roving Reporter detects - it doesn't require a Sherlock Holmes to do so because it is a national addiction - an ever so slight ruffling of feathers twixt the "born and bred and proud of it" Sibfordians and the "born elsewhere but still proud of Sibford" Sibfordians!! As a somewhat grumpy, not happy, breed of men we adore dividing ourselves into "us" and "them over there", partly due to suspicion and fear and partly because demarkations provide the security we find in simplified self identification within small groups. There is nothing wrong and a good deal of right in such polarisations provided it is kept within bounds and lubricated by sound British humour and tolerance. However, the village has a problem if any form of bitterness or resentment is allowed to develop within this "rivalry".

The good healthy "Father William" attitude of correspondent F. Baggaley in our October issue takes the 15 lbs. weight of the pressure cooker created by such a simple thing as the cleaning of the village pond and is to be admired.

The Scene hopes to develop a useful debate on the subject of a healthy mix of villagers who have a wide range of length of residency in the Sibfords. If you would care to contribute opinions, views and ideas please do so by writing to the Editor now.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As relative newcomers to the village (5½ years), we have found it to be a very welcoming, caring and supportive community. It is, therefore, with much sadness and dismay, that we have noted the ill-feeling and antagonism generated during the past few months, by the debate over Neighbourhood Watch.

We have found that villagers naturally keep a watch on each others houses and property when owners are away; they feed cats, return lost dogs, water plants, look after each others children and keep an eye on elderly neighbours during the winter.

No one condones vandalism and I am sure that if anyone saw acts of vandalism being committed in the village they would deal with the matter automatically.

Sadly, it now seems that by seeking to make our "neighbourliness" organised and official, we are in danger of destroying the very spirit of village life we wish to preserve.

Yours sincerely,

The Moir family.

Dear Sir,

I read with interest Ann Marcovitch's letter on the Good Neighbourhood Scheme printed in the September issue. Could she now follow this up by organising her funds to help to deter the trouble makers thereby removing any suspicion from herself and the lads and lassies with whom she associates.

G.S.

(name & address supplied)

Dear Sir,

I have read with interest Ann Marcovitch's letter in the September Scene. Could not she follow it up by organising a G.N. Scheme and do something to deter the 'baddies' (who must be from outside this village) thereby removing all suspicion from herself and her friends.

S.

(name & address supplied)

(Would all Readers please note that the correspondence on this matter is now closed).

Dear Sir,

May I take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to you as Editor, Vivienne Scouse and Timothy Wimbush for the time and effort you all put into producing the Sibford Scene month after month thus keeping us so well informed.

WARRINER SCHOOL NEWS

A belated welcome to all new pupils and their families - we hope by now you are all happily settled into your new school routine.

At the P.T.A. AGM held on September 26th a new and much enlarged committee was formed. One of our aims this year is to greatly improve school links with all villages which send children to the Warriner. In order to do this we have enlarged and improved the network of village contacts most of whom are serving on the PTA committee so will be in close contact with all happenings at the school. Your local contact is Carole Moir - 8241, Hillcot, Sibford Ferris - helpers - Jane Holliday - 500 and Jackie Millward - 8188.

Communication is a two way process and while your contacts will try to keep you in touch with events at school, they would appreciate your offers of help and support when required. They will also be happy to take up any queries or suggestions you may have about school related matters. We hope in this way to make families feel more involved with the school and its aims.

Christmas Bazaar Saturday November 26th - offers of help and goods to sell will be needed soon.

Snowy Weather A reminder that in the event of snow falling over night, please listen to Radio Oxford from 7.00 a.m. onwards for information about which schools are closed and buses cancelled. Radio Oxford can be found on FM/VHF frequency 95.2. If heavy snow falls during the day and school closes early, your village contacts will be informed by the school and will get messages to parents.

ANY OLD TOYS?

The Society of Friends has had an influx of younger children into its Sunday Meeting for Worship and wonders whether any reader of the Scene has any good quality toys that they no longer need and would be prepared to donate - particularly toys suitable for under 7's. If so they would be delighted to hear from you.

The children spend ten minutes or so in the Meeting itself so that they can experience the silence which is at the heart of Quaker worship and then go into the nearby childrens room which has been recently converted from an old cloakroom and is looking very bright and attractive. There they explore various themes and are involved in a variety of activities. But we need toys that are attractive for the younger children. At the moment they are bringing their own but it would be much better if they could find toys waiting for them each week. The childrens room is fairly near to the Meeting Room - so please, no trumpets or drums!

If you have any toys you would like to donate please telephone

Judith Weeks on 8393.

WHICHFORD POTTERY

GRAND AUTUMN SALE 11-19th November, including Sunday.

Lots of bargains. 10% OFF ALL STOCK.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MAIL ORDER OFFER

PRICES BETWEEN £9.95 and £47.95 INCLUDES POSTAGE AND PACKING
DIRECT TO ANYWHERE IN MAINLAND BRITAIN.

Visit or phone pottery for details.

Tel: 0608 - 84416 WHICHFORD POTTERY NR. SHIPSTON - ON - STOUR.

Neighbourhood Watch

Security

A warning to all: if you wish to get advise on Home Security safely and reliably - ask the experts. The Crime Prevention Department at Banbury Police Station. To call, Banbury 52525 is the 'phone number.

DO NOT think of buying this advise from a door-to-door sales person, your Police Force knows the honest ones for installation of devices as well.

One way of helping to keep the dishonest away from your villages is to tell them in advance that they will be seen and reported ; put your stickers in your windows, join the other 123 members.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ON THIS OR ANOTHER MATTER, LET US KNOW.

John Mulley, Co-ordinator.

"ABILITY - NOT DISABILITY IS THE KEYNOTE"

The Manor House, Sibford Gower played host to five highly talented young people on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th October when the Sibfords and Epwell Branch of the North Oxfordshire Conservative Association promoted "The Musical Event" on behalf of the charity "Opportunities for the Disabled".

Music lovers travelled from as far away as London and Kent, Lancaster and Birmingham and yes - Switzerland and joined with many local people in the audience to witness a truly unique series of performances. Leading the way was Graham Hobson, who displayed his skills on the French Horn with pieces by Mozart, Saint Saens and Arnold Cooke - and this despite being paralysed down one side following a bout of pneumonia. Jo Skrimshire, who is currently studying at Birmingham University, then sang quite beautifully pieces by Henry Purcell, Fauré and William Walton, emphasising clearly that severe visual impairment does not hinder her musical development. The first half of the concert was concluded with a performance of Schubert's Arpeggione Sonate for Viola by 21 year old Elisabeth Varlow, a student at the Royal College of Music and a recent finalist in the BBC Radio 4 "Best of British Youth". Lis has achieved much already both academically and musically, although since the age of 17 she has been profoundly deaf.

The second half commenced with a piano recital by Thuy Mallalieu, a Vietnamese orphan who was brought to Britain by an R.A.F. Pilot. Although blind, Thuy demonstrated his artistry on the keyboard with music by Mozart, Chopin and Debussy. The welcome return of Graham Hobson with a bass-baritone rendition of songs by Ralph Vaughan Williams and John Ireland, preceded the appearance of the special guest artist, Evelyn Glennie.

Evelyn Glennie is 23 and has had a remarkable rise to stardom. As with Lis Varlow, she is profoundly deaf and yet in 1986 at her debut at the Wigmore Hall, the Daily Telegraph said "quite exceptional talent - a degree of musical and technical accomplishment which was never short of breathtaking". This talent was much in evidence in Sibford as she performed music on the marimba and xylophone by Chopin, Hubay and Creston amongst others concluding her programme with Scott Joplin and won a host of new admirers in the process. Indeed Sibford were most fortunate to have her services which were given entirely free for the charitable cause, for in the past year she has made regular appearances on T.V. and was a guest soloist on the Childrens' Royal Variety Performance.

The Concert was superbly compered by the 'gentle giant' of BBC Radio 2, John Dunn, who before each performance conducted a short and pleasant interview with each of the young people. All had received the benefit of music scholarships through 'Opportunities for the Disabled' and all were delighted to be playing together (it was their first meeting in over two years) with the specific purpose of raising funds for a further music scholarship for a disabled young person.

The Concerts raised in excess of £1,000 and with an anonymous donation of a further £1,000 the work and effort of the Sibfords and Epwell Branch of the North Oxfordshire Conservative Association in promoting the concert will be rewarded by a young disabled person entering a music school in 1989 with a scholarship to support their studies.

A delighted Tony Baldry, M.P., echoed the sentiments of the audience by declaring that it had been a truly unique occasion of the very best in musicianship and paid tribute to Mike Edwards, the owner of the house and Monty Pearlman and his committee for their vision to stage the event. New friendships were formed over an excellent supper at the end of the concert and many patrons left the Manor House with compact discs, tapes, records of classical music, including the latest recording of Evelyn Glennie playing Bartok with Sir Georg Solti, as a result of the raffle, the prizes for which had been donated by 5 Recording Companies.

The accoustics of the Manor House were superb, with the performers delighted to play in a cosy and warm atmosphere. Therefore it is not surprising to learn that Mike Edwards plans to run a series of fund raising events for worthy causes and charities featuring musicians playing a wide range of instruments and the invitation to all music lovers in the villages is "CAN WE FORM A SIBFORD MUSIC SOCIETY"? The message to those who missed this event - MAKE SURE YOU COME NEXT TIME.

CHURCH SERVICES

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

Holy Trinity 6th 8am Holy Communion
13th 8am Holy Communion

10.55 SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

20th 10am Family Morning Service - all invited to share
in this informal worship
27th No service here, but

CONFIRMATION & EUCHARIST at SWALCLIFFE at 10am

(The Bishop of Dorchester)

WEEKLY EVENTS

Swimming Club	Friends School	Monday & Wednesday 6 - 7 p.m. 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 - 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)

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

1st Nov.	Friendship Club, Raffle, B & Buy. 10 a.m. 4 High Meadow.
5th Nov.	Scout Paper Collection
5th Nov.	Grand Firework Display at Sibford Gower School.
7th Nov.	Village Hall Quiz. 7.30 A MUST!
8th Nov.	W.I. Meeting Village Hall 2 p.m.
9th Nov.	Sibford Horticultural Society 8 p.m. Village Hall.
12th Nov.	Sibford Church Bazaar 2.30 p.m. Village Hall.
13th Nov.	Remembrance Sunday.
15th Nov.	Leo Club, 8 p.m. The Court House. Jewellery Party.
16th Nov.	Friendship Club. Outing to Worcester.
22nd Nov.	UNICEF Inaugural first meeting.
26th Nov.	Warriner School Bazaar.

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