



SIBFORD SCENE

DECEMBER-1988+No.122+1989-JANUARY

GOOD NEWS

FREE BUS SERVICE FOR SIBFORD GOWER AND BURDROP

The Trustees of the Sibford Gower Town Estates Charity are pleased to announce that the Charity is providing a weekly free bus service for residents of Sibford Gower (including Burdrop). They regret that due to a restriction in the Trust Deed this service cannot be extended to residents of Sibford Ferris.

Tanners will run a bus to Banbury on alternate Fridays (commencing 9th December) and to Chipping Norton on alternate Wednesdays (commencing 14th December). Details of the dates, times and pick-up points are detailed on another page of this Scene and the Editor has kindly agreed to publish a schedule each month.

The Trustees hope that Sibford Gower residents will find this service helpful and would welcome any comments. The current Trustees of the Charity are:

Mr. D.R. Sabin (Chairman), Mr. F.J. Inns (Deputy Chairman), Mr. P.H. Baadsgaard (Secretary), Mrs. V. Jones (Treasurer), Mr. W.J. Wealsby, Mr. J.K. Gilchrist, Mr. A.M. Rye, Mr. W.J. Sabin.

MORE GOOD NEWS

NEWCOMERS TO SIBFORD

If you have arrived in SIBFORD since March 1987, please book Saturday 4th February 1989 for the WELCOME TO SIBFORD Party which the Church Council hosts every two years. Your personal invitation will arrive in January. Looking forward to seeing you on this occasion.

Anne Stephens for the Church Council.

BEST NEWS

Christmas is coming and the staff of The Sibford Scene wishes all its 'long suffering' readers

' A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND PEACE TO YOU ALL'.

SIBFORD METHODIST CHAPEL - Christmas Services

There will be a service of lessons and carols on Sunday 18th December at 11 a.m. to which all are very welcome.

On Christmas Day there will be a short service starting at 10.30 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

ALADDIN - THE MUSICAL

The local Swalcliffe Swallows are presenting their seasonal extravaganza on December 14th, 15th, 16th at 7.30 p.m. and Sat Matinee, 17th at 3.00p.m. Limited seating only so please buy your tickets in advance - we played to full houses last year with our Wizard of Oz. Tickets from Mrs Jessie Richards, Telephone Swal 692. Adults £3.00 Children under 13 £1.00. All proceeds to Village Hall Improvement Fund.

So Remember the date : 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th December
Don't be late : 7.30 p.m.
Come to the Village Hall: Swalcliffe
And have a Ball : Aladdin - The Musical

Children's Drawing Competition

Draw a picture of Aladdin and his magic lamp and you could win a free ticket. Entries to Doug Seymour, 4 The Green, Swalcliffe by Dec 10th. Judged by The Swallows. All pictures and paintings will be displayed on the walls of the Village Hall. Make sure you put your name, age, and address/telephone no. on the back.

ROAD SAFETY - SIBFORD FERRIS

In the April edition of 'The Sibford Scene' an article was printed which was intended to draw people's attention to the danger to pedestrians and particularly to children of using Holly House drive to gain access to the main road. The danger is now more than ever because of the building works going on at the School yet still a number of young children continue to use the drive. Please, please, please - if you think one of these children might be yours, try and make sure that a different route is used. I am sure that none of us would welcome the news that a child has been knocked down or worse.....! The drive is a private road and there is no public right of way along it so any member of the public using it does so entirely at their own risk. Please make sure that all members of your family are aware of this grave danger.

Tony Skeath, Clerk to Sibford Ferris Parish Council.

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CLERK TO SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

Tony Skeath has given notice that he will be unable to continue after April 1989, and the Council are therefore looking for someone to take over the post. Would anyone who is interested in becoming Clerk, or would just like to find out more about the duties, please get in touch with Tony (494), or the Council members who are Barbara Crabtree (635), John Simms (655), David Dyer (8287), David Stewart (219) and Arnold Lamb (357), if you have not already done so.

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GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION

COFFEE MORNING - in aid of GDBA

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 7th

10.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

'WESTERWAYS' - SIBFORD FERRIS

BRING AND BUY - Cakes, Jams & House Plants

G.D.B.A. Sales - Christmas Cards and Gifts

(Clean milk bottle tops and aluminium foil gladly received)

NATURE NOTES

Oct 23rd Saw a bird of prey, with rather short wings like a sparrow-hawk, being mobbed by rooks and jackdaws. It finally disappeared, flying westward at a great height, with me none the wiser as to its identity.

Oct 28th There was great competition for the last of the yew berries in our garden, this morning, between some visiting redwings and the resident population of song thrushes, mistle thrushes and blackbirds. Yew berries seem to be the favourite food of all these birds. These are the first redwings that I have seen this autumn, but we see fieldfares every day now. There are very few haws on the close trimmed hedges to feed them through the winter. It is difficult to reconcile efficient farming with the needs of wildlife. We used to know the fieldfares as 'felts' or 'pigeon felts' and big flocks used to feed on the hedges that had become overgrown during the pre-war depression.

Nov 2nd Planted the last of our autumn corn today. I would think that most farmers have now finished, thanks to the weather being kinder than last year.

Nov 17th Saw great tits, blue tits, a coal tit and a marsh or willow tit together on our bird table this morning.

The Garden Bird Survey that I do produces some surprises. For instance, I see we had a period of 8 weeks during August and September when we did not see a house sparrow in the garden.

SIBFORD W.I.

A Cookery Demonstration to the W.I. by Mrs. Wheeler was much appreciated at the November meeting, and new ideas for Christmas catering were welcomed. As this year is the 60th anniversary of the Sibford Group, Mrs Conway kindly made an iced Anniversary Cake for all to share. Mrs Jarvis, the Secretary and Mrs Baadsgaard, the President and the cake and all sang 'Happy Birthday to Us'. A competition for the best personal collection of recipes was won by Mrs Hutchinson, 2nd Mrs Conway. Mrs Feltham was in charge of teas.

A celebration lunch was held at the Hornbeam House Restaurant, Great Tew which was well attended by present members and several past members and officers including Mrs E. Keyser, Mrs E. Warwicker and Mrs F. Stroud. It was a most enjoyable event.

On December 13th at 2.00 p.m. in the Village Hall Mr. P. Baadsgaard will show a video film of the Cotwolds, and a competition for an interesting or beautiful ceramic item, will be held.

In January it is the Members meeting and this will be at Mrs Bristow's house, Birch Hill, Burdrip at 2.00 p.m. on January 10th. This meeting would be an ideal one for any new member who would like to join. In which case ring Mrs Jarvis on Hook Norton 737864.

NOTES FOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Tuesday Dec 6th 2.00 p.m. in the Primary School - Carol Service by the children followed by tea and biscuits.

Wednesday Dec 21st Christmas lunch 12.30 in the Primary School.

Tuesday Jan 3rd Members Meeting in the Village Hall 2.00p.m.

Tuesday Jan 17th Mystery Meeting at 2.00p.m. in the Village Hall.

SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL

Will be holding an Easter Bazaar on Easter Monday, March 27th 1989.
All ideas welcomed.

A.L.B.

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NORTH OXFORDSHIRE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

SIBFORD & EIWELL BRANCH
CHRISTMAS EVENT

The next event is our Christmas 'get together'. Last year we had a most enjoyable evening at Swalcliffe Manor. This year we have again reserved the Manor for FRIDAY, 9th DECEMBER. In order not to restrict the numbers, which we had to do for a 'sit-down' dinner, we have arranged a GRAND BUFFET instead. The tickets for which will be £15 inclusive of wine. Please let Mr. Pearlman (Swalcliffe 8162) know as soon as possible how many tickets you would like.

FUTURE PLANS

It will be necessary to hold an Annual General Meeting early next year and accordingly, the Village Hall has been booked for Saturday, 11th March, 1989. After the formal proceedings, it is intended to provide a BAKED POTATO & FILLINGS supper, complete with beer or wine at, possibly, £2.50 per head. It has also been suggested that a light-hearted wine tasting might be included. Final details in a later letter - but meanwhile, volunteers or nominations for Committee membership will be welcome.

We are also planning for a summer party next year in Mr. Edwards' Manor House and garden with a Caribbean theme and it will take place in May or June. More details later.

BARGAINS GALORE!

FOR SALE

Sibford Gower's old red Telephone Box! (offers over £200).

V.W. Beetle 1303's, Yellow, P. reg. 12 months M.O.T. (collectable) £1400 o.n.o.

V.W. Beetle 1200, Blue, H. Reg. no. M.O.T. £300 o.n.o.

Robot Chef Food Processor v.g.c. (hardly used) £30 o.n.o.

Christian Dior Mens Grey Suit size 38 long (as good as new!) £65 o.n.o.

Car Cassette Player £7

Squash Racquet with "HEAD" Full cover £6.

Please telephone: Swalcliffe 8424 - Mark and Linda Freeman.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir,

May I through the Sibford Scene express my thanks to all those who helped to organise the Children's Fancy Dress Halloween Party in aid of the Playarea. Although only a small profit was made, the Children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, so a successful event was had in all. Special thanks must go to Mrs. Barbro Dyer who kindly baked and decorated two fabulous cakes as prizes and to Mrs. Marilyn Leathery, the local hairdresser, who donated two free hair cuts. Thanks also to Mr. and Mrs. R. Spicer who judged the fancy dress costumes and awarded first prizes to Daniel Bryon and Jessica Fletcher. Younger 'runner (s) up' each received a large bag of chocolate buttons and each and every other child had something too (so as not to disappoint anyone!)

Last, but not least, thank you to our 'Master of Ceremonies', Steve Brettels Odessy Disco, who made sure that throughout the afternoon we were well entertained with his wide choice of music.

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

WARRINER NEWS
'ANY QUESTIONS EVENING'

The Vice-chairman of the PTA recently acted as question 'master' for an 'Any Questions' evening when staff, governors, parents and pupils met together to discuss many and varied issues of school life. Questions as wide-ranging as uniform, lockers, text books, sport, the farm unit, business studies, community needs and links and teaching policies were well fielded by the 'reluctant' panel.

Those who were able to attend certainly benefited from a further insight into what 'makes the Warriner tick' in a friendly atmosphere for discussion. Thanks to all those concerned for organising a very worthwhile evening.

Pupils are reminded that now there is a 'late' bus on Tuesday and Thursday evenings the library is open from 3.30 to 5.00p.m.

Maureen Hicks

OPEN EVENING - NOVEMBER 2nd

We were given a note at school to see if we would like to go to an open evening at the Warriner School. Most of the 4th years from Sibford Primary School were there. Mr. Spencer, the new Headteacher told us about the school, in the canteen, then we were shown round the school by some 5th year pupils. One of our favourite bits was the Farm Unit. They have goats, pigs, cows, piglets and a shire horse called 'Prince'. We also had a French lesson with Mlle. Mauriange and a Geography lesson with Mr. Farmer. It was a great evening and we can't wait to start school there next September.

Jenny Pidgeon and Helen Moir

SCHOOL CONCERT held on Nov 10th showed what a wide range of musical activity goes on in school and all was to a very high standard. The lower school choir sang beautifully and with every eye on the conductor. There were solos, duets, wind bands, Brass ensembles, string groups, recorders, a Mandolin and some very good improvising on electric guitars and drums which was met with rapturous applause and whistles! It was lovely to see so many children participating in active music making with such obvious enjoyment.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - Held on Nov 26th - Sibford Parents were asked to run the Bottle Stall and Raffle. Thanks to all those who donated goods and offers of help.

Dates for December

12th Dec - 5th year parents evening and Florida trip departs.
15th Dec - German day.
19th Dec - Carol Service - Bloxham Church.
20th Dec - End of Term.

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SIBFORD VILLAGE QUIZ

The Quiz was very well supported this year and an enthusiastic following of supporters turned up at the Village Hall on 7th November to 'cheer' for their team. 10 teams entered this year and it was a closely fought contest, particularly for 3rd place. The Question Master (Rev. Tim. Wimbush) did a magnificent job and made the evening a most enjoyable one for all concerned. Many thanks to him for all his hard work and also to Col. C. Frith for keeping score and to Mrs Shields for providing refreshments.

Results: 1st - The Odd Fellows
2nd - Medics
3rd Equal - W.I. and the Quakers
5th - The B.P.'s (scouts, cubs and beavers)
6th - Barley Close
7th - The Church
8th - Horticultural Society
9th - Youth Club

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WELL DONE

To Ashley Hicks in winning the Scout Fishing Competition for 1st the Sibfords. He was the only cub or scout to catch a fish all that day. This was the first time Sibford has won this event.

CONGRATULATIONS.

J.W.

SIBFORD SCHOOL - CALENDAR - DECEMBER 1988

SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2.00 p.m.
A WARM WELCOME WILL BE EXTENDED
TO ALL - DO COME ALONG AND BUY
YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.
FREE PARKING!

FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER

MEETING 6.00 p.m. FOR PARENTS
AND THIRD YEAR PUPILS TO DISCUSS
THEIR G.C.S.E. OPTIONS .

SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER

OLD SCHOLARS FOOTBALL CHALLENGE
MATCH AGAINST THE SCHOOL.
KICK OFF 2.00 p.m.

MONDAY 5th DECEMBER

5th YEAR PUPILS TO STRATFORD ON
AVON TO SEE MACBETH

WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS TEA IN THE SCHOOL HALL
FOR EX-STAFF AND GUESTS

THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR
ALL PUPILS AND STAFF.
CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE SCHOOL HALL
FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER

TERM ENDS

JANUARY 9th 1989

SKI TRIP DEPARTS TO LES CARROZ,
FRANCE.

JANUARY 16th

SPRING TERM COMMENCES

FEBRUARY 10th

HALF TERM

A DAY TRIP TO FRANCE

I got up at 4 o'clock on a Friday morning to meet about ninety children from the Warriner School. We boarded two coaches and set off for Folkstone. We got on the Ferry and then arrived in Boulogne at lunchtime. It was exciting as it was so different from England. We went shopping and were able to speak French to the shop assistants. I bought items such as croissants, sweets, postcards and cheese. It was really interesting walking around the old French streets and meeting the people. It was quite hot - much warmer than England. We set off home when it was getting dark and eventually after a couple of delays we arrived home at 2 a.m., twenty two hours after leaving. It was an amazing and interesting experience.

Thomas Holliday.

Warriner School

ARMISTICE SUNDAY

"We shall remember them".

This year the skies were blue and the sun shone on the red poppies which symbolise Armistice Sunday.

A large throng, probably representing every household in the Sibfords, gathered around the simple War Memorial in Holy Trinity Churchyard to honour and remember those who had died in all armed conflict since the 1914-18 war.

Wreaths were laid and the names of the men from the villages who had given their lives were read and remembered together with countless others thought of silently by many of those present.

The 'Last Post' was sounded, with great feeling, by a lone scout trumpeter and all eyes were turned to gaze upon the ground. After a pause Reveille rang out and heads were once more raised high to the clear blue sky where bird song, once drowned by the clamour of war, still echoes hope as guns rust silently.

All joined in the Service that followed and the Church was packed to overflowing proving, if proof is necessary, that the pews of English churches are not empty but assuredly occupied in spirit each Sunday by absent tenants.

The address was given by Dame Anne who spoke briefly but meaningfully about Love, Remembrance and Service before self. Much of what she said was addressed to the uniformed contingents from the Village Youth organisations whose turnout and behaviour was a credit to themselves and their Leaders. They listened intently knowing that they are the true train bearers of our future and heralds of a better world.

The occasion, enhanced by perfect November weather, is one that will be remembered for many years by those privileged to be present.

"THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 1988"

I asked you on behalf of The Appeal to give generously, hoping to match inflation at least, and it gives me great pleasure to tell you all that you have set yourselves a high target for next year!

The House to House and Static Point Collections raised £343.45 (up by £80.62 on last year). The Remembrance Day Service and two other Sunday collections, kindly given by Holy Trinity Church, raised £171.28 (up by £62.76). Wreath Donations were up by £20.00 on last year.

All this means that I can send off a magnificent £544.66 to help those folk who have served us.

Thank you all very very much indeed on behalf of The Legion Poppy Appeal; especially my band of collectors and a mention also to Messrs. Barclays Bank in Hook Norton who count the money we collect.

John Mulley, Hon. Organiser.

National Children's Home

The House to House collection this year made £101.40 - £28 up on last year. Many thanks to you all for giving most generously and also to the wonderful band of helpers who each year collect on their 'patch'. It is a chore when we are all so busy and it is yet another 'job'. It is so good that we can send off such a super amount to such a needy cause to help deprived youngsters.

Jane Holliday

THE SIBFORDIANS CHRISTMAS PARTY 1988 has been postponed: it will re-emerge as THE SIBFORDIANS EASTER PARTY 1989 on Saturday 8th April in the Village Hall. Senior residents are not forgotten after all.

T.W.

SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

For the November meeting Mr. and Mrs. Alan Jarvis gave a most interesting talk about Alpine plants showing some lovely slides of Switzerland and many of the colourful plants in their own garden.

At the December meeting Mr. Bryce is once again showing "synchronised slides with music" - this time it will be scenes of Ireland. There will also be a competition for the best buffet table arrangement or a basket arrangement using fresh flowers, Christmas decorations, or a combination of the two. Mrs. Gillian Brookes from Swalcliffe has been invited to judge the competition so it is hoped that there are lots of entries.

The evening will be finished off with light buffet snacks served with wine and followed by coffee, date Wednesday 14th Dec. 8 p.m.

NEWS FROM SCOUTS

THANK YOU THANK YOU

To all the people who sponsored the scouts and especially to those who sponsored me (I raised £50). 1st Sibfords Scouts raised a grand total of £199.00. All the Scouts completed the 40 mile cycle ride and so did our Assistant Scout Leader, Mr. Soden.

Jamie W.

WASTE PAPER COLLECTION

Don't forget your Waste Paper on Saturday 3rd December. Merry Christmas to all Waste Paper Savers.

Scout Cooks continue to get noticed A team of 1st The Sibfords, representing Banbury District were narrowly beaten (by 1 mark) into second place at the County Cooking Competition on Saturday 19th November at Oxford. Nice try!

CAROL SERVICE

Sibfords Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts invite you one and all to their annual Carol Service to be held in Holy Trinity Church on Friday 16th December starting at 6.30 p.m. You are very welcome to come along and join us.

CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST UPON US

ORDER EARLY

Holly Wreaths, Door Ring. 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.

GILLIAN BROOKES. 'THE POTTING SHED'. SWALCLIFFE 295.

LEO CLUB

Leo Members had an enjoyable evening on November 15th at The Court House, and were able to choose from a large and varied collection of Jewellery - a painless way of doing some of the Christmas shopping! Thanks to Mrs. Warwicker for her hospitality and to Mrs. Hutchinson for arranging the evening. Next month's meeting will take the form of a Buffet Evening and members are asked to bring a Foreign dish (sweet or savoury) and there will be wine. Date: Tuesday 13th December at 8 p.m. at The Court House. (the date printed in the Banbury Guardian is incorrect).

FREE BUS SERVICE FOR RESIDENTS OF SIBFORD GOWER AND BURDROP

SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u> <u>1988</u>		<u>Destination</u>	<u>Departure</u> <u>Time</u>	<u>Return</u> <u>Time</u>
Friday	9 December	Banbury (Bus Station)	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	14 December	Chipping Norton (Town Hall)	11.00	13.00
Friday	23 December	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	28 December	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
<u>1989</u>				
Friday	6 January	Banbury	10.00	12.00

The pick-up points are:

Banbury Bus Village Hall
Cross Roads
High Meadow

Chipping Norton Bus Village Hall
Cross Roads
High Meadow
The Colony

Please note that because there is no turning area for the bus it cannot pick up passengers from The Colony on Fridays.

Vera Jones

Treasurer - Sibford Gower Town Estates
Charity.

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY SURVEYOR AND ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

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AT

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PLEASE RING OXFORD 815796 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

BLUE PETER BRING & BUY SALE - in aid of Kampuchea

on Tuesday December 6th 3.00 - 4.30 p.m. at 2 Barley Close.

Please bring your cakes, jams, toys, unwanted gifts etc. to
Johanna Berry at 2 Barley Close or Harriet Boyce at 7 The Colony.

'THANK YOU'

A very big THANK YOU to all those who gave to the
Bottle Stall at the Church Bazaar thus making
it into the huge success that it was. We are
most grateful.

Brenda Phillips and Evelyn Keyser.

FAREWELL VIVienne

After many months of devoted effort, Vivienne has decided to hang up her typewriter and retire from the very tiring duty of typing each month the stencils for the Sibford Scene. It was hoped that she would take over the duties of Editor as she is much closer to the Sibford pulse than he is. The Editor thrice presented her the editorial crown which she did thrice refuse. Was this ambition? (with apologies to Mark Anthony!)

Thank you Vivienne for all you have done not only in the typing but in the correcting of many of the Editor's mistakes and faults. May you have a happy retirement reading what others will now type.

Will anyone willing to take on her duties please contact the Editor during December. Vivienne will certainly explain all that is to be explained.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

for ages 8 - 11

Write a 'Christmas Story' - between 100 and 250 words.

Winning entry to be published in the February Scene.

Stories to the Editor by January 10th please.

Name, address and age on the back of each entry please.

CHIPPING NORTON MALE VOICE CHOIR

Come and spend an enjoyable evening with Chipping Norton Male Choir at a Concert at Sibford Village Hall on SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER, 1988 commencing at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £2.50, including a Ploughmans Supper and a glass of wine. Available from The Surgery or Greens Shop.

Do come - this promises to be a very good evening.

<u>HELEN'S FLOWERS</u> Dried Flowers & Basket Arrangements For Sale Tel: Swalcliffe 380	<u>W A N T E D</u> A lift for a teenager to Banbury Tech. on Wednesday mornings only from Burdrop leaving around 8.30. Please phone Swa. 544
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GARDEN REFUSE SACKS

Some of you may have seen the recent publicity by Cherwell District Council concerning garden refuse and its collection by the 'Bin Men'. Garden refuse will be collected with normal domestic refuse if securely packed in special green garden refuse sacks supplied by the Local Authority. Cherwell District Council have asked local groups to provide a service to their own community by distributing the sacks and at the same time making a small profit for their funds.

Sibford Scouts, Cubs and Beavers have agreed to sell the sacks locally. These will be available from any uniformed member of the Scout Group at a cost of 45p. each. Stocks will also be available from the boys and adult helpers on newspaper collection days - STOP US AND BUY ONE.

If you have any difficulty in obtaining a special Garden Refuse Sack, please telephone me on Swa. 259.

Keith Hicks.

This month the Scene started with Good News and now this is good news to finish - some may say the best! (not that there isn't good news all the way through adds the Editor not wishing to be again the prey of a lynching party!).

Even More Good News. The Positive Approach!

YOUTH CLUB

The Committee is pleased to be able to announce that Anne Marcovitch, with an able team of co-leaders and helpers, has been able to re-start Youth Club on Mondays 7.30 - 9.30.

At the moment age range is 14 upwards, but from January 9th we hope to cater for the 11s - 14s on Youth Club evenings. You will be notified about times.

An interesting programme is being planned by members and leaders, so why not come along and join in.

David Baker will still be in charge of the sports fixtures and has already got together a good five-a-side football team.

There will be no Youth Club on December 26th or January 2nd.

A Message from Marilyn Leathery -

These are some forthcoming events.

Mon. Dec. 19th	Christmas Party - age 11+
Sat. 7th January	Ice Skating in Oxford.

There is a possibility of drama and more outings later.

Would parents who could help supervise these events please contact any of the Youth Leaders.

Anne Marcovitch	on	8163
Marilyn Leathery	on	8337
Lucy Summerell	on	780
David Baker	on	676

All offers of help will be gratefully received.

Thank You Anne on behalf of the villages. Good Luck.

Sibford Scene Vacancy

As reported elsewhere there is now an urgent need for a typist or better still a Typing Pool consisting of a number of typists willing to meet once a month to share the arduous task of typing ten stencils. Volunteers are urgently required. Don't worry, its not for ever. This is the sort of duty, which in a village like ours, should 'go the rounds'.

Please don't leave it to someone else. If you can type contact The Editor as soon as possible. Should no one emerge by mid-January, the February Scene may have to revert to a single sheet of 'whats on' until a new typist is found.

Remember Kitchener! Typists. Your Village Needs You!

CHURCH BAZAAR

The Church Wardens of Holy Trinity Church, Sibford, wish to thank those who organised, helped and supported the Bazaar on November 12th, making it a great success.

R.E. Payne and D.W. Soden

ADVANCE NOTICE

GRAND BLUE PETER BRING AND BUY SALE

To be run by ALL the uniformed organisations and to be held in Sibford Village Hall on SATURDAY 10th FEBRUARY in aid of Kampuchea.

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends
Methodist
Roman Catholic Mass

Sundays at 10.30 a.m.
Sundays at 11 a.m.
Hook Norton Sundays at 11 a.m.
Brailes Sundays at 11.30 a.m.

Church of England

4th Dec. 8am Holy Communion
11th Dec., 8th & 22nd Jan. 10am Holy Communion & sermon.
18th Dec and 15th Jan 10am Family Service

1st January 10am United Benefice Eucharist at Epwell
29th January 10am United Benefice Eucharist at Sibford
6th January (Epiphany) 8pm United Benefice Eucharist here,
with 12th Night refreshments at the
Rectory after the service.

(Christmas Details overleaf)

WEEKLY EVENTS

Youth Club	Village Hall	Monday 7.30 - 8.30 p.m.
Swimming(Club closed for winter)	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)

DECEMBER CALENDAR

3rd Dec.	Scout Paper Collection
3rd Dec.	Chipping Norton Male Voice Choir - Vill. Hall 7.30 p.m.
6th Dec.	Friendship Club, Carol Service at Primary School.
6th Dec.	Blue Peter Bring & Buy, 3 - 4.30 p.m. 2 Barley Close.
7th Dec.	Guide Dogs for the Blind Coffee Morning, 10.30 Westerways, S.Ferris
9th Dec.	New Bus Service to Banbury starts.
9th Dec.	Conservative Party Get Together.
13th Dec.	W.I. Meeting, Village Hall 2 p.m. Video on the Cotswolds
13th Dec.	Leo Club, 8 p.m. The Court House. Bring a Foreign Dish.
14th Dec.	Sibford Horticultural Society, Village Hall 8 p.m.
14th Dec.	New Bus Service to Chipping Norton starts
14/15/16/17 Dec	Swalcliffe Pantomime - ALADDIN
16th Dec.	Carol Service of all the Uniformed Organisations, 6.30 Holy Trinity.
17th Dec.	Youth Club Senior Disco
18th Dec.	Methodist Church Lessons and Carols.
19th Dec.	Christmas Party, Youth Club.
19th Dec.	Warriner School Carol Service at Bloxham Church.
21st Dec.	Friendship Club Christmas Lunch 12.30 Primary School.

JANUARY CALENDAR

3rd Jan.	Friendship Club Meeting for members
7th Jan.	Youth Club Visit to Oxford - Ice Skating
10th Jan.	W.I. New Members welcome to the meeting, 2 p.m. Birch Hill.
17th Jan.	Friendship Club Mystery Meeting 2 p.m. Village Hall.

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE CHURCH

Elsewhere you will have seen - if you read your Scene from front to back - that the uniformed organisations have planned a service for 16th December at 6.30pm. We are lucky that here the leaders of all the organisations take seriously the part of the promise which refers to a duty to God.

They have organised the service completely on their own, and this is to be encouraged: now all they need is for others - and not just mums and dads - to come along and support them. Incidentally they will enjoy themselves singing well-known carols into the bargain!

Christmas Communion Services

As Christians rejoice the world over at the remembering of the birth of their Saviour and Lord, the church invites everyone to take part over the festival itself in the worship. There will be two services as follows:-

Christmas Eve: Midnight Mass with Carols and Address - 11.30pm

Christmas Day: Family Christmas Communion Service - 11.30am

(Early morning celebrations for Christmas Day - Tadmarton 8am
Epwell 8.30am)

ANGLICANS AND OTHER CHURCHES

For thirty years and more there has been spasmodic talk about Christian Unity. Various schemes have been proposed, some accepted, others rejected. Despite these setbacks and disappointments, the churches remain the best of friends. Each year we show this friendship particularly on the Sunday in the week of Prayer of Christian Unity. During the afternoon of that Sunday we meet together in one of Sibford's places of worship for a service. 1989 sees the turn of Holy Trinity Church again, and so we look forward to welcoming Christians of all denominations to a United Service.

United Service on Sunday 22nd January 1989 at 3.30pm.
(followed by light refreshments)

FAMILY WORSHIP IN SIBFORD CHURCH

Since September, the 3rd Sunday in every month has been 'Family Service' day in the church; and we have been greatly cheered by the numbers who have come to the service. The Church Council recently appointed a small worship committee, specifically to look into the style and form which would be most appropriate for Sibford families (NB Families doesn't just mean children!) That committee is looking for people with ideas to help them: so please let Colin Frith, Mary Poulton, Erica Wimbush or Jean White know if you (a) have any ideas or (b) would like to volunteer to help them get things as right as possible.

HOLY TRINITY AUTUMN BAZAAR

Elsewhere people have written brief notes of thanks: and we were truly grateful for the enthusiastic response in so many different ways. The profit from the Bazaar was - to us at least - the staggering sum of:-

£1413 . 92

Thank you all very much indeed: the fund which repairs to windows had drained looks a great deal healthier now. (But it's not full again!!)

T.W.