

BACK FROM THE BRINK

The Human Race has the inbuilt ability to draw back from ultimate disaster and obliteration! The Black Death! Nuclear Warfare! Deforestation! Pollution! Chemical poisoning of food! Over-population! All saved (or so we hope) in the nick of time.

And so it has been here in the backwater of Sibford.

Despite an urgent plea in the December issue for a typist, the editor has spent eight weeks sitting by the phone willing it to ring with offers of help. Just as he was about to pen an obituary to "Jennie's Creation" not one but 'Three pretty maids! willing to have a go have volunteered and they intend to contact others to help and cover during holidays and illness.

So once again The Scene lives on (some would groan and say pity!)

In the time being our willing band wish to remain anonymous, but the editor is working on it, firmly believing that the gratitude of the majority of villagers would far outweigh the odd few brickbats that miss the editors rubber front door and over shoot to land in our typists garden. Thank you girls and Good Luck!

FEBRUARY FRIENDSHIP CLUB NOTES

Tuesday Feb 7th Outing for lunch at Red Lion, Little Compton. Bus starting 11.00 and back at 2.30. Enquiries to Mrs Webb, 4 High Meadow. Tel 8211

Coffee Morning at Miss Bennett's House, Thurlstones, Sibford Gower, from 10.30-12.30. Entrance 25p for club funds.

Jumble Sale and Car Boot Sale at the Village Hall, Saturday April 15th. Stalls £4 in advance, £5 on the day, in aid of Club Funds. 10.00a.m. -1.00p.m.

Ten Half store of

New members always welcome.

FOUND A paisley scarf and pair of gloves. Were left at the Post Office/Greens Shop before Christmas

BLUE PETER BRING AND BUY SALE

We wish to thank everyone who came to support our BLUE PETER BRING AND BUY SALE. We raised £135,63 for the Kampuchea Appeal.

Johanna Berry and Harriet Boyce

SIFORD SCHOOL - CALENDAR - SPRING TERM 1989

MONDAY 16th JANUARY

Term Begins

WEDNESDAY 25th & 26th

ISIS Exhibition at Birmingham

FRIDAY 27th

Fifth Year Parents Evening

SATURDAY 4th FEBRUARY

Open Morning 9.30 a.m.

MONDAY 5th & 6th

ISIS Exhibition at Kidlington

Mock Interviews for Fifth Formers

FRIDAY 10th

Half Term begins

SUNDAY 19th

Half Term Ends

SATURDAY 25th

9.30 a.m. Scholarship Exam
A Scholarship worth half the day
pupil's fee is offered from
September 1989 and will be awarded
on the result of an examination to
be held at the school. Details may
be obtained from the Headmaster's
Secretary: Telephone Swalcliffe.

SATURDAY 4th MARCH

Parents Day for 3rd and 4th year

parents and others.

SATURDAY 11th MARCH

ISIS Exhibition at Swindon

SATURDAY 18th

Friends Schools Choirs at Friends Rouse London. Faure Requiem - Carmina Burana 7.30 p.m. Tickets available from School. £8 and £6 (£4 and £3 students and OAP's)

· HMICEF

A coffee morning and an inaugural meeting of a North Oxfordshire Branch of UNICEF - the United Nations Childrens Charity - successfully raised the splendid sum of £90. Sue Macantney of Barn Cottage, Sibford Ferris, would like to thank all those who attended the meeting and all those who have expressed interest in joining the Group.

A second meeting will be held in February when a committee will be elected.

SUE MACGETHEY

SIBFORD W.I.

The Speaker for December was unable to come but Mr. Peter Baadsgaard very kindly presented two video films, on the Cotswolds - before which he gave an explanatory talk on the geology of the region, and on the Danish Royal family. Both films were very interesting and the Institute is indebted to both Mr. Baadsgaard and to Mr. Baker, who set up the equipment.

Mrs. Ashton and Miss Keyser provided a welcome tea and in a competition for an item of ceramic ware, Mrs. Hutchinson came first, with second - Mrs. Law and third. Miss Harris.

In January, the meeting was held at Mrs. Bristow's house and was organised by the members as a thankyou to the committee who have worked very hard to provide an interesting year for all. A very pleasant social afternoon was enjoyed by all, as were the refreshments provided by Mrs. Grasby, Mrs. Law, Mrs. Crabtree and Mrs. Baggaley. A sub committee was formed to plan a programme for 1989-90.

The February meeting, which will take place on February 14th, at 2 pm, in the Village Hall, will hear a talk by Mr. David Elldred on his first hand experiences of the Yalta Conference. Not surprisingly, the monthly competition will be for a Wartime Souvenir.

NATURE NOTES

Nov. 23rd. As we drove across Sibford Heath tonight, a polecat appeared in the headlight beam. As we don't get wild polecats in this district, I expect that it is one which has been lost while ferreting rabbits.

Dec. 31st. It was nice this morning to hear a song thrush in full song. This week I have recorded 27 different sorts of bird in our garden, including the colourful Goldfinch & Bullfinch, the Tree Creeper, Goldcrest,

including the colourful Goldfinch & Bullfinch, the Tree Creeper, Goldcrest Greater Spotted Woodpecker, as well as the Coal, Marsh, Willow, Blue and Great tits.

Great tits.

Jan. 5th. I counted 34 shrubs and flowers blooming in our garden today.

Many of them are late blooms that have survived because the weather is so mild. Four of them could be called weeds, or more kindly, wild flowers.

Jan. 17th. Of the two Greater Spotted Woodpeckers that come regularly to our bird table, the female eats the peanuts and the male, unlike Jack Spratt, eats the fat. This morning the table was occupied by a cock pheasant, which left little room for the other birds.

Jan. 18th. The part of our turnip field that has already been grazed by the sheep has been alive with birds recently, mostly fieldfares and starlings, with some meadow pipits and 20 or 30 pied wagtails. I expect they are feeding on the grubs which are near to the surface in this open weather.

Jan. 20th. Frogs will soon be spawning and if anyone has too much spawn in their garden pond, B.B.O.N.T. would like them to put some into the shallow end of Lamb's pool.

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 & 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 & 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 & do' rather than just join. By doing & helping, new friendships are soon formed - please do it now, not year year! What's your line? Ring Sue & tell her. She will point you towards the Club or Society that needs the assistance that you can give.

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The Biscuit Tin is almost empty

Long since has the Biscuit Tin ceased to rustle with notes when shaken. Even the odd ratlle of coins has been reduced to a lone twopenny piece doing its best to sound comforting as it bounces lonely from side to side of the box as our treasurer inadvertently kicks it while climbing into bed.

So please, please kind villagers do respond in your usual generous way.

There is a collecting box on the counter of our Village Post Office. Do please feed it with your loose change. (Thank you kind Mr. "Postmaster").

Donations of a more substantial kind may be popped in an envelope and pushed through the door of either your editor or, if you can survive the long walk up the garden path, our treasurer's letterbox.

For your evidence, in round figures, The Scene - which is delivered free to all households, costs 10 p per copy to produce and relies entirely on the revenue of a little advertising but mainly generous donations.

"Neighbourhood Watch - against Crime

From us all a very good and happy New Year.

Now a few points, if you are new to this area, Gower and Burdrop, and would like to join ring one of the following folk - who will do the necessary:

Jill Crisp 643, Bob Humphrey 209, Ashley Gurr 358, Tony Rye 763. If you are moving, either away or within please tell us so we can keep our records up to date.

I am in possession of a fair number of useful leaflets but physically with work and family commitments your co-ordinators cannot deliver them all, so how about a few volunteers? As long as your legs work you could help us - and by that action - yourselves. Remember a lot of work for one or two is just a little for many. Let your local Co-ordinator know that you are willing. From time to time a sheet of tips is sent out from Banbury Police Station; for us to let you all know its contents we shall have to get it copied. We have costed this and have found a copier but its "Union" will not let it work for nothing and no person should be out of pocket. A few pence each would cover, this "Gen" is good stuff. Your comments please.

Reporting is the food of Prevention and Detection of crime. Anything suspicious should, at the very least, be noted and passed on PROMPTLY. Use the packs and forms we have handed out. A definite criminal action should be reported directly to the police please. With the best will in the world Neighbourhood Watch can only be as good as you make it.

John Mulley Co-Ordinator Swa. 629

SWIMMING CLUB

This will restart after Half Term on February 20th. Sessions are as usual Mondays + Wednesdays, 6-7pm. All families living in Sibford are welcome to join and parents are expected to take their turn on the Supervision Rota. Enquiries to Carole Moir on Swa. 8241

CAROL and JOHN extend a warm welcome to all at the

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YOUTH CLUB

This has taken off again very successfully, due to 3 factors: support from parents, encouragement from the committee and last and, best of all, the most pleasant and co-operative group of young peop le one could hope to find anywhere. Our numbers are expanding all the time and we are glad to see new faces each week. Last term we opened cautiously by only admitting the older age range but this term we are open to everyone over 11.

6.30-8.00 for the 11-14 years 7.30-9.30 for the 14plus.

Our event last term was the disco(thank you Village Hall Committee) which was more successful than we could have hoped, with not a single incident. Grateful thanks to "bouncers" Phil, Tim, David Mai, Alan Chater and particularly Joanne Hall. (Not really vouncers, they helped the admissions system run smoothly). At the disco the following trophies were awarded:

Jason Barton: table tennis Amanda Tuffrey : snooker

A lively Christmas party for the younger age group was our final event, organised Congratulations to both. successfully by James Milward and Alex Marcovitch - Thank you both. This term our main event is to be an outing to Oxford Ice Rink, March. There will also be a visit to Aladin, not least because Aladin herself is coming to do some drama with us later in the term. Other events planned include video work (yes, a real video camera will be at our disposal for an evening) and some craft work, e.g. dressmaking, for those interested. Sports events are also being planned between other youth clubs, and when the weather improves outdoor activities will include walks and camping.

Our main fund raising event is the Jumble Sale.

SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY at the Friends Meeting Hall, 2.30. Cake stall, refreshments, etc.

After your family lunch, instead of snoozing, come and have a good rummage and see what bargains you can find.

Please send your jumble to Jane Halliday or Anne Marcovitch. Sp - thank you committees, thank you members and parents and a big thank you helpers, Dave, Marilyn, Lucy. Any more ideas and or helpers will be gratefully Anne Marcovitch 8163 received.

YOUNG PEOPLES HELPLINE

Oxfordshire County Council has set up a Young People's Helpline because there are young people and children in Oxfordshire who cannot get through to Childline (the national helpline for young people). Anyone worried or frightened about anything however small will receive a sympathetic hearing from trained volunteers on Oxford(0865)310810 -3.30 to 9.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

If anyone would like to become a helper please ring (0865)251946. CLERK OF SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION

We are very grateful to those who kindly supported the Coffee Morning on December 7th. Thanks to your generosity we were able to send a cheque for £210 to help the work of GDBA.

HOOK NORTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE

SPRING PROGRAMME 1989

MONDAY			
Morning	LADIES KEEP FIT - Jill Roddy	9.15 - 10.15	£8.50
Afternoon	PAINTING - Ken Spring	1 - 3	£10.50
Evening	RUSSIAN LANGUAGE & CULTURE - 7. 7 0.2		
		7.30 - 9.30	€10.50
	MENS KEEP FIT - Scott Orchard	.7.30 - 9	£9.50
	FRENCH CONVERSATION - Denise Ream (Intermediate)	8 - 9.30	£9.50
TUES DAY	HOW TO ICE YOUR EASTER CAKE WITH A DIFFERENCE (Demonstration) 6th March Gill Judd	7.30 - 9.30	£2.00
	KINDERGYM - Jane Orchard For pre-school child to explore and enjoy gymnastic equipment with adult	9.15 - 9.45 10.00 - 10.30	
	COFFEE SHOP - in Community Room at Primary School	9.45 - 11.15	
	MICROWAVE DEMONSTRATION - 21st February - Anne Sheasby	9.45 - 11.15	£2.00
Afternoon	BRIDGE- Joseph Sanger-Davies starting 17th January	1.30 - 3.30	£10.00
Evening	TYPING - Sue Gale	7.30 - 9.30	£10.50
	LADIES WORK OUT - Wendy Murphy	7.30 - 8.30	£8.50
WEDNESDAY Morning	LADIES SWIMMING for complete beginners in covered heated pool at The Pottery Hook Norton - Janet Colli 6 weeks from 1st February	ns 9.15 - 9.45	£6.00
	EUROPEAN LITERATURE - Ruth Dowley WEA course 10 weeks - to book phone 737842	9.45 - 11.45	£17.00
	GYMNASTICS for primary childrenRuth Wade		£6.50
Evening	YOGA - Caroline Andrews	7.30 - 9	
to the second se	FRENCH CONVERSATION (beginners) - Denise Ream	7.30 - 9	£9.50
	CALLIGRAPHY - Jack Walpole	7.30 - 9.30	
	VEGETARIAN & HEALTH FOOD COOKERY (demonstrations) - Joyce Rogers	1139	
THURSDAY	4 weeks from 22nd February	7.30 - 9	€7.00
Morning	YOGA - Sue Thomlinson	9.45 - 11.15	£9.50
Afternoon		1 - 3	£10.50
Evening	ITALIAN CONVERSATION - Isabella Hepton	7.30 - 9.30	£10.50
	PAINTING - Ken Spring	7.30 - 9.30	€10.50
	YOGA - Sue Thomlinson	7.30 - 9	£9.50
	GUITAR FOR ADULTS - Bryan Lee	7.30 - 9.30	£10.50
(Locoscrip	th March: WORD PROCESSING WORKSHOP FOR t 1 and 2). For those who have mastere e more of the functions and improve the	d the basics bu	t would

like to use more of the functions and improve their word processing techniques. Bring your own computer - Sue Gale 10 - 4 £5.

£5.50

HOOK NORTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE (Cont..)

Classes start week of 9th January and run for 9 weeks. Half term 13th-17th February, Term ends 17th March. Classes are held at the Primary School unless otherwise stated. Re-enrol ments may be made on first day of your class. NEW ENROLMENTS and enquiries contact Community Education Organiser:-

Linda Buchanan, The Primary School, The Bourne, Hook Norton. Tel 730052(9-3) In bad weather, whenever possible, cancellations will be broadcast on the morning programme by Radio Oxford: 202 medium wave/1485m or 95.2khz VHF.

WARRINER NEWS ...

Fund Raising The Christ mas Bazaar last term raised £810. Thanks to all who helped organize and run stalls. The PTA have recently allocated some of this money to be spent on the following items requested by staff - Weather station for the Geography Dept., Electric stapler for Resources and Blank Audio Tapes for the German Dep t. The next major item required is Video Editing Equipment so that the Video Camera can be used more effectively. The proceeds from the Race Night held on 27th January are going towards this large item of expenditure.

Forthcoming Events - Wine Tasting on March 3rd at 7.30 in the School Library.

JUMBLE SALE AND CAR BOOT SALE April 15th at 2p.m. Further details will be coming later - please check school bags for letters and come and support these events so that your child can benefit from funds raised by the PTA.

"500 CLUB" At present there are about 200 members. Double this number is needed to make the scheme profitable. It is hoped to make about £1,500 per year for PTA funds once the Club is fully operational. Monthly prizes of £50, £25 and £10 and an Annual Jackpot of £500. The Annual Subscription is £6 and is open to anyone - not just parents - please join and encourage your friends and neighbours to join too. Enquiries to Jane Halliday - Swal 500.

A PLEA FROM OUR NEW TEAM OF TYPISTS

Would contributors to the Scene please either type their copy or take great care with their writing. Names in CAPITAL LETTERS PLEASE.

AID TO FAMILIES IN CHILE

Handknitted Jerseys, hats and gloves from Chile; a rare opportunity to buy these handknits made in natural colours, handspun wool, also brightly coloured ones: from women's workshops, all the money goes back to them to support their families. At Friends' Hall, Saturday February 4th, 2.30 onwards. Anne Marcovitch

HAPPY RETIREMENT TO SUE AND OUR THANKS TO YOU

Rather regretfully I am giving up doing the "Welcome to Sibford", and I wondered if anybody felt it would be worth carrying it on? Recipients of the leaflet seem glad to get it, and have said they found it useful.

I still have several copies of the 1988 leaflet, which I shall continue to

deliver until they run out, or until anybody else can take over.

I should like publicly to express my appreciation of Colin Frith's assistance in producing this magnum opus on his amazing computer. He has been a great support, given me much editorial guidance, and put a lot of hard work into typing it onto a disc, for all of which , many thanks Colin.

If anybody thinks he/she could take over this not-too-demanding, indeed sometimes

interesting job, please ring me on Swal 660.

SUE COLQUHOUN.

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BLUE PETER BRING AND BUY SALE

Those Scene readers who also Watch Blue Peter on BBC 1 will know that the target for this year's appeal (£1 million) has been comfortably exceeded already: but they are most keen that we should have any sales that are planned.

FRIDAY 10th FEBRUARY in Sibford Village Hall from 10a.m. - 6.00p.m.

That's the details for time and place - it's a 'free day' from school, while teachers continue training days.

Entrance will be FREE: Lunches will be available (jacket potatoes or more simple bread and cheese: teas in the afternoon.

Cakes: raffle: toys(Christmas 'extra presents'!): bric a brac: books: records: etc: etc: anything you might like to bring or buy!

The raffle will be drawn at 6pm, when we should know what profit we've made! The more you bring, the more others (and you) can buy!

Please feel free to leave anything beforehand at the Rectory(garage), so that it can be prepared for the sale.. Please Help us Help Others.

LEO CLUB

25 Leo Members enjoyed a very nice evening out at Tadmarton Golf Club on 17th January for their annual dinner. It was a very nice start to the New Year. A small gift was presented to Ellen Warwicker in appreciation of all she does for Leo and for letting us use her home each month for the meetings. The next meeting of Leo will be on Tuesday 21st February at 8.p.m. at The Court House when we shall be discussing the programme for the coming year. Perhaps all members could come along with a few ideas.

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FAREWELL TO NORMAN

NORMAN COXON has left the village since our last edition.

He has not gone far and is in constant touch with his many friends. He will be missed by a good number of villagers and remembered for his quiet kindness and good advice.

His office of Secretary to The Friends Meeting House is now covered by John

Endersby who can be contacted on Sibford 701.

SIBFORD GOWER TOWN ESTATES CHARITY

FREE BUS SERVICE FOR RESIDENTS OF SIBFORD GOWER

SCHEDULE

		Departure Time	Return Time
Date	<u>Destination</u>	Time	
1989 Friday February 3	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Friday, February 3 Wednesday, February 8	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday, February 17	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday, February 22	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday, March 3	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday, March 8	Chipping Norton Banbury	11.00	13.00
Friday, March 17		10.00	12.00
Wednesday, March 22	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday, March 31	Banbury	10.00	12.00

The pick up points are:

	Chipping Norton bus
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Village Hall	
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	Cross Roads
High Meadow	The Colony

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Vera Jones

Treasurer

Sibford Gower Town Estates Charity

Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 3rd March
Service at the Methodist Church - 2pm

Light refreshments afterwards

All ladies welcomed

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends Sundays at 10.30 a.m. Sundays at 11. a.m. Methodist Roman Catholic Mass Sundays at 11 a.m. Hook Norton Sundays at 11.30 a.m. Brailes Church of England Services February 1989

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Youth Club

5th 8am Holy Communion 12th 10am Holy Communion

19th lOam Family Service - all specially welcome 26th 10am Service at Tadmarton.

Ash Wednesday: 7.30am Holy Communion at Sibford 8pm Evening Communion at Epwell

Thursdays 9, 16, 23: 7.30am Holy Communion

Thursdays 16, 23, etc: House Group Meetings, when we shall study the Letter to the Ephesians. The venue will be announced in the churches the Sunday before the group meets.

Monday 6th February: The Church Annual General Meeting in church at 8pm.

Saturday 4th February 7.30pm Village Hall.

(if you're new here in the past 2 years and you haven't been to one before, and if you've not had an invitation, please let Tina Frith know as soon as possible).

Monday 6.30 - 8 11-14 yrs.

10 - 12 noon Wednesday (term time)

WEEKLY EVENTS

7.30 - 9.30 pm 14+ Swimming Club (Restart Feb 20th) Friends School Monday & Wednesday 6 - 7 p.m. Friday 5 - 6 p.m. (Toddlers)
Tuesday 5.15 - 6.45 p.m.
Tuesday 8 p.m. Brownies Village Hall Folk Dancing Village Hall Badminton Wednesday 8 p.m. Thursday 7 p.m. Village Hall Guides Village Hall Beavers Friday 4.30 - 5.45 p.m. Friday 6 p.m. Friday following Cubs Village Hall Cub Scouts Village Hall Village Hall Scouts Playgroup Village Hall 9.30 Monday, Wednesday & Friday (term time) Mums & Toddlers Friends School

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Free Bus Time Table as published on another page

Village Hall

Woolen Sale, Friends Meeting Hall - For Chile 4th Feb. Welcome to Sibford Party - By invitation. Scout paper collection - Sale of Garden Refuse Sacks 4th Feb. 4th Feb. 5th Feb. Jumble Sale - ARMENIA FUND 7th Feb. Friendship Club - Outing 10th Feb. Blue Peter Bring and Buy 14th Feb. W.I. Meeting Village Hall "The Yalta Conference" 21st Feb. Leo Club at The Court House 8 p.m. Coffee Morning Friendship Club

Garden Refuse Sacks available from Scouts on First Saturday of month. SIBFORD SCENE 45p. each

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