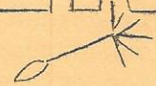
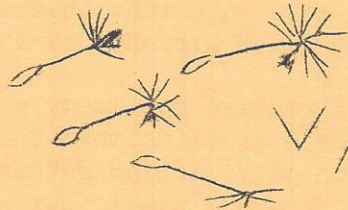
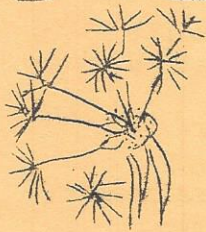


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MABEL REMEMBERS

NO.1 SPRING

The period of time in both of our villages was a very happy and active joy to the young people who had many haunts to explore.

In the Paddock which was owned by Mr. Fred Ward, the village shoe-mender in Burdrop now owned by Col. & Mrs. C. Frith, was visited by many children to pick the masses of Snowdrops for their parents on Valentines Day.

Along came the warmer spring weather and their tracks moved to the Spinney down below Wheathills fields now owned by Miss King. There they spent many happy trips to pick the Bluebells, Primroses and watch the wild animals and hear the first chorus of the birds.

Easter arrived, the walks became longer to Whichford Woods and Good Friday after the church services, families filled their picnic boxes and off to Compton Wynyates where they found the Violets and Primroses covering each side of the road. This was the place where the first spring picnic was taken before tramping the long way back home before dusk arrived.

Cuckoo, cuckoo, was the call each one was listening for around the 17th April. Oh no! Oh no! Someone else was in full force before that. Mr. Jim Stowe of Burdrop had better ideas; he gave the call sometime before the proper date. Into the fields he gaily went, blowing his whistle which was a true likeness. The cry was always "I have heard the cuckoo, or is it Mr. Stowe?" The legend is that his wish for the whistle was to be buried with him when he died, this must have been carried out as it has not been heard since.

May Day was a day of rejoicing. The Village School, under their Headmaster and staff walked all the roads and pathways with their May Queen and her attendants, singing their flower songs and country whistles, including the old favourite sound-comb playing.

An interesting point is raised in this article - all these activities were solely performed on two feet not in four wheels. This may be the reason that Sibfordians, there are about 50 of them left, have reached an old age, and are still going strong.

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Mabel is planning four further articles on old times during the year.

2. The youth of the village and its activities.
3. Life in the village - local well known families.
4. The parting of the villages and the isolation of the
Happy Family atmosphere.
5. Christmas edition - jokes and village characters. (Good for a
laugh)

Mabel, we are all waiting eagerly!

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Still here and all of us must make it so.

We are costing signs and designs. Who wishes to contribute?

All offers are welcome.

John Mulley, Co-ordinator.

NATURE NOTES

Mar 22 There is a well used badgers track through the trees in our garden across the lawn and along the side of a hedge to a place not 20 yards from our bungalow, where they dig holes under a tree to use as a lavatory. It's a pity that they don't bother to fill them in again after use. They have also scratched out a way under a neighbours boarded fence so that they can explore their garden as well.

Mar 26 We looked round our nest boxes today to make sure that they were fit for habitation only to find that one of the tit boxes already had a nest in it with one egg - a great tits' I think.

Mar 29 With the dawn chorus nearing its best I realise how lucky we are to have some woodland close to our bungalow. It makes me think that the lady who Alan Titchmarsh described as "the Mrs Beeton of Victorian garden designers" knew what she was talking about when she wrote "however small your garden may be you should always set aside at least an acre for planting trees."

Apr 2 A green woodpecker spent quite a time today pecking a hole in the dead tree that we see from our kitchen window. This tree is often visited by tree creepers and great spotted woodpeckers. They must find a lot of insects and grubs under it's peeling bark. It will be a sad day when it is finally blown over.

Apr 9 As we came home late last night we saw the glow of the Northern Lights. I understand that they have been seen several times over recent weeks. I can remember as a child being taken out to see the Northern Lights when it seemed to me that the whole sky was flowing red.

Today we had 5 siskins feeding on peanuts at our bird table. This is the first time that they have come to our table and only the second time that I have seen siskins in our parishes.

Apr 13 Heard both the chiff-chaff and Blackcap in the garden today making a total of 28 different kinds of birds this week; the number being helped by the overlap of summer and winter visitors.

Apr 17 I cannot account for the three dead blackbirds that we found on our lawn today. They were recently hatched and were grouped together as if they had been tipped out of a nest but there was no sign of the nest and no overhanging trees or bushes from which it might have fallen.

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LEO CLUB

MAY 16th - COLD SUMMER DISHES

Please bring your offerings.

SIBFORD W.I.

The April meeting heard from Mrs. Crabtree and Mrs Conway about their many activities in the W.I. Mrs. Crabtree is on the Oxfordshire Sub-committee for Home and Garden and is engaged in organising events throughout the County covering cookery, flower arranging, crafts and much be side. Mrs. Conway is a Voluntary County Organiser and gives advice and direction to new and existing institutes and is available to help when needed. Both spoke of the pleasure and interest that their activities bring them. Mrs. Conway also showed some slides of aspects of W.I. activity after a welcome tea provided by Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Feltham.

Mrs. Hutchinson won the competition for the best plate of Easter biscuits and Mrs. Cooper was second.

The next meeting on May 9th at 2.00p.m. in the Village Hall, will be the A.G.M.

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NOTICE

MARILYN LEATHERY of HOME HAIR AND BEAUTY, wishes to announce, due to the anticipated birth of a baby in August, will be temporarily ceasing operations at the end of June and will hopefully resume part time work in November.

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 Petra Berry on 462 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 !

WELCOME to Peter and Sarah Randall, who have made their home at Home Close, Sibford Ferris. They moved from Birmingham, where Peter is a partner in a small firm of consulting actuaries. Sarah is at home with their two lovely daughters, Alexandra, who is 3, and Victoria, 7 months.

They are going to have a busy time ahead, as apart from having to spend considerable time on the house and garden, they enjoy playing cricket, bridge, walking, horse-riding and tennis.

"AT THE HALL"

"You must come", he said.

"It's at the Hall! The event of the Year! Thursday, April 20th - 8 pm",

"Really?", said I.

"of course", said he, "marvellous! Sinatra, Liza Minnelli, Sammy Davis. They'll all be there!"

"Whew" I said, "at the Hall?"

"Yes" he said, "at the Hall, don't forget. Meet me outside. I'll get you in".

"Fine" I said, "I shall be there" -

and so I was, dead on time, but he never showed up. In I went, no Sinatra, No Liza, No Sammy, just Dr. Agnew, Vivienne Scouse, Col. Frith and a few friends, organising the A.G.M. for the Village Hall.

Funny - Can't think where my friend was, or why he thought all those Americans will be there - strange!

Anyway, I didn't waste my evening, and am pleased to report that :

Sibford Village Hall Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday, 20th April, in the village hall.

The Chairman reported that the year had been a very successful one, with events like the Quiz, the Village Fete and the Chipping Norton Male Voice Choir.

The gardens had been very well looked after and the Guides had also contributed to the work of the gardens at the village hall.

Mr. Norman Coxon had retired from the Committee this year after many years' service to the Hall. His contribution had been enormous and a Book Token was presented to him in appreciation.

A new caretaker has recently been appointed - Mrs. Phyllis England, from Epwell.

The Town Estates Charity have very kindly agreed to purchase a new piano, which they intend to loan to Sibford Village Hall. This will mean that any future 'musical' events held at the Hall can be accompanied in a much more professional way. The Village Hall is indeed most grateful for this very kind offer.

A pleasant evening! I can't stand crooners anyway, and Dr. Agnew's Irish brogue was much more pleasant to listen to.

Whatever happened to my Friend? - He missed a treat !

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NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

The following Gardens will be open on Sunday, May 21st:

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- Temple Close (Mr & Mrs E Jones), Sibford Gower

The combined admission fee will be £1.00 (accompanying children free) and teas will be on sale at Temple Close

There will be stalls at Temple Close to raise funds for the Church, The Boy Scouts and the Sibford Horticultural Society

You are all most welcome

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WARRINER NEWS

EVENTS FOR THE SUMMER TERM

CHARITY WEEK - Week beginning June 5th The Annual event which last year raised £2,300.00 for local, national and International Charities of the children's choice.

BARN DANCE - Friday, June 16th at CRIEL FARM, SHENINGTON with the HOOKY BAND. Barbecue, bar, price £3.00 adults and £2.00 child

Tickets available from school and from village contacts All the family welcome

EDUCATIONAL EVENING - Tuesday June 20th to discuss new Government proposals for Religious Education and Acts of Worship in schools

FAMILY FUN DAY - Saturday July 1st - Details later

BASTILLE DAY - July 14th Rioting, Revolution, Guillotine, Drama and Prison food, during the school lunchtime - Come and watch the excitement!

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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The April meeting was a most interesting talk beautifully illustrated, on roses by Mr John MATTOCK of MATTOCK ROSES LTD. As an open meeting it was well supported by guests from other villages

Next months meeting will be on May 10th and will be a talk by Mr R Neath from The Pershore Horticultural College about Organic growing

Another "Horti" date to be noted is the evening visit on May 17th to the gardens of HEYTHROP COLLEGE, departing in own cars from Sibford Village Hall at 6.30pm in order to be in good time for the tour of the gardens to start at 7pm

On May 21st "Horti" will be running a plant stall, when Mr & Mrs Ernest Jones have an 'Open Garden' at Temple Close under the National Gardens Scheme. Contributions to the plant stall will be most welcome

The "Horti" outing this year will again be a two garden trip on June 24th, leaving Sibford between 9-9.30am and arriving about 11am at The Cotswold Farm Garden, 5 miles north of Cirencester. Bring a picnic. After lunch the coach travels onto Painswick to The ROCOCO Garden, a unique garden with much historical interest. It may also be possible, time permitting, to step off and look round Painswick and to visit a garden centre. The cost of the day will be £6.00 per head, if the bus is full. Tickets are going fast, anyone interested please phone Mrs Mary Bristow on Swa 533, she would like tickets to be booked and paid for by the end of May

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SIBFORD BROWNIES

If anyone has any second hand brownie uniforms tucked away in a drawer, we would like to buy them off you. Please ring Mrs V. Scouse on Swa 8320 if you have a uniform you don't need any more.

WELL DONE to all the Brownies and their Mums who collected for Barnardos. The Grand Total of £102.77 was collected from the Sibfords. Thank you to all who helped.

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The Scene has lost the services of two of its most valued "Delivery Boys"! After a few years of valiant service, popping scenes through the letterboxes of Burdrop while exercising the dog and Jack, Mary Bristow is giving up and handing over to "I wonder who?" Thank you dear Mary from all those who don't put the Scene straight into the bin. Happy Retirement.

We also lose the cheerful distribution by our Backside Lane Delivery Boy - who gets his feet wet every month in those horrendous potholes. Thank you from the "Back-sideans" (or whatever better name they call themselves!).

Good news though so don't despair! Newcomers "The Waltons" from Stone House have bought galoshes and have volunteered to be our new distributors - "It will help us get to know our neighbours! Much better than having to borrow all those cups of sugar" Quoth they! Welcome!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

I have been resident at Sibford Ferris for six years and have attended first the 'Warriner School' and now Banbury Sixth Form Centre. I shall be taking three 'A' levels in June and have a conditional offer to read history at Nottingham University in September 1990. I have decided to take a year 'off' between School and University and feel that I would like to do something worthwhile with this time. I have been lucky enough to secure a voluntary job in Shirela Mimachal Pradesh, India for six months. I shall be helping to teach English and Music to Indian children in a school and living within their community. I will be provided with my board and lodging, but have to try to raise my airfare through sponsorship and contributions. On my return I would be more than willing to share my experiences with any village organization who would be interested. If anyone feels able to help me with a contribution, however small, I would be very grateful. Thankyou for taking the time to read this.

Yours faithfully, KATE NOIR Millcot, Sibford Ferris. Tel: 3241

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Yours faithfully, CARYS H DAVIES

Friendship Club

Members of the club and all her many other friends send best wishes to Biddy Bennett who has been in hospital. "Get well soon you are very much missed!"

In the meantime Phyllis Webb has organised the following events:-

2nd May	No meeting
10th "	Visit to Dyrham Park
16th "	Lunch at the Village Hall
	12.50 for one o'clock
6th June	Whist Drive

THE PHANTOM VILLAGE HALL MAY FAYRE

If you read this before May 1st, please don't go to the May Fayre, because it won't be there !!

If you read this after May 1st and did go to the Fayre, then the Village Hall Committee apologise, but circumstances beyond their control (as they say!) made it necessary to cancel the Fayre. They will arrange a money gathering event later in the year!

However, a cake stall is planned at the 'Open Garden' day, to be held by Ernest and Vera Jones - contributions of cakes and goodies will be very welcome.

YOUTH CLUB

The "coffee Evening", despite the blustery rainy weather, managed to raise a total of £61.77 - much to my delight.

I would like to say thank you to all who helped contribute to that evening, especially the kind ladies who baked one or more cakes, and to the local business people who contributed with 'raffle' prizes. Special thanks have to go to the people who helped on the night - David, Diane & Theresa Baker, Joan Shields, Jane Holliday and Mary Holliday, who was a godsend on the door selling raffle tickets as "three youth club members" let me down.

I was rather disappointed to see only two youth club members' parents attend the coffee evening. Come on Mums and Dads - we are doing our best to give you and the youths of the village a night off. A bit of support is only a little to contribute.

The money raised from the evening will be able to buy new equipment and an extra game for the club.

Many thanks again.

Marilyn Leathery.

SIBFORD SPORTS CLUB

SWIMMING - A new Adults only session has been started on Fridays, from 6 - 7.30 p.m. following on from the Toddlers session at 5 - 6 p.m. The key for all sessions should be collected from Hillcot, Sibford Ferris.

TENNIS - The School Tennis Courts have just been re-surfaced and are available for village use Monday - Saturday 6 - 7.30 p.m. and Sundays 10 - 12.30 a.m. Proper sports kit and flat soled tennis shoes or trainers must be worn. Please respect the new surface and treat it with care. All children under 13 years old must be accompanied by an Adult. Key can be collected from Hillcot, Sibford Ferris. Tel. 8241.

MEMBERSHIP - The annual membership of £5 per family or £2 per person must be paid by anyone wishing to swim or play tennis.

SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL A.G.M.

Stop Press !

"Stop the presses! Stop them! Stop them I say!"

All to no avail ! The Rector had pressed the automatic button and the old Roneo machine creaked on, while he was having his afternoon Snooze! The deadline was missed, so all that can be reported is :-

The meeting was held as advertised. Familiar annual faces were present and the inevitable Cottage Cracking village affairs were aired - did some-one say "pot-holes?" . Ponds, parking, dangerous fumes from inconsiderate buses and sleeping policemen were all discussed. Full official report next month.

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Wednesday	May 3	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday	May 12	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	May 17	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday	May 26	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	May 31	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday	June 9	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	June 14	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday	June 23	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	June 28	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00

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Vera Jones, Treasurer

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"HOW TO MURDER YOUR VILLAGE PAPER"

So ran the title of a course run by the Oxfordshire Rural Communities Council. As the Editor has been doing this very thing for a number of years simply by instinct he thought it unnecessary to attend and in his place went along Sue - Dash it! Now the secret name is told (As though it wasn't already known! Who can keep a secret in this gossip laden community?) Please don't pester her with your brickbats; fending them off is the one thing at which the Editor shines!

Sue gave up the whole of one Saturday and returned brimming over with new ideas. So! - with a little application we may even bring about a few changes, so the Scene doesn't always go straight in the bin!

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RED CROSS ANNUAL COLLECTION

Once again the members of the Sibford Youth Club are doing a good turn for the Red Cross by carrying out the House-to-House collection in both Ferris and Gower on THURSDAY 11th MAY. They will call sometime that evening; please support the Red Cross very generously.

Anne Stephens.

A SINCERE THANK YOU

Since moving to this part of the country I have made many good friends. During my recent stay in hospital I was overwhelmed with kindness and good wishes from everyone.

Thank you all so much.

Toonie Law

GUIDE DOGS COFFEE MORNING

The children of Sibford Friends Meeting will be holding a coffee morning and Bring and Buy Sale on SATURDAY MAY 20th, 10.30-12 noon at the MISSION HALL in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind. Everyone welcome.
DO please come and support our effort.

CHURCH SERVICES

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Church of England Services May 1989

4th ASCENSION DAY: 7.30am Holy Communion
7th 8am Holy Communion
14th 10am Holy Communion
21st TRINITY SUNDAY PATRONAL FESTIVAL
8am Holy Communion
10am Family Service
6pm Songs of Praise Request for favourite hymns
should be sent to the Rector
28th 10am United Service at Swalcliffe

WEEKLY EVENTS

Youth Club	Village Hall	Monday 6.30 - 8.11-14yrs 7.30 - 9.30pm 14+
Swimming Club	Friends School	Monday & Wednesday 6 - 7pm Friday 5 - 6pm (Toddlers) 6 - 7.30pm (Adults)
Brownies	Village Hall	Tuesday 5.15 - 6.45
Folk Dancing	Village Hall	Tuesday 8pm
Badminton	Village Hall	Wednesday 8pm
Guides	Village Hall	Thursday 7pm
Beavers	Village Hall	Friday 4.30 - 5.45
Cub Scouts	Village Hall	Friday 6pm
Scouts	Village Hall	Friday following Cubs
Playgroup	Village Hall	Mon, Wed, Fri (term time) 9.30 - 12
Mums & Toddlers	Friends School	Wednesday 10 - 12 noon (term time)

MAY CALENDAR

1st May	May Fayre <u>Cancelled - Don't come!!</u>
2nd May	Friendship Club - No meeting
5th May	Paper collection Scouts
9th May	WI A.G.M. Village Hall
10th May	Hort. Soc. - talk by Mr R Neath on organic growing
10th May	Friendship Club Visit to Dyrham Park
11th May	Red Cross Collection - please be generous
16th May	Leo Club - Cold Summer Dishes
17th May	Hort. Soc. Visit to Heythrop
21st May	National Gardens Scheme (Not to be missed!!)

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DR. BARNARDOS

THE SIBFORD BROWNIES collected a wonderful total of £102.30 in the House to House Appeal in March.

WELL DONE BROWNIES! - and thank you to all the kind people who donated so generously to help the BARNARDOS Childrens' Homes.