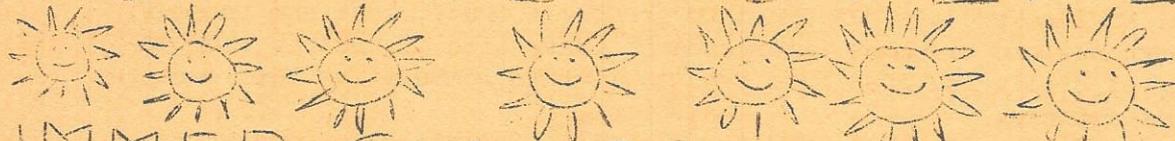


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SIBFORD SCENE



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MOLLIE COME BACK !!

MABEL REMEMBERS SOME MORE! (DESPITE THE HEAT)

SUMMER TIME IN SIBFORD

The month of June was one of the highlights of the year. Families awaited their annual Club Day which was held on the first Monday, prepared by the Sibford Friendly Society. The Sunday evening people eagerly awaited the slow approach along the lanes in Sibford of the fair, drawn by horses and caravans carrying the roundabouts, swings, coconut shies and many stalls into the Cricket field owned by Mr. Poulton, in which now stands the Village Hall and Mr. Pratts bungalow and buildings.

Monday morning the Society members were busy preparing a small lunch and drink about 10 a.m. in the Sibford Endowed Village School, before attending the Church service.

10.45 The bell at Church rang out and the local band played through the village from the Vicarage (by the pool) supporting the robed vicar and choir and two strong men carrying the Society banners down to the church. These can be seen and read to this very day in our church. The service over all the people followed the band back to the school and many entered for the traditional country dinner; beef, lamb, Yorkshire pudding, vegetables and beer or juices to drink. Back to the field to enjoy the fair throughout the afternoon, prices 6pence, 3pence, 1pence - rides and guessing. The news of the village was well circulated on this occasion as most of the houses were represented on this happy day.

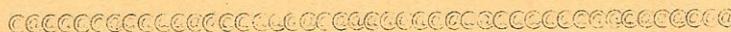
8.00p.m. Supper was taken at the School, consisting of beef, ham, cheeses and vegetables for those who wished to partake.

9.00p.m. Dancing was enjoyed at the Old Village Hall (behind the Wykham Arms) to the brass band once again making the final contribution to the festival. A GREAT DAY NEVER TO BE MISSED.

Another joy of the summer months was the game of cricket where many men honoured their village with their great play and the team was greatly feared by the other villages around the. The cricket field was a great place to be on a Saturday afternoon but more of this will come in the Autumn edition.

Haymaking was a must for the families in the school holidays, helping the farmers carrying the hay in their horses and wagons, and picnicking in the fields.

Good times were had around our little homes and letting the world go by peacefully and you could hear the birds and animals giving their contribution.



SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL

GRAND FETE

to be held on

Saturday 16th September

at 2.00 p.m.

Any organisation wishing to have a stall, on a 50 - 50 basis (50% to themselves, 50% to the Village Hall) should contact Vivienne Scouse, Swa 8320.

Get in early and book your stall NOW.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

In the seven years since the first scheme was set up in Cheshire, the movement has grown to the point where it now covers one in five households.

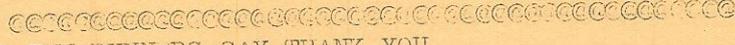
We have no problem in rejecting the idea that we should become the "arms and legs of the police", such a development would be as impractical as it is dangerous. We are a voluntary movement and it depends on the good will of its members. Most people are concerned to create, I trust, safe and tranquil neighbourhoods and are more interested in prevention of, rather than the catching of criminals. Most folk want to live in communities that care for all their members.

- To ensure that everyone knows what they can do to avoid becoming a victim of crime.
- To ensure that everyone knows what the local crime problems are and what can be done to reduce them.
- To ensure that area gets the crime prevention services it needs from the police, local authorities and organisations like Victims Support.
- To take whatever steps are appropriate to create a safe neighbourhood agreed by all those living in it.
- To encourage a wide range of local activities for everyone to join and enjoy.

The Neighbourhood Watch movement is a potent force for preventing crime and reducing the fear of crime: also for creating strong and vigorous communities for the future pleasant use of all.

This piece has been paraphrased from an article written by Nigel Whiskin, the Chief Executive of Crime Concern which reflects nearly all my own feelings about N.W. Let us all put an emphasis where it should be, on the NEIGHBOURHOOD part, then the caring WATCH becomes automatic.

John Mulley, Co-ordinator for Sibford Gower and Burdrop.



THE SIBFORD FERRIS FUN RUNNERS SAY THANK YOU

Over the weekend of the 17/18th June, the Bennett Family made their annual pilgrimage northwards to participate in the Great North Runs!

Jonathan and Suzie took part in the Junior Great North Run on the Saturday and in high temperatures and in the company of 6000 young people completed the course successfully, Jonathan finishing just behind Frank Bruno, one of two celebrity "over-age" guests, the other being Jimmy Saville.

Virginia and David were two of 30000 entrants in the Senior Great North Run, a half marathon which takes place between Newcastle and South Shields on the Sunday. In very hot conditions, with little breeze, both finished tired but happy in the knowledge that their training had paid dividends.

Consequently, as a result of sponsorship from many friends in the Ferris, the Gower and Burdrop, a three figure sum has been raised which will be allocated to the Multiple Sclerosis Society; Katherine House Hospice Trust and Guide Dogs for the Blind. In addition, many thanks to the "early risers" in the villages for their encouragement, through the "tooting of car horns" - Fred Inns has the loudest - which cleared the cobwebs on the training runs, and to George Halls' "milk bottle" microphone which made the last half mile a little easier!! We hope to do it all again in 1990!!



AN INVITATION TO SENIOR CITIZENS OF THE SIBFORDS

Vera and Ernest Jones have pleasure in inviting you to a Garden Tea Party at Temple Close on Saturday, July 29th, 3.00 to 5.00 p.m.

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OXFORDSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Our lovely village(s) was represented by two loyal Parish Councillors at a recent Conference held at Westminster College, Oxford, and organised by the O.R.C.C.

Your roving reporter, disguised as Kate Aidie, slipped in through a side door unnoticed and reports :-

A most interesting Saturday was spent with eighty other appreciative villagers from all over the County, discussing the importance of preserving all that was good about village life in our beautiful county, during the coming 1990's.

Four papers were given - The first by Dr. Ian Scargill, on the Geographical aspect of Social and Economic Growth here in the Rural Countryside during the next Ten Years.

The second paper extended the points made in a talk by our County Planning Officer, Mr. Liam Tiller - his theme - 'Balance'.

This talk was perhaps the most surprising for it indicated a change in thought by planning to present a balanced 'human force' on problems, especially on traffic and local needs.

After lunch, the topics covered were - 'How we, the Villagers, can influence planning decisions' and also 'Taking Stock of your Village' (of which more in a later edition).

Following a general discussion, it was agreed that villages should not stagnate, unaltered, but should be allowed to develop.

It was pointed out that local, original inhabitants of villages were used to change on a reasonable scale and had experienced it over the long course of their lives. The main barrier to change came from recent arrivals from towns who, once settled, wished to prevent others from entering and enjoying their new found amenities (shame!).

The critical path was one of degree and a village should only alter in line with what it and its inhabitants could absorb satisfactorily. The normal small village should be able to accommodate a growth of about $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum.

This would be insufficient to meet the expected County increase in population over the next ten years of 23,000 homes but the remaining houses could be built in towns like Banbury and Bicester, already scheduled for expansion.

A local focal point was essential for the comfort and security of village life - The Church - The Village Hall - The Village Shop - could, and should, play their part. But it should be remembered that many call for the security of a Village Shop but spend their money at Sainsburys!! Bus services were canvassed but ignored and family cars used instead!

Planning should apply equally to Farm Buildings - as well as village Domestic Buildings - one old girl beat her breast in anguish at a couple of huge grain silos erected on a beautiful Oxfordshire skyline!

The most astonishing change was the County's attitude to motor cars. Not long ago motorists, in trying to avoid Banbury, found alternative routes round village lanes. Cars parked outside their cottager's homes were forced off the road by that arrogant sign of officialdom - "Double Yellow Lines" to accommodate these fast 'through routes'. Unfortunately, this encouraged even more traffic and Oxfordshire country lanes had become extensions of the M.25.

The County Planning Office has now completely reversed its recommendations. Cottagers are to be encouraged to park their cars outside their homes (after all, where else are they to go?). Traffic has been slowed down (what's all the hurry anyway?) and over time, the hum of lead free burning engines has dwindled as 'Through Routes' are no longer a time saving proposition.

The one important principle is that Emergency Services should be able to get through - here the simple guide lines are that if milk lorries and dust carts have no difficulty, then Fire Engines and Ambulances are assured of a safe passage.

So - Sibford, sigh and sleep more peacefully in your 'truckle beds' - the dawn of enlightenment is flickering in the East. (must be all that 'Green stuff' we are eating these days!).

North Oxfordshire Conservative Association. Sibfords & Epwell Branch

CARIBBEAN CONCERT on SATURDAY, JULY 22nd.
at The Manor House, Sibford Gower. 7.30 - 11.30 p.m.

Arrangements have now been finalised for this Concert which was unavoidably postponed from 1st July until the 22nd. The details are :

1. The well known Ocho Rios Steel Band will be the main attraction and will perform during the evening with a break for food.
2. A Barbecue will be staffed by our local Scout troop (for whom a donation will be arranged) and will be served from 8.30 p.m. This will be included in the ticket price.
3. A Bar will be available serving beer, wine and soft drinks at reasonable prices.
4. The Manor House open air swimming pool will be open for all - please bring swimsuits and towels.
5. There will be an ample marquee in the event of wet weather - hopefully not needed.
- 6) A raffle with attractive prizes will be arranged and gifts for this will be much appreciated. Please deliver them to Burdrop House.
- 7) Tickets will be priced as follows :

Individual tickets	£10.00	each
Family tickets (2 adults & 1 or 2 under 18's)	£25.00	"
Additional under 18's	£5.00	"

Admission will be by ticket, available only in advance from Monty Pearlman, Burdrop House, or Sheila Baseby, Park Farm House, Sibford Gower.

- 8) We hope this will be a memorable evening and that you will be able to come and bring your friends as well. Dress as for a tropical Caribbean evening, and pray for good weather!

SIBFORD PLAYGROUP NEWS

Fun was had by one and all during P.P.A. Playweek (June 12-16th) at Sibford Playgroup.

On the Monday, the children were entertained with a music session of songs and games given by 'Just 4 Fun' by Lady Amanda Barton.

On Tuesday we opened our doors to local children and their parents for a morning of 'Learning Through Play'. Penny Dyer became our 'Vet', and set up surgery in the garden. She brought along some lovely baby animals for the children to see - the tiny kittens were definitely No. 1 favourite.

We had refreshments and secondhand toys and books for sale, as well as 'Usbourne Books', and made a profit of £33.00 for the morning.

On Wednesday, the children and their Teddies enjoyed a 'Teddy Bears' Picnic' in Epwell Woods.

Finally, on Friday, we ended the week by selling lunches in the village hall, adding another £34.00 to our funds.

Thanks to the never ending enthusiasm and support of all involved with play group and not forgetting the glorious weather, this was a very happy and enjoyable week at playgroup.

SIBFORD PLAYGROUP

1. Do you enjoy working with young children ?
2. Would you be interested in running a playgroup, 3 mornings a week ?

We would pay for P.P.A. (Pre school playgroup association) training for a Playgroup Supervisor during your first year.

If you would like more information, contact : Penny Dyer, (Tel. Hook Norton 757340).

EPWELL SUMMER FIELD DAY

- featuring a CAR BOOT SALE at 2 p.m. (NO TRADERS PLEASE)
(Ring Swal. 483 or 934 to book a pitch at £4 - or £5 on the day).

Other attractions include stalls, children's sports.

Barbeque and refreshments - Raffle.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6th, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. - EPWELL RECREATION GROUND.

Admission - FREE

Proceeds to Epwell Recreation Association for the maintenance of the play area and equipment.

(Epwell Recreation Association is a group of volunteers who maintain the play area in Epwell, mowing the field every week in summer, repairing and renewing the equipment. This is our annual fund-raising event for materials and petrol, etc.

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Friendship Club Notes for July-August

Tuesday 4th July

2 pm in the Village Hall Mrs Winbush on exercise for the Elderly.

Wednesday 19th July

Outing to Todenham Railway-Garden Centre including a 6 mile Round Train Journey.

11 am from Sibford, take Picnic Lunch.

Saturday 29th July

Temple Close Garden Party by kind invitation of Mr and Mrs Jones starting at 3 pm.

Wednesday 16th August

Outing to Notcutts Garden Centre, Shirley, starting at 11 am.

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Friendship Club are hoping to hold a Stall at the 50/50 Fete for the Village Hall on Saturday, 16th September.

Bring and Buy Coffee Morning and super Jumble

Saturday 15th July 10.30 - 12.30 at 2 Hillfield, Sibford Ferris - Jane Holliday. In aid of Cancer Research. Please come but first let me have your jumble or anything saleable. I can collect and store. We all, I am sure, know someone who has had to deal with this disease so it is important to raise as much as possible to go towards wiping cancer off the face of the earth!

SO - PLEASE COME.

Sibford Play Area

What a lovely facility to have in the Ferris. I use it regularly with three children I look after. Many thanks to all who made it possible. (Jane Holliday)

Leo Club

Members of Leo enjoyed a very pleasant evening at the home of Mrs Sheila Baseby on 20th June. Plans were made for the next six months. Grateful thanks to Mrs Baseby for her hospitality. There will be no Leo Club in July or August.

LOST

One very much loved and missed striped Tabby Cat (male) named 'Bandit'. Has not been seen since Tuesday night - 13th June. May well be in the vicinity of Tyne Hill Farm or in that area.

Please telephone Vivienne Scouse on Swa. 3320 if you think you have seen him. We would very much like to get him back.

Harriner News

Barn Dance - This was a most successful event, enjoyed by a large number of adults and children on a perfect evening. The Hooky Band were up to their usual standard and it was lovely to see so many staff, children and parents enjoying the dancing together.

Fun Day - Sunday, 2nd July, 10.30 am onwards at school. An informal day of fun, games and sport for all the family. Bring a picnic lunch and your swimsuit and just turn up at school.

Farewells - Goodbye and Good Luck to all those who have left school this term. Some youngsters are going on to Banbury School or the Technical College. One or two are going to College further afield and some straight into employment. We hope you all enjoy your chosen fields and send you all our good wishes for the future.

P.T.A - We should like to see some new faces on the P.T.A. Committee representing the Sibfords next term, so please think about whether you could make the commitment. There are only a couple of meetings per term and it is a good way of getting to know more about the school and the way it works.

We hope you all have a happy and restful summer holiday.

On Monday June 12th, a fine sunny day, Sibford Quakers played host to a mini-bus load of elderly folk from Birmingham inner city. They arrived at the meeting house in time for a welcome cup(or two) of tea before sitting down to a hot lunch followed by trifles, jelly and ice-cream.

The visit was one of a series arranged by Banbury district Friends in response to concern about the plight of those caught up in Inner city decay following the Hansworth troubles of a few years back. There seemed to be little that a bunch of ageing Quakers could do to provide employment, housing or on-the-spot care apart from urging the Government into action. Then a friend suggested that maybe we could give some of the people trapped in the inner cities, a day or two in the country from time to time. The idea found ready acceptance.

Lunch over, our golden-age guests rested in the quiet beauty of the burial ground while we cleared away and washed up. Then we all crossed the road to accept Vera and Earnest Jones kind offer to visit their garden and stay for tea - and did they enjoy it!! They gasped in wonder at the lake and water garden, the trees, flowers and birdsong. One adventurous old lady announced that she'd like to ride back to Brum. on the donkey and when told it might not be too comfy, added that the yellow trap which she'd spotted could be pressed into service - 'not on the motorway though' - she added!!

Tea over and with much reluctance, the party re boarded their bus, each with a posy of flowers. There were thankyou's, handshakes(&some kisses) all round and off they went back to the big city.

John Endersby

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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! Then join and contribute your interests and skills.

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Art and Craft Classes for Young Children in the School Holidays

Mission Hall, Sibford Gower

Wednesdays August 9th and August 16th

Children aged 3-5yrs 2-3p.m. (£1.00)

Children aged 6-10yrs 3.30-5.00p.m. (£1.50)

If you are interested please could you let me know so I can plan accordingly.
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Wednesday	July	12	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday	July	21	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	July	26	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday	August	4	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	August	9	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday	August	13	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	August	23	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00

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Chipping Norton bus
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Cross Roads
The Colony

Vera Jones, Treasurer

Horticultural Society

The sun shone on the plant and bric a brac sale held on 17th June at Temple Lodge and keen gardeners looked out for plant bargains. The cake stall, bric a brac and raffle all did well and the whole event raised a total of £155-35 for "Horti" funds.

The Society extends its thanks to Bernard and Brenda Phillips - for the loan of their garden and their hard work organising the event.

The details for the July Horti meeting have now been finalised for the evening visit to Radway Gardens on July 19th. Members are asked to meet at Sibford Village Hall at 6.45 in order to be in Radway for 7.15 ready to start the tour of the gardens at 7.30. The meeting place in Radway is at the Village Hall, there will be adequate roadside parking adjacent to the hall.

*WANTED - URGENTLY

One child's riding hat approx size 6 and 1/2 and also riding boots - size 13. Please contact Kerri Jones, 7 Cotswold Close, Sibford Ferris.

Leo Club Outing

JOSEPH and the amazing TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT

Tuesday 26th September 1939 at 7.30 pm at the Birmingham Hippodrome

Tickets: (one price only) £3.50 (including the cost of the coach).

Coach will leave Sibford at approx 5.45 pm

Please telephone Vivienne Scouse - Swa. 3320 and after

July 4th Sheila Baseby - Swa. 544

(We have a limited number of tickets)

Staff Holidays

There will be no Sibford Scene for August.

("Thank Heavens" say our typists!)

Back and Bouncing in September! Have some wonderful holidays! If you come across anything exciting why not write and tell the village through 'The Scene'?

Children what about a description of a wonderful adventure during August?

Remember its your village news sheet! -11-

