



SIBFORD SCENE

SEPTEMBER 1989 No. 29

STAFF HOLIDAYS !

BE PREPARED !

Sue has taken compassionate leave for something called 'maternity' (Best Wishes Sue!). Petra and the girls have rallied round and oiled rusty typewriters - (Thanks girls).

Jim and Wyn - our reliable 'Sorter outers' and staplers - have upped and gone on holiday and the Editor (who is never prepared) has put his trust and faith in the Sibford Scouts (who always are!) to staple and deliver bulk quantities to our distributors - Thanks lads!

Aren't folk wonderful in an emergency ?

If you have received this, then all worked well and the Editor, who has also gone on leave, is quite superfluous to requirements and might quite easily stay on holiday for ever - - who said 'Good' ?

HOOK NORTON COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTRE

Term starts Monday, 18th September - all classes, except swimming, are at the Primary School.

The Community Education Organiser is - Linda Buchanan, The Primary School, Hook Norton. Tel. H.N. 730052.

For W.E.A. Classes - contact Don Foley on Hook Norton 737287.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

As reported amusingly by the Editor in a recent edition of the SCENE, LIZA MINELLI did not attend the A.G.M. of the Village Hall.

NEITHER DID YOU !!!

The Village Hall is a splendid social amenity - and possibly some of us take it for granted. It undoubtedly contributes a lot to the good community spirit which makes SIBFORD such a nice place to live in. It does however need your ACTIVE SUPPORT.

Please make a note of the date of the FETE which is 16th SEPTEMBER 1989. There will be attractions and items of interest for all members of the family.

I look forward to seeing you there.

S.A.A.

A LOVELY VILLAGE WEDDING

Congratulations to Dawn Wealsby and David Cartwright, who were married at Holy Trinity Church, Sibford Gower on Saturday 15th July.

After a dull start to the day, the sun broke through in time to shine for this very pretty wedding. Dawn looked radiant in a full length ivory silk gown, with her two bridesmaids, sister Jennifer, and friend, Elaine Hutchinson, charmingly attired in pale pink cotton ballerina length dresses, with matching shoes. The bride's mother, Margaret, complimented the colour scheme with a pale pink hat, worn with navy two-piece, whilst Mrs. Cartwright chose a deep pink outfit. Sailor-suited little Michael Cartwright (grooms nephew) was page-boy, and the Best Man was David's brother, Ian.

The preceding two days saw Jillian Brookes and Glennis Hutchinson busily decorating the Church and Village Hall with flowers in a delightful range of soft pinks.

The Reverend Timothy Wimbush conducted the marriage service, with organist Mabel Payne at her best for the three lovely hymns - "Take my life, and let it be", "Come let us sing of a wonderful love" and "Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy". One small hitch occurred - just as Dawn was about to walk down the aisle on the arm of her father, to the strains of "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring", the electricity supply to the organ failed! However, Mabel's husband, Eric, was quick to the rescue, and valiantly 'pumped' for the remainder of the service! The Reading (1 Corinthians 13) was beautifully delivered by Jennifer, and during the signing of the Register, Aunty Nannie (Mrs Nannie Kirby, from New Zealand) sang a delightful solo.

After a relaxed photo session in the churchyard, guests drifted across to the Village Hall to enjoy a splendid sit-down reception for over 100. Family participation continued with Grace, led by Aunty Betty (Mrs Elizabeth Green) and the Toast to the bride and groom by Uncle David (David Goldby)

Later, the happy couple, in traditionally decorated car, left for a honeymoon in Devon.

Their home will be in Doncaster, where both are employed by Doncaster Infirmary - Dawn as a speech therapist and David as a chiropodist.

We wish them good luck, health and much happiness in their future life together.

(Wouldn't it be smashing to have a similar warm-hearted report on all our village weddings? All that is required is for a sensitive interested guest to put 'quill to parchment'. ED)

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SIBFORD W.I.

In July the W.I. were treated to a most unusual and interesting talk on chairmaking and in particular Windsor Chairs. Mr. M. Hodson who comes from a long line of High Wycombe furniture makers, demonstrated features of chair-making and showed slides relating to The Chilterns showing how the industry had arisen, and brought a large collection of antique tools to show.

A competition for a hand made cushion was judged by Mr. Hodson who awarded 1st prize to Mrs. Baggaley for an exquisite embroidered canvaswork cushion, 2nd to Mrs Hutchinson and 3rd to Mrs Cox. A pleasing number of cushions were entered. Miss Keyser and Mrs Ashton provided delicious teas.

In August a party of members visited Charlecote House. Mrs Cox had organised the visit and it was a fine day for an enjoyable event. Work is proceeding on the entries for The Exhibition of Flower arranging, hobbies etc., at Westminster College, Oxford on September 17th-18th.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday September 12th at 2.00p.m. in the Village Hall. Mrs. Ross from Sibford Ferris, who breeds Guide Dogs for the Blind, will be speaking.

A competition for a Dog model, or painting will be held.

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SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL FETE

Saturday, 16th September at 2 p.m.

at the Village Hall

STALLS OF ALL SORTS, SHAPES AND SIZES. DO COME ALONG AND BRING YOUR FAMILY FOR A REALLY GOOD AFTERNOON OUT.

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Bran Tub	Second-hand toys & books	Bric-a-Brac
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Tombola	Cake Stall	A display of Engines
White Elephant	Sweet Stall	A Raffle
Side Shows & Games	Bottle Stall	Teas & Refreshments

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A SPECIAL RAFFLE PRIZE of a day trip to Le Touquet or similar destination of the Winner's choice.

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS

2.30 p.m.

Also : Demonstrations of Corn Dollies and Pottery - with Gifts to Buy.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I trust that all our members have been able to take some kind of break from the daily round of work and have felt that their homes were being better looked after by the folk around.

Regretfully, I missed an insertion in the last Scene, to remind you about letting your neighbours know when you would be away, but if you are taking a late break - do not forget !

Do not forget either, if you have the misfortune to be a target of unlawful activity, even if you have followed the correct procedures - reporting to the Police etc. your local Co-ordinators and I also need to know. We have that need so that we can spread information of the sort of things happening locally, so we can all be watchful.

Despite the cheering news conveyed by the National crime figures of a 9.1% drop in burglaries, please do not assume that you can relax the rules of locks and security. This drop may well be due to better personal security efforts, rather than burglars taking early retirement !

Just over 3¹/₂ million households in this country are in schemes of Neighbourhood Watch - that is only 18%. If you think the idea is good, please spread the word: if you think the idea could be better, let us know and be prepared to help make it so. If you are new here and would like to join, ring Swalcliffe 629.

John Tulley, Co-ordinator N.W. Sibford Gower & Burdrop.

ADVANCE NOTE -

AUTUMN BAZAAR - Saturday, 11th November. Sibford Village Hall, starting at 2 p.m.

Stalls to include : Father Christmas, Christmas Decorations, Cakes, Fortune Telling, Bottles, etc.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Manor House,
Sibford Gower,
Banbury.

Dear Editor,

I wonder if I can express through the medium of the 'Sibford Scene' my thanks to our long-suffering neighbours for their forbearance of our renovation activities over the past 2 years.

After it had stood empty for 18 months, we finally took possession of the Manor House in June 1987.

There's no denying that after a while the soul wearies of the endless procession of workmen and their noisy machines, not to mention the endless mess, disruption, Radio One and mugs of tea. Whilst we have suffered all this, and more, our supportive and beleaguered neighbours have constantly cheered us with compliments about the latest changes and improvements as they have taken place.

We have inevitably been influenced by the last major works carried out by Frank Lascelles around 1910(a fine set of photographs of the period now hang in the kitchen) and on the theory that you never own property, but are simply guardians for a generation, we hope that past and future guardians approve of our actions. Now that time is freer we intend to research the history of the house and surrounds in more detail - the loan of any documents, photographs or information would be much appreciated.

And so that's it for another generation. Well not quite. The thatchers return in September to renew the central part of the roof. Then there is the front drive.....

MICHAEL EDWARDS.

Sir,

Scouts Waste Paper Collection

You may like to know that last year the Scouts sold the village waste paper for £440, an astonishing amount.

Thanks to all our Good Neighbours.

Jean White

Dear Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the generous people in Sibford who contributed to my fare for my trip to India.

I am glad to report that I have reached my target and will depart for Simla on September 12th. I will be teaching singing, the piano and general music with some English to Indian girls of all religions, aged 3-16. I would be happy to recount my experiences to anyone interested on my return in February.

Thank you once again for the generosity and interest everyone has shown.

Yours sincerely,

KATE MOIR

Temple Close,
Sibford Gower,
Banbury.

Dear Sir,

Although I believe that the Sibford Scene is an ideal media for publicising religious, charitable and most secular activities, I question its use for political purposes.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (Contd)

Indeed, the one page afforded to the Conservative Association for the purpose of publicising a party fund raising event would seem wholly inappropriate.

May I suggest that in order to preserve editorial integrity, that either a similar privilege is afforded all other political parties for their fund raising events, or that the Conservative Association is charged an appropriate fee for their announcements.

Yours faithfully,

ERNEST JONES

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Editor is always delighted - and often amazed and much relieved to hear that someone, somewhere reads 'The Scene' - to receive critical comment on the contents.

It encourages reappraisal of the substance, often leading to alteration and improvement, but sometimes - such as on this occasion - after careful thought - it confirms the continuation of existing editorial policy, (This has the glorious self-satisfying effect of increasing the editor's own estimation of the size of his hat band!)

Our policy is to accept all interesting contributions from both individual villagers and local societies and organisations be they Horticultural, Religious, 'Sporty', Social or Political. The Editor sees no valid reason to make an exception in the case of Local Political Associations who have never attempted to violate good taste by including Dogma or Propaganda in their simple copy concerning local interest.

The Conservative Association has recently been revitalised by 'Monty' and is now a thriving group dedicated to Village Social Activities for the fun and benefit of all, together with their greatly admired fund raising events for charity.

The Scene prides itself (what yet again!) with helping to publish such events which have raised over £1500 for various charities in eighteen months while at the same time giving lively pleasure to everyone who cares to attend.

The Editor sees no reason to treat the twenty seven lines allotted to the Caribbean Evening as an unacceptable intrusion on existing policy as it too has a considerable charitable concept as well as providing relaxing fun for all.

The Scene gives equal opportunity to the Labour Party to publish Garden Parties and Fetes. Liberals and Greens have as yet not surfaced but will be welcome when they do.

The Conservative Association, like the Horticultural Society, The Parish Councils, The Cricket Club, The Sibford Gower Town Estate Charity, The Churches and many more, contribute most generously on a regular basis to the costs of Production of The Scene and the Editor feels this to be a more friendly, civilised and trusting way of balancing the books than charging such organisations for the privilege of announcing or reporting their interesting activities.

Quote - O.E.D.

"Political" - of persons engaged in civil interest as distinct from Military!

"Purpose" - The object that one has in view.

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The Samaritan collecting boxes contained £9254 as a result of the door-to-door collection gathered in recently in the Sibfords. We received a note expressing great gratitude for our generosity. The proportion was roughly two-thirds one-third Gower to Ferris, which reflects accurately the size of the two villages.

NATURE NOTES

June 22nd - The dry weather is making birds and mammals short of food. I noticed an ant-hill with a large hole opened in the side by a badger, and also a wasp's nest similarly dealt with. While I was mowing a field of hay, yesterday I counted 12 mistlethrushes looking for slugs etc. that the mower exposed.

July 3rd - We have heard a quail calling for several days in our barley. Once it was within a few yards of me but I still did not catch sight of it.

July 17th - The combining of winter barley is an exceptionally dusty job this year. I expect the dust comes from the sooty moulds that have formed on the stickiness left by the aphids earlier in the summer.

July 19th - There were masses of flying ants rising from a nest in our garden this evening. I would have liked to have had time to check on other nests to see whether they do all take to the wing at the same time. I think they must do, because I can remember seeing them like a dust cloud round the elm trees that used to stand at the top of Oddie's field.

July 20th - This is not an easy time of the year for squirrels. The ones in our garden have stripped a hawthorn bush of haws and are now working on the beechnuts, which, as far as I can see, have not yet formed a kernel, so they must be getting some nourishment from the green cases. I have also heard of a badger killing some hens recently; a sure sign that they are very hard pressed to find food. I can remember this happening twice on our farm; once during prolonged frost when a badger lifted the slide lid on a hen cub to get in, the lid dropping shut behind it. My father shot that one, but not before it had killed 48 out of the 50 pullets and dropped to sleep in there. The other time was during a drought when one chewed its way into a plywood coop.

July 21st - Whirlwinds have taken up barley straw and sprinkled it over much of the Ferris during the last few days.

August 6th - Combined the last of the wheat today. Some years we have hardly started harvest by this date. Wheat has yielded well. Winter barley was almost up to average, but the grain was not very plump. The spring barley suffered most from the dry weather and gave less than half its average yield. I have only measured 2.96 inches of rain in the 3 months to July, which compares with 2.83" in 1975 and 2.68" in 1976, two other exceptionally dry years.

August 19th - Picked a deformed acorn from one of our oak trees this evening. A book that I have which was written by Arnold Darlington in 1972 says that the deformity is caused by the grub of a gall wasp and was at that date confined to the Exeter area but spreading. It has been a good year for galls on oak trees. Earlier in the year there were a lot of oak apples and cherry galls on the tree between the Ferris and the Elm.

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Youth Club News

As usual, every Monday from September 11th, but please note new times:

7pm - 9.30pm with the first hour for the younger age range to have use of equipment. We would appreciate it if this age group could be collected by 8.45pm.

Activities next term will include video work. Trip to Southsea: September 30th, provided all the sponsored walk money is in!

Our contribution to the village hall fete will be a white elephant stall. Please bring items to Youth Club, David is willing to collect larger items.

HORTICULTURAL MEETING

on

Wednesday September 13th

8.00p.m. Village Hall.

Mr. Myburgh will speak on

"Culinary Herbs"

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GOODBYE TO SIBFORD PRIMARY

How sad we were to have to say goodbye to everyone at the Primary School at the end of last term. Our youngest children were leaving and it seemed like the end of an era.

During their time there we have seen them change from reluctant, tearful 5 year olds to confident, enthusiastic 11 year olds ready to tackle secondary school. Towards the end of term, as we sat watching the children Folk and Morris dancing on the school lawn, with the fields and hills behind them, we thought how lucky they are to have spent their early years in such a lovely place - its so much easier to learn and be creative in beautiful surroundings.

Our lives as Primary School parents have been rich and varied! We've waded through mountains of jumble, served a million hot dogs, made umpteen cakes and then bought them back again. We've shivered on the side lines at Sports Day, blinked back the tears at Carol Services, cheered at Netball matches and laughed till it hurt at school plays. We've been stand-in dinner ladies, cleaned out the pond, fed chickens, lost children on school outings and dried little bodies after swimming. We've helped make a dinosaur, made costumes for rabbits, mice and sunbeams, planted trees and cooked fish fingers and chips for 30 at Hill End. We know the "Farmer comes to Scatter His Seed" off by heart and we know all about "The Village with Three Corners"!

Some of the highlights for the children have been abseiling at Yenworthy, catching newts at Hill End, singing at Oxford and Wembley and treading the boards at Chipping Norton Theatre. But most of all we shall remember the support and friendship we've all received during our years at Sibford Primary.

To-day, when we hear so much about the problems facing education and of village schools closing, we are lucky to have such a thriving and forward looking school at the heart of our village. The staff have managed to successfully combine the traditional care and values of a village school with the needs and technology of the 1980's. A rare and winning combination.

Thank you to everyone, staff, parents and children for making our years at Sibford Primary such happy ones. We shall miss you all very much but will long remember you with affection and gratitude. We hope the school continues to thrive and flourish for future generations.

THE HOLLIDAY AND MOIR FAMILIES

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'THANK YOU' to a very kind gentleman.

Many many thanks to the kind gentleman who came and knocked at my door to tell me that he had found our lost cat.

Unfortunately our poor cat had been run over, but nevertheless we felt easier in our minds knowing what had happened to him.

We did appreciate the trouble he went to and the help he gave at the time.

VIVIENNE SCOUSE

The Annual Horticultural Society Show

In contrast to last year when it poured with rain for this event the weather was perfect for the "Horti" Show. A good crowd gathered to browse round the stalls and inspect the many and varied exhibits in the marquee, not to mention teas, with a super selection of cakes provided and served by the "Horti" adies, all in all a pleasant afternoon.

Before the distribution of prizes Mr Alan Jarvis, the Chairman, thanked all those who had helped and contributed, in so many ways, to a successful afternoon, especially to members of the Committee who had worked so hard getting the event "off the ground". The presentation of trophies was then made by the President of the Club, Mr Keith Hicks:

The Sibford Rose Bowl - to the exhibitor gaining most points in the show - Mr A Newbold

The Albert Spicer Trophy - to the exhibitor gaining most points in the fruit and vegetable section - Mr A. Newbold

The Society Cup - for the outstanding vegetable exhibit - Mr J Berry

The Mrs F. Padbury Cup - to the exhibitor gaining most points in the plants and flowers section - Mrs E. Warwick

The Dr H. Taylor Cup - for the outstanding flower exhibit - Mrs E Warwick

The Village Cup - to the exhibitor gaining most points in the Country Crafts section - Dr S. Heath

The Mrs F. Padbury Rose Bowl - for the most outstanding exhibit in the Country Crafts Section, Classes 1-9 - Dr S. Heath

The Ted Webb Cup - for the most outstanding exhibit in the Country Crafts Section, classes 10-25 - Mrs E. Wimbush

The John Sabin Cup - to the winner of the first prize in the Country Crafts Section, Class 3 - Mrs F. Hook

The Banbury Marquee Trophy - to the exhibitor between 12 and 16 years of age gaining most points in the show - Nancy McGee

The Junior Cup - to the exhibitor between 9 and 11 years of age gaining most points in the show - Mary Holiday

The Keith Hicks Cup - to the exhibitor between 5 and 8 years of age gaining most points in the show - Daniel Edmunds

The S.J. Sabin Cup - to the exhibitor under 5 years of age gaining most points in the show - Peter Newbold

The Banksian R.H.S. Medal - Mr A Newbold

As a finale the raffle tickets were drawn by the President for almost 50 prizes, all of which had been organised by Mrs Ellen Warwick.

It was a most successful event which once again made a profit, although exact details are not yet to hand.

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"Milk Ho" and Church Bells

What an excellent thing that 'George the Milk' has decided to have a lie in on Sundays. The rest of us don't feel guilty anymore!

Happy Snoozings George and Thank You!

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Sibford Gower Parish Council

The next P.C. meeting is scheduled for 29th September 1989 when it is hoped that the dog warden will be able to attend to outline the aims and role of the service. Anyone wishing to meet the warden please contact the Clerk (462) for confirmation of his attendance.

CRICKET

"SIBFORDS SECOND WIND - OR IS IT A HURRICANE"!

FROM THE BOUNDARY MAN!

A marked revival in Sibford's fortunes has taken place in the second half of the season - at the time of writing, four successive wins, no doubt as a result of playing on the "fine pastures" of Sibford School - credit indeed to Percy Turner and his colleagues with no danger in this village of a visit from Harry Brind to inspect the pitch and a threat of points deduction! Your correspondent can report one frail batting performance against Radway, a most exciting one wicket win over bogey team, Wroxton and a good team effort in all departments.

With the holiday period in full swing and significant injuries to Ian Gilbert and Adrian Lamb (we wish them both a speedy recovery), we have been pleased to welcome Jonathan Robinson and Chris Woolerton to the ranks which has strengthened the batting and bowling respectively and we are indebted to the future generation, particularly Jonathan Bennett and David Simms for plugging the gaps and for showing the older brigade the art of fielding.

Finally after many years of attractive stroke play and unselfish commitment, we are delighted to report Brian Holliday's maiden half century - "29" is certainly a magical age and we look forward to many further such occasions!!

FOOTNOTE

We are delighted to report the advent of Sibford Ladies Cricket Club; but regret to confirm an initial defeat at the hands of Banbury Ladies Hockey Club - please girls give it another go for it is another fine example of the village spirit and interest in our summer game.

SCORE-CARD

24 June	v	Warmington(Away)	Warmington 183 for 7 (David Lamb 5-53) <u>Lost by 70 Runs</u> Sibford 113 all out (David Inns 27, Adrian Lamb 25)
1 July	v	Claydon(Away)	Sibford 69 for 0 <u>Won by 24 runs</u> Claydon 45 all out (Roger Gilbert 5-3, Nigel Fletcher 3-12)
3 July	v	Alveston(Home)	Match Abandoned (A wet pitch, no less!)
15 July	v	Radway(Home)	Sibford 36 all out <u>Lost by 10 wickets</u> Radway 37-0
22 July	v	Wroxton(Home)	Wroxton 79 all out (Brian Holliday 4-5) <u>Won by 1 wicket</u> Roger Gilbert 3-25, David Lamb 2-25 Sibford 33 for 9 (David Bennett 20)
29 July	v	Azad(Home)	Sibford 153 for 7 (Nigel Fletcher 48) <u>Won by 72 runs</u> David Bennett 23, Chris Guy 24 Azad 36 all out (Nigel Fletcher 4-19, Chris Woolerton 2-12)
5 Aug	v	Whitnash(Home)	Whitnash 155 for 0 (Chris Woolerton 3-31) <u>Won by 3 wickets</u> Nigel Fletcher 2-45 Sibford 157 for 7 (Nigel Fletcher 60, Roger Gilbert 39)
12 Aug	v	Hook Norton(Home)	Sibford 160 for 5 (Brian Holliday 56) <u>Won by 43 runs</u> Nigel Fletcher 26, David Inns 24, David Pratt 20, Jonathan Robinson 20 Hook Norton - 117 all out (Nigel Fletcher 3-31, David Lamb 2-20, Chris Woolerton 2-22)

FINAL FIXTURES

19th August v Brailes (Home)
26th August v Warmington (Home)
2nd September v Claydon (Home)

TOP 6 BATTING AND BOWLING IN NEXT MONTH'S SCENE

THE CARIBBEAN EVENING

In spite of the weather forecast which threatened rain for Saturday, July 22nd, it was in fact a lovely balmy evening. About 170 people gathered in the garden of The Manor at Sibford Gower to enjoy the music of Orchos Rios, a teenage steel band, who were marvellous.

The lovely weather encouraged many people to take advantage of the open air pool, especially the younger children, not to mention a few, including your correspondent, who were unceremoniously thrown into the pool, fully dressed. The watery high jinks were overseen by a qualified life guard, to whom we extend our thanks for his vigilance.

Particular thanks are due to MIKE EDWARDS, who generously opened his garden for this event, which was organised by the North Oxon Conservative Association Sibfords and Epswell branch.

Sincere thanks go to Keith Hicks and David Soden who, ably assisted by Sibfords Super Cook Scouts, and all looking very smart, produced a super barbeque, no mean feat in view of the hot weather. A donation has been given to The 1st Sibfords Scout Troop. Thanks go also to the many others who assisted in numerous ways, with the bar, salads, cleaning up etc. - necessary tasks which contributed to a most successful and enjoyable evening.

A future date for diaries - it is hoped to arrange a Victorian Evening at The Manor - on December 15th.

HAPPENINGS FROM DOWN T' ROAD !

Canterbury Tales at Tadmarton

Petter Whittle is going to put on a reading of the Canterbury Tales in the medieval barn at Tadmarton Manor on Saturday, 16th September, at 6.30 p.m. The reading, which has already been successfully given in other parts of the country, will last for about an hour.

Further details can be obtained from Peter Whittle, tel. Swalcliffe 453.

PLANT SALE

A plant sale in aid of the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Naturalist's Trust will be held at Tadmarton Manor on Sunday, 10th September, at 2 p.m. until about 5 p.m. Teas will be served in the village hall. Donations or plants for sales will be most gratefully received by Mrs. Asser at The Manor. Also, she would be glad to hear from anyone who would like to help on the day.

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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

Welcome to Mary Bennett who has moved into Rufus Cottage, Sibford Ferris.

*Born in Stratford, been all round the world to return to roughly the same spot

*In charge of Sibford Friends' School new Junior department, opening in September - very exciting!

*About to become a passionate gardener - my first chance at being let loose on a garden!

*Enjoy all aspects of theatre

Su and Paul Clipson have moved into Barn Close, Sibford Ferris with Dan and Jessie Lewin. Dan is 9 and will be starting at the Friends' School. Jessie is 5 and will be going to Sibford Primary School. Ben Clipson, aged 7, joins the family at weekends. They have moved from Oxford, where they were members of the local Green Party.

Last but not least a very late welcome to Gillian and Garry Weston who have moved into The Cottage, Sibford Ferris with 10 year old son Ben.

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SIBFORD BROWNIES ON PACK HOLIDAY IN OXFORDSHIRE

17 brownies from Sibford Brownie Pack set off on Sunday 6th August for a jolly 6 days at Oxfordshire's own Pack Holiday House at Stanton St. John. The theme for the holiday was 101 Dalmations and of course we all made furry dogs to bring home. We also visited the Swimming Pool and the Cotswold Wild Life Park. We had a 'cook-out' on a rather blustery day, but managed to keep the sausages in the pans. It was a lovely pack holiday with super weather and smashing brownies. The helpers were pretty smashing too and we couldn't have done it without them. Special thanks to Victoria Scouse, Chris Billings, Helen Soden, Dawn Morbey and Julia Conway. We are already planning where to go next year.

Vivienne Scouse
Brown Owl.

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AUTUMN FAIR

Tuesday 3rd October 1989

at

The House on the Green

Cherington, Warwickshire

In Aid of Horses and Ponies in Need

(The Glenda Spooner Trust)

Food Hall, Restaurant, Wine Tasting,
Christmas Cards, Presents, Knitwear,
Leather Products, Country Fashions, Raffle

A TALE OF TWO GARDEN PARTIES

Each year, in early summer, the loyal citizens of Sibford wait anxiously beneath their letter boxes with 'pinnies' held out ready to receive their invitations to two Garden Parties. Both prestigious but one far more desirable than the other- Well! Despite its name, The Life Guard's Band has nowhere the "umph" of the Hook Norton and District Silver Band and Temple Close catering is far superior to their Majesties thin - hardly a mouthful - sandwiches - (one always imagines her daughters in law staying up the whole night before thinly slicing hundreds of cucumbers). Two other things make Temple Close preferable - if one has to chose - tortoises, even on the rampage, are far less likely to nip the ankles than the most obedient of corgies and lastly the setting of the lovely Oxfordshire rolling hills, back drop has the edge over high walls - the Mall and Green Park. Please, please let not these confidential musings of an otherwise loyal subject, get to the ears of Bernard Inghams. The Tower is still the ultimate deterrent and the Editor has no desire to finish up assistant deputy Prime Minister!!

On Saturday July 27th, your roving reporter, who was still a few hours under the strict age limit, and who well remembers the choking off he received when, on a previous occassion, he slipped in through a hedge and across the tennis courts- contented himself by breaking the bounds of Temple Court knowing that Earnest would be at the gate in bearskin and scarlet tunic, checking all birth certificates!

The sound of the "Hookey" Band drifted melodiously over the walls by the Wykham Arms and the laughter and merriment of the happy, delighted senior guests could be heard over the chink of tea cups. The sun was shining and when 'lights out' was sounded and smiling contented faces drifted homewards it was obvious to our envious observer that once again dear Vera and Earnest had "A Hit" on their hands.

A wonderful, generous couple whose neighbourliness and kindness is so very much appreciated by all members of The Friendship Club.

Thank you both for being - "just you" - .

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LEO CLUB OUTING

Joseph and the Amazing
Technicolour Dreamcoat

A super evening out at a very reasonable price.
Tuesday 26th September 1989 at The Birmingham Hippodrome.
All Tickets £8.50 (which includes the coach fare).
The coach leaves Sibford Village Hall at 5.45p.m.
The show finishes by 10p.m. so we should not be home too late. We do have some tickets left. Contact Vivienne Scouse.

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THANKS

I would like to thank all the people who helped at the Coffee Evening, on 10th August, in aid of the Friendship Club.
Thanks to those who gave prizes, who gave us items for the stalls and to those who lent us chairs and tables and provided transport.
Most of all those who came and supported us.

ALICE FOWLER

FRIENDSHIP CLUB NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER

Tuesday September 5th

2pm in the Village Hall. Discussion on what members want or do not want for the Club.

Wednesday September 20th

Outing to Notcutts Garden Centre, Shirley.

Sibford Friendship is having a Bric a Brac Stall at the Village Hall Fete on September 16th. A.L.B.

Discovery 39

During the Summer Break 5 scouts from 1st the Sibfords troupe were lucky enough to go to an International Scout Camp at Ripley Castle in Yorkshire. 1200 scouts from 21 countries were camping together in a tented city. This camp was one of 12 similar held throughout the UK at the same time to give scouts an opportunity to meet foreign scouts and try all sorts of activities. We tried lots of different things including gliding, dry slope skiing, archery, narrow boating, shot gun shooting, raft building, hiking and sailing. We all had a great 10 days and would like to thank our Group Committee for making it all possible.

Ashley Hicks, Jamie White, Frank Soden, Lewis Soden and M Walsh.

DISCOS

Sibford Ferris Play Area Group have organised 2 Discos for Friday September 1st at Sibford Village Hall. The first disco being for children of all ages (and from any other village) will run from 7 pm to 8.30 £1 Admission. Refreshments will be available at a small cost.

The next disco and bar will be for adults (18+) 9 pm to 12.30 pm Admission £2. All funds raised will go towards turfing the play area.

May I also use this space to ask that if anyone has any jumble etc they wish to dispose of the group will gladly accept it for the next event. Thankyou.

Mrs B Jones, Chairman/Secretary, S.F.P.G, 7 Cotswold Close, Sibford Ferris.

BANBURY PEACE FORUM

The next meeting of the Peace Forum will be addressed by Scilla Elworthy McLean, Director of the Independent Oxford Research Group, one time consultant to UNESCO, research director of the Minority Rights Group in France, and authority on the role of women in international affairs.

She will be giving the inside story on Defence decision-making. Who has the ultimate control over defence policy; politicians, Parliament, the military, or public opinion? Scilla McLean will be discussing the results of an extensive study into this question, not only in Britain but also in America, France, China and the Soviet Union.

The meeting will be held in St Mary's Centre, Banbury on Friday 15th September at 7.30 pm. Dr Martin Harris will be in the chair, and refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

SIBFORD GOWER TOWN ESTATES CHARITY

Free Bus Service for Residents of Sibford Gower and Burdrop

Schedule

				<u>Departure Time</u>	<u>Return Time</u>
Friday	September	1	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	"	6	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday	"	15	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	"	20	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday	"	29	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	October	4	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday	"	13	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	"	18	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday	"	27	Banbury	10.00	12.00

The pick-up points are :

Banbury bus
Village Hall
Cross Roads
High Meadow

Chipping Norton bus
Village Hall
High Meadow
Cross Roads
The Colony.

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REMEMBER : REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - 12th NOVEMBER, 1989

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

POPPY DAY - Saturday, 11th

May I live in the hope that all my collectors are presently fit and that they will continue to be so for a very long time yet! Anyone who might be interested in becoming a collector is most welcome to get in touch with me, my phone number is Swalcliffe 629.

The need for this appeal never seems to get less - since 1969 over 590 Service people have been killed and over 4,500 injured in peace keeping duties, carried out in Ulster. Further to these folk are the Servicemen and women forming part of the United Nations peace-keeping forces, and that duty carries the same risk of death or injury.

I nearly forgot to mention that our House-to-House collection period starts on 30th October and runs until 11th November. COLLECTORS - PLEASE NOTE - If you are not available, give me lots of notice!

Sunday, 15th October is a date for your listening - 8.50 a.m. Radio 4 - The Week's Good Cause programme will be devoted to the Poppy Appeal. Please listen if you can.

John Mulley.
Hon. Collector, Sibfords.

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SIBFORD METHODIST CHAPEL

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This will be held on Sunday, OCTOBER 1st, in The Chapel, at 11 a.m. All are very welcome..

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends	Sundays at 10.30am
Methodist	Sundays at 11am
Roman Catholic Mass	Hook Norton Sundays at 11am
	Brailes Sundays at 11.30am

Church of England Services September Holy Trinity Sibford Gower

3rd	8am Holy Communion
10th	10am Holy Communion
17th	10am Family Service - Harvest Festival
24th	10am United Service at Swalcliffe

WEEKLY EVENTS

Youth Club	Village Hall	Monday 7pm - 9.30pm
Swimming Club	Friends School	Monday & Wednesday 6 - 7pm
		Friday 5 - 6pm (Toddlers)
		6 - 7.30 (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 Meeting House	Wednesday 10-12noon

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

1st September	Disco - Sibford Ferris Play Area
2nd September	Paper Collection Scouts (Don't forget!!)
2nd September	Cricket Club's last match (why not watch?)
5th September	Friendship Club Meeting
9th September	Tadmorton Autumn Fayre
11th September	Youth Club restarts (Be there!)
12th September	WI Meeting 'Guide Dogs for the Blind'
13th September	Horticultural Meeting - Cu man Herbs
15th September	Peace Forum - Banbury
16th September	Village Hall Fete (Dr Agnew says "Don't miss it")
16th September	Reading of Canterbury Tales - Tadmorton Manor
18th September	"Hooky" Education Centre starts
20th September	Friendship Club outing
26th September	Leo Club "That perpetual Dreamcoat"

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Magnus Returns in November

Magnus 'Wimbush' Magnusson invites brainy or stupid teams of three people to partake in the Sibford Village Quiz. This year it will be held on Monday 13th November at 7pm in the Village Hall. Please let Vivienne Scouse have your teams by the end of October. There will be a limit of eight teams, so first come, first served. There will be a raffle and light refreshments. Note the date: and if you're a would-be team-member, why not get two friends and let Vivienne have names as soon as possible. TW