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# 1989 OCTOBER No. 130 SIBFORD SCENE

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John Mulley,  
Hon. Collector Sibfords and Burdrop

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## THE RAINS CAME

After a Summer of blazing skies, parched land, with the countryside looking brown rather than green and the threat of strict water rationing looming, we desperately urgently needed Rain. And last Saturday it came! Blissful soft steady rain. And it rained and rained and rained, right through till the Harvest Service on Sunday morning. The fact that last Saturday was the day of the Village Fete we will have to accept as pure coincidence. Our hopes of a happy day in the open air, enjoying the Side shows, Bouncing Castle, dancing etc. were dashed and washed to the ground. But the British are at their best in adversity, and I can safely say that I saw only smiling faces, and happy togetherness, the latter being a rather enforced pleasure in the tight confines of the Village Hall.

Mr Ken Durham braved the rain all afternoon to show his wonderful 90 year old Hot Bulb Engine, for which we are very grateful. Thank you too, to The Irish Dancers from Banbury and to all the stall holders, tea makers and other helpers and to all who came and spent enough to give a useful boost to the Funds.

A blight on those who did not come, unless of course you like to send a covenanted subscription to Col. Frith and become a Friend of the Village Hall You can then stay at home and watch the Cricket? Football? Racing? with a clear conscience

S A A  
Chairman Village Hall  
Committee

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## Labour Party News

The local party meets on the second Friday of every month not locally in Sibford but at The Elephant and Castle, Bloxham. Meetings are informative, inexpensive and reported to be enjoyable Informal dress. Further details from Anne Marcovitch Swa 8163 or Judith Weeks.



The summer holidays were over, and passing through to the MELLOW AIR of Autumn was interesting to watch - the changing of the Trees, Fruits and Flowers along the roadside. The field laying dormant after the gruelling haymaking and harvest time where the men and their horses started their ploughing in the furrows for next year's planting. So different from nowadays, the fields have no time to breathe.

The latter half of the summer season was taken up with the Cricket Team battling along to the Final in Banbury for which they won the honours at least three times in the 30's and 40's. Some of the family names who come to mind were Harris, Haynes, Herbert, Hooper, Inns, Long, Lambs, Sabins, Parkin, Poultons, Ward and Woolgroves. Two umpires followed them around doing their duties as the years went by, their names were Lines and Salmon. A few of those mentioned will be repeated in the Christmas Edition under the section 'Personal Curiosities'.

The first Sunday in October was the Annual Harvest Services at Church, 11.00 am and 6.30 pm. The congregation was full of relations and friends from Epwell, Swalcliffe, Tadmarton, Shutford and Hook Norton, and the farmers were well represented from all the outlying farms, joining in heartedly singing their thanks for harvest work well done. This was led by a strong choir led by the organist, Miss Thame (Aunt of the present organist) practising for weeks to give of their best when the Anthem was sung. Monday Evening, 6.30 pm many people walked to the Church with their lanterns and flashlights to buy the produce, with the money going to the local hospitals.

The next Sunday Evening the Vicar and his choir and those who wished to walked the road to Swalcliffe to sing their Harvest Praises as it was a very old tradition to visit the Church once a year.

The Thursday after the 12th October the streets of the Sibfords were empty because everyone went to BANBURY FAIR, filling Mr Tanner's buses all day and again every hour from 6 to 11 pm. Prices of the entertainments were in those days 6 pence and 10 pence, a great time was had by all, young and old in an old fashioned way.

Into November - dark, cold and frosty nights were closing in but the village was lit up by the Friends School (so called in those days) with fireworks and a bonfire and the evening was a MUST because we were welcomed to join in.

Whist Drives and Dances were held in the Village Hall (behind the Wykham Arms) or Village School.

Sibford Ferris were lucky to have a delightful place called 'The New Room' where they had a MENS CLUB five or six evenings a week, and the Women's Institute was held each month. THE SIBFORD CHORAL SOCIETY, under the baton of Miss Thame spent many hours during the winter in the New Room preparing their pieces for the Chipping Norton Music Competition held each March. The Banners and First Certificates were numerous and many of the choir brought home firsts in solos and duets. I was present at one competition when the adjudicators remark was as follows - "Where does this Choir come from? They must live on top of a hill, their voices are all so clear and true." We all shrank onto our knees!

November 11th was a date we remembered the awful thought of the two wars. The Scouts and Guides marching to church with their Colours. The girls marched from the 'New Room', Sibford Ferris, down and up the hill to Burdrop and round to Church, WET or FINE; this is remembered by quite a few of us left. The boys marched from the Village Hall at Sibford Gower.

In addition to the thought of the wars, oh yes, the villagers did their share of work in 1940 - HOME GUARDS (L.D.V.), A.R.P. (Men and Women) and LAND ARMY - young girls arrived from many places and we managed to keep a few who married the boys around. The Manor Hall (owned by Mr Dodd) was turned into a Box Factory and was open most days and nights manned by men and women of the villages around.



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We were very lucky in the early years to have many entertainments such as Carol Singing around the Village by the Quaker School Staff and Children. On Parents Weekend and especially Old Scholars Whitsun weekend the village opened its doors to give rest to the over-spill with bed and breakfast, and we felt part of the occasion. The kitchen, laundry and garden staff were mostly men and women from local homes who were grateful for work. Now we must wish the business of the development of Sibford School will be a huge success and hope they will live alongside us for the future years.

ACREDITCH From Sibford Ferris the pupils and staff walked through to Sibford Gower for 11 o'clock services each week. The Methodist Chapel held their services again at 11.00 am. The preachers Joseph Alcock, Mr and Mrs Basham and Mr and Mrs Stewart were hard working and raised their little church services to what they enjoy today. A great lady in the chapel came forward - MRS TARVER who lived in Furdrop and ran an enormous Sunday School for some time.

The bell, ringing for the HOLY TRINITY CHURCH service again at 11.00 am was an onlooker to the scene below. Can you imagine the well known 'Acreditch' full of worshippers passing one another to their respective place of worship; this is no dream but a reality, as a few of us remember it well. The girls and boys in their green and yellow uniform and local people in their 'Sunday Best'.  
A HAPPY FAMILY all around!

ALAS ONLY ONE MORE FLAT OF MEMORY TO COME! AHAAAAA! UNLESS SOMEONE CAN GET ERIC REMEMBERING!

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CANCER RESEARCH JUMBLE SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

It seems a long time ago now since that glorious July morning when my back garden was piled high with Jumble. Everyone was so generous in giving so much and then buying it back again. £200 was raised for this worthy cause - we shall do it again next year!

Jane Hollicay

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WANTED

Laurie Freeman - age 6 months, has been saving his pocket money and would like to spend it on a TRAVEL COT, (born on a Thursday and has far to go!).

WOODEN PLAY PEN, LARGE FIRE GUARD, (for Mommys piece of mind) ANY CLOTHES (age 1 year upwards, I'm a fast growing chappy) and an ACTIVITY CENTRE (just for fun).

If any Sibford readers can help, please contact or call at:

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Barry,

We completed the collation of the September Sibford Scene as per your instructions - the boys pooled their experience in reading your writing! I was not present to ensure the accuracy of the completed magazines, I hope there will not be too many complaints.

The 4 Scouts that carried out the task elected to do it as a "civic" good turn.  
Yours sincerely, Keith Hicks - GSL

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Dear Sir,

As the new owners of Sibford House and Oddy's Bank we would like everyone to know that whilst we prefer people to stay to the right of way when crossing the field, once the snow arrives, all will be welcome to sled as usual.

However, we would add that the Village and Sibford School children who come to see the horses are always welcome to do so wherever the horses are. But do please be careful when giving them tit-bits as they can get rather pushy in their eagerness to get their first. Pollyanna, the smallest and bossiest is expecting a foal at the end of April - fingers crossed that all goes well!

Thanking you for allowing me this space.

Yours faithfully, Julie Ide

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Dear Editor,

I agree wholeheartedly with the sentiments expressed by Mr Ernest Jones in last month's "Scene" concerning detailed news of Conservative Party happenings locally. However, I see that the Editor in his infinite wisdom does not agree: since this means readers will have to be entertained to further news of this group in future, I suggest that all other local political and politically aware groups also have an opportunity to report on their events. We readers can of course choose whether to spend brain space or not on reading them.

Anne Marcovitch

Delighted! ED. KEEP IT LOCAL - KEEP IT SOCIAL!

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Dear Editor,

Perhaps you should get on your knees now!

I know that our notice came in on the 20th August, but I think it might have been given the consideration of a slightly more prominent position in the 'Scene'.

What have you got against the Methodists - older than the Church in this village?

I know that the congregation is not flowing from the doors on Sundays, but it never will be if our notices - few - are so inconspicuously placed and in my copy, very poorly printed.

I think you might have deemed it important enough to be added to the end of the calendar dates, as the October issue is unlikely to be delivered by the 1st.

We are both aware that an opportunity to say a 'thankyou' for the harvest would not do many of our 'villagers' any harm.

The next notice may be accompanied by a Sgian Dhubh.

Yours faithfully, Kathleen M Winter - Approved Methodist Steward  
(continued overleaf)



Dear Kathleen,

The fact that you are aggrieved is sufficient for me to feel both guilty and sorry!

Maybe you should have a more prominent position - and so say all the rest! Personally I don't feel that the next to back page, along with the much referred to bus timetable is a bad spot! And we did try to give it 'air'. As Editor some you lose and some you lose!! - Sorry about the printing - mine was fine:- (See previous correspondence re our ancient duplicating machine).

You did deliver on time but it was the eleventh hour and for purely selfish reasons I had already started to assemble the articles and allocate pages. (The midnight oil burned low as it was!).

The Scene has no Political or Ecclesiastical bias, indeed I send a copy each month to your Minister in Shipston from my own resources to keep him abreast with things in Sibford. So far without acknowledgement.

I have pleaded for both a Methodist and a Roman Catholic news item each month with no success although the Society of Friends do contribute from time to time.

Perhaps you as Steward are the person to take up this challenge? If so this little 'Furor' will not have been in vain.

May I rise from my knees now?

Thanks. Barry Davies

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Many thanks for your good work as Editor of the Scene.

Jim Snieldes

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Having got up off his knees the Editor read Jim's kind message and immediately fell flat on his back in astonishment!!

He is now recovering under sedation!

One 'Thank You' melts the snows of a thousand freezing words. Good old Jim!

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#### Nature Notes

Aug 22nd Watched a wasp trying to catch flies this morning, but with the warm sun on them the flies were too lively. Later in the year when mornings are cooler and the flies are less active, the wasps find the easy prey and carry off quite a lot.

Sept 9th While tractor driving 2 days ago, I saw two reostarts close to a place where a pair nested about 30 years ago. As we had been stone picking and had some on the trailer, we built a hollow stone cairn at the edge of the field to provide a nesting site for them if they return next spring.

Sept 13th The young cream coloured house sparrow that has been with our resident flock at the farm this summer seems to have disappeared. It may have been the victim of a predator, or is it possible for it to change to normal plumage at the first moult?

Sept 17th It is said that the weather always pays its debts, so with over 1 and 1/2 inches of rain this weekend, I think it has just avoided bankruptcy. It will be nice to see the grass grow again, so that we can stop feeding hay to our sheep. On the drier banks this will take some time as it looks completely dead and will probably have to start again from seed.

Sept 20th While having breakfast we watched a good variety of bird life enjoying the sunshine on the sheltered side of our cedar tree. As well as most of the usual garden birds there were two goldcrests and a treecreeper, both of which species we see more frequently than we used to.

This afternoon I found a collection of moth's wings scattered over the barley in our steel and asbestos barn, probably from moths eaten there by long-eared bats. All the wings were from Yellow Underwings and it is hard to understand how a bat working mainly with echo-sounding, can pick out one species of moth and ignore the others.



Quite a serious situation!

Last month your Editor received a severe "Rollicking" from the Treasurer. The last such occasion was when he had carved his name on the hanging beam in the School Bell Tower. This time it was not accompanied by a swishing with an O.T.C. swagger cane, but the smart was just as keen!

Apparently we had overindulged ourselves with a "sixteen page" and the result is that we have only enough funds left in our Biscuit Tin for two small editions of the Scene. The facts are -

1. The Scene costs about 10p - 15p per copy
2. There are about 400 households in the Sibfords
3. Our budget is about £500 per annum (without any mishaps like maintenance to machinery now threatening!)
4. If all households would contribute £1 per annum
5. All Societies and Organisations, who use this media would up their donations by - say - 50% - Then
6. all would be well - We're "Home and Dry"
7. SO PLEASE
8. Be generous! The Box is available at the Post Office and Sibford Store (If you don't go there then you ought to) or the Editor and Treasurer letter boxes are always open and hungry
9. Please DO IT NOW - not next week - pop a pound (or more) in an envelope and place it behind the clock with the other items awaiting attention
10. Societies - Secretaries please put this plea on your agenda for the next meeting - or send your donation NOW and ask for confirmation of your action when you next meet.
11. The situation is desperate but could easily be rectified if you ACT NOW!
12. Finally thank you from all our Staff!

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#### Friendship Club Notes for October

The Club held a Bric-a-brac stall at Village Hall Fair on Saturday September 16th and made £14.40 on a 50-50 basis.

Tuesday Oct 3rd Outing to Bourton on the Water 11am to 4, enquiries Mrs Webb

Tuesday Oct 17th to be arranged.

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#### Action Aid Week Oct. 1 - 8

Please give generously to help a 3rd world child

If you have no other information as to where to send donations Anne Marcovitch will help (Swa 8163).



## SIBFORD LADIES CRICKET TEAM

So you didn't know we had one!

Sibford Ladies were challenged to a match, so eleven ladies were volunteered! Our opponents were to be no less than the Banbury Ladies Hockey Team. 6.00 p.m. arrived on the evening in question and the Sibford team had gathered in anticipation. We inspected the kit, wondering what to do with it. A couple of members of the opposition had turned up by now and it was decided that Sibford would field first.

So to the pitch. We all had a go at bowling, none of us attempting overarm. After the first three overs somebody was heard to ask "Have we started yet?" A few daisy cutters were seen, but we had a good catch and a few wickets went.

Unfortunately it started to rain and we lost one player who decided to field from the pavillion. When Banbury Ladies had finished their innings they had managed a score in the nineties. It was now Sibford's turn. All 12 of us had a bat and somebody called 'extra' was our highest scorer. Our grand total was 22 all out.

The scores didn't matter because we all enjoyed ourselves and decided we should have a return match, next year.

A few weeks later the news of our team had spread and we were challenged to a game by Alex Laurie Ladies. The day was set and the team prepared. On the night we fielded first again. Our opening bowler got the first wicket with the third ball. This time we tried overarm bowling. We got a few more wickets and they only managed a score in the 60's. It was time for us to bat. Unfortunately one of our opening batswomen didn't want to run, so after 6 overs and 2 runs luckily she retired! Our no. 7 and 8 batswomen made a good partnership hitting a few 4's. Our final score was 30(something) for 8.

Once again we had a good time. For fear of loosing any players to South Africa I haven't mentioned any names. If anybody knows the rules of the game I am sure we could find a place for them in the team.

Finally thank you to David Lamb, Andy Gilkes and Dave Bennett for their patient umpiring.

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### SIBFORD'S FINE FINALE"

### FROM THE BOUNDARY MAN

At ten past six on Saturday 2nd September the curtain came down on Sibford's Season, with fittingly their two hard hitting all rounders. Roger Gilbert and Nigel Fletcher steering them home to a six wicket win over Claydon with an unbroken stand of 52.

David Lamb has displayed energetic leadership and his ability in the field marks him as one of the best "catchers" in the league; spirit has been high, and is well reflected by the anonymous scorer in the last match, who whilst not able to get in, nevertheless commented " DO NOT BAT(SHAME REALLY)ITS A LOVELY WICKET!"

Acknowledgements and thanks are plentiful -to the ladies for their splendid teas, to Bert for his umpiring, to Sibford Friends School for their facilities and a first class wicket, the squad of twenty who participated on Saturday afternoons. We look forward to all their company next year and to our participation in the National Village Cricket Championships - the first date for your diary is SUNDAY 29th APRIL 1990.

And finally congratulations to Maggie and Chris Guy on the birth of their new daughter, a week after the season finished - "now that is timing!"

A new addition for the Ladies Cricket Team in the year 2000?

### FINAL RESULTS

#### v BRAILLES - HOME

SIBFORD 87 FOR 8  
BRAILLES 88 FOR 7

#### v WARMINGTON - HOME

WARMINGTON 56 ALL OUT

SIBFORD 58 FOR 2

#### vCLAYDON - HOME

CLAYDON 96 ALL OUT

SIBFORD 97 FOR 4

#### LOST BY 3 - WICKETS

(DAVID LAMB 24 )  
(CHRIS SABIN 2 FOR 10  
DAVID LAMB 2 FOR 28 )

#### WON BY 8 WICKETS

(ROGER GILBERT 3 FOR 15  
CHRIS GUY 5 FOR 11)  
(DAVID BENNETT 23)

#### WON BY 6 WICKETS

(ROGER GILBERT 2 FOR 15  
DAVID LAMB 2 FOR 40  
BRIAN HOLLIDAY 5 FOR 15)  
(ROGER GILBERT 38 CHRIS GUY 24)



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH - SIBFORD GOWER AND BURDROP

Darker nights - longer nights - longer periods for un-welcome visitors to work.

Take note and make sure that all your sheds and stores, garages and doors can be made secure and are secure. Do not forget that some of these folk are happy to nip in through the back door whilst you are contentedly sitting in your arm-chair of an evening. Lock that door early and/or make sure that your dog is well fed and in good voice!

Last year, 0 Riders of Horses, I heard that some of you were out in the dark, you should carry lights too; it is not fair on drivers no matter how careful they are, they have not got exray eyes.

Finally for this month, watch out for Con-men and Car Thieves/Borrowers, as well.

John Mulley  
Hon. Co-Ordinator.

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### ENJOY A WORKING DAY OUT !

Date: Saturday 9th December  
Time: 10-3.30  
Place: Tadmarton Village Hall  
Action: Ice your Christmas cake!

Each year we have had fun and entertainment making flowers(Christmad Roses - leaves etc), Father Christmas', Trees, Choirboys, besides icing the cake! So, if you are aged between 12 and 122 come along! This year will be full of surprises!

Cost of day: £8.50 to include fondant icing and paste for making flowers etc. Only a few items to bring, for further details phone Gill Judd. Swa 243

Rolling pin	Ribbon ( $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide)
Icing sugar (for dusting)	Royal icing ( $\frac{1}{4}$ lb)
Empty egg carton	Small piece of sponge(bath type!)
Knife	Packed lunch(all beverage provided free!)
Cake (on a board/ already marzipanned)	

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## WARRINER SCHOOL NEWS

### New Pupils

Welcome to all the Sibford children who have just started in the first year at the Warriner. They are Susie Bennett, Fay Brettell, Mary Holliday, Helen Moir, Jenny Pidgeon and James Wimbush. We hope by now they have all settled in and are enjoying their new school.

### P.T.A. A.G.M.

This was held on Wed. 20th September and was very well attended. Mike Spencer gave an interesting report on the success of the past year and outlined his hopes for the coming year.

Hugh Pidgeon has agreed to represent Sibford on the P.T.A. He can be contacted at Burdrop Green or on Swa 360 if you have any queries or suggestions. We always have good support from all Sibford parents for PTA activities and we hope everyone will feel able to help Hugh when required.

### Future events

Tues. October 17th First year parents evening.

Mon October 23rd - G.C.S.E. evening "An introduction to coursework, project work etc" for parents.

Thursday Nov 9th - Modern Languages evening for parents of First Years

Friday Nov 10th - Sixties Disco for parents and children.

Sat Nov 25th - PTA Christmas Fair.

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Local members of CND joined others to hold a fund raising stall in Chipping Norton - a magnificent sum of £74 was raised.

This coincided with the 50th Anniversary of the start of World War 11 and was a timely reminder of the sacrifice made by all who were killed in what we all hope will truly be the war to end all-9- wars.



## 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 have arrived. Then join and contribute your interests and skills.

Welcome to Mike and Penny Spring who have moved into Orchard Close, the new Junior House in the Friends School. They have both been teaching at Sibford for a number of years but have recently been living in Shipston-on-Stour after they married. They have a beautiful daughter Amy who is 4 months old.

Simon and Isabel Horsley have moved into Shrubbery Cottage in the Ferris with their two sweet daughters Bethan and Rhiannon. Simon is head of English at The Friends School. They have moved here from Reading.

John and Lindsay Robinson have moved to Lister Boys House from Chipping Norton. Lindsay is already Head of Games at The Friends School and John will be teaching P.E. and games. John was previously Head of Care at Northfield School Oxford. John is a qualified squash and football coach. Lindsay is a master swimmer and currently swimming for Maxwell Swimming Squad. John will be assistant House master in Lister Boys House.

Julie Webb who has moved into Jessamine Cottage, Bonds End Lane, Sibford Gower with her 10 year old son Erlend. They have moved from Haddenham, Bucks. Erlend has just started at the New Junior School in the Friends School. Julie enjoys Morris Dancing and they both like canoing. Julie is an active member of the Green Party.

Sibford's power cut last December!!!!

Congratulations to Sue and Nick on the birth of their daughter Hannah Elizabeth on September 5th. A lovely little sister for Stuart and Matther.

Marilyn and Rod on the birth of their daughter Ferris Natalia on September 7th.

Anne and Tony on the birth of their daughter Lara Rose Margaret on August 30th.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Peter Wimbush on their recent marriage at Sibford. Full report next month if some kind 'would be' reporter provides the copy!

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## Greenpeace

There is a delightful gift catalogue available now, offering environmently friendly Christmas presents.

Where to get one, we hear you cry? Try Anne Marcovitch on Swa 8163

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## VILLAGE HALL QUIZ

Monday 13th November

in

Sibford Village Hall

at 7.00 p.m.

Teams of 3 required. Names to Vivienne Scouse, Meadowbank, Burdrop (Swa 8320) as soon as possible please. There is a limit of 8 teams - SO get your team entered now

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"MESSIAH'S HERALDS"

SING GOSPEL

At St. Michal's Whichford, Saturday 28th October 7p.m.

Tickets £5 each from Ernest Jones, Tel Swa 222



## HORTICULTURAL SHOW

The September meeting was well attended to hear an interesting talk by Mr. R. Myburgh of Bloxham Herb Garden on "Culinary Herbs". Besides bringing numerous herbs to be sampled, Mr. Myburgh spoke on their uses, and also on the use of herbs in medicine and cosmetics.

Mrs. Soden, who chaired the meeting asked members if they would be interested in raising wild flower plants from seed supplied by the club for planting in the grounds of the Katherine House Hospice.

She also reminded members that the next meeting on 11th October will be the A.G.M. Nominations for a new Secretary are required. At this meeting there will be a slide show entitled "Wisley, A Garden for all Seasons", and refreshments provided by the committee will be served.

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## SIBFORD PLAYGROUP

Playgroup started the new term with several new faces. Cheryl Gilbert and Sandra Bissett are our new Supervisors and they will be running playgroup with the continuing support of Liz Mawdsley and Caroline Rathbone. These two mums cannot be thanked enough for the time and energy they gave in order to keep playgroup open last term. We welcome eleven new children and hope they will be happy and enjoy their time at playgroup. Our first fund raising event this term is a coffee morning on Wednesday 11th October 10.00am to 12 noon at 10 Barley Close. There will be Usborne Books, new and nearly new baby clothes, cakes and plants on sale. Please help support this event.

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## A DAMP ROAD TO CANTERBURY

On Saturday the Sixteenth amidst torrential rain, the now not unfamiliar squeak of the wooden wheels of the old hand cart full of props was to be heard once again as the band of wandering players returned to Richard and Jane Asser's old barn in Tadmarton. This year they performed extracts from "The Canterbury Tales". A barn full of "web footed" well wishers entered into the light hearted merriment around a candle lit table groaning under the mouth watering offerings from a medieval kitchen - a swan roasted whole - a suckling pig - that made moths water and set lips a-licking. A warm hearted evening of fun, from which Katherine House Funds benefited by over £60. The Faint Hearted, who stayed at home and possibly watched their tele, missed a wonderful time where all participated and benefited from fellowship. One person, at least, returned home to lift down from a top shelf a very dusty and long forgotten book - blowing away the cobwebs he lit a candle and began to read - he was still reading when the clock struck three and the candle spluttered and went out.

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## THE YOUNGER GENERATION

There's something the the Genes: Congratulations to Jeanie, daughter of Ruby & Geogg Lawrence & grand-daughter of Eric & Mabel Payne & Dorothy Lawrence, who received Distinction in the Royal School of Music Grade 8 flute exam, held at Blandford School of Music, Dorset, at the early age of 14 years. She is now awaiting her Special Certificate for gaining Distinction in her last 4 grades.

Lucy Marcovitch rode in a 30 mile bike ride to sponsor 'The Light House' (the charity that helps AIDS sufferers). She finished the course in good time followed by her mother far far behind, but game as ever!

S.F.P.G. Disco Friday 20th October 10pm-1am. Adm. £2. Bar. Sibford Village Hall.

Childrens Fancy Dress Halloween party/disco. Tuesday 31st October. Mission Hall Sibford Gower. 4pm-6pm. Adm. £1.25 including refreshments.



#### ADVANCE NOTE

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

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

In aid of Church Bell Restoration.

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#### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the September meeting we were very pleased to welcome Mrs. Ross of Sibford Ferris and her labrador, Jill. Mrs. Ross breeds puppies, most of which will eventually become Guide Dogs for the Blind. Jill has recently had her fourth litter of puppies and we enjoyed first hand information about the arrival and feeding, the upbringing and training and the eventual placing of the valuable trained dogs with their blind owners. Mrs. Ross made light of the hard work, time and patience required to raise a litter of nine or more labrador pups to the "Puppy Walking" stage but we were not fooled! It was a lovely talk and an opportunity to find out more about this rewarding work.

Teas were served by Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Feltham.

Help was sought for the provision of teas at the forthcoming Village Fayre and the group of people entering the Westminster College competition, "Teddy Bears' Picnic" completed their arrangements. The event is on 14th-17th September. The next meeting will be on 10th October when Mrs. Beryl Ashley will speak on "Chips", the otter. Competition - A Piece of Brass.

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#### VILLAGE FETE

It was either because of - or in spite of - the awful weather that the Village Hall was full for about an hour and a half on Saturday afternoon, with people browsing over the many varied stalls, children playing mini games and others indulging in the super W.I. teas. Most of the village organisations had a stall of some description and each gave 50 per cent of their profits to the Village Hall funds. The two craft stalls, specially invited for the afternoon, also gave a percentage of their takings.

As a brief respite from buying and selling, a short interlude of dances by the Banbury Caledonian Society was most enjoyable, the children in their lovely traditional costumes, clearly enjoyed themselves and were a delight to watch.

Thanks go to Mrs. Scouse who masterminded the event and to everyone else who helped or contributed in any way; thanks also to everyone who turned out to support this event on such an awful day.

Mrs. Warricker, who again collected a vast array of raffle prizes, extends her thanks to all those who gave prizes and she promises she won't be begging for raffle prizes again for at least the next 11 months!!

The total raised by this event was in excess of £300 which goes into Village Hall funds. Thanks again to all concerned.

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#### NOTICE

##### Ann Woolgrove - Curtain Making

I am unable to take any further curtain making orders because I have granted myself 'Maternity Leave' for the time being. May I take this opportunity to thank my local clients for their custom over the last year or so.

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#### LEO CLUB

Leo Club will meet on Tuesday, 17th October at 8.00 pm. at the home of Vivienne Scouse. Miss Joyce Hardcastle will be coming along to talk and demonstrate recipes and ideas for the more exotic and unusual fruits that are available in the shops these days. If you would like to bring a friend to this special evening, you are welcome to do so.



## SIBFORD GOWER TOWN ESTATES CHARITY

### Free Bus Service for Residents of Sibford Gower and Burdrop

You will know that Midland Red have now taken over the bus services provided in the past by Tanners International. At the time of the takeover Tanners were committed to provide the Estates Charity with a service to Banbury and Chipping Norton until the end of October. Midland Red have kindly agreed to honour this commitment.

Users of the service may like to know that from November Brailes Coaches will take over the Banbury and Chipping Norton runs with the same timings and picking up points. The schedule for October and November is shown below.

I am sure you will not incur any inconvenience by these changes but should a problem arise please do not hesitate to contact me or my fellow trustees.

Vera Jones, Treasurer, Swalcliffe 222.

#### Schedule

			<u>Departure Time</u>	<u>Return Time</u>
Wednesday	October 4	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday	October 13	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	October 18	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday	October 27	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	November 1	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday	November 10	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	November 15	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday	November 24	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	November 29	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00

The Pick-up Points are:

<u>Banbury Bus</u>	<u>Chipping Norton</u>
Village Hall	Village Hall
Cross Roads	High Meadow
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	The Colony

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### SIBFORD SCENE'S PHOTOCOPYING MACHINE FOR USE IN THE VILLAGE - LIMPING PROGRESS!!

Following recent (not too recent) suggestions in the Scene, the Editor has had a number of replies from interested parties who would perhaps be willing to participate in a subscription and use.

A vague idea is formulating that maybe, say, 50 village families would be interested in a, say, £10 subscription per annum to use the machine at (say) 5p per copy - plus with, say, a dozen societies paying, say, £20 per year and using the machine at say 3p per copy - could cover costs.

But where to station and who would be officer commanding operations and tax collector?

If the Editor receives sufficient response to the above a meeting may be called to carry these and other ideas further.

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Do come along and enjoy an evening with THE SERENADERS (a group of singers from Villages in and around Sibford). To be held in Sibford Village Hall on Saturday, 7th October at 8.00 pm. Tickets £2.50 to include a glass of wine and a ploughman's supper. Tickets from The Burgery or from Committee Members.



## CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends		Sundays at 10.30am
Methodist	Harvest Festival October 1st	Sundays at 11am
Roman Catholic Mass	Hook Norton	Sundays at 11am
	Brailes	Sundays at 11.30am

### Church of England Services October Holy Trinity Sibford Gower

1st	8am Holy Communion
8th	10am Holy Communion
15th	10am Family Service
22nd	10am Holy Communion
29th	10am United Service at Tadmarton

## 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

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

1st October	Harvest Festival Methodist Chapel - All Welcome
1st October	Action Aid Week begins - see notice
3rd October	Friendship Club outing to Bourton on the water
7th October	Paper Collection Scouts
10th October	WI meeting
11th October	Coffee morning Sibford Playgroup
11th October	Horti AGM
17th October	Friendship Club meeting to be arranged
17th October	Leo Club - talk on exotic fruits
20th October	S.F.P.G. Disco
29th October	Poppy appeal collection begins - please be generous
31st October	S.F.P.G. childrens Fancy Dress Halloween Party

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### Magnus Returns next month

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.

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