

#### MOST INTERESTING HISTORIC OCCASION?

While going through old family papers I came across two of the first telegrams received at Sibford Ferris Post Office on the day it became a telegraph office, on the 26th August 1896.

They were sent from Ireland to my great-grand father by two of his sons; each telegram took about one hour to get here and they were sent merely to mark the great occasion!

As the Post Office was at that time at the old Baxehouse and the Lamb family house was next door there would be little difficulty in the final stage of delivery.

INA LAMB

#### ALTERATIONS TO SIBPORD GOWER SURGERY

We apologise for any inconvenience caused to our patients during the alterations being carried out at the surgery.

Will patients please use the back door during this time. Building work will be taking place over the next three months.

Drs Susan Heath & David Spackman.

#### AN INVITATION !!

Sibford Ferris Playarea is to be officially opened by kind courtesy of Mrs Bridger Hill on Sunday 29th April at 3.00p.m.

Do all please feel very welcome to come and mark this important event for the community, by joining us in light refreshments and a chance to view the playarea.

Bernie Jones Chairman/Sec S.F.P.G.

#### SIBFORD YOUTH CLUB JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 7th April 1990 : 2.00p.m. : Village Hall

PLEASE DO COME AND SUPPORT US

All jumble and bric-a-brac required for the sale - urgently

Phone 676 (Dave Baker) : He'll come and fetch it!!

Cake Stall : Refreshments : Raffle : Cake Stall :

#### DOES ANYONE HAVE ANY SPARE ODDMENTS OF WOOL?

Judith Weeks, who lives in the Ferris, is looking for oddments of wool to be used by an elderly housebound lady whose only occupation is crocheting. Any colour or thickness gladly accepted. You could either leave it at Yew Tree Cottage (Main Street) or telephone Judith on 8393 so that she can arrange to collect it.

MENS KEEP FIT with Scott Orchard. 7.30-9 pm. 10 weeks £11.50 EVENING

One indoor meeting 30th Apr.7.30-9.30 pm plus three half day & one FIELD ARCHAEOLOGY IN OXON Witney area & Dorchester on May 12, 19, 26th & June 9th. £14. Contact with Dave Dawson (WEA). full day trips to Lyneham, the Rollrights, Cecilia Newark (0295

23rd APR. Half term 28th held at Primary School. May-1st June. Classes TERM STARTS WEEK BEG.

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KINDERGYM with Ruth Wade. equipment with an adult. 9.15-9.45 8 wks. £7 10-10.30 8 " £7 For the pre-school child to explore & enjoy gym

9.30 - 11.15 a.m. Coffee shop open

EVENING

Continuation of beginner's GERMAN CONVERSATION WITH Katharine Wright. 7.30 - 9 course.

5 wks. £8.50 FLOWER ARRANGING with 7.30-9.30 Ann Anson.

Wendy Murphy/Jackie Finlay 7.45-8.45 10 wks. £10.00 LADIES WORK OUT with

Denise Ream. Intermediate/ FRENCH CONVERSATION with advance. 7.30 - 9.30 pm 5 wks. £8.50

WEDNESDAY

with Marigold Carter 9.15-10.15 5 wks. £6 TAP DANCING for adults

For primary school children. GYMNASTICS with Ruth Wade. 3.15-4 pm 10 wks £7 4.00-4.45 19 " £7 AFTERNOON

EVENING

Denise Ream. Continuation FRENCH CONVERSATION with of beginner's course. 7.30-9.30 5 wks. £8.50

& intermediate continuation Isabella Hepton. Beginners ITALIAN CONVERSATION WITH course, 7.30-9.30 5 wks. £8.50

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THURSCAY

Thomlinson. A small frience class - bring a mat with YOGA FOR ALL with Sue 9.45-11.15 10 wks. MORNING · nok

EVENING

YOGA with Sue Thomlinson: Beginners 7 - 8 10 wks.£9: Intermediate 8-9.30 10 wks. £11.50

with May Gleed. Bring your basket with you. All othe items may be purchased at class, 24th May. 7.30-9. £2 HANGING BASKET WORKSHOP

DAY SCHOOL

problem solving morning fo children. 9 -11 ym. olds. 9.30-12.30. £2.25 Sat. May 12th. EGG RAGE with John Woodridge. By popular demand another science based

organising monthly summer THE LITERATURE GROUP are Contact Virginia Owen on theatre matinee trips. 0608 737417. SWIMMING classes are full at the moment.

#### NATULE NOTES

#### Feb 23rd

A glorious day with near record temperatures for February, brought out the bumble bees and a good selection of butterflies.

A neighbours' clipped yew hedge looked as though it had suddenly grown a crop of berries, but they were clusters of lady-birds that had come to the surface to enjoy the sunshine. If the present numbers survive we should have few problems with greenfly this year.

#### March 3rd

I have fixed the old wooden pump that I found last month, to a post and divided it into four nesting boxes by boring holes at different heights and putting a floor between each. It will be interesting to see whether the birds take to life in flats, or whether they won't nest so close to each other.

#### March 5th

I did not lack company while I was plougning today. About 30 common gulls and several thousand black-headed gulls were competing for the worms that were being turned up. I could hear their screams over the noise of the engine. There were also chaffinches and wagtails and a flock of about 50 stock doves, which kept their distance.

#### March 8th

A bad start to lambing with two dead ewes and another with dead lambs, due, we think, to being chased by dogs. Two kindly walkers found a ewe that had been chased into the stream and helped me rescue her. She was in a bad way, but is improving. As yet the dogs responsible have only been heard and not seen, but I think they are ones that are allowed to wander, as the people who walk dogs our way are pretty careful.

#### March 12th

A commotion in our garden this morning turned out to be a squirrel looking out of its hole in the walnut tree and fiercely scolding a cat that was looking up at it from the ground. It looked for all the world, like a mother shouting from the bedroom window at her child in the street.

#### March 19th

Nesting is going on apace. I have heard of a black birds' nest with eggs. In our garden song thrushes are collecting nesting material and robins have been carrying leaves up to the flycatchers' nestbox for the last four days. Now, today they are lining the nest so I shall have to make another box for the flycatchers before they arrive.

#### March 20th

Lambing is going much better now. The ewe that we rescued from the stream had twin lambs today and seems to be alright.

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The April meeting of the Horticultural Society will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11th April at 8.00p.m. The Speaker will be Mrs C. Steel of Oxford who will be giving us a talk and showing slides entitled 'Butterflies in the Garden'. New members to the Society are always welcome, as well as interesting talks and slides we also have outings each year and don't forget the small membership fee of £2, entitles you to reduced entry fees at the Summer Flower Show.

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Village Hall

Village Hall Beavers Village Hall Cub Scouts Village Hall Scouts Village Hall

Playgroup

Village Hall

Mums & Toddlers Friends Meeting House

Monday 7pm - 9.30pm Monday & Wednesday 6-7pm Friday 5-6pm (Toddlers) 6-7.30 (Adults)

· Tuesday - phone 690

Tuesday 5.15 - 6.45pm Tuesday 8pm Wednesday 8pm

Thursday 7pm Friday 4.30 - 5.45pm

Friday 6pm

Friday following Cubs Mon, Wed, Fri (term time)

9.30 - 12

Wednesday 10.30 - 12

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T : Taxi

Mick Canning (Private Hire - Local Area) Old Malt House, Sibford Ferris, Banbury, Oxon. OX15 5RG. Tel.: Swalcliffe (029578) 321.

V : Vehicle Reprs.

Phil Rudge Engineering (also Light Fabrications), Walnut Tree Workshops, St. Thomas St., Deddington, 0X5 4SY. Tel.: 0869 38940).

Kind experienced person wanted to look after baby/toddler in own home in Sibford Ferris. 5 mornings per week. Pleasant working conditions and good rates of pay. Contact: Swalcliffe (029578) 8495.

 $\frac{\text{WANTED}}{\text{kept}} \quad \text{Pony on loan 12 - 13 hands; any age.} \quad \text{Good home (other horse kept)}. \quad \text{Suitable for teaching 10 year old child to ride.} \quad \text{Please ring 0295 88 734 (evenings)}.$ 

Letters to the Editor (From Devon)

Dear Barry,

I've been meaning to send this to you for some time but have only just got round to it.

Many thanks for sending us the Sibford Scene. We do like to keep in touch with the 'goings-on' in Sibford.

I've noted the hints about an article for the Scene. We'll write something one day ..... when we've got something to write about!

Best wishes,

Sue Lambert.

(Proof that the "S.S." travels as far as the "F.T." !! Ed.

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#### SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

At their meeting held on 6th March, Sibford Ferris Parish Council considered the problem of poor water pressure affecting certain properties in the parish. Thames Water have been contacted and have undertaken to carry out individual tests at each property identified, in order to determine the cause of the problem. If anyone in the parsih feel they have cause to complain, perhaps they would let the Clerk, Pat Romans (Tel. 8393) know, and a complete list can then be forwarded to the appropriate authority.

P.R.

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#### WELCOME TO SIBFORD - ALL NEWCOMERS

If you have just moved into the village and have not received a copy of the leaflet "Welcome to Sibford" - please ring Petra Berry on Swal. 462 (if you live in Sibford Gower or Burdrop) or Jane Holliday on Swal. 500 - if you live in the Ferris, and they will deliver a copy to you. The information will help to make you feel at home as soon as you move into your new house, by acquanting you with the services, schools, churches, clubs and societies, currently active in the villages.

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#### NORTH OXFORDSHIRE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION - SIBFORDS & EPWELL BRANCH

#### BARN DANCE AND BARBECUE - 19th MAY

As previously advised, this will take place on Saturday, 19th May, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Parsons Barn Farm, Shutford Road, Sibford, by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tompkins. Details are:

Traditional Live Music ... Disco Dancing ....

Plateful of Good Food .... Entry by ticket - only £7 each ...

Any Profit to be shared with local charities ... Bar available.

Tickets from Monty Pearlman (3162, Robert Tompkins (541) or David Green (444 or 8410) or from any committee member.

#### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The March W.I. meeting listened with great interest to a talk with slides by Mr. Peter Brown of B.B.O.N.T. on the local small Wildlife Reserve - Lambs Pool. Quite a few had not realised the wealth of interest, so close to home.

The competition for a Bowl of Bulbs was won by Miss V. Harris. This competition might be set a month another year, as many people's best efforts were already over!

Next month - April - we look forward to hearing Felicity Howatson, speaking on Embroidery. Anyone with a hand embroidered Tablecloth should bring it along with them and gain points towards the Year's prize.

The meeting will be at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall, on Tuesday, April 10th.

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#### YOUTH CLUB NEWS

We have two outings planned during the Easter period :-

1) Trip to Alton Towers - Saturday, April 21st.

£11.00 over 14's

£10.00 under 14's

Parent 'helpers' welcome (1 free seat !!)

2) Weekend in North Devon - Friday, April 27th - Sunday, 29th.

Mainly for older members - this will include the opportunity for rock climbing with trained leaders as well as visits to the sea and moors - and indoor activities if the weather is bad.

Overnight stay in Youth Hostel on Exmoor. Cost approximately £15 - £18.

Please let me know by Easter if you are interested, and I would like money in advance please

Anne. (Tel. 8163)

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## FRIENDSHIP CLUB - NOTES FOR APRIL

Tuesday, April 3rd - In Epwell Village Hall, at 2 p.m. Talk on The Fire Service, followed by Tea, provided by Mr. and Mrs. H. Harvey. The competition - A Piece of Brass.

Wednesday, April 11th - An outing to Broadway, with Cream Tea at The Coach House Restaurant. Starting at 1.30 p.m. at Epwell.

Tuesday, April 17th - Short Service in Church at 2.30 p.m. Tea in village hall afterwards.

Tuesday, May 1st - Annual Meeting in Sibford Village Hall, followed by tea.

The Club was very sad to lean of the death of Mrs. Birdie Long, a former committee member.

of The Brackley Clinic came to talk to us about Complementary Medicine. It was a most interesting and enlightening evening thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our thanks to Mary Mills for her hospitality.

The next meeting of Leo will be on Tuesday April 17th at 8.00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Pearlman. Mr and Mrs Payne will be coming along to give a talk on Village life when they were young.

Interesting cutting from the recent "GRAPEVINE"

#### TALL TREE TALES

The oxford Tree Club is appealing for contributions to help them compile a booklet on Oxfordshire's trees. In and around your vi lage you may know an interesting tree story (any species). It could be the oldest tree in your village, or trees planted to commemorate an historic event as a war or Queen Victoria's jubilee. Other examples might be trees involved with superstitions, old customs, poetry and art. In fact, any information - however extraordinary - would be invaluable to record the importance of our trees and make a good read.

Please don't forget but write down your tree story or any information and send to: Dr. Tom Hall, University Parks Superintendent, South Lodge, South Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3RF. Please include your name, address and telephone number (if available).

#### VILLAGE CAR SCHEME GUIDE

The ORCC has recently prepared a revised edition of its guide on 'how to start a village car scheme'.

The information pack gives suggestions on how to run a car scheme together with details on insurance, legal requirements and ways of financing it. Copies of this guide are now available from Irene Reveco, Transport Officer, The Hadow Rooms, 101 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 6NE. Tel: Oxford 512488. Cost £1 per copy incl. p. & p.

#### Does My Village Need Bus Stops?

You may feel that everyone in your village who uses the bus service(s) knows that it leaves from the 'Red Lion' public house or 'The Memorial' and that there is therefore no need for busstops. However, bear in mind that apart from the 'regulars( there will always be occasional users, new residents and possibly tourists who will not be familiar with the local bus services.

The provision of a busstop pole(s)/flag(s) is an advertisement for the fact that your village has a bus service. Provision, in addition, of a timetable display case can do much to raise awareness of the service(s) available and thereby encourage greater use of them. This in turn may lead to reduced demands upon the County Council for subsidy, thereby making future provision of your local bus services more secure.

#### What Can the Council Provide?

The County Council can supply and erect busstop poles with flags or just flags to attach to existing street furniture such as a lamp post or telegraph pole. Using existing poles wherever possible helps to keep the cost down. Timetable cases can be supplied for attachment to a bus stop pole or to a wall or bus shelter.

#### What is Involved?

If an existing busstop has collapsed for whatever reason, the Council will first try to get the principal local operator to take responsibility for it. If this fails the Council will replace it at no cost to the local council.

If one or more new busstops are requested then the council is obliged to seek the involvement of the County Surveyor and Engineer to set up a site meeting between all the interested parties to determine the most appropriate location(s), taking into account road safety and passenger convenience.

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Wednesday	April 18	Banbury Chipping Norton	10.00	12.00
Friday	April 27	Banbury	11.00 10.00	13.00 12.00
Wednesday Friday	May 2	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Wednesday	May 11 May 16	Banbury Chipping Norton	10.00	12.00
Friday	May 25	Banbury	11.00 10.00	13.00 12.00
Wednesday	May 30	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00

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#### SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. of Sibford Village Hall will be held on Saturday 28th April at 11am in Sibford Village Hall. It would be very nice to see a few supporters there, other than the Village Call Committee. Please do try to come along — it is your Village Hall and it does need a lot of help and support. Refreshments available.

Sunday at 10.30 a.m. Society of Friends - Sunday at 11 a.m. Methodist Hook Norton Sunday at 11 a.m. Roman Catholic Mass Brailes Sunday at 11.30 a.m. Hook Norton Sunday at 10.30 a.m. Baptist Church Church of England Holy Trinity Sibford Gower April Services. 1st (Passion Sunday) 8am Holy Communion 5th 7 30 Holy Communion 8th (Palm Sunday) 10am Palm Ceremonies, Procession, Reading of the Passion and United Benefice Eucharist at Swalcliffe: with hymns no sermon. Refreshments after the service. 9th 7.30pm Holy Communion 10th 7.30pm Holy Communion 11th 7.30pm Holy Communion 12th (Maundy Thursday) 7.30am Morning Prayer (said) 8.00pm United Benefice Eucharist of the Last Supper at Epwell, with the Watch of silent prayer until midnight. 7.30am Morning Prayer (said) 13th (Good Friday) 1.30pm - 3pm At the Foot of the Cross - Good Friday service of silence, readings, addresses and prayer; with hymns 7pm The Evening of Good Friday: Music, prayers and readings with silence and address - Tadmarton 8am Morning Prayer (said) 6pm Evening Prayer (said) 14th (Easter Even) 11pm The Easter Vigil Service: Old Testament Readings, the Lighting of the Easter Candle, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and First Eucharist of Eastertide. 15th (Easter Sunday) 8am Holy Communion and address 11 am Family Communion and Holy Baptism: hymns and address 22nd (Low Sunday) United Benefice Eucharist at Epwell 10am 29th (Easter 2) United Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton 10am APRIL CALENDAR 3rd Friendship Club Epwell Hall "The Fire Service" 7th Scout Paper Collection 7th Youth Club Jumble Sale 2pm Village Hall 10th W.I. Village Hall, "Embroidery" 6th Sibford Gower Parish Council Meeting 11th Friendship Club Outing Broadway Horticultural Society Village Hall 8pm Butterflies in the garden 11th LEO Club "Village Life" by "They not knows" 17th Friendship Club Short Service Holy Trinity Church 2.30 17th 21st Youth Club outing to Alton Towers 23rd Start of Term Hook Norton Community Education Centre 27-29th Youth Club weekend in Devon 27th Sibford Gower Annual Parish Meeting 28th AGM Sibford Village Hall 11am at Village Hall (please note change of date) 29th Official opening of Sibford Ferris play area 3pm 'A great day!) 30th Sibford Ferris Annual Parish Meeting - Library Friends School

#### SIBFORD SCENE

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