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SIBFORD SCENE

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CHRISTMAS 1990

A Christmas of great rejoicing to all our fellow villagers!

By tradition the Editor combines this greeting with a sincere 'thank you' from all our readers to the thirty odd noble people who month after month, strive and give up some of their leisure time during the year to produce and bring to your letter box "Our Village Scene"

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SIBFORD METHODIST CHAPEL

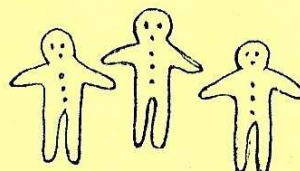
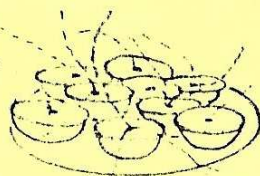
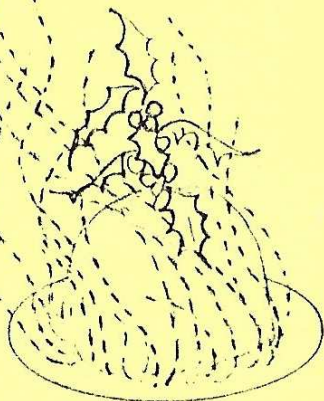
The Christmas service will be held on the 23rd December at 11am. This will be a service of carols and readings.

Everyone is welcome.

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HOOK NORTON BAPTIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

Sunday 16th December	6pm	Carol Service
Sunday 23rd December	10.30pm	Family Service
Monday 24th December	11pm	Christmas Service with Communion
Tuesday 25th December	10am	Christmas Day Service



THE WARRINER NEWS

Parent Governor Election - Jenny Yates has been elected as the new parent governor.

Community Education - The programme of classes is thriving and 2 new classes will be started in January - Word processing & Holiday French. Existing classes are Drawing & Painting, Men's Keep Fit & Ladies Jogging Group. The classes are open to anyone. Please contact the school for further details.

Forthcoming Events -

Autumn Concert - Friday, December 7th at 7.30 p.m. in The Gym. Concert of Orchestra, Concert Band, Jazz Band & Choirs.

Certificates Evening - Last year's 5th year students & parents are invited to come on Wednesday, December 12th, for presentation of exam certificates.

Banbury 16+ Consultation Evening - changes are planned for 16+ education in the Banbury area & this is an initial information and consultation evening for Warriner parents 7.30 p.m. on 13th December, at school.

Carol Service - Monday, 17th December. Annual Carol Service in Bloxham Church at 7.30 p.m. All pupils & parents welcome.

Winter Weather - in the seemingly unlikely event of bad weather this winter, the procedure is as follows :

Morning - listen to Radio Oxford on 95.2 F.M. between 7-8 a.m. to hear if school is closed .

Day time - If there is heavy snow during the day & school closes, the village reps will be informed & will try to contact all parents.

My First Term at The Warriner - by Cassie Huckfield

I woke up to a nice bright start. I put my uniform on & ate my breakfast. I was too nervous to walk round to the bus stop on my own so my Mum accompanied me. When I got on the bus I felt a little better. When I got to the Warriner, all I could see was lots of tall buildings. I went to my Tutor room where Mrs. Farmer (my Tutor) was waiting. I sat down at my desk and talked to my new friends. Mrs. Farmer started to tell us about the school - and the rules and regulations. When I got home that night, I told my Mum about my brilliant first day. I have been there about six weeks now and I have enjoyed it.

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SIBFORD CRICKET CLUB - AVERAGES FOR 1990

There are two sure signs that Christmas is near :

- 1st - Easter Eggs in the shops !
- 2nd - Cricket averages published in The Scene !!

<u>Batting "Top Six" League</u>			<u>Qualification 8 Innings</u>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>No. of Innings</u>	<u>Times Not out</u>	<u>Total Runs</u>	<u>Highest Score</u>	<u>Average</u>
Adrian Lamb	13	5	351	83	43-87
David Inns	17	1	517	78	32-31
Ron Morbey	14	1	363	91	27-92
Roger Gilbert	13	1	272	62	22-66
David Bennett	12	2	179	36	17-90
Nigel Fletcher	15	1	221	37	15-78

<u>Bowling "Top Six" League</u>			<u>Qualification 40 Overs -10 Wickets</u>			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Strike Rate</u>
Roger Gilbert	129-3	37	312	24	13-00	32-38
Brian Holliday	89-2	14	338	23	14-69	23-30
Nigel Fletcher	111-3	17	330	21	16-04	31-90
Chris Sabin	49-5	4	163	10	16-30	30-50
David Lamb	86-2	14	284	17	16-70	31-18
Adrian Lamb	75-4	7	351	20	17-55	23-95



OLD PHOTO OF SIBFORD

Has your house got a cellar and was it owned by Isaac Padbury 100 years ago? Come and see a list of furniture contained in it at that time.

What did the original Elm Tree look like with its top on? Come and see.

What did Shepherd's Close look like without the houses? Come and see.

There will be an exhibition of old photographs and some documents of local interest in the Friends' Hall, Sibford Gower, ~~on Saturday, December 8th from 5.30 pm - 9.00 pm and~~ on Sunday, December 9th from 2.30 pm - 9.00 pm.

NATURE NOTES

Oct 21 We hear and read a lot about the so called "Greenhouse effect" which has maintained a nice balance of global temperature for millions of years but is now being upset by the increase in emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. The increase in temperature that could result from this is a matter of great concern. I read today that temperature records which date back to 1856 show that this year will be the 6th year out of the last 10 with a higher average temperature than any year prior to 1980. The record year was 1988 but 1990 will probably break the record again. This may just be a chance warm spell or it may not. It is a daunting thought that in a world with so many developing countries we may need to reduce emissions to pre-industrial revolution levels to reverse the process.

Oct 23 I was surprised to find field madder in bloom on a bare patch in the lawn this morning.

Nov 2 We have found more mushrooms this year than for several years past. I suppose in total they might add up to a pound or two. This is a far cry from 1899 when 3,353 lbs were sold from the farm to Boxolds of Banbury for 3d a pound - a total price of £41.18.3d. These were picked at about 100 lbs each day. I have heard that salt was applied to the most productive field, but whether anything more was done to encourage them I don't know.



THE SIBFORD FERRIS PLAYAREA GROUP would like to thank Mrs Doris Crabb and Mrs Joan Shields for organising a coffee morning held at Mrs Crabb's house recently. Special thanks also to Diane, Dave & Teresa Baker who managed the door, raffle and Bring & Buy table. The very healthy sum of £55 was raised which is a great boost to the funds. We hope to purchase a new piece of equipment in the very near future, hence another fundraiser for the "younger generation" (and above!?).

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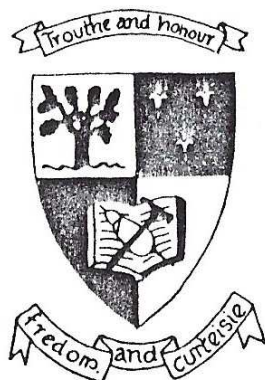
SATURDAY 22nd DECEMBER

SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL

8pm-12pm

Admission £2.50 (before 9.30 £3 after) BAR

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NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS SCHOOL

This has been another busy term for the school with many highlights including a Visit to "Z for Zachariah" a studio workshop production, a group of sixth formers from a German School visiting Sibford, walking and climbing trips, and several theatre visits.

We were very pleased to welcome friends from the village to our bonfire night in November and look forward to seeing many of you on future school occasions.

We had hoped that the Sports Hall would be fully opened by now but a problem with the drying of the concrete floor has delayed completion. However, it now appears almost certain that the Sports Hall will be in operation early in the New Year. It will be undoubtedly a valuable new facility both within the School and locally.

The School's new Drama Centre, the Oliver Studio, is now completed and there will be an official opening in due course; again we hope to see you on future occasions.

Finally, on behalf of Susie and Matthew and all of us at Sibford School we would like to send to you our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

John Dunston
Headmaster



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Beware of con-men/women, still operating in the area. Keep to hand by the door the Consumer Reference Number of any Utility or service organisation who may need access to your home. Use this as an additional check of identity - they should all carry some form of identification but this number will not be too easily come by.

Cars - things from, off and the vehicle itself are still favourite targets. Keep cars in the garage if possible! Always keep them locked, do not leave the keys in the ignition, or anything temptingly displayed.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I am writing on behalf of the Trustees of the Town Estate Charity who met on the 9th November when your request for assistance in purchasing a photocopier to produce the Sibford Scene was put before them.

It was agreed that the Scene has been much improved using the borrowed photocopier and that it provides a valuable means of communication for residents in Sibford and Burdrop. In view of the fact that the Scene has no funds of its own to purchase a photocopier, the Trustees consider that it would be within its terms to buy a photocopier for use of the Scene which, it is understood, will be located at the home of the printer, Reverend Timothy Wimbush.

So far as the running costs of the Scene are concerned the Trustees would expect the major part of this to be recovered by way of contribution from the villagers and advertisers, as hitherto.

The Trustees hope that the provision of the photocopier will enable the Scene to go from strength to strength under its hard working unpaid Editor and helpers.

Yours sincerely,

Vera Jones - Treasurer, The Town Estate Charity



Dear Barry,
Here at last is a contribution to the parish magazine of Sibford.

A COUNTRY CHRISTMAS IN UGANDA

"Will our November salaries - or perhaps September, or October, for primary teachers - come before Christmas?" my neighbours are wondering. Not much chance of a big spending spree here!

For most people, Christmas means having sugar in their tea - and plenty of it - and the only beef meal they will have in the year. Perhaps even the children will get some. If the husband can afford it, there may be new clothes for the family. Relatives get together in each others' homes on successive days to feast, and usually to drink traditional millet beer through tubes from a pot. No-one gets left out of the celebrations.

The neighbouring Catholic church is far too small for all who come to Mass. An altar is set up on the steps of the mission house. The concourse in front- is packed with people, standing, kneeling, or sitting on the palm mats they have brought, and joining in the local Padhola-style music, which goes with a swing.

Our Church of Uganda building is decked with purple and white bougainvillea, in vases and strung on wires above our heads. There is even a branch from a conifer. We are also packed out-all the children have to sit on mats on the floor, and people are squashed up in the pews. Most of the hymns surprise me by being translations of English favourites.

'See amid the winter's snow' is very popular. The weather here is hot and humid, but everyone sings with gusto. The central truth is the same - God has come in His love to share our lives as a human being.

"Walwa gi nedelo maduong", everyone greets each other.
"Congratulations on the great day!"

Elizabeth Allen

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ROMANIA

At the Austerity Lunch there will be an exhibition of photos to show you some of the children your money is going to help. (see page 10)

THE FRENCH CONNECTION and the GREAT LEADERSHIP DEBATE

On Saturday, 17th November, the Manor gave itself up to musical Tories holding a French event. The musical media being The Banbury Operatic Society and the event the coming of Beaujolais Nouveau, supplied by Buffy Hardman, ably assisted by Francis George on accordion, and nearly everyone else dressed in, at times recognisable, French garb.

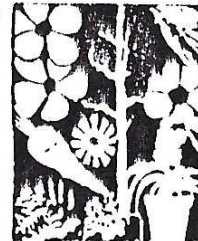
Indeed, Monty Pearlman and our host, Michael Edwards, might just as well have come directly from the Champs Elysees, although I think they might have been arrested before they left.

I, as your reporter, had of course other reasons for attending than feasting my eyes upon Can-Can lookalikes or collapsing into alcoholic oblivion. My thoughts were entirely upon the issue of the night. Who would lead the Tories into opposition at the next election. So I did what I knew you would wish me to do. I grabbed the first bottle of Beaujolais I could reach (not on expenses for those who care) and approached our Member of Parliament dressed in French and asked "Which way on Tuesday, Tony?". "What ever's happening then?" was his immediate reply, to which I responded "Do you know you left your lights on?" a sure way I have found to change the direction of conversations. "I am not driving" he came back with. "Well make sure you stay that way on Tuesday" I replied.

And that I am afraid is as far as the great leadership debate went, although later I did get a clue as to his intention which perhaps you can work out for yourselves. In his speech of appreciation, our M.P. admitted that having seen the Can-Can, his voting problem was resolved he would vote for the candidate with the best legs!

Ernest Jones.

(The Conservative Beaujolais Night was super, despite Maggie's plight. Wine, Can-Can and Song - How could things go wrong. The Manor and Mike - a Delight !



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Such was the popularity of Rosemary Verey on November 14th that we nearly ran out of chairs and welcomed many non-members. The talk - illustrated by slides - was most interesting and resulted in many questions.

The next meeting takes place on Wednesday, 12th December, when Mr. Boyce will show his slides - and mince pies etc. will be provided, and we hope you will contribute to the two competitions which will be held. An arrangement in a candlestick and a decorated parcel.

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A BIG THANKYOU - To all who came (and Helped) at a Coffee Morning in aid of The Cheshire Home. £70 was raised - a smart coffee table will shortly grace their new day room.

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BONFIRE NIGHT

Thank you to the many villagers who attended our annual bonfire and firework evening, your support is much appreciated. Here are a few snippets of writing produced by the Infants.

Up in the sky
went the fireworks
- bang! and they
burst into stars.

There were people
chattering, and there
were children screaming.
They were very, very loud.

The fireworks went up and up and the fireworks
burst into red and plub sparks.

The rocket zoomed into the sky, turned into
different coloured stars, then they
sprinkled down.

The big fireworks exploded up in the sky,
some whistled and some went bang!

The fire crackled and popped
and the wind blew the smoke about.

I went to bonfire night and the
ones that exploded looked like
spiders and then they fade.
Mostly they are red and green,
but they are not my
favourite ones.

FINANCE

All readers will have read elsewhere in this month's Scene of the considerable generosity of The Town Estate's charity in helping us to, not only survive, but flourish - how very fortunate are we in Sibford to be backed by such sincere interest.

This "lift" has spurred us to upgrade our finances from hand to mouth existence to a more formal and sustainable affair.

It all started with Erica finding the empty biscuit tin under the bed & throwing it into the Rectory dustbin! (& after all these years!!).

Our Treasurer, who knows about desposit & current accounts - showing remarkable initiative, then opened a long overdue bank account.

He paraded in full uniform & then gave the Bank Manager sufficient confidence in our credit-worthiness to allow us to open our dealings with an overdraft!

During the past five years (can it be that long) while the present Editor has been in the saddle, contributions have been received on a spasmodic basis from Societies, Associations & Clubs - from advertising - from a few very generous individuals & from a large number of villagers via donations - recently Muriel has revitalised our advertising - & this is producing revenue on a regular basis. To add to this, & at the same time to produce a reasonable bank balance, it is intended to have a serious appeal for donations to Funds in February 1991 from all our village householders (or is it cottage-holders)

SUCCESS can only be achieved in any endeavour if objectives & targets are identified & published - so to balance the books, it is suggested that an average donation from each household, per annum be a minimum of £2.

It is hoped that this may be collected in February, contributions can be made as follows :

- 1) Direct to our Treasurer at The Rectory
- 2) Direct to our Editor (beware of the Rottweiler)!
- 3) To the collecting box at the Post Office
- 4) It is hoped to enlist the help of our noble distributors - via easily accessible letter boxes, through which our readers may slip their

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SIBFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA NEWS

Our Guy Fawkes Party was a great success, making a helpful contribution to funds for school equipment, and providing a good evening's entertainment.

We were pleased to see so many people from the villages, and are grateful to all who helped with the organisation.

The final major event of this year is our FAMILY BINGO NIGHT on FRIDAY 7th DECEMBER, 7-9pm at the school. Christmas hampers will be raffled, and seasonal refreshments available. EVERYONE WELCOME!

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COFFEE MORNING AND MINI BAZAAR

December 4th at "Beyond the End"
(next to Holy Trinity Church)

By kind permission of Mary Poulton

DO COME! Meet your friends and have fun!

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CHILDREN IN ROMANIA

At the same time as Blue Peter is launching its countrywide appeal for the children of Romania, we, of Sibford Friends Meeting, are planning a series of Austerity Lunches to give continued support to our own member who is already actively involved in helping the town of Constanta: in taking medical supplies to the children of the Municipal Hospital and educational supplies to the boys and girls orphanages.

The first lunches will be on Wednesday, December 5th and Wednesday, January 2nd between 12.30 and 1.30pm in the Mission Room, Sibford Gower.

We hope to continue the lunches on the first Wednesday of subsequent months.

Cost £1. Any donations will be welcome.

Please come and learn more about children in Romania.



VILLAGE HALL QUIZ

This popular annual event took place on 8th November. When we say 'popular' it has to be admitted that it was attended by rather fewer people than in previous years, though whether this was to do with the event, the publicity or counter-attractions is not clear. Nevertheless all who came enjoyed themselves.

As usual the Questionmaster, perhaps more widely known as the Vicar (even though technically he is the Rector!) had assembled groups of wide-ranging questions for each of the teams. Also as usual, even though the range of questions for each team contained similar categories, those not on the stage often claimed to be able to answer more of other teams' questions than they could manage of their own. And, again as usual, there was a marked lack of discipline in the audience who, when they thought they knew the answers uttered them in tones that could, and sometimes did reach the contestants; all part of the fun, except perhaps for the Questionmaster and any members of teams who needed help and were hard of hearing!

Seven teams took part, some geographically selected and named, others representing their village organisation. It was good to see a young team of Warriner pupils ('The Warriner Wallies') entering and performing with credit even though, as someone has to, they came last in the final order; sad, perhaps to see the Church, winners in earlier years, unable to compete. Perhaps they did not wish to risk embarrassing their spiritual leader by winning, or worse, coming last.

The average number of points gained for the general questions was 36 (out of a possible 60), and for a string of musical questions including both pop and classical, 31 out of 54. The 'Horti' with 42 and Home Closers with 39 mounted a good challenge on the general questions. The former's knowledge of pop music let them down (26 on music) into 4th place, the latter held up well with 35. But they were beaten into second place by one point by the winners. The Cub Scouts (adult) team retained the Flinn Cup which they had won last year, scoring 41 and 34. Teams not already mentioned were, in final order of merit, Friends (3rd), Barley Bodgers, and Playgroup.

Once again we were indebted to the indefatigable providers of refreshments, to Keith Hicks (Mr Technics) for sound and vision but especially to Timothy Wimbush for finding the time and enthusiasm once again to provide no fewer than 210 questions for the evening.

An Evening of Local History

One Saturday evening in late October John and Beryl Gibbs from Hook Norton showed slides of the Sibfords in the early 1900's together with many of the old Hook Norton Railway and ironstone works. As the century draws to a close it was interesting to be reminded of how our villages looked at that time. There were pictures of Friends School classrooms and pupils, and several of Club Day celebrations in the village, even one of Eric as a boy holding his father's hand! Mrs Gibbs provided a fascinating background commentary on the slides, with additional information and clarification from Mr Gibbs and from members of the audience who recognised friends and relations.

It was a rare opportunity to understand how different life was in Hook Norton and the Sibfords in relatively recent times. We are grateful to Mr and Mrs Gibbs for generously sharing their hobby with us and for providing an evening of old-style village entertainment. It would be good to have a repeat performance sometime in the future for those who missed it, and perhaps another evening on other villages and topics they have researched.

Proceeds for the evening were donated to the Katherine House Hospice Fund.

MONDAY

MORNING

TAP DANCING for adults - Marigold
Carter. Tap shoes not necessary.
9.00 - 9.45 9 weeks £7.75
(intermediate)
9.45 - 10.30 9 weeks £7.75
(beginners)

AFTERNOON

PAINTING & DRAWING - Ken Spring.
1 - 3 9 weeks £13.50

EVENING

GERMAN CONVERSATION - Katharine
Wright (beginners continuation)
7.30 - 9 9 weeks £12.15

MENS KEEP FIT - Scott Orchard
7.30 - 9 9 weeks £12.15

ITALIAN CONVERSATION - Isabella
Hepton (beginners continuation)
7.30 - 9.30 9 weeks £13.50

ENTERTAINING MADE EASY - Gill Judd
Demonstrations and tasting of easy
dinner party dishes.
7.30 - 9.30 3 weeks £6.50.
Starts 25th February

WEA - CHINA'S INFLUENCE ON BRITISH
GARDENS - Stephen Haw. A look at how
Chinese garden designs and
horticultural techniques have
influenced our gardens.
7.30 - 9.30 6 weeks £15

WEA classes contact Cecilia Newark
Tel: 0295 721138

TUESDAY

MORNING

KINDERGYM - Ruth Wade. For the pre-
school child to explore and enjoy
gym equipment with an adult.
9.00 - 9.30 9 weeks £8.55
9.30 - 10.00 9 weeks £8.55
10.00 - 10.30 9 weeks £8.55

Coffee shop open 9.30 - 11.15
during term time

LADIES SWIMMING is fully booked

AFTERNOON

BRIDGE - Joseph Sanger-Davies. For
all grades including beginners.
1.30 - 3.30 9 weeks £13.50

EVENING

MEN'S SWIMMING - Janet Collins
For beginners in covered, heated
pool at the Pottery, Hook Norton
7.30 - 8.15 9 weeks £11.25

LADIES WORK OUT - Julia Holloway
7.30 - 8.30 9 weeks £10.35

FRENCH CONVERSATION with Denise Ream
(intermediate)
7.30 - 9.30 9 weeks £13.50

WEA - PAINTING IN FRANCE AT THE
TURN OF THE CENTURY - Penelope Doxat
7.30 - 9.30 9 weeks £20.00

SPANISH CONVERSATION - Ann Richards
(beginners - new course)
7.30 - 9 9 weeks £12.15

UNITY EDUCATION CENTRE

G PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY

MORNING

WEA - WRITERS FROM THREE CONTINENTS
- Ruth Dowley. Continuing a modern international theme, the group will discuss works by Kafka, Naipaul and Larkin.

9.45 - 11.45 10 weeks £22

AFTERNOON

GYMNASTICS - Ruth Wade
3.15 - 4.00 9 weeks £8.55
4.00 - 4.45 9 weeks £8.55
for primary age children.

THURSDAY

MORNING

YOGA FOR ALL - Sue Thomlinson
Bring a mat with you
9.45 - 11.15 9 weeks £12.15

AFTERNOON

PAINTING & DRAWING - Ken Spring
1 - 3 9 weeks £13.50

EVENING

ITALIAN CONVERSATION - Isabella
Hepton (intermediate)
7.30 - 9.30 9 weeks £13.50

YOGA - Sue Thomlinson
Beginners 7 - 8 9 weeks £10.35
Intermediate 8 - 9.30 9 weeks £12.15

PAINTING & DRAWING - Ken Spring
7.30 - 9.30 9 weeks £13.50

FRENCH CONVERSATION - Denise Ream
(beginners continuation)
7.30 - 9.30 9 weeks £13.50

DAY SCHOOLS

MASSAGE AND REFLEXOLOGY WORKSHOP
Roger and Phoebe Marsh. Suitable for those with a casual interest in these ancient natural healing arts, or as a springboard for further study.

Saturday 2nd February 10 - 4 £8

AMSTRAO PCW WORKSHOP - Sue Gale For users of locoscript 1 and 2 who have mastered the basics but wish to improve their word processing techniques. Bring your own computer.

Saturday 2nd February 10 - 4 £8

CRAFT WORKSHOP for primary age children. Saturday 2nd February - details later.

CLASSES are held at the Primary School and START WEEK COMMENCING 7th JANUARY. Half term is 18th - 22nd February.

RE-ENROLMENTS may be made prior to the end of the autumn term or on the first day of your class. NEW ENROLMENTS and enquiries please contact the Community Education Organiser: Linda Buchanan, The Primary School, The Bourne, Hook Norton. Tel: 730052. The office is normally manned Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings during term time with an ansaphone in operation at other times. CHEQUES payable to HNCEC.

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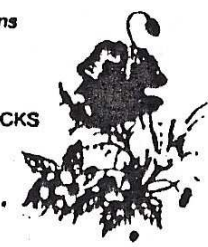
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After 6.00p.m.

FINANCE (Continued)

donation, suitably enclosed in an envelope & clearly marked (more information on this in February when & if approval has been received).

Societies, clubs & organisations who use The Scene as a means of publishing and recording their activities are asked to earnestly look at the possibility of a regular annual donation in February - What is The Scene and its activities and coverage worth to you? ..

Please, please be generous, and support the thirty odd dedicated villagers who, month by month, help to produce our Scene.

It is a well known maxim that something free is appreciated rather less than that to which we make a reasonable contribution.

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FOR SALE

Well made solid wooden sledge - £3.50

Girl's bicycle - for girl aged 9 upwards. Needs quite a bit of attention and needs two new tyres. £2.50

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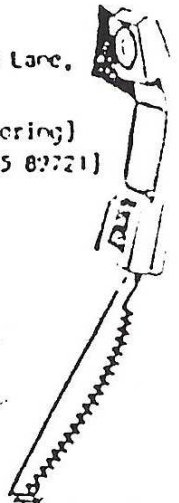
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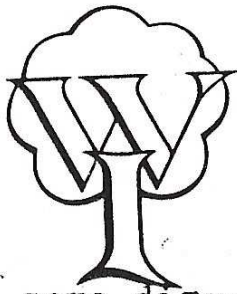
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SIBFORD W.I.



Mrs Betty Smith, a journalist and writer from Brailes, spoke to a good gathering of W.I. members on the topic of "Writers' Tales." She was a lively speaker and combined truth and fiction skilfully, to hold an appreciative audience.

Mrs Mary Cooper deputized for Mrs Crabtree and some discussion took place with regard to supplementing funds to pay speakers in the coming months. It was decided to hold a coffee morning and Mrs Mary Mills offered to hold one at her house, Maria's Cottage, on December 6th (Thursday). Come and have a mince pie and meet your friends.

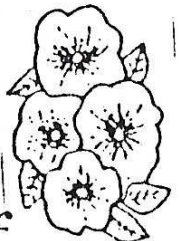
The competition at the November meeting, for a Book Mark, was won by Miss Harris, 2nd Mrs Cox, 3rd Mrs Grasby. Mrs Bristow and Mrs Law served teas. The December meeting will have a speaker, Mrs Eileen Dronfield, talking about "Corn Dollies" - a competition for a Pot-pourri Holder will be held. This will be on December 11th at 2pm in the Village Hall.

In January, Paul Spry will be speaking on a "Safari in Kenya" and there will be a competition for a Small Carving (Jan 9th).

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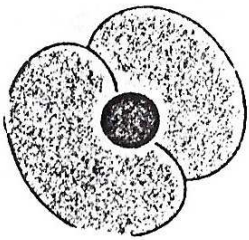
GARDENING NOTES

Some will say "Who wants to be in the garden in December", but a good gardener is not a fair weather one and there is always something to do. If you want an indoor job and it rains there are plenty of seed catalogues on offer and also for plants and trees for delivery in the Spring. One of the joys of winter "gardening" is planning for next year. Trees and shrubs can still be planted during open weather. Provide protection for newly planted evergreens, especially conifers, until they get their roots down and can fend for themselves.



tidy up in the greenhouse and ensure that there is adequate ventilation. Too much moisture can cause rot to set in to those plants. Remove fallen leaves from plants and alpines generally. If you have any seeds which need stratifying or just need a spell of winter cold to assist in germination put them in jars of compost and place in a north facing position with a wire or net covering against mice. Finish digging over your borders and vegetable plot to allow Jack Frost to do the hard work of breaking down clods for you.

Happy Christmas and a good gardening New Year



NOVEMBER 11th

Remembrance Sunday this year was actually on November 11th which to older people still signifies Armistice Day. It was hard to believe that on such a beautiful morning, with the country sounds the only thing that disturbed the two-minute silence, that the peace of the world is once again threatened.

There was a particularly impressive turn-out by the Brownies, Cubs and Scouts. Their dedicated leaders must feel very proud of the way in which they took part in the service. The Rector was doing his duty in another of his parishes but we were fortunate in having the Reverend Timothy Forbe-Adams as his substitute.

After a beautiful rendering of the Last Post by Jamie White, we were moved, as always, by the prayers in front of the War Memorial. Barry Davies and cub Tom Casey placed their wreaths of poppies at the foot of the memorial.

The church was very well filled and the hymns were sung with real fervour. Mr Forbe-Adams and the organist, Mabel Payne, took us through a beautiful service. The sermon was a challenging one, based on the theme of not looking back. Whilst the honour and futility of war were stressed, Mr Forbe-Adams was not afraid to say that it was sometimes inevitable to challenge an even greater evil.

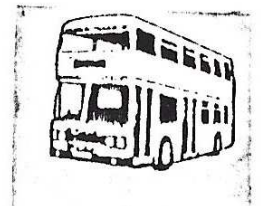
The service ended with the laying up of the colours. The morning was a most moving experience.

FREE BUS SERVICE FOR RESIDENTS OF SIBFORD GOWER AND BURDROP

The schedule is include as usual at the back of the Scene but your attention is drawn to a change of day due to the Christmas holidays.

As Boxing Day falls on a Wednesday, the Chipping Norton trip will take place on **THURSDAY 27TH DECEMBER**, instead of Wednesday 26th December.

"WHITE HORSE INN



This year's production by the

Stratford Operatic Society

The W.I. is again organising a coach party for this on Friday evening, February 8th. There may be a few spare seats - if you are interested please contact **M. Cox (510)**



FRIENDSHIP CLUB NOTES FOR DEC - JAN



December - Carol Service at Primary School at 2 p.m.
Date to be announced.

December 18th - Christmas Lunch at Stags Head, Swalcliffe - 12.30 - 1 p.m. MEMBERS ONLY.

Thursday January 3, 1991 - New Years Party in Village Hall from 7 - 10 p.m. Members and friends.

Tuesday January 15 - Outing to be announced.

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PRIZE BINGO

There will be a Bingo evening at the Village Hall on Thursday 13th December at 7.30 p.m.

The prizes will all be Christmas fare.

Transport will be provided for anyone wishing to come but can't get to the hall Ring JANE HOLLIDAY on Swal 500 or DAVID BAKER on SWAL 4&4.

Refreshments available so come and have a fun evening, who knows you may be lucky. Proceeds in aid of Hall funds.

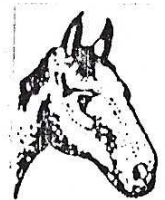
FORTHCOMING EVENT

SATURDAY 26th JANUARY 1991

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THE GREAT SIBFORD HORSE RACE

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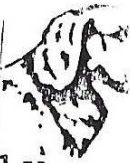
ACTION AID We would like to thank everybody who contributed to the recent Action Aid house-to-house collection. £79 was raised in the Ferris and £70.24 in Sibford Gower and Burdrop.

Janette Skeath and Julie Webb

TRAIDCRAFT I now have stocks of the following: tea (bags or loose Darjeeling & Earl Grey), ground coffee, cocoa, honey, brown rice, butter beans & kidney beans, spices, organic sultanas (for your Christmas pud), and recycled loorolls, kitchen rolls, writing paper and wrapping paper. Give me a ring if you're interested (8247) or drop in (Jessamine Cottage, Bonds End Lane, Sibford Gower).

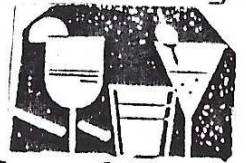
THE GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION

Thank you on behalf of "Jill", her pups and many associates - to those who helped and so generously supported the coffee morning on October 31st. You will be pleased to know we raised £314 which will go a good way towards training one more guide dog.



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LEO CLUB will meet on TUESDAY 4th DECEMBER at 8 p.m. at the home of Vivienne Scouse. Please bring a sweet or savoury dish with you. Joyce Hardcastle is coming to talk about her experiences as a Nun.



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CREATIVE EMBROIDERY AT THE MILL starts Tuesday 8th January, 10 - 12 noon. Have fun and explore the possibilities in fabric and thread. Beginners welcome

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BROWNIES: We have had a busy term with lots of brownies gaining badges. Well done to Anna Pidgeon, Clare Austin and Johanna Berry on gaining their Highway badges. We are sadly saying goodbye to Anna and Clare this term. We have been pleased to welcome to brownies Hannah Eastwood who will be making her promise before the end of term. We are also very pleased to welcome Julia Conway who is doing her Young Leaders Certificate with our Pack. Its lovely to have her. The Brownies are looking forward to a visit to the theatre at Chipping Norton after Christmas

CAROL SINGING IN THE CASTLE CENTRE Thursday Dec 20th
4.30 - 7.30 p.m.

The whole of Cherwell Division GUIDES, BROWNIES, RANGERS, YOUNG LEADERS and RAINBOWS plus all the SCOUTS, CUBS and BEAVERS will be singing Carols round the Christmas Tree in the Castle Centre on the above date. They will be singing for local childrens charities. If you happen to be in the Castle Centre around that time do come along and have a listen and join in if you want to. We should be very pleased to see you.



BLUE PETER ROMANIAN APPEAL

Please come and support our Bring & Buy Sale in aid of Romanian orphanages. It will be held at the Surgery, in Burdrop from the 3rd to the 7th December between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Please leave books, toys, cakes, raffle prizes etc at 2, Barley Close or The Surgery. Refreshments will be served each afternoon from 3 to 6 p.m.

Our Blue Peter Bring & Buy Sale 2 years ago was a great success, and we hope this one will be as well.

Johanna Berry and Harriet Boyce

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THE JOHN LOGGINS CHARITY

I write on behalf of myself and churchwardens of the Parish Church, about the above mentioned charity. We have decided to change the way in which we would henceforth allocate the limited funds at our disposal. People who feel that they might benefit from this charity ought to write personally to the Rectory, so that their case could be considered. I stress that any application would be treated in the strictest confidence. If you wish to be considered for the Christmas allocation for 1990, available in early December, you should apply in writing by December 10. A brief outline of your circumstances would clearly be helpful. I would stress that age is not a consideration. As trustees of the charity we must ensure that it is used where it is most needed.

Eric Payne, David Soden and Timothy Wimbush

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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 Swa 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 acquainting you with the services, schools, churches, clubs and societies, currently active in the villages.

SIBFORD GOWER TOWN ESTATES CHARITY - FREE BUS FOR RESIDENTS OF
SIBFORD GOWER AND BURDROP

			<u>Departure Time</u>	<u>Return Time</u>
Friday, December	7	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday "	12	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday "	21	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Thursday "	27	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday January	4	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday "	9	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday "	18	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday "	23	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday February	1	Banbury	10.00	12.00

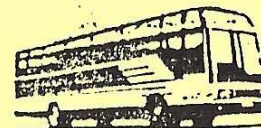
The pick-up points are :

Banbury bus

Village Hall
Cross Roads
High Meadow

Chipping Norton Bus

Village Hall
High Meadow
Cross Roads
The Colony



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HOLY TRINITY FLOWER ROSTER

With very much regret, we have been asked to release Mrs. Phyllis Sabin from Holy Trinity Altar Flower Roster. She has arranged flowers in Church for many years - we thank her very much for her devoted services.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What a surprise in last month's Scene
To find page 15 where 2 should have been,
And there at the back was - yes - page 2!
What on earth did the printers do?
And that wasn't all which caused a frown -
The inside cover was upside down!
But errors like these are very few
And without our Scene what should we do?
It keeps us informed of all "What's on",
It gives accounts of things now gone,
It welcomes all newcomers into the fold
Of dear old "Sheepford". We're also told
What next in the garden we should do
And what Nature Lover has been up to!
The Scene is a must for everyone -
To all who produce it, a big WELL DONE.

Note from Editor :

To those of our readers who may not know what all this is about ;
not everyone was lucky enough to receive an upside down copy !
Only 25 were printed, so they are now a Collector's Item.
It is very boring for our printer to sit for three hours in front of
a photo-copier, while it whirls away. Sandra had got to the end of
a Barbara Cartland novel and a bottle of gin, when the mistake occurred.
Sorry - with luck, it won't happen again.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends
Methodist

Sunday at 10.30 a.m.
Sunday at 11.00 a.m.
January 20th United Service at 3.30 p.m.

Roman Catholic Mass (Hook Norton)
(Brailes)
Baptist Church (Hook Norton)

Sunday at 11.00 a.m.
Sunday at 11.30 a.m.
Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

Church of England Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower

December

2nd 8 a.m. Holy Communion
9th 10 a.m. Holy Communion
16th 10 a.m. Holy Communion
Thursday 20th
7 p.m. Family Carol Service
and Christingle
23rd 10 a.m. Holy Communion
24th 11.30 p.m. Christmas Midnight Mass
25th 11 a.m. Family Communion
30th 10 a.m. United Service at Epwell



January

6th 10 a.m. United Service at
Sibford (start of decade of
Evangelism)
13th 10 a.m. Holy Communion
20th 10 a.m. Family Service
3.30 p.m. United Service
at Methodist Church
27th 10 a.m. United Service at
Sibford

December Calendar

1st Scout Paper Collection
3/7th Blue Peter Bring & Buy at The Surgery
4th Leo Club meet
5th Children in Romania lunches start
8/9th Old photos of Sibford - Friends Hall
11th W.I. Meeting "Corn Dollies!"
12th Horti Meeting
13th Bingo in Village Hall
18th Friendship Club Christmas lunch
20th Carol Singing in the Castle Centre
22nd Playarea group Disco
23rd Carol Service Methodist Chapel



January Calendar

3rd Friendship Club New Year Party
8th Embroidery at the Mill
9th W.I. Meeting on Safari in Kenya
26th Great Horse Race Village Hall " I GOTTA HORSE!"

WEEKLY EVENTS

Senior Citizen Lunches	Primary School	Tuesday (Tel 690)
Brownies	Village Hall	Tuesday 5.15 - 6.45
Folk Dancing	Village Hall	Tuesday 8 p.m.
Badminton	Village Hall	Wednesday 8 p.m.
Mums & Toddlers	Orchard Close	Wednesday, 10.30 - 12 noon
Beavers	Village Hall	Friday 4.30 - 5.45
Cub Scouts	Village Hall	Friday 6 p.m.
Scouts	Village Hall	Friday following Cubs
Playgroup	Village Hall	Mon, Wed, Fri (term time) 9.30 - 12
Sibford Sports Club	Friends School	Mon-Sat 6 - 7.30 p.m. Sunday 10.00 - 12.30

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