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Sibford Gower with Epwell, Shennington and Alkerton have been chosen to come within this area. This is the first part of the Cherwell District to be considered worthy of designation. Therefore it is everyones responsibility within the parish to keep the village looking neat and tidy so we can be a credit to the Cherwell District and to the visitors who will be coming to see the village.

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RED CROSS
YOUTH CLUB GOOD TURN

Once again the members of Sibford Youth Club will do their good turn for the Red Cross by making the annual collection in our villages on the evening of Thursday 9th May. Please encourage the collectors and support the Red Cross generously.

Anne Stephens

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COMING SHORTLY !!

at a primary school near you !

Sibford Gower Parish Council A.G.M.

FRIDAY MAY 10th 7.30pm.

Don't miss it! Compulsive Viewing!!

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MAY 1st - AUSTERITY LUNCH FOR ROMANIA.

RED CROSS



A Bring and Buy will be held at Toonie Law's house Western Leas, Sibford Ferris on Tuesday 4 June at 10.00 a.m. Please support the great work of the Red Cross in so many emergencies at home and overseas. Anne Stephens.

MAY FRIENDSHIP CLUB NOTES



The Committee has decided to open the Club to all ages from this May. The Club meets on First Tuesday of month at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall, and Thursday/Wednesday an outing is held. Sub £1.50.

Men - Women may join - All Welcome

Tuesday May 7 AGM followed by Mr Endersby with talk on Africa.

Wednesday May 15 National Trust Free day. Club going to Charlecote Park, Warwicks. Contact Mrs Webb.

BLOOD ON THEIR HANDS

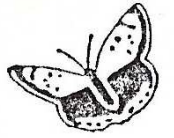
While holding the dishonourable rank of Editor for too many years, a number of threatening letters have been received but never before one written in blood! Well, not actually written in blood but certainly a liberal splattering of the stuff across the papers. Happily it was not from some Eastern Potentate but from one of the sweetest, kindest persons in our village - it simply said "If you don't do something about this stapling machine I shall resign - Yours with a lacerated thumb - Margaret Cox"! Luckily the Editor found a lorry delivering long armed stapling machines with its tailgate down and we have now acquired two - one to placate Margaret and one for long suffering non-complaining Jimmy!

COFFEE MORNING AND BRING AND BUY

Wednesday 8 May 10.30 a.m. at Home Close, Sibford Ferris, home of Peter and Sarah Randle and their three children.

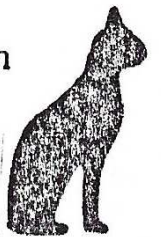
Please come and have a cup of coffee and chat with your friends Don't forget to bring something to sell. Look forward to seeing you. All funds raised will go to the upkeep of your lovely Village Hall.

Nature Notes



March 22nd Mistle thrushes must count amongst the bravest of our birds but rather stupid with regard to the choice of nesting site. A pair have just completed a nest on top of an exposed horizontal branch in our sweet chestnut. They are chasing away every crow and magpie that comes near, but with the threat from cats and squirrels as well, they have no chance of rearing a brood in that nest.

April 5th Watched a blue tit that was sitting very still on our juniper bush, apparently sunning itself. I eventually walked across to it and found that it was dead but still clinging to its perch. It looked to be in good condition and quite plump. It brings to mind an occasion when my brother was shooting, and a partridge got up in front of him, only to drop dead before he had time to shoot it.



April 7th Heard a chiff-chaff (which is normally the earliest summer visitor to arrive) at the bottom of Oddie's field.

April 17th I saw my first swallow of the season nine days ago at the bottom end of the Ferris, but no more until today when I saw one at the farm.

April 19th The mistle thrushes first nest soon disappeared and they are now defending an area near some evergreens, so we hope they have chosen a safer site this time.

April 20th Our climate may be getting warmer but we still get a blackthorn winter. Our thermometer went down to 26 F last night which may mean that plums will be in short supply again this year. Hopefully, some of the later flowering varieties, like our greengage, will have escaped damage.

The warmth absorbed by our black plastic sheet attracts quite a few flies. Today I saw a swallow flying low and picking them from the surface.



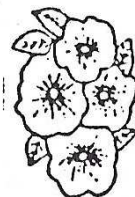
Sibford Village Hall

C O F F E E M O R N I N G and B R I N G and B U Y
on Wednesday, 8th May at 10.30 a.m. at the home of
Mrs Sarah Randle, Home Close, Sibford Ferris.

Due to a mix-up with dates our 'Gardening Notes' were omitted from last month's Scene. Happily it is now restored in all its spring glory! Sorry Rodger - and thankyou for your interesting articles. B.

GARDENING NOTES

Cuttings. Have you ever wanted more of some lovely plant, or wanted to renew one which was past its best, or even been given a piece of something new and desirable by a friend? Then you need to know how to take and root cuttings or slips. This can be done at most times of the year depending on the type of plant, its growth habit and, in some cases, the warmth and protection you can provide. Cuttings root more quickly when the parent plant is growing strongly. Young growth from Lilac, Buddleia or Weigelia is an example.



Normally you might wait until Autumn and use hardwood cuttings. A softwood cutting needs warmth but not direct sun. Use a compost of 50% peat or equivalent and 50% sharp sand. Cut immediately below a joint or node. Cut off lower leaves and reduce size of remainder by one half. Dip cutting in rooting compound, insert in compost, firm slightly to exclude air, water, and cover with a polythene bag to maintain humidity. As soon as new growth is seen loosen the cover and later remove it. Pot on and keep in a shaded area until acclimatised. Complete hardening off will be needed before planting out even for hardy plants.

Similar action can be taken through the year and also semi-ripe wood used in suitable cases. The latter do not need polythene covers. You can use electrically heated propagators if you have one. Some cuttings need to be taken between joints or nodes (inter-nodal) and others just below the node. Some need lower buds removing, others do not. Hardwood cuttings inserted in the open in October will take longer to root but will not need the care described above.

Root cuttings can be taken from plants such as Acanthus, Anchusa and Phlox. These are taken in the dormant season. They need to be two to three inches long in the case of the first two plants and cut straight across the top with a slanting cut at the base. Push into compost, slant down and lightly cover with compost or grit. Phlox cuttings being very thin are laid on top of compost before covering and are usually longer without the need for special trimming.

The list of ways of taking cuttings according to plant varieties is long and would take me far too long to describe. I would however recommend that you obtain a copy of the Royal Horticultural Society's ring-bound book on Plant Propagation. If you are going to Wisley in June get one then, if not ask a friend who is going to get one for you.

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Congratulations!

Frank Soden gained his Trumpet Grade VIII Royal Schools of Music Certificate at the Spring Examinations held in the Banbury Area. This is an honour for a young musician who is taught by Graham Duck of Banbury.

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NOTICE TO ALL VILLAGERS OF SIBFORD GOWER, BURDROP
AND SIBFORD FERRIS

The Parish Council understands that there is a proposal to develop the twenty acre field to the north of the village hall for flying gliders and light aircraft.

The Council is unanimous in objecting to this change of use from agricultural land and has written to the Cherwell Planning Dept. at Bodicote House stating its objections in the strongest terms. This development would damage village life as we know it and the Council urges all villagers of a like mind to write to the Planning Dept. making their views known.

At present no planning application has been received by the Council. Notice of planning applications are published in the Banbury Guardian each week & should one appear in respect of this field, the Council asks villagers to write again to the Planning Dept. stating their objections.

Sibford Gower Parish Council.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SIBFORD

SUMMER FETE - to be held on Saturday, 8th June, at Holmby House, by kind permission of the Bishop of Dorchester.



Transport to Services

We would willingly provide transport to any of our services - please contact the Rector (555) who will link you with car drivers.

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S.F.P.G. JUMBLE SALE - SATURDAY, MAY 11th

from 12 noon - 2 p.m. at The MISSION HALL, Sibford Gower. Any contributions of jumble etc. can be left with Bernie Jones, 7 Cotswold Close, or at the Mission Hall on the morning of the sale.

SIBFORD FRIENDS SCHOOL NEWS

During the Easter holidays, a group of sixth formers visited Moscow and Leningrad. They were accompanied by three members of staff; Gill and Paul Manthorpe and Janette Skeath. Below is a brief account of their visit.

On Thursday, 28th March, they were driving towards Red Square when they were stopped to allow the first division of troops and water cannons into the Square. The expected demonstration took place 5 hours later. The group were prevented from visiting the Square until Sunday, 31st March, when access was still restricted.

The sixth formers from the Friends School attempted to find the Moscow Meeting House. TASS tried to help but all efforts failed and they were sorry not to have met Russian Quakers.

Gill Manthorpe, Head of Sibford's sixth form, spoke for the group of students when she said, "We were stunned by the poverty of the people in Moscow; to see the queues for food; the scarcity in the shops; and to compare these with the unbelievable wealth in art and artefacts."

Prices were due to double as the group left for home. Their Russian guide told them, "Things are so terrible now, it's hard for us to believe that they will get worse."

On Sunday 14th April, the Sports Hall was made available to the village. We are keen to share this new facility with all of you and it was pleasing to see so many people enjoying the 'Open Day'.

For three weeks during this term, twenty four lower sixth pupils are undertaking their CPVE work experience. The students are in a variety of placements in and around Banbury including The Banbury Guardian, The Whateley Hall, Marks and Spencer, The Horton Hospital, Moon's Garage and Comet Stores. It is a tiring but exciting and valuable experience for the students who get a real insight into 'the world of work'.

From Saturday, 18th May, to Friday, 24th May, the school is participating in Oxfordshire Artweek. This is a countywide visual arts festival. The school is looking forward to welcoming the public to the exhibition of work by pupils and staff in the Manor, Sibford Ferris. The display will include paintings, drawings, sculpture, ceramics and photography.

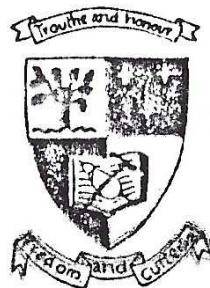
Two pieces of very good news; We were all pleased to hear of the safe arrival of Sophie, Fiona nad Mick Doolan's daughter, congratulations!

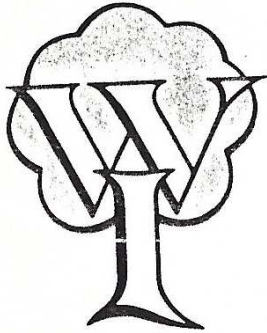
Stella Wilson and Frank Cookson were married during the holidays and we offer them our very best wishes and congratulations.

We are planning an exciting series of events for our Open Day on Saturday, 29th June, but more on those in our next newsletter.

Penelope Spring

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There was a good turn out of 24 members to hear Mrs. Joan Stone speak on the subject of "Around the World in 100 days".

The talk was full of interest and accompanied by excellent slides with views of such distant places as Muscat, Australia, The Cook Islands, Fiji and the Rocky Mountains, to name but a few.

A competition for a scrap album or photograph album as a holiday souvenir was won by Mrs. Pearlman - her offering recording a youthful Monty crossing America by car in the "Thirties". Mrs. Conway was second - a scrapbook of a family holiday in Florida, and Mrs. Hutchinson was third, with her album of the Yorkshire Dales.

Next month's meeting will take place in the Village Hall, at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14th, and will be the Annual General Meeting.

There will be a competition for a single best Bloom.

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SIBFORD PRIMARY PTA NEWS

BARN DANCE/SUMMER RAFFLE - Summer Family Barn Dance will be held at Mill Barn, Traitors Ford Road, on Friday 7th June, 7.30-10.30pm. Please give us your full support.

In response to the school's appeal for financial help for the coming year we will be organising a major fund raising raffle in conjunction with the dance. There will be substantial prizes. We hope to sell as many tickets as possible.

WHO CARES? WE DO, SAYS THE COMMUNITY CARE STRATEGY PLANNING GROUP IN CHERWELL DISTRICT.

Although the Government has delayed legislation for its Care in the Community shakeup, a group of people have been working together for the Cherwell District, planning the kind of structures that will be needed when the legislation comes through. The group consists of representatives from the Social Services, Health Authority and Voluntary organisations; an unusual partnership but a necessary one for the future of community care.

A sub group has been formed to look specifically at Rural issues relating to Community Care. This group recently sponsored a successful afternoon workshop, titled 'Information', at Bloxham School. Perhaps a representative of your village was there? One of the suggestions arising from the afternoon is to make contact with village newsletters. We hope to produce a short series of articles to keep you informed about our work.

We are also trying to contact Parish Councils in the district to ask them to set up a village contact who can act as an information post between your village and the Social Services Health Authority and Voluntary bodies. This is currently being discussed in three areas and we hope to expand this later. Perhaps your parish council is interested? Watch this space for more information.

Shortly your village will receive a copy of the new handbook listing available Care Services. Ask to see it!

Contacts: Lynda Lake-Stewart, Senior Nurse, Community Health, Orchard Health Centre, Cope Road, Banbury O295 259851

Glyn Evans, Rural Chaplain, Little Compton Rectory, Moreton in Marsh GL56 0SE 0608 74 313

Roger Davies; Field Officer Oxfordshire Rural Community Council, The Hadow Rooms, 101 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 6NE 0865 512488

Jim Flux, Banbury Council of Voluntary Services, Borough House, Marlborough Road, Banbury OX16 8TH 0295 255863

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME

The Business Enterprise Programme is for those considering starting their own business or in their first year of trading. The Programme runs one day a week over 8 weeks or 5 full days (Mon - Fri). It is sponsored by the Heart of England Training Enterprise Council (TEC) and is FREE to all participants. It is run by the Small Business Centre at Oxford College of Further Education. The next course starts in April.

For those who are already trading the Centre also runs Business Skills Seminars which are subsidised by the TEC.

For further information contact Oxford College Small Business Centre, Cricket Road Centre, Cowley, Oxford OX4 3DW. Tel (0865) 716171.

FRIENDS' SCHOOL, SIBFORD

RED SQUARE

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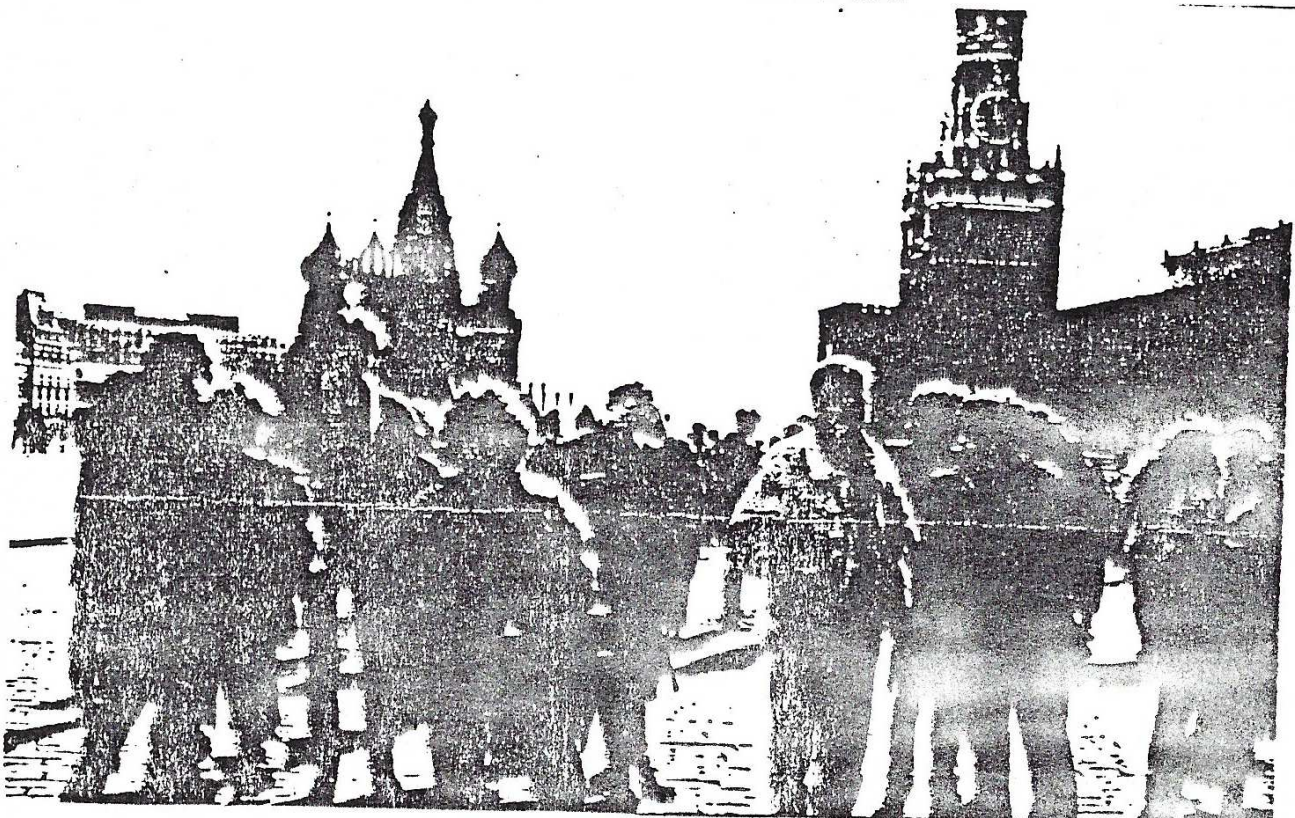
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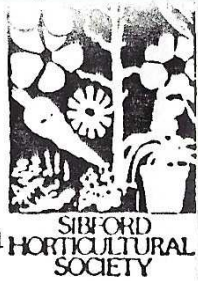
Picture: First moments in Red Square.

Contact: P. Spring / L. Chowne



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HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Last month's talk by Colegrave Seeds Ltd was most enlightening and instructive. It was much enjoyed by a large number of members. On Wednesday May 8 we are to welcome Mr Hickman who will talk on Garden Folklore. Who can imagine what we have in store.

Would those who are holding cups and trophies from last year's show please return them to a committee member by May 31.

You are reminded of the Garden Sale Stall at Temple Lodge on Saturday June 8. Apart from plants there will be cakes and miscellaneous items on offer. Any contributions would be very welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

VILLAGE LIFE

Very many benefits flow from the privilege of living in an Oxfordshire village, not the least of which is the opportunity of taking part in Home Made village entertainment in the Village Hall.

Just such a wonderful evening was organised by Sibford Scouts to raise funds to send Matthew Walsh to represent our troupe at this year's World Jamboree in Korea.

The Shenlow Singers presented lively entertainment - wine and cheese were in abundance and the party was merry!. Over sixty enjoyed the Fellowship. What a pity that another forty souls stayed at home - and the Shenlow hadn't yet began! Do come please next time an evening such as this is organised! Good luck Matthew - when you return we shall expect a lively article from you for The Sibford Scene - take a note book!

WALKS

Cherwell District Council has co-ordinated a Guided Walks Programme for the past twelve years in conjunction with the Ramblers Association and B.B.O.N.T. The objective is to introduce people to the wonders of the Cherwell countryside. The District Council is particularly concerned to provide and encourage countryside access for those with disabilities. I have a few copies of the programme for the 1991 season if you ring me on 690 I will endeavour to get a copy to you or you could collect one at any reasonable hour. Robin Spicer, 7 High Meadow.

SIBFORD SCENE'S NEW VOLUNTEERS

Welcome to Christine Summerell and Bridget Hill who responded to Sue's appeal in last month's Scene. Their contribution is on display this month - guess which pages !!

Sue would like to hear from one or two more typists to help share the monthly burden, especially during times of difficulty caused by holidays and illness - please phone her on Swalcliffe 8194.

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LITTER BLITZ

Some items found at the Elm :

2 dozen wine bottles

Old carpet

Milk cartons

Lots & lots of cigarette & crisp packets

4 BLITZERS !!

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SEWERAGE

With effect from 1st April 1991 any complaints concerning sewerage & sewerage maintenance should be referred to SEVERN TRENT WATER LTD and not Cherwell District Council.

The address to which these complaints should be sent is as follows :

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"THE COTTAGE KITCHEN" - Monthly Menus
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It is hoped to build up a reserve of menus to make this a regular feature - please put pen to paper !

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Contact:

Extension:

20 March 1991

Dear Editor

Below are details of Business Skills Seminars running from April to July.

Business Skills Seminars April - July

A series of practical one day seminars are being run for small business owners. They are FREE to first year traders and £50 per day for others. The seminars are:

Accounting with Computers	11 April
Export Marketing	20 April
Computers in Business	26 April
Direct Marketing	11 May
Book-keeping	24 May
Understanding Finance	7 June
Time, Stress & Crisis Management	20 June
Debt Recovery & Cash Control	3 July
Accounting Towards Profit	9 July
Taxation	11 July
Effective Management	17 July

For details contact the Small Business Centre, Oxford College, Cricket Road. Oxford OX4 3DW or telephone (0865) 716171.

Yours sincerely



Carys M Davies
Education Liaison Officer



SIBFORD PLAYGROUP



News Update

We would like to remind parents that Playgroup now starts at 9.00 am, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It is hoped that this arrangement will make it easier for those parents dropping their older children at school. It eliminates that sometimes awkward half hour gap between the time school and playgroup starts. However if it is not convenient for you to arrive at Playgroup by 9.00 am do not worry, we will be happy to see you and your children anytime between 9.00 and 9.30 am.

So what's been happening at playgroup?

April 10th - Visit to Warriner farm unit. This is always a successful event and proved as popular and as much fun as in previous years.

April 17th - Mothers and Toddlers Visit to playgroup. The children had worked hard to impress the new recruits, with displays of their artistic achievements being very much in evidence. Everyone seemed to enjoy the occasion despite the weather, and we look forward to seeing a few new faces in the near future.

Forthcoming events

April - The library will come and show a film and read some stories. Mr Poynton will visit with the St John's ambulance.

May - Hopefully a trip will be planned to the Wild Fowl Sanctuary at Wigginton.


June - Teddy Bear's Picnic - we hope to incorporate this with a visit to the pig farm and pony rides.

July - Trip to Blenheim Palace.

July - Dentist to visit!

Fundraisers - We will be holding a sponsored obstacle course in May and possibly a car boot sale. As you can see we are hoping to make Playgroup during the Summer as much fun as possible for both children and parents, but please if you have any new ideas or wish to help in any small way please do not hesitate to contact Jill Newbold or just pop in for a chat, everyone is always welcome.

Sibford Playgroup

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The Sibberts Drama Group

The Sibberts is alive and well but the average age of the actors is now nearer 14 than 40!

We will be putting on a play in the Oliver Studio at the Friends School on Tuesday 7th May starting at 8.00pm. Tickets will be available from members of the cast and at the door.

Our play, entitled "One Cool Cat" tells the story of a lion who is taken into captivity. The action takes us through the jungles and plains of Africa and into the sawdust ring of a Midlands circus. This allegorical tale challenges many of the assumptions of modern life in a very entertaining and humorous way.


The cast includes children from the village and from the school as well as one or two more "mature" Thespians.

Our thanks go to our producer Chris Bateman for giving up so much of his time and for inspiring us all to put on a very interesting and unusual play.

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LEO CLUB

The April meeting of Leo was held at the home of Mrs Mary Bristow and Leo members had a super evening in the company of Mrs Stephanie Smith. Many thanks to Mary for her hospitality.

The May meeting of Leo will take the form of an outing to Armscote Manor, Armscote, Nr Stratford upon Avon. This will be on Tuesday May 21 and the cost for the evening will be £2.50 which will include a tour of the garden, a dried flower demonstration, coffee and the opportunity to purchase any of the flowers or arrangements.

We shall meet at the Village Hall at 6.45 p.m. to arrive at Armscote Manor for 7.30 p.m.

Friends of Leo members are most welcome but we must know numbers so if you would like to come please ring Sheila Baseby on Swa. 544.

By meeting at the Village Hall we can decide how many cars we shall need.

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TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE

Villagers who generously donated their old hand tools for the charity T.F.S.R. will be pleased to know that they have started their journey to Africa.


On Monday 8 April David Bennett and I took a large car load to the refurbishing centre at the Peers School in Oxford. There we met the volunteers who were mending, oiling and sharpening a whole range of tools. They were very grateful for Sibford's donation which included about 25 saws. They said that the most valuable items they need are anvils so that the Africans can do their own metalwork and large axe heads which along with hammers are sent out without shafts to save space. Thank you again for your donations, they should soon be in action in Africa.

Brian Holliday

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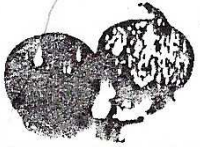
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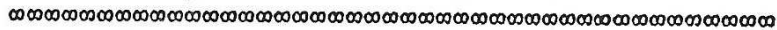
At the beginning of the summer term we say Good Luck to all pupils taking G.C.S.E. and leaving school this summer.

Personal and Social Education Evenings - Despite the rather forbidding title, these should be very interesting evenings. They are aimed at informing parents about the wide range of topics covered under this heading, with their children at school. On 30th April "Skills for Adolescence" is the theme and is aimed mainly at 7th and 8th year parents. On 15th April "Drugs Education" aimed mainly at 9th and 10th year parents.

Quiz Night - May 18th, 8 p.m. An informal Fun Quiz night. Teams of 4 are needed - all questions will be answered by teams not individuals! Bring your own wine. Watch out for further details soon.

Barn Dance - Don't forget - June 21st for the annual Barn Dance for all the family.

Family Fun Day - Sunday July 21st - details later.



STARS OF THE FUTURE

The wintry weather of the past week has not deterred Sibford's cricketers from putting the finishing touches to their playing strengths and abilities; no doubt, however, that had nets been outside, the numbers, with thermal underwear included, would have been considerably less than the 20+ who have regularly attended the indoor practices in Sibford School. Most pleasing has been the energy of the younger generation who display every technique between them - left hand, right hand bats, left arm quick, right arm quick slow, googlies even Chinamen - what talent for the future - the Gilberts, the Simms (both continuing a well known strain) a Holliday, a Soden, a Spicer, a Bennett - all are likely to be blooded this season, and the Selectors will have to make a number of interesting decisions.

Do they do, as the Aussies and the Windies do, base their team on experience and strength - or do they follow England's example and introduce the new talents that beckon recognition? Will matters be referred to "Lord Ted" (let's hope its not Micky Stewart), or can the "home-grown" selectors rise to the challenge? For our faithful fan club - please follow these columns throughout the season - the April/May Compulsory Fixture List is as follows:

- April 27 v. BRAILES (AWAY) - LEAGUE
- 4th May v. WESTBURY (AWAY) - LEAGUE
- 5th May v. TIDDINGTON (HOME) - FRIENDLY
- 11th May v. AZAD (AWAY) - LEAGUE
- 18th May v. SHRIVENHAM (AWAY) - NATIONAL VILLAGE CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP
- 25th May v. WROXTON (AWAY) - LEAGUE



FROM THE BOUNDARY MAN

An invitation
to a
FESTIVAL OF FEASTS and FLOWERS
at *ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, TADMARTON*
on

25th, 26th, 27th, 28th May 1991
10.00 am - 6.00 pm

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26th May - Festival Songs of Praise - 6.30 pm

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NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME
The Manor and Yeomans
gardens open to the Public
26th and 27th May 2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

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Refreshments, Lunches and Teas available
(Except 28th)

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 (Gower or Burdrop) or Jane Holliday on Swal. 500 (Ferris) and they will deliver a copy. The information will help to make you feel at home - by acquainting you with the services, schools, Churches, Clubs & Societies, currently active in the villages.

WELCOME TO Susan and Neil Mattinson who have come from Kendall, Cumbria with their 4½ year old twin sons Simon and Philip. They have moved into Westfarm Cottage Main Street, Sibford Gower. Susan and Neil are both landscape architects and Neil has just opened a practice in Banbury.

Alison and Chris Titchmarsh have moved from Stourton into Tyne Hill House with their children James 8 and Lucie who is 3. Alison teaches part-time at our Primary School.

Richard and Jackie Crookes have moved into Mannings Close, Sibford Ferris from Nantwich in Cheshire. richard is working for I.C.I. They are looking forward to the birth of their baby.

SIBFORD GOWER TOWN ESTATES CHARITY

FREE BUS SERVICE FOR RESIDENTS OF SIBFORD GOWER/BURDROP

		<u>SCHEDULE</u>	<u>Departure</u>	<u>Return</u>
Wednesday	May 1	chipping N.	11.00	13.00
Friday	May 10	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	May 15	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00
Friday	May 24	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	May 29	Chipping N.	11.00	13.00

The pick-up points are:-

Banbury Bus

Chipping Norton Bus

Village Hall
Cross Roads
High Meadow

Village Hall
High Meadow
Cross Roads
The Colony

REGULAR WEEKLY BUS SERVICE

BRAILES COACHES

Bus Service Brailes - Banbury amendments

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY ONLY

Sibford Gower 1.15 p.m.

Banbury Busstation return 2.45 p.m.

Shipston-Banbury monday, saturday

sibford Gower 9.50 a.m.

Banbury Busstation return 12.15

MIDLAND RED SERVICE 480 Sibford Gower-Banbury

Sibford Gower	M-S	THUR	S	M.TH.F	TU,F
	7.30	9.30	1.10	2.30	2.27

Banbury return	TH	S	M-F	M-S	M-S
Busstation	12.00	3.40	4.30	5.15	6.10

Oxfordshire County Council intend to withdraw the TUESDAY busservice which leaves the villages at 2.27 p.m. and returns from Banbury at 4.30 p.m.

Unless we can give them very good reasons for keeping it running.

I would therefore like you to let me know in writing' if possible if you use this service and how often and for what purpose. I know this is very short notice but I need to know by the latest FRIDAY MAY 3rd so my reply can be sent to the O.C.C. for their next meeting.

Robin Spicer, 7 High Meadow

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends Sunday at 10.30 a.m.
Methodist Sunday at 11.00 a.m.
Roman Catholic Mass (Hook Norton) Sunday at 11.00 a.m.
(Brailes) Sunday at 11.30 a.m.
Baptist Church (Hook Norton) Sunday at 10.30 a.m.
Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower
May Services;
May 5 8am Holy Communion
May 9 Ascension Day 5.30pm Evensong
8.00pm United Benefice at Tadmarton
May 12 10am Holy Communion
May 19 Whitsunday 8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Family Communion Service
May 26 10am United Benefice at Sibford, Rev.Gill Sumner to preach
May 30 7.30pm Holy Communion
June 2 8am Holy Communion

WEEKLY EVENTS

Youth Club	Village Hall	Monday 7-9pm
Senior Citizen Lunches	Primary School	Tuesday
Brownies	Village Hall	Tuesday 5.15-6.45
Folk Dancing	Village Hall	Tuesday 8pm
Cricket meets	Friends School	Tuesday 8pm
Badminton	Village Hall	Wednesday 8pm
Mums & Toddlers	Orchard Close	Wednesday 10.30-12
Beavers	Village Hall	Friday 4.30-5.45
Cub Scouts	Village Hall	Friday 6
Scouts	Village Hall	Friday following Cubs
Playgroup	Village Hall	Mon,Wed,Fri (term time) 9-12
Sibford Sports Club	Friends School	Mon-Sat 6-7.30pm sunday 10.00-12.30

MAY CALENDAR

4 Scout Paper Collection
~~4~~ Red Cross Bring & Buy - Western Leas, Sibford Ferris
7 Friendship Club AGM Followed by talk
7 Sibberts Drama Group production
8 Horti Talk Garden Folklore
8 Bring & Buy in aid of Village Hall at Home Close
9 Red Cross House to House Collection
10 Sibford Gower Parish Council AGM
14 WI AGM
15 Friendship outing to Charlicote Park
18 Warriner School Quiz
21 LEO outing to Armscote - Stratford
25/28 National Garden Scheme Tadmarton

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