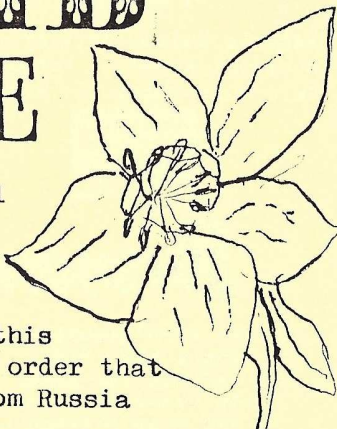


SIBFORD SCENE

SEPTEMBER 1991
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'LATE' NEWS!



Our loyal readers will probably have imagined that this month The Scene is 'late' in order that we can bring to you the latest report from Russia on its second revolution :-

Alas not so! Not 'late news' in that sense but old news that is late!

Our shop steward who had the keys to our factory in his pocket, got stuck in the lift half way up Blackpool Tower. We only had access to our printing papers on September 3rd. Sorry Folk!

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CHINA FACES CHANGE

Saturday 28 September 1991
The Oliver Studio, Sibford School
7.30p.m.

John Dunston, Headmaster of the Friends' School, recently spent two months in China on a Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship. During that time, he travelled 8,000 miles around the country, visiting schools and colleges, and working with children's choirs and young musicians in a number of major cities.

His illustrated talk on China after the events of Tiananmen Square is given in aid of Sibford Village Hall, and everyone is welcome.

Tea, coffee and gateaux will be served at the end of the evening.

Tickets, at £2.00 each will be available from Greens and the Surgery or committee members.

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Brownies

Sibford Brownies went on Pack Holiday this year to Fladbury where they had a lovely 5 days. The theme was Noah's Ark and all the games and activities were based on this theme. We had a very good day at Malvern where we climbed the Hills and also climbed to St. Ann's Well to try the spring water. We also went Swimming and entertained several visitors who came to see us. Many thanks to all our helpers; Isabel Brown, Chris Billings, Victoria Scouse, Julia Conway and Mandy Sabin.

The new term starts on Tuesday 10th September at 5.15 p.m.

Leo Club

We had a most enjoyable and interesting evening in July at Katharine House where we were shown round by the Matron, given a talk and provided with coffee and biscuits. It was really a lovely evening and our thanks to Ann Spicer for arranging it for us.

The next meeting of Leo will be held on Tuesday September 17th at 8.00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Rosalind Pearlman. The evening will take the form of a mini Antiques Roadshow and members are invited to bring small pieces which can be shown round and discussed.

Will each Leo Member please bring a small plate of finger food.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CONCERT

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Nature Notes



June 21st - I am surprised that so many plum trees are carrying a fair crop, in spite of the sharp frosts at flowering time.

June 30th - While walking across one of Duncan Jack's fields, we came across a family of five grey wagtails flitting about in the oil-seed rape. Our thanks are due to farmers who are going to do much trouble and expense to keep footpaths clear through growing crops.

July 5th - There is a ring of giant puff balls in Holly Tree Close: the biggest of them measured a foot across. We ate a young one, but they are not as nice as field mushrooms. A pair of flycatchers are building in a plastic flower pot that I attached to the wall of our bungalow a few weeks ago.

July 9th - Today I saw the first turtle dove I have seen this year. I wonder whether there is any connection between the rising number of collared doves and the decline of the turtle dove.

July 12th - Our flycatchers have started to sit on their four eggs. I saw a family of ten or more coal tits in the garden today.

July 17th - Ken Bishop has found the biggest giant puff ball I have ever seen. It measures 17" in diameter.

July 20th - The value of roadside verges as nature reserves, was brought home to me today when we stopped at a spot which we often drive past, where the road is in a cutting leaving some limestone banks exposed. Growing there we found wild mignonette, white flax, birdsfoot trefoil, restharrow, bee orchid, broomrape, scabious and a greater knapweed on which every flower was occupied by at least one bee or butterfly. Some ragwort was being eaten by the colourful caterpillars of the cinnabar moth. There was also a large colony of marbled-white butterflies, as well as ringlets, meadow browns and skippers, and a lot of burnet moths, some just emerging from their pupae on the grass stalks.

August 3rd - One of the young flycatchers was sitting on the lawn and being fed by both parents. As it had little or no chance of avoiding becoming a cat's dinner, I put it back in its nest, which was empty. I was relieved to see that the parent birds continued to feed it in the nest again.

August 6th - We have seen a bird around the garden for the last few days that must be a young redstart. It looks very like a young robin with a long red tail.

August 10th - We occasionally see a wandering buzzard at this time of year. Today we watched one being harrassed by four crows until it was clear of their territory, and it resumed its circling at a fair height drifting steadily eastward. I wonder what it will do when it reaches the east coast.

SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL

GRAND AUTUMN EVENT

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Raffle Prizes - to David Baker, Cotswold Close
Jumble - to Jane Holliday or Sheila Baseby or
bring to the Village Hall on the day.

A PERFECT SUMMER EVENING

Few of the noble villagers of Sibford have had the good fortune to fall head first down a rabbit hole and even fewer have had the good sense to step through a looking glass, and yet just such an experience was awaiting them on 10 July, had they had the wit to grasp the opportunity offered to them - as indeed very many of them did.

Those of us who are brave enough to dodge the speeding, thrusting executives in their 'Cavaliers' or 'Scorpios' as they ride their broncos through the peaceful Sibford lanes, often pretend we are exercising our aging heart muscles by sauntering down through the Colony on our way to Traitor's Ford. On such occasions we pass quaint attractive cottages set amidst lush green meadowland. Had we been as enterprising and adventurous as Alice we might have paused at Number 6 and peeped over the fence.

On that glorious Wednesday evening Roger and Valerie Powell had invited members of the Horti Society and others to do more than just peep but to push open the side gate and step into the nearest thing to Wonderland that the loyal polltax payers of Sibford might have experienced.

The expected meadowland had been transformed by Roger and Val in two short years into - not a riot - but a revolution of colour and design.

Once the shock had subsided we were encouraged to wander through the snaking, springy lawns, past flower bed after flower bed of a huge variety of herbacious plants - oh those delphiniums! - across patios and under pergolas, down towards a sweet melodic stream some 200 yards distant - perhaps the original babbling brook? It would be presumptuous to write more or to attempt a full description of that garden of delights.

To those who could not attend on 10 July, Roger has offered an open invitation to ring him to arrange a private visit. All that our Roving Reporter can do is to urge our readers to accept this kind offer - time will be thus well spent and the eye and heart fully rewarded.

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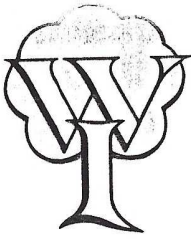
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W.I. News and Information

In July a delightful meeting took place in Mrs Hutchinson's garden at The Mount. Most members were present and enjoyed the lovely tea provided.

In September the meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th in the Village Hall at 2 p.m. Mrs Joy Newman will speak on "A Collection of Handkerchiefs". There will be a competition for a hand-made or special handkerchief.

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IMPRESSIONS OF THE NEW-LOOK HORTI SHOW

' THINGS AIN'T WHAT THEY USED TO BE'

Around 250 people braved an unfamiliar Saturday afternoon midgi heatwave to descend upon the Main Hall of Sibford School for the first new-look Annual Show of the Horti Society. One's first impression of this new venue was the airy spaciousness and refreshingly cool atmosphere, which was greatly appreciated, especially by those who had toiled up the drive by shanks' pony.

The second impression was the shrewdness of the layout, since, in order to reach the Show entries area, one had to pass between tables laden with goodies for sale, such as plants, both common and rare, a host of golden fuschias, raffle tickets (with no less than 40 prizes on view), Dr Heath's mountain of books (as seen at all the better Sibford functions) and homemade jams & cakes - all of which were selling like hot dittos.

The impression of spaciousness continued into the neatly arranged tables of Show entries, with ample room to view at leisure, even for those with pushchairs or in wheelchairs - a great improvement on shuffling and/or stumbling around an overcrowded and overheated marquee, with vases, pots and candlesticks teetering precariously on wobbly tables - *things sure ain't what they used to be.*

With few exceptions, the entries appeared to be of the usual high standard, although some of the vegetable classes (especially the tomatoes!) showed the results of the lateness of the growing season this year. On the other hand, several of the winning vegetables and flowers could hardly have been bettered, even in a perfect gardening year. The crafts and children's sections were well supported and included many delightful and ingenious entries.

After an hour of browsing, buying, viewing, chatting and more buying, it was a relief to enter the spacious tea room with its comfortable chairs and sparkling tablecloths, and to be served tea and homemade cake by a smiling bevy of 'Nippies'. Again a welcome improvement over the facilities of yesteryears, where the scramble for seats was often reminiscent of scenes from a chimps tea party.

The afternoon ended with the raffle draw (I won an oven glove - handy when pruning the roses!) and the prize giving; it was nice to see some 'old-timers' among the winners, one of whom was competing for the first time in his 80-odd years in Sibford!

The overall impression was of a well-organised and enjoyable first effort at the new venue. The only criticism heard was that the usual 'village fete' atmosphere was somewhat subdued by the size of the hall - no doubt the Horti Society committee would be pleased to receive any suggestions on ways to improve this or any other aspect of the Show for next year.

R.H.

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GUIDES FOR SIBFORD?????????

I know I keep appealing for help, but we really are very desperate for Sibford Guides to be re-opened.

We are now in the position in this District of having only 1 Guide Unit which meets in Bloxham and we have 4 brownie packs feeding into it. Of course, this is hopeless as it means that Guides are full and there is nowhere for the brownies to go. Some of the brownies have gone to another Division to Guides, but now even those units are full.

There MUST be someone, somewhere who would be prepared to help run a Guide Unit - perhaps there are 2 or 3 interested people? There is plenty of help available with training.

Do give me a ring if you might be interested. It would be so good to get Guides going again.

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SWELLING THE FUNDS OF OUR FRIENDSHIP CLUB

I would like to thank all who came to the coffee evening on July 11th. Also thanks to those who gave items to sell, or raffle prizes, also to the people who lent us chairs and tables for the evening.

The amount raised was around £40 for the Friendship Club.
 Many thanks. Alice Fowler

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WELL DONE BROWNIES! - and thank you to all those who so generously helped them to collect a wonderful total of £85.63 on behalf of DR BARNARDOS

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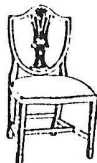
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Sibford Ferris Parish Council

Amongst the items discussed at the recent meeting of the Council the following may be of interest.

1. A booklet containing a lot of useful information on 'Caring for an Elderly Person' has been received. The Clerk (8393) would be glad to loan it to anyone interested.
2. Details of the Midland Red South Revised Service No.480 - Sibford to Banbury are now available at the Post Office. A copy has also been displayed on the noticeboard.
3. The Village Signs recently stolen have now been replaced by Oxfordshire C.C. The new signs have no scrap value so hopefully they will remain in place for the foreseeable future!
4. The work on the additional street lighting is now complete which means that the speed restriction through the village should shortly become operational.
5. The Council have been asked to support the Village Hall Committee financially and have decided to make provision for an annual grant in the next parish precept.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 11th September at 8pm in the Library of The Friends School. All are very welcome to attend.

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THE GARDENS OF THE GOWER

One of the most popular pastimes of the Summer is looking at other people's gardens and this year on July 21st we had the opportunity to visit three of our local Gower gardens under the National Gardens Scheme. With the weather being most kind there was an excellent turnout of exactly 600 people.

The three gardens offered an interesting contrast beginning with the charming enclosed cottage garden at Carters Yard (Lynda and Bill Clutterbuck). The overall impression was of a haze of pink and blue backed by a wide variety of greens and surrounding a gently sloping lawn with beds of flowering annuals - all beautifully maintained and restful.

Then to the Manor House (Katherine and Mike Edwards). The marvellously eccentric group of thatched buildings could tend to dominate everything but in spite of that wonders have been achieved within a couple of years and all eyes remained on the gardens. At the lower end, surrounding a circular lily pool, is a profusion of roses in beds and on pergolas. From there lawns lead past well-stocked herbaceous borders to a broad lawn. Here again are are well stocked borders but squared off and backed by newly-planted yew hedges. When these latter are well grown they will form a delightful outdoor room which, linked to the loggia outside the Manor's 'Great Hall', will form a fine and attractive feature. From there one passes a flower bed laid out like a Gothic tracery window and thence to a terraced section with traditional stone walls and a profusion of perennials. Then a gently sloping lawn leads up to a wide terrace with swimming pool and a stunning view back over the whole area backed by the mature trees beyond.

Finally, to Temple Close (Vera and Ernest Jones). First a gravel drive leading up to the elegant house with its ancillary buildings. The adjoining lawns are so beautifully maintained that one might think that a special kind of Wilton carpet had been laid! This invites one to wander but not before exclaiming at the wide views to the distant hills and vales. Strolling across to the shrubberies beyond one finds a hidden pool from which a stream runs through generously planted rockeries withstepping stones leading to a small lake. This contains a spectacular fountain and is planted with water plants and backed with flowering shrubs. Passing below the lake and noting the paddocks with ponies, donkeys and geese among other livestock - not to speak of the kitchen gardens and tennis court - one follows round the lake to a board walk with a hammock and pergola. Finally over the lawns past perennial beds back to the house and a welcome cup of tea.

The afternoon produced a very fine ^{£183.60}~~£600~~ plus donation for the National Gardens Scheme Charities.

M.P.

Apologies are offered to those who were inconvenienced by the parked cars and efforts will be made to ease the problem next year.

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PROGRAMME FOR COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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TUTOR: Alan Perkins.

Commencing: Wednesday 18th September,

7.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

5 weeks initially - £10.00

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LADIES!

JOGGING GROUP: Meet 1.15 p.m. Warriner Gym, Fridays
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INSTRUCTOR: Liz Nason - Red Cross Training Officer.

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(Further details later).

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ALTERATIONS TO GARMENTS:

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TUTOR: Marjorie Young.

Wednesday 16th October.

7.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

1 week - £2.50

TAPESTRY (Canvas Embroidery) and

APPLIQUE (laying of fabric on top of another to make a picture - for cushions etc.)

TUTOR: Sue Myburgh.

Wednesday 18th and 25th September,

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TUTOR: Jenny Chard.

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ACTIVITIES:

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER:

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School Jazz Band.

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It would like to be included on one of the courses,
(School Office during the first week of the Autumn Term)

BANBURY - OXFORD - ROMANIA LINK

(Can anyone think of a better name please!)

Newsletter No. 2

16 July 1991

I returned to Romania at the end of May with Ann Lewis and we were heartened by the great improvements made both at the girls' orphanage and at the hospital where the AIDS babies are. Above all, at the "Casa" has been the constant stream of English care workers who have shown an interest in the girls, who are more outgoing and sociable than a year ago - also their standards of personal hygiene are higher, thanks partly no doubt to new showers and toilets put in by a team of policemen from Leicester. In the hospital the children now have new clothing, disposable nappies (though a constant supply is needed), proper food and, above all, a play room (provided by "The Angels"). The change in these babies is miraculous - they are now people, with distinct, developing personalities of their own. As some will live for, perhaps, ten years, the quality of their lives is important. We shall continue to try to support Dr. Matusa there, whose dedication has made the changes possible.

At another orphanage - in Filiasi - where my son and his friend spent a further two weeks, the story was quite different and things are grim. But gradual changes are happening there and it may be possible for interested people to go there: I cannot offer to do any of the organising until at least September, but can put anyone who writes to me in touch with a Link person.

Austerity Lunches - kindly provided by Sibford Quakers, raised over £300: these have now stopped for the time being. Continued fund raising is, of course, greatly appreciated. Over £13,000 has been raised to date.

Summer Holidays - At VERY short notice we have heard that six girls are to come here in August and, as it was such short notice, it seemed wise to keep them all either in the village here or with people known to me, but anyone interested in meeting them and helping in some way, please write: if you wish to come to a welcoming tea here at my house, please let me know (by letter).

Thank you for all your support and interest - it makes such a difference.

Anne Marcovitch

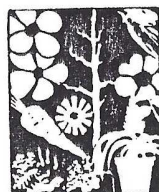
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Horticultural Society

The Society's Show this year was early and in a new setting. The earliness did affect the number of entries as did the late season. Despite this, the day was a success, justifying all the hard work put into the organisation. A big vote of thanks is due to David Eldred and his team of helpers. A small profit was made and next year's return to a late August event will enable the Society to build an even better Show.

In the meantime, congratulations to the following winners of the major Show awards:

Sibford Rose Bowl	-----	Mr S Lines
Albert Spicer Trophy	-----	Mr A Newbold
Society Cup	-----	Mr L West
Mrs F Padbury Cup	-----	Mrs C Dean
Dr H Taylor Cup	-----	Mr R Powell
John Sabin Cup	-----	Mrs L Emm
Mrs F. Padbury Rose Bowl	-----	Mrs J Puddle
Ted Webb Trophy	-----	Mrs E Wimbush
Village Cup	-----	Mr M Pearlman
Banbury Marquee Trophy	-----	Nancy McGee
Junior Cup	-----	Johanna Berry
Keith Hicks Cup	-----	Peter Newbold
S J Sabin Cup	-----	Charlie Ryall
R H S Banksian Medal	-----	Mr A Newbold



SIBFORD
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SOCIETY

The next Society meeting is on Wednesday 11 September when we will be treated to a talk by Mr Walker, the Curator of Oxford Botanical Garden, on the plants of Sri Lanka.
Roger Powell

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The Friendship Club

Tuesday September 3rd - 2 p.m. in Village Hall a speaker from the Cheshire Homes. Bring and Buy Stall - Tea
All welcome.

An outing to Dorchester on Thames. Date not yet arranged.

Wednesday September 25th - Tea at Mrs Colquhoun's at 3 p.m.

Tuesday October 1st - 2 p.m. in the Village Hall

Mr. Pearce Slide Show.

Tea - All welcome

NEWS - THE BEST WAY TO PRESENT IT

A news story sets out to tell the main points of its subject matter as succinctly as possible

Kipling's "six honest men" - Who, What, Where, Why, How and When - are also the journalist's best servant, although the order in which they appear will vary

A good structure for a news story uses the mnemonic W-H-A-T to remind you of the order in which the components would be placed

WHAT has happened - the introduction must tell the story in a nutshell

HOW did it happen? - the explanation should follow immediately

AMPLIFY each point made in the introduction

TIE up all the loose ends with additional or background information

WRITING A FEATURE

Newsletters invariably contain features, which are distinct from items of news. A feature can be serious or light-hearted and its introduction can help the over balance of content.

Study your readership to decide what form a feature article should take. A regular feature can be introduced in the form of a pen portrait of a local personality. Perhaps a regular column could be started dealing with a specific subject - gardening, cookery, wine-making, motoring, letters to the editor and so on. The choice is almost limitless and the editor should always be on the lookout for new and topical subjects.

Try and enlist the help of correspondents - local people with hobbies and recreations who are willing to hand on a few tips and wrinkles to readers.

Historical features are always welcome particularly with photographs showing the way the village was or what people wore in the old days.

Features can enliven any newsletter and all too frequently are ignored because of lack of time or space. Why not prepare a number of features in advance so that time or space is not a problem?

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

Below is an article concerning the subsidised training available for small businesses at Oxford College Small Business Centre. Thank you for publishing our previous articles. You might be interested to know that many small business owners have attended the seminars through reading the articles in their parish magazine.

SMALL BUSINESS TRAINING, SEPTEMBER 1991

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The courses run throughout the year. For details contact Oxford College Small Business Centre, Cricket Road Centre, Cricket Road, Oxford OX4 3DW. Tel. Oxford (0865) 716171.

Dear Barry,

It appears that Midland Red has changed its timetable so that you will need to review September Scene's penultimate page.

So far as I can tell, buses now leave Sibford Gower every day at 7.30, 9.05 and 12.00 (11.55 on Tuesday just to catch people out) and return at 11.30, 2.30, 5.05 and 6.05. There are extra buses from Sibford at 3 and 5.30 on Saturdays and school holidays only.

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Sibford Cricket

Mainly Success, and Why Not! - from The Boundary Man

The disappointments of early June have been replaced by the joys of a successful July and early August, with Sibford vying with Azad, Wroxton & Deddington for the League title. Indeed, the loyal Sibford supporters have been put to the test, as a series of frantic finishes have resulted in the need for pills and tranquilizers to calm the nerves.

-- League Results --


29 June	H'k Norton	48 a.o.	Sibford	51-0	Won by <u>10 wickets</u> (Adrian Lamb 30no; David Bennett 19no) (David Lamb 4-7; Ian Gilbert 3-5)
6 July	Whitnash	110-6	Sibford	113-6	Won by <u>4 wickets</u> (Roger Gilbert 25; Chris Guy 21no) (David Lamb 4-20)
13 July	Sibford	178-5	Brailles	165-8	Won by <u>13 runs</u> (David Inns 72no; Adrian Lamb 32; Roger Gilbert 24) (Roger Gilbert 3-30; Ian Wollerton 3-51)
20 July	Sibford	171-8	Claydon	168-6	Won by <u>3 runs</u> (Ron Morbey 56; David Bennett 36) (Brian Holliday 2-38)
27 July	Sibford	94 a.o.	Deddington	95-9	Lost by <u>1 wicket</u> (Nigel Fletcher 34no) (Nigel Fletcher 4-36; Roger Gilbert 3-13)
3 Aug	Sibford	126 a.o.	Tysoe	124-7	Won by <u>2 runs</u> (Ian Gilbert 37; Ron Morbey 31) (David Lamb 2-27; Ian Gilbert 2-38)

Friendlies against Darlingscott and Long Compton (twice) have given further opportunities for the next generation of Sibford cricketers to shine and a number of good performances have been seen - will the team in 5 years time include the regular names of Ian Gilbert, Lee Gilbert, David Simms, Matthew Simms, Lewis Soden, Tom Holliday, Jonathan Bennett, Matthew Spicer?

I suspect there could be a number of candidates for umpiring in the next few years among the 40+ers, and, with the current debates and arguments in the League, the elder statesmen could be in action a lot sooner.

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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 (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:

Ian and Maureen Warden, who have moved into 9 Barley Close, Sibford Gower. They have come from Egham in Surrey to be nearer their son and his family (3 grandchildren) who live in Winderton. Their main hobbies are wine-making (Ian already won 1st prize in our Show!) and gardening.

Mrs Ros Hickson, who has moved from Banbury into 2 Pound Lane, Sibford Gower together with her cat and 4 kittens.

Barbara and Rob Braviner and their 19 month old daughter Jessica have moved into "Goodmayes", Burdrop. They have moved from London and are very happy to be in the country at last!

Dot & Peter Clifford and daughter Jade (11 yrs) have moved into Hollytree Cottage, Sibford Ferris from Woodford Halse. They run the Rough Terrain Training School at Gibraltar Quarry. They enjoy horse riding. Jade will start school at the Warriner in September.

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'SUMMERTIME'

An Almost Perfect Day! - from the Boundary Man

The Editor having given me free rein, I was let loose (fortunately not at the Horticultural Show) to see the two alternative major events of the day, Sibford's bid to win honours in the Banbury and District League and the Summertime Concert, courtesy of our Lord and Lady of the Manor.

Saturday 27 July was indeed memorable - had I not been given the role so eloquently played by Sir Neville Cardus at the Manchester Guardian to review my favourite pastimes, those of cricket and music? The difference was that my boundaries were not Lords and Manchester's Free Trade Hall, but the benign pastures of Sibford School and the elegance of the Gower's premier residence.

Two-thirty pm - and 22 men in white, with Bert Gilbert the epitome of sartorial elegance in a coat handed down by courtesy of Walls - (only Ernest Jones was to outshine Bert; with his black tie being supplanted by one of red & blue (or was it blue & red to denote his favourite political parties as he and his excellent house guests enjoyed the evening celebrations).

Sibford's batting lacked its usual lyrical and rhapsodic qualities - only the artistic vice-captain Nigel Fletcher performed centre stage with an innings of clarity, balanced by restraint, as the team succumbed to 94 all out - much of the damage being caused by a prodigal Wimbush returning to his native heath, ably assisted by his unbiased Mum, Erica, as she roared her support for the men of Deddington. Has she been excommunicated, Tim?

Despite the efforts of Sibford's Horti population as they crossed the bowler's arm to thwart the Deddington batsmen; and the model bowling of Messrs Gilbert & Fletcher who took 7 wickets between them, an unthoughtful Deddington captain took his team from the abyss of despair (23 for 7) to within sight of victory and the visitors won by 1 wicket - the first reverse in five games - but not the end of the challenge for honours!

Your correspondent's problem was now time - where was Lord Edward's helicopter to whisk me from Sibford's hallowed turf to the Gower's palatial gardens. From 'whites' to black tie (sorry blue tie - Monty) it was a rush in a Fiesta of aged fame.

Summertime it was - the best day of the year - and the charms of the lovely Alison Back on flute and dazzling Nicholas Powlesland on guitar set the evening's activities in motion with music from Poulenc, Bach, Ibert, Ravel, Gershwin & Debussy (not the Sibford batting order I hasten to add) with the Arlott-like strains of Master of Ceremonies Graham Wilton guiding the listeners through the programme; without the distraction of chocolate cake!

Then a highlight of the day - a trumpet player - par excellence - Jonathan Freeman Attwood playing gems from Handel, Mozart and Rachmaninov - (and his fame as a cricketer is recorded in Wisden too!) - what a scoop - and his accompanist Paul Brough - was he

Director of Music or Director of Cricket in Sheffield - Yorkshire panache indeed and much to Ernests' delight!)

There followed supper (the second tea interval in my case!) - culinary delights beautifully executed by Katherine, Gillie and company and some interesting wine from Buffy's cellars. A leisurely interlude, broken by the game of musical chairs, as the Great Hall was re-organised for the second half of the programme, a Summer Miscellany. From the original verse of the Cuckoo Song, through Benjamin's 'Miss Joan Hunter-Dunn', Mad Dogs & Englishmen, and the Lazy, Hazy Days of Summer, the Lynden Players brought the evening to a successful conclusion and outcome.

Monty, as ever the perfect man to deliver the epilogue, and googley, thanked the audience (in numbers the same that had watched the cricket) - for their support in helping the flagging fortunes of the 'blues' - a goodly sum had been raised to compensate for Lord King's shortcomings and as a caring, conservative village organisation, a donation would be made to the NSPCC. Friends were made, and a Summer's day was at an end.

As Robert Blake had written - 'It is right if should be so, Man was made for joy and woe (how music and cricket had been that day) and when this we rightly know, safely through the World we go'.

D. B.



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Choose seed that is suitable for exhibition purposes and sow this in a frame or greenhouse by the middle of October in a good compost either in trays or pots. You can get up to 12 seeds in a 5 inch pot or space them up to 2 inches apart in a tray. Water lightly and when germinated expose to the weather, except during very wet weather or hard frosts. Protect from mice and birds.

The resultant plants will be ready for planting out in March when soil and weather conditions are right. Ideally it is recommended that a trench be dug and filled with manure or good compost as you would for runner beans, as sweet peas have long roots.


Provide one bamboo cane for each plant, with 6 feet above ground and support if necessary. If you slant the canes slightly this allows the flower stem to grow away from the main stem without hindrance and gives nice straight specimens. Space the plants 8 inches apart and use a double row 12 inches apart.

Pinch out the growing stem and allow one strong side shoot to form the plant. Attach to the cane with wire rings or with loosely tied plastic coated ties. Continue to provide this support as the plant grows. Remove all side shoots and tendrils as they develop.

When the cordon reaches the top of the cane remove it carefully and lay it on the ground until you can take it up a cane further along the row. Do this with each cordon. Always remove spent blooms before they go to seed.

The Show judge will be looking for four flowers to a stem, closely and evenly spaced on long straight stems and, of course, in good condition. Good luck in 1992.
Roger Powell

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Friday	Sept. 27	Banbury	10.00	12.00
Wednesday	Oct. 2	Chipping Norton	11.00	13.00

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CHURCH NOTES

The services are listed elsewhere in the Scene - may I just draw your attention to two of them in particular.

Sunday, 15th - The Family Service this month will focus on our Baptisms and all who have been baptised or christened in the past 12 years will be invited to the service. We hope that they, together with their parents and, if possible, godparents, will all try and come on that occasion.

Sunday, 22nd - at 6 p.m. there will be a traditional Evensong for Harvest Thanksgiving - last year this proved popular and hopefully the medicine will be as palatable this year as last !

Confirmation - There will be the annual opportunity for full adult membership of the church this year on Sunday, 1st December in Sibford Church. If you are interested in joining "full time", perhaps you could let me know in the early days of September - then we can organise times for groups on instruction.

Timothy Wimbush (555)

Church Services

Society of Friends		Sunday at 10.30 a.m.
Methodist		Sunday at 11.00 a.m.
Roman Catholic Mass (H.Norton)		Sunday at 11.00 a.m.
"	(Brailles)	Sunday at 11.30 a.m.
Baptist Church	(H. Norton)	Sunday at 11.30 a.m.
Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower	- Sept. Services :	
September 1st	8 a.m.	Holy Communion
"	8th	10 a.m. Holy Communion
"	15th	10 a.m. Family Morning Service
"	22nd	10 a.m. Holy Communion & Baptism
"	22nd	6 p.m. Harvest Evensong
"	29th	10 a.m. Service at Swalcliffe

WEEKLY EVENTS

Youth Club	Village Hall	Monday 7 - 9 pm
Senior Citizen Lunches	Primary School	Tuesday
Mobile Shop in the area		Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm
Brownies	Village Hall	Tuesday 5.15 - 6.45 pm
Folk Dancing	Village Hall	Tuesday 8 p.m.
Cricket Nets	Friends School	Tuesday 8 p.m.
Badminton	Village Hall	Wednesday 8 p.m.
Mums & Toddlers	Orchard Close	Weds. 10.30 - 12 noon
Mobile Library in district		Friday
Beavers	Village Hall	Friday 4.30 - 5.45 pm
Cub Scouts	Village Hall	Friday 6 p.m.
Scouts	Village Hall	Friday, following Cubs
Playgroup	Village Hall	Mon, Weds. Friday
		(term time 9 - 12 noon)
Sibford Sports Club	Friends School	Mon-Sat. 6-7.30 p.m.
		Sunday 10-12.30 a.m.

SEPTEMBER'S BUSY CALENDAR

3rd	Friendship Club - a Speaker
7th	Scout Paper Collection
10th	W.I. talk - "A collection of Handkerchiefs"
10th	Brownies re-start - whoopee !!
14th	Conservative Coffee Morning
14th	Village Hall "Autumn Event"
14th	Swalcliffe Church Diamond Jubilee Concert
17th	LEO's mini Antiques Roadshow
25th	Friendship club Tea at Handy Water Farm
28th	"China Faces changes" - a talk by the Headmaster, Friends Sch.

<u>Oct</u>	
1st	Friendship Club Slide Show
1st	Autumn Fair at Cherington

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