

Sibford Ferris Parish Council

Among items discussed at a recent meeting of the Council were -

The need for the road verges to be cleared in Main Street especially now that the darker evenings are with us again.

The Village sign has been replaced in Hook Norton Road yet again and the speed restriction signs are expected soon.

The Clerk has details of Community Environmental Projects sponsored by the Shell Better Britain Campaign. Anyone interested should call her on 8393.

Grants were approved to the Play Area Group, The Sibford Scene and The Theatre, Chipping Norton.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the Library of The Friends School on Tuesday the 7th January 1992. All are very welcome to attend.

Scouts

The Scout Troop have had an eventful and successful few weeks recently. The boys represented the District in the County Camping Competition and came 5th. They represented the District in the County Cooking competition and came 2nd. Lewis Soden and Christian Akers joined 50 other Scouts from all over the County to receive their Chief Scout's Award at Bodicote House on 16th November. This award, the highest in the Scout Section, is the culmination of 12 months continuous effort ranging from community service to night hikes and survival activities. Well done everyone.

Attention!!

CONCESSIONARY FARES ON MIDLAND RED BUS ROUTE 480

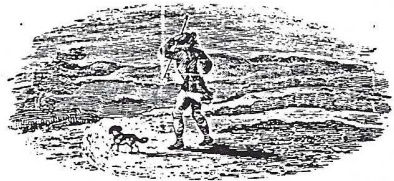
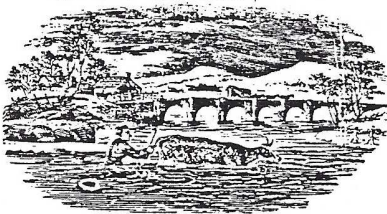
Some difficulties have arisen, especially on Saturdays, because drivers have been unaware of the concessionary fare of £1.25 for Senior Citizens on this route. Midland Red apologises to those customers who have had problems and have assured the Parish Council that ALL drivers will be made aware of the concession and that fare charts will be adjusted accordingly. Please let Maureen Hicks (Swal. 259) know if any further difficulties in obtaining fare concessions are experienced. The drivers name and number will be helpful when bringing the matter to the attention of Midland Red.

Nature Notes

October 20th - Sought, but failed to find, an ancient corn drier, which is on the moor above the cottage in which we are staying, near Lairg. We are told it is stone built to hold about 5 cwt. of grain, with a fireplace underneath it, a slot just above the fire level through which the grain can be raked out, a little at a time, as it dries. Its date is not certain but it is a type usually found in Scandinavia. Also on the moor we saw a stone circle and the remains of some round houses dating back to the bronze or iron age. These round houses, like others in the district, are surrounded by an area of grass which make them easy to spot amidst the heather. I wonder whether the scattering of ashes from their fireplaces can still be making the soil less acid, thus accounting for the grass area. Some of them adjoin field systems surrounded by stone and earth banks.

There were two stonechats in a rowan bush and sundew and butterwort in a ditch.

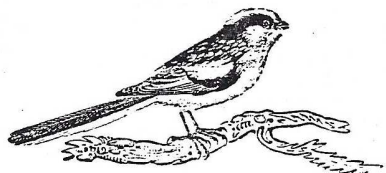
October 21st - Spotted two groups of whooper swans as we made our way to Invergarry. Drove along the wild and beautiful Glen Garry to Loch Hourm. Drovers used to swim their cattle across from Skye and drive them through Glen Garry to sell on the mainland. When my grandfather was here in 1926, he had to walk the last mile to Loch Hourm as the road was too steep and rough for the car.



October 24th - Home again. Looking back, I am surprised by the lack of birdlife on the freshwater lochs, at this time of year, and disappointed not to see a golden eagle or pine marten. Last year, a pine marten had a family in the roof of a barn on the farm at which we stayed. When bringing food to the young ones it walked up the wall, over the gutter and in through a vent in the ridge of the roof. From Lairg northwards blackbirds and magpies were conspicuous by their absence.

October 25th - Muntjak deer seem to have spread over most of this district now. A muntjak, with its fawn, has been seen on several occasions near the spinney by our farm road.

October 29th - It was nice to see a sizeable family of long-tailed tits making its way through our garden this afternoon.



BANBURY--OXFORD--ROMANIA LINK

(We are now in the process of having our papers approved or otherwise by the Charity Commissioners and are hoping to use the name Oxfordshire Relief Fund for Romanian Children).

The good news from Romania is that the first ever conference of child care workers and psychologists was held recently there, and there is a lot of interest in improving the situation within orphanages not only on a practical level but emotionally also. The 'casa' in Constanta is now being run on 'family group' lines, using trained staff as far as possible. I had been asked to speak to this conference and my particular stance - to try to find and involve the family of the children, and also to help them deal with their real feelings - did not go down as flatly as I had anticipated, given the hugely different expectations and social and economic states between our countries.

There is a real gap in child care knowledge there due to closure of most universities since 1977, and psychologists are desperate for up to date information, textbooks and journals. At the Institute for Education in Bucharest they want trained people from here to help them develop their training programmes for child care staff. My dream now is to see established there a Child Development Study Centre. Anyone interested, any donations of books, please get in touch.


My other mission whilst there was to spend some of our money to help the hospital where the AIDS babies are. We had been asked for a car to (a) help transport children and their families and (b) to carry the training equipment around for DR. Matusa's Anti-AIDS work. (I also added a clause that it should be used where possible, to help parents see children in the Casa). Thanks to help from a sympathetic Romanian, I had some amazing adventures buying a brand new estate car for £ 1,500 then delivering it to a most delighted Dr. Matusa (Lawyers fees took some more but were essential to get things correct). We also took her more video equipment including two AIDS prevention films. She told me we are the only group that has consistently kept their promises of help; though the 'angel' appeal is still there and the conditions remain improved.

The other news I came back with is the possibility that 15 girls will be able to have a holiday here next summer.

I also visited the Casa in Filiasi; conditions there are far worse and a properly thought out programme of help is needed; I shall be in touch with the main link-person and hopefully can help in sending out volunteers who are prepared for a hard time. But the children there were thrilled that James and Ollie remembered them, and to have their photos.

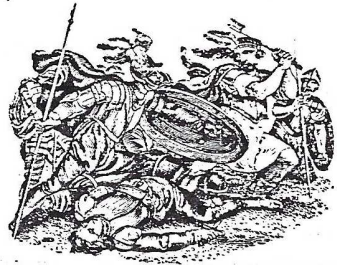
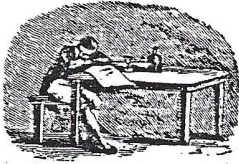
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One Door Closes and a 'Portcullis' Swings Open!

Having just bidden a tearful farewell to Sue, the Editor was sitting in his study head in hand - a beaker of hemlock before him, a loaded pistol at his side and a noose around his neck - when there was a clank of armour outside and the sound of spear striking his stout oak door.

There stood Ray 'Horatius' Henbrey in full centurian regalia. Quoth he "I will stand at thy right hand and will keep the Scene with thee".

So there we are; after Jenny, Vivienne & Sue a mere man has had the audacity to step into the high-heeled shoes of those who have served the Villages so well.

Thank you, Ray. We shall look forward to your new ideas with keen anticipation - Welcome.

Ray would like to hear from one or two additional typists who could help to lighten the load of our existing team by offering to type up a page or two of copy each month. An ability to read scribble would be useful, but not essential. If you would like to help, please phone Ray on Swa. 8265.

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Sibford Horticultural Society - 1992 Annual Show Schedule

The following extract from the just-finalized 1992 Schedule is published for those industrious folk who wish to keep their hands active during the long Winter evenings.

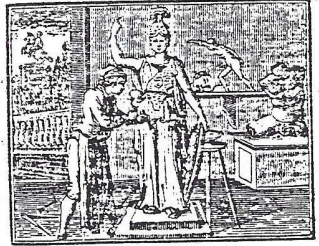
Section D - Country Crafts

- 17. A sewn garment
- 18. A piece of tapestry
- 19. A soft toy
- 20. A crocheted article
- 21. A hand-knitted article
- 22. An example of embroidery
- 23. A handicraft exhibit - Ladies
- 24. A handicraft exhibit - Gentlemen



FIR TREE CAROL

On Christmas Eve, till well past eight,
We searched and searched, but all too late;
So Mummy, always there on tap,
Spoke up and said she'd fill the gap.
Next day she climbed upon the stand,
With coloured balls tied on each hand;
Bright tinsel wound round arm and leg;
A fairy stuck up on her head.



She only seemed a trifle dazed
As lights and candles gaily blazed,
And, lest exhausted she should fall,
We wired her (safely) to the wall.
Bedecked with frills and painted green,
She was a glad sight to be seen.
To save her moving from the floor,
She'd cooked the lunch the night before.

She looked so festive and so sweet,
With presents piled about her feet;
And somehow, unlike other firs,
She bent a bit to look at hers.
All day she hardly made a sound,
But shone her presence all around.
We videoed the day's events,
So she could watch it, three months hence.

At nine, we shifted Auntie Nellie,
So the tree could see the telly;
Then father had a merry thought,
And offered it a glass of port.
Oh! How we laughed, and sang a song,
While Mother stood there, all night long;
And now the family all agree,
Mum's quite successful - as a tree.



THE RYALLS



SIBFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

NEWS and INFORMATION

The November meeting got off to a rousing start by singing 'Jerusalem' with their new pianist, Mrs Jean Puddle, at the piano. Mrs Conway chaired the meeting and various advance events were discussed.

A congratulatory card was signed by all for Mrs Judy Glover who had recently given birth to a baby, Rachel. Hopefully, mother and daughter will come to a future meeting.

The next meeting on December 10th was discussed. This will be a members' meeting at Mrs Conway's house at Shenington at 2 PM. It was suggested that all members should bring one small wrapped gift each, so that these might be mixed up and redistributed as Christmas presents. Mrs Cox and Mrs Bristow agreed to think up some small entertainment.

The speaker, Mrs Datsun spoke on 'Farming in the Nineties'. She prefaced this with an interesting account of how her family weathered the depression of the 'Thirties' and the war, and led on to give an informative description of pig farming today. She stressed the necessity of 'High Tech' methods in the prevailing market, but also the benefits of a benevolent and hygienic régime, to get the best results.

Mrs Datsun kindly judged a competition for the best fruit pie, and among many entries, Mrs Webb was judged to have made the best, followed by Mrs Hutchinson and Mrs Crabtree.

Mrs Mills and Mrs Grasby served teas.

Future date: January meeting - Jan. 14th. 2 PM. Village Hall
Topic: 'Sub-tropical plants'
Competition: A small Winter Arrangement.

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HOT NEWS! BANBURY GUARDIAN DEADLINE

The deadline for copy for items to go into the Village News section of the Guardian has been changed to 10 am on Tuesday morning. Therefore, would those wishing items to be included please get them to me by FRIDAY, if possible. Thank you.

Sheila Baseby, Park Farm House, Burdrop
(next to the church) Phone Swa 544

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* FOUND in a field - a woollen 'Clothkits' hat with *
* pink and turquoise stripes. Phone Swa 462 *
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HELPLINES

Knowledge is power, and those who feel powerless, in need or fear can be helped by knowing who to contact for support and advice. If you run a helpline, or have used one, please submit the details to Banbury & District CVS.

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| "Life" Pregnancy Counselling Service | Banbury 61257 |
| Banbury Family Centre | Banbury 66358 |
| The Katherine House Counselling Service | Banbury 272216 |
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Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School

Our 5th November bonfire and fireworks display was enjoyed by everyone who attended. We were lucky enough to attract more spectators this year, so we are expecting a substantial profit to go to our Sports Pavilion Fund.

The children in the Junior school have worked very hard at their "Tudors and Stuarts" topic this term and are still fired with plenty of enthusiasm at this late stage. They are off to visit Broughton Castle at the time of writing and will be given guided tours by Lord and Lady Saye and Sele themselves.

With Christmas looming we have lots of exciting events to look forward to. Our annual Bingo evening is taking place on Friday, 6th December. The School Carol Service will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Sibford Gower, on 12th December. Our Christmas Dinner is being served on 17th December and the Christmas Party follows two days later on the 19th. Our last day of term is on 20th December.

Autumn

*Twisting, turning leaves,
Conkers falling to the ground,
Berries on the trees.*

*Mummy making jam,
Fruit ripening on the trees
Berries red and round.*

James, aged 8.

The Friendship Club



TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER - in the Village Hall at 2.15 pm
Carols - Raffle - Tea

TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER - Christmas Lunch at the Sun Inn,
Hook Norton. Bus starts at 11.30 am. Price £6.00 E.C.U.

TUESDAY 7 JANUARY - Outing to Stratford-on-Avon to see
the lights, stopping at an inn on the way back.

Start at approx 4.30 - 5.00 pm

TUESDAY 21 JANUARY - Coffee Morning at Thurlston,
Sibford Gower. 10.30 - 12.30 Coffee, Biscuits, Stalls

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GOOD NEWS! GUIDES TO RE-OPEN AT HOOK NORTON

Guides are to start at Hook Norton in January 1992 on
Monday evenings at the Baptist Hall. Mrs Jenny Bruton will
be running the Unit. For further details please telephone
Vivienne Scouse on Swa 8320.

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GUIDE DOGS for the BLIND ASSOCIATION

THANK YOU to all those who so generously
supported the Coffee Morning on 6 November.
We raised a wonderful total of £327.43 on
behalf of the Association.




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Hook Norton C E C - Christmas Wine Tasting - School Hall
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The Friends' School.



George Fox.

The founder of the Quaker Movement

This month the school was visited by a 'Times Educational Supplement' journalist who was researching an article on Lap-Top computers. These small, portable computers are now used by many children throughout the school for their written work. The Lap-Top Initiative, is a pioneering development by the school and, as such is creating much interest.

Seventeen A'level Art students travelled to London to see a number of ethnic-art exhibitions at The Museum of Mankind. Year 10 G.C.S.E. Art students experienced their own first exhibition when their work was shown in a display on the Oliver Studio stage. The Studio was also the venue for an informative and entertaining Year 7 parents' evening, in late November.

Orchard Close classrooms were buzzing with a variety of activities on Friday, 15th November. The occasion was the beginning of preparations for the 'Friends of Sibford School' Fayre. Parents and friends spent the day with Orchard Close pupils, guiding them in the manufacture of items for the pupils' stall at the Fayre. The children produced truffles, ornaments, chocolate cake, badges, Christmas cards and tree decorations.

Bonfire night was a great success. We were lucky to be able to go ahead with the evening: many of you will remember the hostile weather conditions on that Saturday - they certainly made for a dramatic and memorable bonfire!

Finally, but most importantly, our warmest congratulations and best wishes to the following:

To Judy and Andy Glover on the birth of their daughter, Rachel.
To Rachel and Nick Excell on the birth of their son, James
To Julia and James Bond on the birth of their daughter, Anya.

Penelope Spring



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

There was a large congregation at the Remembrance Service. The Reverend Christopher Hall preached, appropriately, on the theme of peace - Christ's love unites former enemies, abolishing hostility - taking various examples to illustrate his theme.

I wondered, as I do every Remembrance Sunday, what the young people, particularly those in the uniformed organisations make of it all. Perhaps the same question occurs to them about us. So here's one person's answer.

In many Remembrance Services in times past there was often a strong implication that death in battle automatically turned sinners into saints and that everyone who died did so courageously. I found this unacceptable. While, of course, I believe firmly in God's forgiveness, I don't see it happening just because of death in battle! And I found myself then as I still do, praying especially for those who died in abject fear.

It will surprise many to know that I was not old enough to see active service in the second world war. However my father, of course, did and I remember a number of his friends, officers and soldiers at some time under his command whom I knew who lost their lives, as I remember men who served with me in Malaya and Northern Ireland who lost their lives in those conflicts. I pray that their loss and the loss of many not known personally to me may not have been in vain. But of course, even though Remembrance by definition involves looking back, my view of Remembrance Sunday is that it ought also to be a time of looking forward, looking forward to the time when peace reigns supreme. For this reason the theme of this year's sermon spoke, in that splendid Quaker phrase, to my condition.

Colin Frith



REMEMBRANCE

Should We Remember The War Dead Or Not?

In young people today the feeling is that Remembrance Service is out of date and not necessary to the young of today. The Service is for our parents and their parents to remember those who they lost in the Great Wars in 1914-18 and 1939-45.

But that is not so. Remembrance Service is to remember *all* war dead which now includes those who fell in battle on the Falkland Islands and also those who went down with HMS Coventry when many lives were lost and many who survived with countless injuries and those on the other ships that were sunk in that war. This only happened 9 years ago so why is remembrance not necessary any more? Not only that but what about all those people who die in Northern Ireland trying to protect the innocent people who are caught up in the trouble there. What about the handful of soldiers and airmen who died in the Gulf War, which only happened about 9 months ago?

Remembrance Service is a help to many who have lost people in war - to see all those people out there sharing in their grief must comfort them in some way.

From a Scouting point of view this church parade is one of the only services we expect all of our boys to attend as part of their duty to God, but we find boys who would prefer to do other things at this time; we still manage to put a good appearance on the day. The main reason I have found is that the Service is out of date and needs bringing up to date.

The Service can be a bore for the younger members because the form is so out of date. If the Service were brought up to date then you might see more young people returning to Remembrance Service.

Matthew Spicer



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
I hope you may be able to find room for this in the December Scene.

I was pleased to attend the Remembrance Sunday service in Sibford Church on 10th November. The turnout was very high and the parade of Guides and Scouts, Brownies and Cubs was most heartwarming. May I add my appreciation to the hardworking "Officers" and wish them well for the future. Especial marks for the trumpeter who did such a splendid job.

The occasion was sadder for me this year, as I have had the privilege of escorting Mr Fred Hall for some years. Fred died on 22nd September, at the glorious age of 96 years. As far as I know he was the last survivor of WW1 from the Sibford district. He had harrowing stories to tell of the horrors of the trenches, and the cruel loss of life, his own unit being decimated. But he remained cheerful and without rancour or resentment. He was like so many not very well rewarded for his sacrifice, but accepted his lot with equanimity. He remained completely independent and self-sufficient until his final mercifully brief illness. His last words to me were to enquire anxiously after my health. Vale - Fred.
SAA.



Alb Agnew

POPPIES WHITE AND POPPIES RED

I feel that I must take issue with John Endersby - ever so gently because I suppose that by extension I am taking issue with my many Quaker friends.

I yield to none in my respect for the Friends' search for peace, nor in my respect for the courage, moral and physical of those in wartime who bore insults and ostracism for daring to declare their conscientious objection to joining the Armed Services and others who served in Friends' Ambulance Units. And of course I cannot quarrel with the need to work for the relief of suffering and injustice throughout the world. So why am I complaining?

Some might think that they see an implicit suggestion in John's piece inserted in the November Scene that the Poppy Appeal is in some way jingoistic, even glorifying the wars that we may be thought to be remembering. I hope not, for it would be entirely wrong. It should be borne in mind that for a great many years Remembrance Day was held on November 11th, the anniversary of the armistice which ended the first world war - an anniversary of peace.

Such an anniversary was thought (and is still thought) to be a suitable occasion for remembering the debt which we owe to those who still suffer as a result of their service in wartime, hence the Poppy Appeal (incidentally what made John think that the - to me unambiguous - slogan 'Wear your poppy with pride' has been abandoned? It has been much in evidence!). By all means let us have an appeal for the relief of injustice and suffering; must it be at a such a time and in such a form that it appears to be in direct competition with another worthy and established cause?

Letter



to the Editor

Dear Editor

It would seem appropriate to raise the matter of the traffic hazard throughout the Sibfords and not forgetting Burdrop.

The problem at the approach roads from the 'Gate Hangs High', past the colony and into Burdrop, Sibford Ferris and Sibford Gower from the B4035 ensures too often that motor vehicles are driven at speeds far too fast for their control to meet the conditions prevailing within the villages.

Speed limits and other warnings appear to have little if any effect upon the erring drivers and for this reason I would raise the possible support from villagers for the installation of sleeping policemen. These could be placed strategically on all approach roads relieving us from the present hazards and possible future tragedies which threaten our village life.

I recognize that such impedimenta carries with it an annoyance factor but this surely is nothing compared with the dangers to children which are becoming a daily experience.

Yours sincerely

Ernest Jones.

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CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

Would you be able to care for an elderly person in your own home one day per week? The Social Services Elderly Services Team are planning to develop a Day Care Scheme whereby elderly persons are cared for in the carers own home. These would tend to be elderly frail people who are either living alone and suffering from loneliness, or who are living with relatives who need a regular break. A genuine interest in elderly people and their needs is essential. Realistic rates will be paid and continuing support will be offered.

If you are interested in this Scheme you could discuss it informally with Judith Weeks, who lives in the Ferris (tel 8393) and who could pass your interest on to the appropriate person, or you could telephone the Elderly Services Team (Rodney Kane) direct on Banbury 257676.

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WHAT IS A SENIOR CITIZEN?

What is a Senior Citizen? How do you define one? Is a Superannuitant necessarily a Senior Citizen, or is three score and ten the needed qualification?

A Senior Citizen is someone who was around before the pill and the population explosion. They were here before television, penicillin, antibiotics and microwave ovens. Before frozen food, nylon, radar, fluorescent lights, credit cards and ball point pens. For Senior Citizens, time sharing meant togetherness - not computers; hardware was hardware and software wasn't even a word. Women didn't wear trousers, and Senior Citizens were before pantyhose, drip dry clothes, dishwashers, clothes dryers, freezers and electric blankets. Before men had long hair and earrings. Back when bad meant awful.

Senior Citizens were before yoghurt, the forty hour week and the minimum wage. They got married before they lived together - how quaint can one be?

Closets were for clothes - not for coming out of, gay meant merry and aids were for assisting. Girls wore Peter Pan collars and thought that cleavage was something butchers did.

Senior Citizens were before pizza, McDonalds, instant coffee and decaffeinated anything. They thought that fast food was what you ate during Lent. They were before F.M. radio, compact discs, word processors and the post punk period.

Senior Citizens remember the days when cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was for mowing, pot was something you cooked in and Mary Jane was the girl next door. If you asked a Senior Citizen to explain DSW, CIA, UFO, ET, MOW, Ms and IUD, they'd say alphabet soup.

We must congratulate today's Senior Citizens. They are indeed a hardy bunch when you consider how the world has changed.

THE JOYS OF BEING EIGHTY

I have good news for you — the first eighty years are definitely the worst! The second, so far as my experience goes, is a succession of pardons. If you forget your neighbours name, forget to fill an appointment, or promise to be in two or three places at one time, spell words wrongly, you just need to explain that you are eighty years old. Everyone wants to carry your bags.

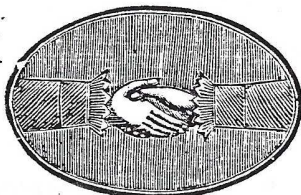
At eighty you can relax with no misgivings. You have a perfect alibi for everything, absolutely everything. No-one expects much of you. If you act silly, it's your second childhood! This is a great deal better than being seventy years old or even sixty-five. At that time you are expected to retire to a little house or home and become a discontented, fumbling, limping old has been. If you survive until you are eighty, everyone is surprised that you can still walk.

At seventy people are mad at you for everything. At eighty they understand and forgive. If you ask me, life begins at eighty! Remember too, old folk are worth a fortune — with silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs.

I have become a little older since last talking to you, and a few changes have taken place. Yes, I've become a frivolous old girl! I'm seeing five gentlemen a day. On awakening, WILL Power helps me to get out of bed. Then I pay a visit to JOHN. ARTHUR-Ritis arrives mid-morning. He doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so moves around and takes me from joint to joint. After such a busy day I'm really tired and ready to go to bed with VIC-Vapourrub. What an interesting life!

Oh yes — the preacher came the other day too. He said, at my age I should be thinking about the hereafter. I told him I do, all the time. No matter where I am. In the kitchen, upstairs in the bedroom or down in the garage — I ask myself, "Now just what am I here after?"

Author Unknown



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 village.

Welcome to:

----- Jeffrey and Ann Bastoky, who have moved into 7 Barley Close with their 5 year old son Natan. For the last 4½ years they have lived in Tokyo, but originate from Texas. Jeffrey is a physician at the Airforce base at Upper Heyford.

----- David Randall, who has moved from Hook Norton into 1 Cross Roads Cottages, Sibford Gower. David is a landscape gardener.

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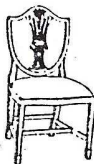


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Leo Club



Members from Leo had an enjoyable evening at the home of Vivienne Scouse on 19th November, when Glennis Hutchinson showed two videos of her recent trip to Australia. It was a terrible night weatherwise and we were transported to white sandy beaches, blue sea and the Barrrier Reef. Of course we all want to go now! Many many thanks to Glennis. December Leo will be held on Tuesday December 17th at the home of Mary Bristow. Please bring a few mince pies with you. If you have a Christmas reading or thought to share, please bring that along too.

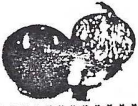
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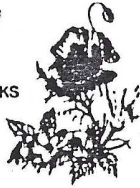
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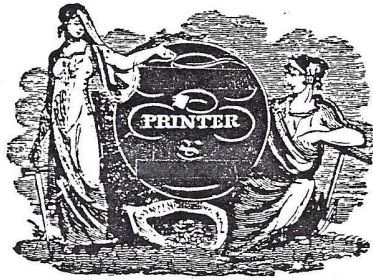
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Sibford Village Hall

Many thanks to everyone who came along and helped or supported the evening with the Winderton Singers. It was a very enjoyable and successful evening.

Many apologies to those who had an abortive visit to the Hall on 11 November for the M & S sale. Unfortunately the lady running the sale had the following week in her diary. The sale did go ahead on 18 November and many thanks to those who supported us for a second time.

A DATE FOR YOUR 1992 DIARY - 27/28 June is to be an 'Open Weekend' in the Sibfords. Please keep this date free. More details in the New Year.

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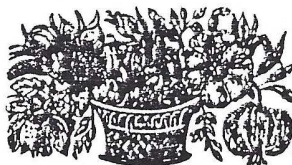
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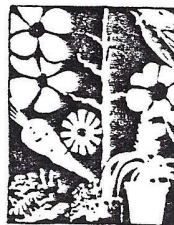
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Sibford Horticultural Society

Those who forwent the plethora of soccer on TV to attend the November meeting were well rewarded by Mr Burras's slides of variegated foliage plants and his explanations of how the different types of variegation arise. The evening concluded with coffee & scrumptious home-made biscuits - a great antidote to the wintery 3°C outside.



The 11 December Christmas meeting will start with Mr Bryce's annual dual-projector slide show, this year on 'Wonderful Wales'. This will be followed by the judging of entries for the two Christmas Competitions, for a door decoration and for a sideboard arrangement; a prize will be awarded for each competition. Then the *piece-de-resistance* - free Christmas fare and mulled punch, served by members of the Committee. The evening will conclude with the prize drawing for the Raffle, the first prize being a large Hamper filled with Christmas goodies.

A table will again be available at the December meeting for members to sell crafts, gifts or any other items, with 20% of the proceeds going to Society funds. Sorry - all the Christmas cards at 5p each were snapped up at the November meeting - *you should have been there.*

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Sibford



Brownies

We have 25 very keen and enthusiastic Brownies in our Pack at the moment. We have spent most of this term rehearsing for our Concert, which was held on 21 November in the Village Hall. All the Brownies worked very hard indeed and it was a great success. A collection was taken and the Brownies chose to send the money to the Wigginton Wildfowl Sanctuary and to Mrs Tiggy Winkle's Hedgehog Hospital. Brownies finish for 1991 on 10 December and re-start for 1992 on 7 January.

We are going to the Pantomime at Chipping Norton on Friday 17 January to see Dick Whittington. We have a few spare seats; if interested please phone Vivienne on Swa. 8320. Finally, a big 'Thank you' to my helpers Isabel, Gail & Julia and to Catherine Seeds, who is doing some service with us as a Guide. I couldn't manage without them.

Vivienne Scouse



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Friday	3 & 17	January	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Wednesday	8 & 22	January	to Chippy	11.00am	1.00pm
Friday	31	January	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Wednesday	5	February	to Chippy	11.00am	1.00pm

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

11 March	(Wednesday)	Horti Society Meeting
8 April	(Wednesday)	Horti Society Meeting
10 May	(Sunday)	Rothmans National Village Cricket Comp. Sibford v Tiddington Full details later
13 May	(Wednesday)	Horti Society Meeting
23-25 May		Flower Festival Weekend
27-28 June		'Open Weekend' in the Sibfords
19 July	(Sunday)	National Gardens Scheme - local gardens open
22 August	(Saturday)	Horti Society Annual Show

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Sunday at 11.00 am

(19 January 3.30 pm United Service in Holy Trinity Church)

Roman Catholic Mass (Hook Norton)
(Brailes)

Sunday at 11.00 am

Sunday at 11.30 am

Baptist (Hook Norton)

Sunday at 10.30 am

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower

1 December 10.00 am Confirmation Service - Advent Sunday

8 " 10.00 am Holy Communion

15 " 10.00 am Holy Communion

20 " 7.00 pm Carol Service & Christingle

22 " 8.00 am Holy Communion

24 " 11.30 pm Midnight Mass of Christmas

25 " 11.15 am Christmas Morning Communion

29 " 10.00 am Service at Epwell

5 January 10.00 am Service at Tadmerton

12 " 10.00 am Holy Communion

19 " 10.00 am Family Service

19 " 3.30 pm United Service in Holy Trinity Church

26 " 8.00 am Holy Communion



WEEKLY EVENTS

Guides	Hook Norton	Monday	(see page 10)
Youth Club	Village Hall	Monday	7.00 - 9.00 pm
Senior Citizens Lunch	Primary School	Tuesday	
Mobile Shop		Tuesday	10.00am - 4.00pm
Brownies	Village Hall	Tuesday	5.15 - 6.45 pm
Folk Dancing	Village Hall	Tuesday	8.00 pm
Cricket	Friends School	Tuesday	8.00 pm
Badminton	Village Hall	Wednesday	8.00 pm
Mums & Toddlers	Orchard Close	Wednesday	10.30am - 12noon
Mobile Library	- see next section -		
Beavers	Village Hall	Friday	4.30 - 5.45 pm
Cub Scouts	Village Hall	Friday	6.00 pm
Scouts	Village Hall	Friday	following Cubs
Playgroup	Village Hall	Mon, Wed, Fri	9.00 am - 12 noon
Sibford Sports Club	Friends School	Mon - Sat	6.00 - 7.30 pm
		Sunday	10.00am - 12.30pm

CALENDAR for DECEMBER 1991

Tuesday	3rd	Friendship Club - Village Hall - Carols & Tea
Wednesday	4th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20 pm)
Friday	6th	Primary School - Annual BINGO Evening
Saturday	7th	Scout Paper Collection
Tuesday	10th	WI Meeting - Shenington - Christmas Presents
"	"	Swalcliffe Church Bazaar - Village Hall 2.30 pm
Wednesday	11th	Horti Meeting 'Wonderful Wales', Competitions, Raffle
Thursday	12th	School Carol Service - Holy Trinity Church
Tuesday	17th	Friendship Club - Christmas Lunch - Sun Inn, Hooky
"	"	Primary School - Christmas Dinner
"	"	LEO Club - Christmas Readings & Mince Pies
Wednesday	18th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20 pm)
Thursday	19th	Primary School - Christmas Party
Friday	20th	Primary School - Last Day of Term (Whoopee!!)

CALENDAR for JANUARY 1992

Saturday	4th	Scout Paper Collection
Tuesday	7th	Friendship Club - Outing to Stratford
"	"	Sibford Ferris P C Meeting - Friends School Library
Tuesday	14th	WI Meeting - Village Hall - 'Sub-Tropical Plants'
Wednesday	15th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20 pm)
Tuesday	21st	Friendship Club - Coffee Morning at Thurleston, S.Gower
"	"	LEO Club - a 'bring-and-eat' dinner - details in Dec.
Wednesday	29th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20 pm)