

SIBFORD SCENE

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'FORTHCOMING EVENTS'

Monty's Idea Takes Root and Grows

It's been a long time a'coming! No, not the upturn in the economy but Norman Nash's retirement.

At last it's arrived! Yes, Norman has exchanged his dark pinstripe suit, silk shirt, bowler hat and umbrella for duffel coat, green wellies and Paddy hat!

After but a few weeks of lazing, reading, gardening, boating and washing up, Norman is now ready to redeploy himself into useful work for our community - as expounded in his Letter to the Editor on page 5.

A great scheme to run alongside the 'Forthcoming Events' section previously suggested by Monty Pearlman and which now appears regularly in the Scene - see page 23.

It is hoped that local organisations will contact Norman as soon as possible and will, thereafter, keep him posted with the proposed dates for their events and check with him in order to avoid clashing with other similar local events.

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GOOD NEWS

Our Post Office will be restored to daily opening in February - see Letter to the Editor on page 5.

WELCOME to our new Postmistress - Joan Peck.

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— — THE VILLAGE QUIZ — —

That much appreciated 'Sibford Night Out' of fierce competition will now take place on Thursday 23 April.

Further details in next month's Sibford Scene.

SIBFORD



GOWER

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Well, the festive passed by at what seemed like the speed of light and no sooner had the last New Year party popper popped than we were all back in our classrooms.

One of the most popular presents of all time given to various grandmas, grandads, friends and other relations must have been the school tea-towel. For those of you unfortunate enough not to have laid eyes on one of these, let me explain that every child in the school drew themselves on paper and these were then printed on tea-towels. The result was a delight.

The children are already working hard on their new topic books, with 'Leisure' being the theme for the junior children, and 'Ourselves' for the infants. All sorts of interesting events and visits are planned for the term, but one or two of these are too secret to tell you about at the moment. All will be revealed in a later issue!

One or two dates to put in your diary :

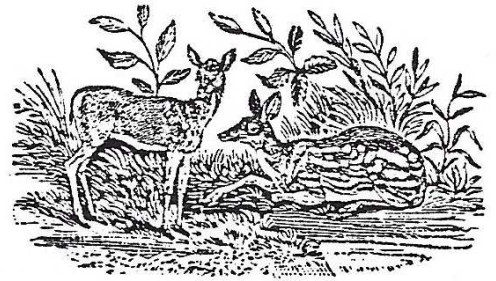
January 29th -

February 5th, 2.00 - 3.15 p.m. BOOK WEEK:

February 19th - CAKE DAY which will involve a demonstration by Gill Judd and also a cake sale. There is to be a Generation Game on the same day, but more of that later.



Nature Notes



NOV 30th. It is nice to see birds that we got to know last year visiting our bird table again. Today the Greenfinch with a tuft of feathers on it's back, and a few days ago the Starling with some white tail feathers, which I have also seen at other places in the village.

DEC 6th. This afternoon I counted over forty Collared Doves on a barn roof and considered how many more were feeding inside.

DEC 12th. The temperature fell to 12°f here last night, which is exceptionally low for December, and with still air it was doubtless lower still in the hollows.

DEC 23rd. Sometimes during the winter Waxwings visit this country in considerable numbers but I have never been lucky enough to see one. We have just heard that in November, thirty were seen feeding on Cotoneaster berries at the farm on which we stayed in Scotland. Some have also been seen in East Anglia so we must be on the look-out for them. I am told that when feeding, they are quite tame.

JAN 1st. 1991 has been the third successive year with well below average rainfall. I measured only 18.41 inches, but for farmers and gardeners it fell at the right times. Jan(5.2") April(2.04") and July(2.97") were the wettest months and August (0.25") and Dec(0.26") the driest.

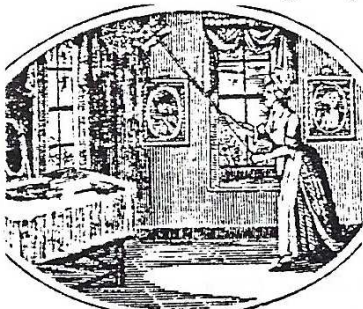
JAN 17th. On two nights recently we have heard a Muntjac barking near or in our garden. If it stay's around it may become a nuisance, as I have been told they have a taste for Roses and Pansies.

Sibford Cricket

The Sibford Cricket Club Annual General Meeting will be held on 2 March at 7.30 pm at the Friends School.

All players and new members are welcome to attend.

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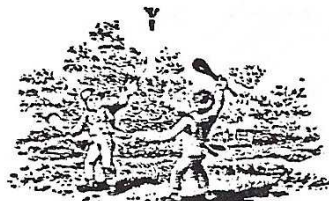
WANTED - Housekeeper for one day a fortnight, to vacuum, dust, clean etc. Must be responsible & not require transport. Phone 8337 after 7 pm. Deb Fingles, Newstone, Main St, Sibford Ferris.

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- THE STAGS HEAD GOLF SOCIETY -

Would you like to play golf with a friendly society? We play once a month, May - September. Phone Keith (232) for details.

Youth Club



1991 was a very successful year for Sibford Youth Club. Each Monday, the children (8-16) enjoyed a number of activities including pool, table tennis, indoor hockey, music etc. During the better weather, trips were arranged to various places of interest. These included the theatre at Spiceball and organised outdoor activities such as inter-youth club sports matches, orienteering, etc. The last meeting of the year ended with a disco at the Village Hall.

Grateful thanks must go to David Baker, the Youth Club leader. Without him, most of this would not be possible. He supervises the children at every meeting and he would be very glad to hear from anyone who would be willing to assist. Please ring him on 676 for further information.

The Youth Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 20 February at 7.45 p.m. in the Village Hall. Whether your children are members or not at present, please come along and give your support.

Perhaps I could use this space to thank everyone who helped with YC fund raising last year, like our sponsored walk and the autumn jumble sale.

Christine Summerell, Youth Club Secretary

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Letters



to the Editor

Dear Barry

Following the recent suggestions in the Sibford Scene, I am prepared to attempt to keep a three year calendar of major events in the four villages - The Sibfords, Epwell, Swalcliffe and Tadmarton. These would probably cover:

Village Hall events
Scouts/Guides events
Horti Society events
Political Party events

Church events, incl. Bazaars/Fetes
School events (incl. The Warrener)
National Garden Scheme open days
Other Charitable events

There may be others and suggestions would be appreciated.

If organisers of the major events would like to contact me, I will keep a log of dates and opening times and publish it from time to time.

Yours sincerely
Norman Nash

The Red House, Burdrop
(Phone: 275)

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Dear Editor

With our impending purchase of 'GREENS', your local Convenience Store & Post Office, my wife and I would like to introduce ourselves to the villagers of Sibford Ferris, Sibford Gower and Burdrop.

My wife (Joan) has been working as a Post Office clerk for the past 6 years, serving members of the Banbury public.

My (Reg) own past experience is represented by 28 years in the Service Industry, commencing as accounts clerk with Hunt Edmunds - past Brewers of Banbury - in their hotel division. No doubt some of your readers will remember the name and the brew. This hotel division then became Crest Hotels Ltd which was eventually sold to Forte PLC.

We are at present living at Milcombe where we have been for the last ten years.

We hope that the services we will be able to offer to all villagers will be up to the standards set by Mr & Mrs Dyer.

To close this brief introduction, we look forward to seeing all residents in our new surroundings as from Saturday 1st February 1992.

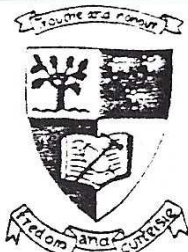
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The Friends' School

Fortunately for all, the end of the Christmas Term was not a repeat of the dramatic snowbound conclusion of a year ago.

On the contrary, the final event of Term - the school's Carol Service - was able to take place this year, and proved to be a most moving and memorable occasion for all who were there. Pupils of all ages took part in many ways, singing, reading, playing instruments, and every seat in the packed Hall was taken. No less than three choral groups contributed to the music, under the direction of Mark Paine, involving the large school choir, the Choral Society, and all of Orchard Close, who rose magnificently to the occasion.

The school's musical life this term will be enhanced by two major events. Following the gift to the school of a splendid Yamaha concert grand piano, the first major recital will be given on March 7th by the outstanding French pianist, Bernard d'Ascoli. At the end of term, we will welcome to Sibford choirs from the seven other Friends' Schools in England, in preparation for a joint performance of Handel's "Israel in Egypt" in Coventry Cathedral on 4th April. We look forward to welcoming friends from the village to one, if not both, of these special events.

Pupils will be involved in many activities during this term, ranging from Theatre visits to tractor driving courses, from Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expeditions to sporting fixtures to running a mini-restaurant. The term will be further enhanced by the annual Book Week in early February, and the heats and final of the Banbury Young Musician of the Year Competition in March.

Perhaps there is something in the water after all? Following the announcement in the last "Sibford Scene" of the arrival of three babies to members of staff or their wives, we are delighted to add further good wishes to Maggie and Chris Guy on the birth of Philippa on New Year's Day. "Scene" readers will be happy to share the news that at the time of writing, no less than four more arrivals are expected in the next six months.

All this makes a pleasant start to 1992, the school's 150th Anniversary year. The programme of events to mark this milestone begins on 29th March with a special Meeting of Worship in the Friends' Meeting House, and will continue through to the Autumn.

Finally, a warm welcome to our new student-in-residence, Simon Rodda, from Radford College, Canberra. Having left the Australian summer behind, he has already witnessed his first snow. We hope he has a good year at Sibford.

CALENDAR

March Saturday 7th Piano Recital by Bernard d'Ascoli,
Friends' School Hall

Saturday 14th Banbury Young Musician of the Year Final,
Friends' School Hall

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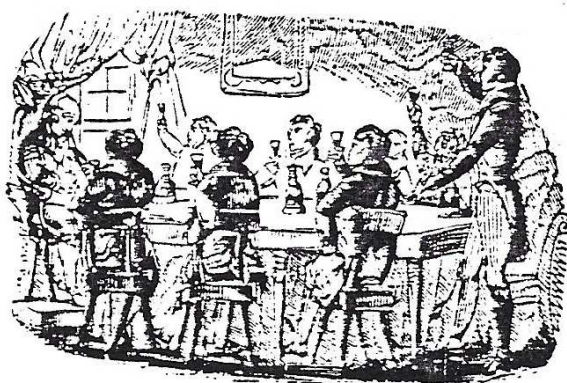
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

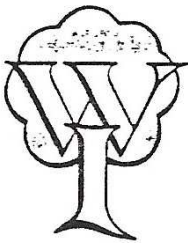
The A.G.M. of the Branch will take place on SATURDAY MARCH 7th. 1992 at 7.15 p.m. at the MANOR HOUSE, SIBFORD GOWER. All supporters are welcome, whether members or not, especially in view of the imminent General Election. Drinks will be available.

The meeting will be followed at 8.15 p.m. by our ANNUAL DINNER for those who would like to stay on. The after-dinner speaker will be ALAN DUNCAN who is the prospective candidate for the safe Tory seat of Rutland and Melton. He is also (with other similar prospective candidates) the publisher of a manifesto entitled 'Bearing the Standard' - a pamphlet which recommends a number of proposals and measures from the viewpoint of the younger 'up-and-coming' Tories.

The tickets for the dinner will be £17.50p each and a bar will be available. Full details of the menu will be circulated shortly to all members. Non-members may enquire to Swalcliffe 8162 (Tony Pearlman) or to 544 (Peter Baseby).

It is emphasised that attendance at the A.G.M. itself places no-one under any obligation to stay on for the Dinner. It is hoped however that as many as possible will do so since this is our annual 'get-together' - not a fund-raiser.





SIBFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

NEWS and INFORMATION

In December a Members' meeting was held at Mrs Conway's house. This was a very pleasant social occasion where members exchanged reminiscences of times past and played games. After tea, prepared by the members, Christmas presents were exchanged and a small presentation was made to Mrs Conway in appreciation of her work as President and for offering the use of her lovely house for the afternoon.

January Meeting.

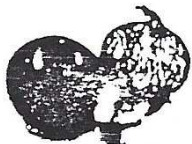
After a short business meeting presided over by our President, Mrs Conway, Mr Boden from Upton House showed slides of tropical plants, nearly all of which were grown by him when he was at St. Michael's Mount in Cornwall. In the Vote of Thanks given by Miss Keyser she said how very much the members had enjoyed his talk on such a dull afternoon.

The next Meeting will be held at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall on 11th February when Mrs Hutchinson will show slides of Part 2 of her holiday in Australia featuring Newcastle, Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef. There will be a competition for a jar of home-made jelly.

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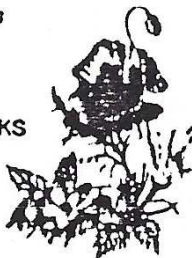
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It has come!! Our hard-working treasurer has received the familiar letter from our Bank Manager starting with the knee-wobbling sentence "Dear Sir, I should be grateful if you would come to see me at your convenience" - always a bad sign! So we must help him in his ordeal. Those fearsome bastions of the British army - the Staff Serjeant and Instructors have a motto "Tell 'em wot you's going to learn 'em! Then learn em. Then tell 'em wot you's learned 'em". It never fails. So here's 'wot you's going to be learned"!

In other words a warning order! Brown Envelopes! - remember them? They were so successful last year that it would be foolish not to repeat the procedure. Next month, together with full instructions, you will receive in your Scene a brown envelope. All you are asked to do is to donate £2 per household (or £1 for a single occupant) towards the annual cost of the Scene - now running at approximately £750 per year. Last year the Editor forgot to add in VAT to his budget calculations! There will be a list of readily available letter boxes where your donations can be left in next month's Scene.

Look out for Next Month's Special Feature "THE BROWN ENVELOPES ARE COMING". In the Next Scene - "You's will be learned propper"!

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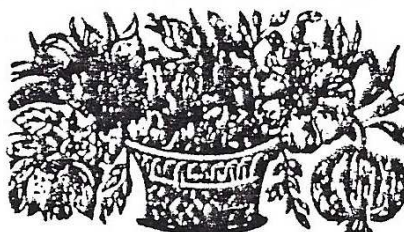
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The Friendship Club



TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY - in the Village Hall at 2.00 pm

Talk on 'Old Sibfords' by Mr & Mrs E Payne

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Tea - Raffle - All Welcome

TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY - Pub Lunch - Details on 4 February

TUESDAY 3 MARCH - in the Village Hall at 2.00 pm

Talk on 'Photography' by Mrs Pearlman

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THANK YOU

On behalf of my Father may I thank everyone who gave so generously to the Katherine House Hospice at my Mother's lovely Thanksgiving Service - £700 has been given to the Hospice.

Jane Holliday

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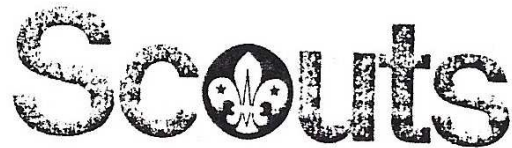
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SIBFORD SCOUTS 1931

The first Sibford Scout Group was formed outside the Village School one lunch time by a lad named Bernard Farmer of Epwell who asked if there were any of the boys interested in the Scout Movement. The answer was "yes" so Bernard contacted Sir Jeffery Fiennes of Broughton Castle. He, being District Commissioner came and started a new Troop of two patrols, the Otters and the Hawks. Like the present Group meetings were held on a Friday in the Old Village Hall.

A number of the boys are still about today, Harry Sabin, John Gadd, Fred Bishop, Arthur Bishop, Frank Woolgrove, Eric Payne, Maurice Kaye, Jack Stephens and Edward Haynes.

The Group closed in 1937 but re-opened in 1941 under the leadership of Mrs Campbell of Buttslade House assisted by Mabel Poulton. To our astonishment we were pounced on by boys from London who had been evacuated into the area for the duration of the war. This took our membership to over 40. They were certainly a great help because they had a lot of knowledge of the Scout Movement.

In 1943 Mrs Campbell moved with her Naval Officer husband and sons down south. Again Lord Saye and Sele was brought in with a new Scout Leader - Eric Payne. With his wife Mabel assisting, they carried on with more than 40 boys until 1946.

Captain Clarke, with his wife then worked with boys, but the membership had diminished from the large numbers seen during the war to around 22. The London boys had returned home to the city.

Captain Clarke was forced to give up his Scouting activities because of illness.

In 1956 the Reverend John Blackmore accepted the Church living of Sibford and Epwell. He kindly offered to start another Group under the name of Holy Trinity Church Group, and carried on until the early '60's when it closed.

A link with the early days of Scouting in the Sibfords, is the Scout badge on the top of the Scout flag that is carried on parades and is used as part of the Scout investiture ceremony. It is the same one that was obtained by the boys in the period of 1942 - 1946.

Good Luck to the present Group . Eric Payne - Founder Member.

SIXTY YEARS OF SCOUTING IN SIBFORD

SCOOP!!

"There's a story breaking in the Ferris! A big story!" said the Editor to our Roving Reporter. "John Simpson is not available, the BBC won't release him, so you're on your own. "Get over there! Gain access somehow and I want a full report on my desk Monday or you're fired".

So - clad in an 'Aussie' Bush hat (with the corks cut off, of course) and wearing a pair of 'Desert Rat' Khaki shorts our roving reporter presented himself at 7 pm on November 30th 1991 at the doors of Sibford School. Unfortunately the Scout on the door rumbled his disguise and he was refused entry. What had he done wrong?

Remembering his youthful training always to 'Be prepared' he had Plan 'B' at his finger tips and immediately used the magic password "Keith Hicks invited me". It worked like a dream and before you could say "Baden Powell knew my Father" our Roving Reporter was whisked inside and welcomed by James Wimbush with a full ration of red wine - always a good sign of a 'whoopie party' in the making.

And so it proved to be. Scouts are the same the world over - friends - and this was indeed a happy gathering of friends come together to celebrate 60 years of Scouting in Sibford. Scouts of all ages were present from the youngest Beaver, Richard Harris, to the not quite so youthful Eric Payne - a founder member of the Sibford Group. Others from Yorkshire, Kent and all stations North, South, East and West had made the journey of pilgrimage to greet friends and chat about Scouting in Sibford these last 60 years.

The 'Hum and Buzz' were so loud that the announcement regarding the imminent commencement of the concert was barely audible.

A merry throng filed into the adjoining theatre where "Harry Hudson", in the guise of Timothy Wimbush was tinkling away at the piano using all the notes and both hands.

The lights were dimmed, up went the curtain and the audience - and the performers - were whisked back in time to much-loved Gang Shows of yesteryear. That the ghost of Ralph Reader was floating somewhere nearby was certain. The old routines, the well-worn songs and even the jokes whose re-telling lost none of their humour, were all present, many updated to suit the Nineties. An hour and a half of sheer

delight, and how well the cast performed - smashing! It was all over too quickly. While the audience was still humming the tunes, there before them - enter left - stood Group Scout Leader Keith Hicks to thank everybody and to explain in detail the reasons for the celebrations.

Many present were reminded of their own investiture when NICHOLAS SMITH, GEORGE ROGERS and TOM GROOM, three new members were invested by Mike Bowden, the Scout Leader.

Then came the turn of Paul Jacques, the County Commissioner, to show how proud he was of the Sibford Scouts and to say many praiseworthy things about past and present members and leaders. The show ended with the presentation of the Chief Scout's Commendation to Erica Wimbush for her services to Scouting. Deafening applause.

All that in itself would have made the evening memorable but more was to follow in the shape of a super Buffet Supper with more wine, a fantastic and enormous cake baked by Gill Judd and reverently cut by Eric Payne, Harry Sabin and Ted Haynes, and more - much more. Chatter of "I remember..." and "You're too young to recall but..." - oh, how those 'woggles' woggled!

Not a Trade Unionist was in sight but my, the feeling of Brotherhood and Belonging was immense. It was that feeling of a cherished honour at being present and observing something very special that our Roving Reporter carried with him to the News Gathering Computer Room of the Sibford Scene. Does anyone want to buy a bush hat and khaki shorts? Going cheap!

TWO SIBFORD SCOUTS GAIN HIGHEST AWARD

Christian Akers and Lewis Soden were numbered amongst 50 Scouts from all over the County when they received the Chief Scout's Award at Bodicote House in November.

Each year a different Scout District hosts the County event and 1991 was the turn of Banbury. 1st the Sibford Scouts were well in evidence, not only receiving awards but helping to organise the event and the extensive catering for more than 250 people.

The Chief Scout's Award is the highest award a Scout can gain before going on the Venture Scouts.

SIBFORD SCOUTS 1981

In 1981, Richard Austing and Erica Wimbush got together to re-start a Cub Pack in Sibford Gower. Nine boys, Gideon Hedley, Guy Robbins, Simon Tustain, Matthew Spicer, Alex Marcovitch, James Marcovitch, Scott Conway, Ross James and Matthew Simms formed the basis of the new Pack. Cheryl James joined as ACSL. Elaine Hutchinson and Dawn Wealsby became instructors.

Their enthusiasm and energy set firm foundations for the future Group. The Group Executive Committee was formed in 1983 under the Chairmanship of Alan Chater. Numerous committee members have worked hard over the years to provide a secure financial base for training activities. From the very beginning, the Pack was always keen to support District and County events and twenty three Sibford Cubs went on the District Cub Outing to Chester in 1982.

Within five years a Scout Troop of eleven boys was formed under the leadership of Mike Bowden. Two of the original Cubs, Guy Robbins and Gideon Hedley led the two patrols. In June Roger Jackson joined the Troop as ASL.

In 1988 a Beaver Colony was added to the Training sections with Robin Spicer as Brown Beaver. This was followed in 1990 when Colin Akers agreed to lead the new Venture Scout Unit.

SIBFORD SCOUTS 1991

The Group now has more than seventy members including nine warranted leaders. The wide age range makes it important for the four sections to get together as often as possible during the course of a year. Family camps and the yearly Group camp fire are very popular. Scouts have helped at Cub Camp and regular family evenings involving parents and friends all help to achieve a sense of "Group" identity.

Scouting at all levels means commitment; from the leaders in training and keeping abreast with new developments; from the boys in giving of their 'best' at all times; and from parents in encouragement and providing the resources for the leaders to carry out the training programme. In every respect 1st the Sibfords has this commitment and looks forward to an exciting and prosperous future.

Keith Hicks - Group Scout Leader.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Sixth Form at Sibford School, in conjunction with the Social Services Department, are planning to set up a Luncheon Scheme for frail elderly people who are being maintained in their own homes, but need some day care input. This is an exciting new initiative that will form part of the Community Care Plan, which aims to keep elderly people living in the community for as long as possible.

The School will provide input, but they will need some adult volunteers. Tasks involved will be - helping with transport, assistance in the serving of meals, help with social activities (which will take place after the meal), and taking meals out to those who are not able to come. Obviously we shall need a greater input from volunteers during school holidays. It is planned that the Luncheon Scheme will take place on a Wednesday.

Obviously the more volunteers we have, the less work there will be for individuals! It is hoped that both male and female volunteers will be recruited.

A Meeting to discuss the Scheme will be held at the School on 14.2.92. at 7.p.m. and anyone who is interested is warmly invited to attend.

If you are interested in the Scheme but are unable to attend, would you please telephone either Gill Manthorpe at the school (441) or Judith Weeks at the Social Services Department (Banbury 257676) so that you can be informed of developments.



● Sibford Scout leader Mr Richard Austing is pictured with his helpers Elaine Hutchinson, Erica Wimbush and Cheryl James and some of the boys who have joined the pack. 8/20/39

Cubs - Left to Right
Gideon Hedley, Guy Robbins, Simon Tustain, Matthew Spicer, Alex Marcovitch.
James Marcovitch, Scott Conway, Ross James, Matthew Simms.

VIENNESE MUSICAL EVENING

It was obvious that those who attended the Viennese Musical Evening on 23rd November enjoyed themselves, because they could still be heard humming the strains of Mozart, Strauss, Novello, Lehar and Lehrer in mid-December.

The Entertainment, performed by the Banbury Operatic Society, accompanied by Phillip Shaw, was a delight. We all enjoyed the songs, the beautiful costumes and the audience participation, although our German needs a little brushing up!

The venue was the Manor House, Sibford Gower, by kind permission of Katherine & Michael Edwards. Refreshments began with a welcoming glass of Gluhwein to keep out the cold of a late November night, followed later by traditional Viennese dishes.

A Grand Raffle and good company added to the excitement of the evening. The event was organised by The Sibfords and Epwell Branch, North Oxfordshire Conservative Association.

Many thanks to all those who helped to make the evening a success.

V.M.B.

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Playgroup

The village Playgroup is held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9.00 a.m. until 12 noon in the Village Hall. Fiona Smith runs the group and is a fully qualified Nursery/Infant teacher with many years experience in this field. Sarah Foulds is the new assistant and has just completed a City & Guilds childcare course. She is also a registered childminder. We are fortunate to have such highly qualified ladies involved in a small village playgroup.

Children are welcome to join the group any time after they are two and a half years old as long as they are out of nappies. It is a warm, happy, friendly environment, with plenty of fun and lots of stimulating activities. The group is affiliated to the P.P.A. and has links with the school. It is an ideal opportunity for children to get to know the children they will eventually go to school with and to get used to socializing and co-operating with peers.

On February 14th from 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. there will be an open session, so that interested mums can bring their children aged over 18 months to have a look at what goes on. Please feel free to come for just a few minutes, or for the whole session.

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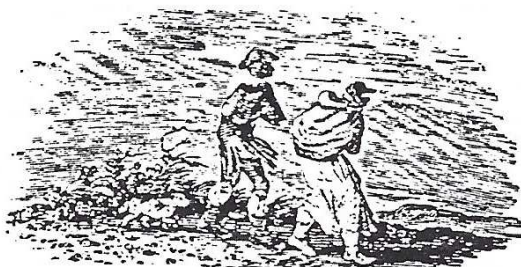
At the January meeting of the Council the Parish Precept for the year 1992/93 was discussed. This was eventually set at £1595.

The Council are disappointed that the speed restriction signs are still not in place and that we are still waiting for the road verges to be attended to in Main Street. Both these matters are being followed up.

The first snow of the winter and recent correspondence from the Banbury Coldwatch Scheme is a reminder that we should be aware of the needs of our elderly neighbours. Please remember that we have our own scheme and if anyone is in difficulty or know of a neighbour in need of help then please contact John Simms (655) or Paul Clipson (482) and necessary action will be taken.

AN EARLY REMINDER OF THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - TUESDAY 28th APRIL - PLEASE BOOK IT IN YOUR DIARIES NOW.

In the meantime the date of the next ordinary Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 3rd March. Everybody is very welcome to attend.



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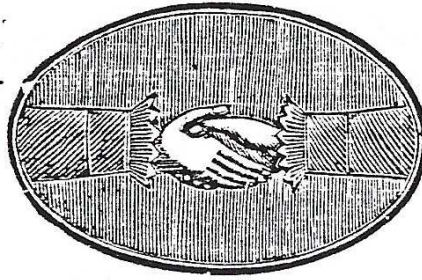
CLERK to the SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL
Sex Change!! Official!!

John Berry, after a number of years of excellent service to the Village, has hung up his Pen & Wig. Thank you John for all you have done.

Guess what? The cunning Chairman, Eric, has appointed John's wife, Petra, to carry on the position.

Welcome Petra - we look forward to regular reports of the Gower Council meetings in the Scene, to complement the excellent and informative pieces from Pat in the Ferris.

WELCOME
TO
SIBFORD



ALL
NEWCOMERS

If you have recently joined us and have not yet received a copy of the 'Welcome to Sibford' leaflet, please telephone Petra Berry on Swa. 462 (Gower or Burdrop) or Jane Holliday on Swa. 500 (Ferris) and a copy will be delivered to you. The information will help to make you feel at home - by acquainting you with the services, schools, churches, clubs and societies that are currently active in the villages.

This month we say "Welcome" to the following families:

Shane and Eion Flint with their 6½ year old son Richard have moved into Barn House, Sibford Ferris. Eion is a personnel director in Marlow. Shane has dogs and recently had a winner at Crufts. They both like playing badminton. Shane's parents, Mr & Mrs Stafford, have moved into Plum Cottage (behind the shop) to be near their daughter.

Deb and Doug Fingles with 2 year old Jennifer have moved into Newstone, Sibford Ferris. Doug is a maintenance officer at Upper Heyford and Deb is a nurse. Their previous home was in the USA - they are looking forward to living in England. They enjoy gardening and playing golf.

Ruth and John Mills. For the past 15 months their home has been a caravan in the garden of Glebe Farm, Sibford Gower, while they have been busy converting the barn. They hope to be moving in by the end of February. John is retired and they are both looking forward to starting on the garden in the summer.

Keith and Pat Sherratt have moved into 1, Barley Close, Sibford Gower with their children Andrew 11, Kathryn 9 and Martin who is 7. They have already settled well into our Primary School.

Also living with them is Pat's mother Mrs Sims. Keith is a teacher at Drayton School.

Verity and Michael Stanley have moved into Brayes Close (formerly Lenamarran), Burdrop, Sibford Gower with 5 year old Eleanor and 2 year old Christopher.

They were delighted to come across the original name of the house in some very old deeds.

Verity still serves on the Swalcliffe Parish Council.

Michael has his own business in Banbury as a patent agent.

LEO
CLUB



Ladies
Evening
Out

The January meeting of LEO was well supported and we had a very nice evening sampling from the many different dishes provided by all the members. Plans were also made for the next few months.

The next LEO meeting will be on Tuesday 18 February at 8 pm at the home of Mrs Greta Baadsgaard, Quince Cottage, Bonds End Lane, Sibford Gower. We shall be having a video of Local History. If any non-member would like to attend, will they kindly phone Greta (378) to let her know they are coming.

All members are reminded that there is
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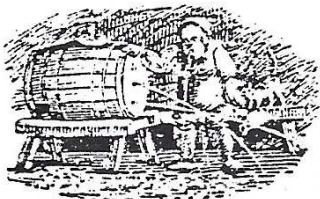
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OBITUARY - TERRIE MULLOY

Happiness, hope and sadness were the feelings of ourselves, and many others, as we attended Terrie Mulloy's funeral at Brailes Catholic Church on Friday 17 January. Happiness at the memories each of us had of those times and moments we had shared with Terrie over his life. Hope stemming from the faith he had, and his family have, in that death does not mark an end but a beginning of a new and richer life, and sadness which is the right, and need, of bereavement for everyone.

It is with these same feelings that we look back on Terrie's life beginning as it did on 13 August 1919 at Newcastle-on-Tyne. His father was in the army and was posted to Cairo, so Terrie was educated there at the English School. On returning to England in his teens, Terrie attended the Royal College of Music where he played the clarinet.

On leaving the college Terrie joined the 12th Lancers, was commissioned at Sandhurst and sent out to the Middle East to fight with the 4th Royal Tanks of Desert Rat fame. He was wounded and captured by the Italians at Tobruk in 1942, and later - until his release in 1945 - was transferred to a German POW camp. He was able to retain his sanity by playing the clarinet in the camps' orchestras and bands.

Terrie left the army in 1947 and it was about this time that he met Mary. Their thoughts turned to South Africa and Terrie decided on asbestos mining (it was this that was to be the cause of his death nearly 45 yrs later). It was there that they married in 1949, returning to the UK in 1950, to Stratford-on-Avon.

Terrie took up employment with the Sun Life of Canada, and maintained his army interests until 1973 by commanding a local TA squadron, the Queen's Own Warwickshire Yeomanry. In 1965 Terrie and Mary moved to Sibford Gower and in 1973 started their own insurance broking business, M. Molloy & Partners. Guy, one of their two sons has also been working in the business and will take over the gap left by his father.

During his time in the Gower, Terrie took a lively interest in local activities. For 15 years he was Chairman of the Sibfords Conservative Association but - for those who are not of the same ilk - this was counterbalanced by his other interests as village representative for Council for the Protection of Rural England, and when the British Legion was alive and well in Sibford, he was secretary of the local branch.

Terrie was a francophile and, some five years ago, bought a house near Dinard where he and Mary have spent as much time as work would permit.

We shall miss Terrie's gaiety, that infectious grin, the stories he never quite finished as we laughingly parted company. We wish that, amongst all the sadness, Mary and her sons will find happiness and hope at this time.

Ernest and Vera Jones

SIBFORD BUS SERVICES

1. SIBFORD GOWER TOWN ESTATES CHARITY

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			Depart	Return
Wednesday	5 & 19 February	to Chippy	11.00am	1.00pm
Friday	14 & 28 February	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Wednesday	4 March	to Chippy	11.00am	1.00pm

The pick-up points are:

to Banbury
Village Hall
Cross Roads
High Meadow

to Chippy
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High Meadow
Cross Roads
The Colony

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Brailes - Banbury - amendments - Monday, Wednesday, Friday ONLY

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Pick up at Sibford Gower..... 9.50am

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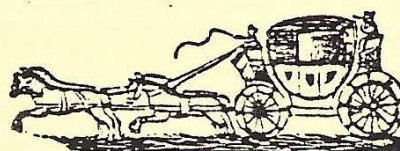
3. REGULAR BUS SERVICE - MIDLAND RED. 480 Sibford Gower - Banbury

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	9.05am	3.00pm
	12.00noon	5.30pm
	(11.55 Tuesday)	

Return from Banbury Bus	11.30am
Station	2.30pm
	5.05pm
	6.05pm

Forthcoming Events

11 March	Wednesday	Horti Meeting - Village Hall - House Plants
14 March	Saturday	Banbury Young Musician Final - Friends School
29 March	Sunday	Start of Friends School 150th Anniversary
4 April	Saturday	Friends Schools Choirs - Coventry Cathedral
8 April	Wednesday	Horti Society Meeting
23 April	Thursday	Village Quiz - Village Hall
28 April	Tuesday	Sibford Ferris Annual Parish 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
20 June	Saturday	Conservative 'Summer Event'
27-28 June		'Open Weekend' in the Sibfords
19 July	Sunday	National Gardens Scheme - local gardens open
22 August	Saturday	Horti Society Annual Show



CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends

Methodist

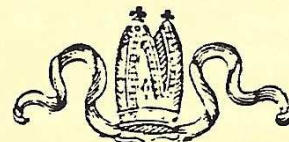
Roman Catholic Mass (Hook Norton)
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Baptist (Hook Norton)

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower

2 February	10.00 am	United Benefice Eucharist
9 "	10.00 am	Holy Communion
16 "	10.00 am	Family Service
23 "	8.00 am	Holy Communion

Sunday at 10.30 am
Sunday at 11.00 am
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Sunday at 10.30 am



WEEKLY EVENTS

Guides	Hook Norton	Monday	evening
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 FEBRUARY 1992

29 Jan - 5 Feb	Primary School Book Week (2.00 - 3.15)
Saturday 1st	Joan & Reg Peck start at Ferris Post Office/Shop
Saturday 1st	Scouts Newspaper/Magazine Collection
Tuesday 4th	Friendship Club - Village Hall - 'Old Sibfords'
Tuesday 11th	WI Meeting - Village Hall - Slides of Australia
Wednesday 12th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20 pm)
Friday 14th	Playgroup open session - Village Hall - 9.30-11.30 am
Friday 14th	Luncheon Scheme meeting - Friends School 7.00 pm
Friday 14th	Stags Head, Swalcliffe - Valentines Day Dinner 8.00 pm
Tuesday 18th	Friendship Club - Pub Lunch - details on 4th Feb
Tuesday 18th	LEO Club - Local History Video - Quince Cott, Gower
Wednesday 19th	Primary School Cake Day & Generation Game
Thursday 20th	Sibford Youth Club AGM - Village Hall 7.45 pm
Wednesday 26th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20 pm)
Saturday 29th	Romanian Children fund raiser, Hook Norton 12noon-3pm

CALENDAR for MARCH 1992 (partial)

Monday 2nd	Sibford Cricket Club AGM - Friends School 7.30 pm
Tuesday 3rd	Friendship Club - Village Hall - Photography
Tuesday 3rd	Sibford Ferris P C Meeting - Friends School Library
Saturday 7th	Scouts Newspaper/Magazine Collection
Saturday 7th	Conservative AGM & Dinner - Manor House, Gower 7.15 pm
Saturday 7th	d'Ascoli Piano Recital at Friends School Hall

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