

FLAMING JUNE - THE MONTH OF EXAMINATIONS!

During the next week or so many of our younger villagers will be sitting a series of very important examinations.

As we are a caring, Family Village, we all join in sending the candidates 'Best Wishes'.

We shall be thinking of you and wish you tempered confidence - a calm approach - an understanding of the questions - a little inspiration 'from above' - and an ability to squeeze every single mark available from the papers - GOOD LUCK!

SIBFORD GOWER METHODIST CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY

Our Anniversary Service will be held on Tuesday 9 June at 7.30pm.

The speaker will be the Rev. M J Skinner and the Chairman Trevor Wilde.

All are very welcome to join us.

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STAFF HOLS at the SIBFORD SCENE

The Staff at the Scene are closing down their giant printing presses in August and are off to Blackpool.

* * SO - PLEASE REMEMBER - NO PUBLICATION IN AUGUST * *

ALL copy & announcements for JULY & AUGUST by 20 June please for inclusion in July issue.

We will be back in time to publish the September issue, sun-burned and full of fish & chips.

WANTED - Thirty 'Kiss-Me-Quick' Hats on loan.

FIELDING DAY CENTRE NOW GOING STRONG

The Fielding Day Centre started on 29 April, when we welcomed five elderly visitors into the cozy common-room at Orchard Close, Sibford School.

After a delicious lunch, supplied by the School catering staff, visitors and helpers retired to the easy chairs and conversations soon blossomed. Tales of 'the old days' charmed us all, especially the students, who joined the conversations after tidying up the tables. One of our visitors entertained us at the piano, and then, before we knew it, it was time for tea, after which our visitors were escorted back to the cars & mini-bus for the return to their homes.

Since then there have been two more such gatherings. We now have nine visitors and enough helpers to allow once-a-month attendance during term-time. However, we would like to have a few more volunteer helpers for the summer holiday period, when we will lose most of the eight students who have been carrying out their chores (fetching meals & crockery, setting tables, serving lunches & tea, escorting visitors by mini-bus & car, etc) with a quiet but enthusiastic efficiency.

Our gatherings are on alternate Wednesdays, from 12.15pm to 3.00pm; the next dates are 3 & 17 June, etc. Why not come along one day at 2pm to see what goes on - or phone me on 8265 for more information.

Ray Henbrey (Chairman)

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"ICH DIEN" OF THE SIBFORD CITIZENS' CHARTER

The Fashion of the Month seems to be to incorporate a charter into one's activities thereby providing a "Feel Powerful Factor" if the "Feel Good" one is missing!

Not wishing to be omitted from such an excellent exercise in service, The Scene hastens to introduce a Charter of its very own. GAUDEAMUS IGITUR.

Following an impassioned plea from a fearsome but lovable citizen of Burdrop who finds the Gower too distant to travel (quote) "If you want copy for The Scene why do you actively discourage it?" NON SEQUITUR.

Arrangements have now been made for villagers from the Ferris to leave copy for the following month's Scene at Virginia Cottage where ever helpful Ray Henbrey has kindly agreed to act as a sub-collecting point. MIRABILE DICTU.

These submissions may then be collected by the Editor for editing prior to setting out the next edition of *The Scene* -collecting day 21st of each month.

One day it is hoped to introduce an Editor's Charter! FIAT JUSTITIA FUAT CAELUM.

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NATURE NOTES FROM OLD IRELAND



A Whale on the Pavement - Indoor Mushrooms - and Much More

April 24th. On the way to Holyhead we visited the National Trust gardens, at Bodnant and saw a splendid show Rhododendrons, Azaleas, Camellias as well as many interesting herbaceous plants growing on the steep, wooded banks of the river. There were, also, several specimens of the parasitic

Toothwort growing, unusually, on the roots of Laurel.

April 25th. Spent an interesting morning looking round my cousin's mushroom-growing enterprise near Dublin. They grow in compost filed plastic bags, in insulated plastic tunnel houses. After seeing the equipment needed to control the temperature, ventilation, humidity and carbon dioxide levels needed for each stage of growth in each house, it suprises me that they ever manage to grow at all in fields! Journeyed

across Ireland to the Burren, south of Galway Bay.

April 26th. Between showers we walked dry shod over limestone pavement and found a wide variety of plants including Rusty Harts Tongue and Maidenhair Ferns, Maidenhair Spleenwort, Dog Violets, Primroses, Madder, Juniper and Blackthorn growing in the crevices, which protect them from the winds. The gales must be tremendous at times because we came across the carcase of a Whale that had been washed about 200yds. inland across limestone pavement which the flora suggests is not often washed by the sea. It was about 19 yards long with its head at right angles to its body. I presume its neck was broken when it was thrown onto the rocks. Early Furple Orchids are very common here. It is noticable that the ones with spotted leaves are usually stronger plants with bigger flowers than the plain-leaved ones. One had a beautiful white bloom. We also found a Dense-Flowered Orchid in bloom. Saw over a hundred Golden Plover on the field opposite our cottage this evening.

April 28th. Visited the Cliffs of Moher in a gale that it was difficult to stand against. We could see Fulmars, Guillemots etc. on the ledges of these enormous cliffs and a few Puffins where there was a bigger ledge with soil to burrow in. This afternoon we walked up Glen Clab, a lovely valley with good grazing in the bottom and cliffs on either side. Saw three Ravens, one of which flew like a young one although it was almost full grown and a Sparrow Hawk glided across the valley. We found Mossy Saxifrage, Yellow Pimpernel and, in most places, Spring Gentian, Primroses, Dog Violets and

Bloody Crainsbill.

April 30th. A stoat ran along the garden wall this morning. While walking in Coole National Nature Reserve an Irish Hare ran down the track towards us. It looked very much like the Belgian Hares that are sometimes kept as pets. We have seen two Foxes since we came and they looked rather bigger than the English ones. (continued on next page)

May 1st. Climbed a mountain! Only 1,045 feet high, but we did start from sea level. A wonderful range of flowers; Sanicle, Wall Rue, Rue-leaved Saxifrage, Carline Thistle, Water Aven, Wood Sorrel, Bearberry and masses of Mountain Aven and Mountain Everlasting, both of which here grow down to sea level. The Wood Anemone, perhaps a relic of the time when the area was woodland, bloomed in sheltered spots right to the summit. Towards the top was the best area of limestone pavement we have seen, with huge smooth slabs. While having our lunch we watched the Gulls, Terns, Razorbill and some Great Nothern Divers feeding on the sea. This cottage like many others, is built next to an abandoned farmstead. Looking at the remains of the farm I envisaged the tough life that the family must have had. A shed contained the remains of a cart and, surprisingly, a small, horse-drawn mower, its a job to see where they could have used a mower in these rock covered fields. The Burren is grazed by a few suckler Cows and herds of wild Goats which help to control the Hazel scrub which, in some places, covers large areas. There are hardly any sheep. There are a few marshy fields that are covered with Marsh Marigold and Water Iris.

May 3rd. Back home again. Today we found Tway Blade and

Adders-tongue growing locally.





Letter to the Editor

Leasowe House Sibford Gower

Dear Barry

I was pleased to read that the Scene has received some further donations. Keeping us in touch with each other and with events is now so much part of village life that it is hard to imagine how we managed before Jenny Austing started the enterprise.

We are all very grateful for the hours given by you and your team in producing the paper, and for the efforts of the regular contributors. I particularly enjoyed last month's Nature Notes which gave a political context to the village and our environment.

Thank you everybody, and may the funds continue to flow.

Yours sincerely

Julia Gordon

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Horticultural Society

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On Wednesday 24 June members are invited to visit The Manor, Sibford Ferris, for a tour of the walled garden, conducted by Mrs Bovill, starting from the archway entrance at 7,00pm,

The Society's Annual Outing, which non-members are welcome to join, will be on Saturday 4 July, The 53-seater Grasby coach will start from the Gower crossroads at 9.00am, with pick-ups at the Village Hall, the Ferris school junction and Cotswold Close.

The first stop will be at the 30 acre Spetchley Gardens near Worcester: this includes rare trees, shrubs & plants and has a plant centre, selling plants produced in the Gardens, We can



have our picnic lunches in the grounds: tea/coffee will probably be available.

At 2,00pm the coach will depart for Stone House Cottage Gardens near Kidderminster, Access Gardens requires a short walk from the coach, These gardens are walled and include a plant-sale nursery specializing in wall shrubs and climbers.

At 4,00pm the coach will take us the short distance to The Dog at Harrington for tea and will then return us to Sibford, arriving at about 6,00pm;

The cost will be £7,00, including entrance fees to the two gardens, To book your seat, please contact Sheila Baseby (Swalcliffe 544) as soon as possible; Sheila will be at the Garden Sale on 6 June.

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News and Information

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

First we sang Jerusalem Accompanied by Jean.
May read out the minutes
Margaret the financial scene.

Lynda chaired the meeting Committee had done well Arranging all the meetings Helping the coffers swell

We nodded our agreement Toonie said "Hear Hear" We didn't need to vote Cos they'll all be back next year.

Ann did the competitions Glennis did the flowers Well, wouldn't you expect it? It must have taken hours.

Brenda sewed a cushion.
Mary wrote for Scene
Greta's Peter processed this,
What a help he's been!

There were some resolutions For National A.G.M. Sent down for our discussion -We did our best with them. Disposal of dead carcasses, Genetic engineering, Endometriosis That's where our thoughts were veering.

So - welcome was the trolley, With Gil and Glennis serving We broke off for refreshment Feeling quite deserving.

There's going to be an outing Margaret's had a hunch, We'll all be off to Sudeley In August, in a bunch.

And, later in the year She's also fixed a rally If its a competition It's bound to be won by Sally.

In June at the next meeting It might be very jolly Thanks to Mrs Dronfield Who makes a mean Corn Dolly.

Bring along a holder
Full of pot-pourri
And win the competition
Chalk up One, two, three.

And should you wish to know Who are these ladies all, Then come and join the Club June the ninth in the Village Hall.

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The Sibford Sports Club have started up the following sports using the Friends School facilities and are looking for more support for the sports being played, as well as suggestions for other sports you would like to play. The sports below are available to all members and are running now.

Monday; Junior Tennis coaching, 5.30 pm. £1 per session.

Contact Barbara Taylor on 206

Tuesday; Volleyball, 7.30 to 9.00pm.£2 adults,£1 juniors Contact Joanna Gilkes on 8190

Wednesday; Ladies Keep Fit, 6.00-7.00

Contact Stella Wilson 522

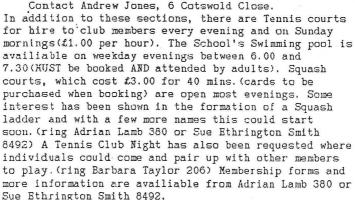
Badminton, 8.00-9.30pm. £1.50 per evening

Contact Adrian Lamb on 380

Friday; Mens Indoor Football, 7.00-8.00pm.£1.00. Contact Andrew Jones, 6 Cotswold Close.

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Sunday; Junior Indoor Football, 10.00-11.00am. £1.00



All bookings should be made at the School office or ring 441 in office hours.

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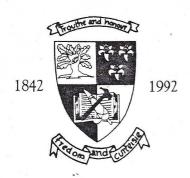
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The Summer Term at Sibford is one the most memorable of the year. The grounds look their loveliest, the scent of the wallflowers heavy in the air, pupils playing cricket and tennis and an air of tension for some as the Exam period approaches.

Drama is on the programme this week as the Junior School rehearse for "Wendy and the Pirates" while senior school GCSE Drama groups tackle more serious aspects including technical workshops at the Oxford Playhouse.

June 3rd is an Open Morning at School and we welcome prospective parents and their children to come and meet the staff from 10.00 a.m.

Saturday 6th in the afternoon we are hosting the Inter Quaker Schools Athletics and on the 13th June at 1.30p.m. we are holding our annual Sports Day. Spectators are welcome to watch this exciting event.

Music is in the air on the 27th June when the Banbury Symphony Orchestra will be playing at school, please phone for more details.

Finally in this busy period our Open Day is on 4th July, and end of term celebrations on 11th July with our Anniversary Barn Dance.

Make a note in your diary now!

SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL AGM

The AGM was held in the Village Hall on Thursday 30th April; it was unfortunate that it clashed with the Gower PC meeting but the level of public attendance was the same as last year.

Committee officers were re-elected with Colonel Colin Frith as Chairman and Peter Baseby as Treasurer; Miss M...... Chandler takes over as Secretary; and David Baker remains as Hall Manager and was elected as Booking Secretary.

Tearful farewells and appreciative noises to Vivienne Scouse and Jane Holliday who have both been stalwarts of the committee and are standing down due to other committments.

The Chairman's Annual Report neatly summarised the year as one of successes and problems: "The successes have been the number of Hall events and, in most cases, the support for them and the provision of some financial support from the two Parish Councils. The chief problems have been the ... weakness of the Committee and the slowness of progress of the rewiring."

Hall events, ranging from the Autumn Event, M & S Seconds sale and Winderton Singers evening to a fascinating talk on thina by John Dunston in the Friends School, raised some £700. Such events are essential income and are fun to put on; infortunately, few people come forward to help. IF YOU WOULD TKE TO BE PART OF AN ENTREPRENURIAL TEAM AND HELP OUR COMMUNITY - COME AND HELP WITH IDEAS AND/OR SUPPORT.

The Chairman appealed to all organisations and the Parish Councils to nominate representatives on the committee if they have not already done so. The Village Hall is part of the community but a lot of the work is currently falling on a few willing horses.

The Chairman said the rewiring gave him cause for concern." Failure by the local contractor to complete the work in time would lose the 50% District Council grant. The work has been in progress for well over a year and the loss of the grant would be quite a financial blow.

The Treasurer reported that, even after a good year, there was a deficit of £350 in the Main Fund; this was funded by the Appeal Fund which stood at £7,000, All covenants to the Appeal Fund had now ceased but future demands on it included the rewiring and support for the Main Fund deficit. Copies of the annual accounts are available from the Treasurer.

There is a simple message: we need more support on the committee, in ideas for events and in running the events themselves; and then we want the support in attending these events. In this way we shall have a financially viable (continued)

village hall and keep the charges to the organisations which use it at a reasonable level.

Finally, an advert: Support for Village Open Weekend 27/28th June. Tickets for the Shindig (Pig Roast etc - ticket only) on the Saturday and Tea Dance on the Sunday available from the Village Shop and Surgery. Please buy early so the organisers don't have sleepless nights.

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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 newcomers:

Nicky and Christopher Teverson have moved into the village from Sussex. Christopher is an engineer and will be working in Coventry and Nicky is working part time as a sick children's nurse in Warwick. They expect their first baby in September. Nicky is interested in art and Christopher Five-a-side football.

Dianah and David Hughs have moved from Shutford to Meadow View, Sibford Ferris. They have three children - Tania living in Germany, Peter at Bloxham School and Ben at North Newington School. David works in Beaconsfield and Dianah teaches at the Warriner School.

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SIBFORD FERRIS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 28th April and amongst items discussed there were the following which may be of interest to parishioners -

The CDC Dog Warden, Mr.Hosband, attended the meeting and would be pleased to hear from any residents in the Parish who are having trouble with dogs fouling verges near their property. He can be contacted on Banbury 252535 ext. 4223.

A proposed annual grant of £250 towards the upkeep of the Village Hall was welcomed by those present.

The Council was asked about the possibility of providing bus tokens for the retired people of the Parish who use the bus service to Banbury on a regular basis. Enquiries are to be made regarding estimated costs and a decision will be made in due course.

There was an enquiry about the provision of a rubbish skip in the Parish. The Council have previously discussed this and felt that a suitable site would be a problem. Of equal concern was the danger that provision of a skip would encourage the dumping a rubbish at the site at inappropriate times.

Mrs Horn has informed the Parish Council that she can no longer serve as our Village Hall representative. The Chairman thanked her for her long service in this role. Mrs Shields has kindly agreed to take over the duty.

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Library of the Friends School on Tuesday 2nd June at 8pm. All are very welcome to attend.

+	TADMARTON FETE	+
+	Saturday 18 July 2.30pm	+
+ in		+
+	of The Manor	+
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SIBFORD OPEN WEEKEND

June 27th and 28th 1992

PROGRAMME

Saturday 27th

2.00pm Village Fayre

3.30pm

Judging of the "Design a Paper Plate" Competition (with small prizes)

4.00pm

Grand Raffle to be drawn

8.00pm

Sibford Shindig - Pig Roast and 60's Dance at Temple Mill (entrance by ticket only)

Sunday 28th

2 - 4.00pm

Open Gardens

4 - 6.00pm

Tea Dance, Sibford Village Hall Dancing to the Bob Cardall Band

Saturday 27th June 2.00pm

Village Fayre

STALLS FOR EVERYONE

- ☆ Cakes
- ☆ Bathroom Stall
- ☆ Plants
- ☆ Bric-a-Brac
- ☆ Kitchen Cupboard
- ☆ Books
- ☆ Tombola
- ☆ Bottle Stall
- ☆ Sweets
- ☆ Fancy Wooden Stall

- ☆ Wellie Wanging
- ☆ Candy Floss
- ☆ Mini Golf
- ☆ Tug-O-War
- ☆ Grand Raffle
- ☆ Ice Cream
- ☆ Guess the wieight of the cake
- ☆ Paper Plate Competition

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Sunday 28th June 2 - 4.00pm

Open Gardens in the Gower and Ferris

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Programmes will cost £2.00 and will include entrance to ALL gardens.

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4 - 6.00pm

Tea Dance, Sibford Village Hall

Dancing to the Bob Cardall Band Tickets (including tea) £5.00 and £3.50oap's

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Age Groups:

3 - 5 years

6 - 8 years

9 - 12 years

THE TOWN ESTATES CHARITY

At the Annual Parish Meeting Peter Baadsgaard gave a comprehensive and informative report on the charities activities for the year ending Dec 91.

The financial details included a twelve months income of some £20.000 this included rents and investment income. Expenditure on insurance and maintenance were approx £2000. Distribution to charities amounted to about £3.400 most of which was spent on our school and in funding the weekly free busservice.

Assets were now in the region of £336.000. Full accounts were always available for inspection. Peter explained that the wood along Tysoe Rd. had been referred and replanted with broad leafed trees - a long term investment.

The Charity was much indebted to John Gilchrist who had recently retired after 25 years service.

Finally the meeting was informed that the charity was discussing with the Charity Commissioners a new instrument of Government whereby the wording could be altered from " For the relief of poverty" to "For the relief of need" It was felt that since the charity was inaugurated the country's Social Services had done much to relieve actual poverty although, as often reported in the press the relief of real need was still a social problem in a caring society. Emphasis was made that the trustees were always willing to consider the relief of local need in Sibford Gower and Burdrop but that they themselves had limited means of knowing where this need occurred. It was the responsibility of a caring village to make this information available to our Charity as Peter himself was always available to receive such detail. Thank you Peter for your full report, and for the continued work of all the trustees.

RED CROSS SAYS - "THANKYOU"

Roger Powell, Treasurer for the Banbury Branch of the Red Cross, tells me that the Sibford collection, kindly carried out by the senior members of the Sibford Youth Club, raised £119.39, while the Flag Day in Banbury, at which many Sibford people helped, totalled £458.

The grand total for Banbury and its forty surrounding villages is $\pounds 5,550$ - rather less than last year but none the less very welcome.

My sincere thanks go to all who worked so hard and so cheerfully to support the Red Cross.

Anne Stephens

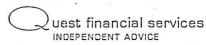


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SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL AGM 'UP FOR THE CUP'

What, one might wonder, prevented our Council chosing 3pm on Saturday May 9th as a suitable time to hold their A.G.M. Thereby ensuring that there would be no interference from a public who must surely prefer to be super-glued to their "twenty one inches" watching Liverpool and Sunderland at their own A.G.M.

Maybe it was because our new clerk had put her "klomp" down with a resounding thump claiming that 'democracy' would be the loser - always a cue for a loud applause - When MP's are stuck for a word they invariably entone "Old Age Pensioners", on the other hand when Parish Councillors are similarly caught they say "Potholes", whereas Lady Speakers and Lady Clerks always entreat "Democracy".

Anyway it was not to be and our Council settled for April 30th and lesser counter attractions such as World Snooker Semi Finals, Commonwealth Heavy Weight boxing and the Village Hall A.G.M., cleverly double booked for the same evening by reference to the Scenes diary of future events.

These less worthy attractions did not prevent six noble villagers attending who, together with the Chairman, Clerk and three committed councillors, made up a suitable team of eleven to challenge red shirted all-corners for the Cup.

Promptly at 7.30 the referee blew his whistle and our main 'striker', the Chairman, backed off and immediately passed the ball to the winger, our new clerk, after first welcoming Petra and at the same time thanking her predecessor, husband John, for his good work and help with planning applications.

Petra willingly collected the ball and dribbled delicately round many of the usual problem defenders - potholes etc. - as she read the minutes of the last meeting before crossing the ball back to our striker for his approval and his own report.

One by one Eric dealt with tackle after tackle. There had been five Council meetings - Sixteen planning applications and much debate on potholes and road edges. Then with a shout of delight, shot with a triumphant report on this new idea of "a Village Skip". The packed 'Kop' end with the six supporters rose as one man shouting "GOAL" "MAGIC".

Our Chairman-striker, from the restart , again presented Petra with a perfect pass after first stating that she was always available on Tuesdays at home between 9.30 and 2.30 should any of the seven supporters wish to contact her.

This time Petra set off down the left wing weaving her way round the Clerks report. Expenditure had been £1084 most of which had gone on village signs. Next year there were to be new road signs to help stranded delivery drivers who previously had had to seek out our Chairman Eric to ask the way. The budget would remain at £700 for 1992.

She then stroke the ball to our striker who quickly backheeled it to Peter Baadsgaard for his report of the Town Estates Charity (commented upon elsewhere).

Peter's through pass to John Mulley for progress on Neighbourhood Watch went astray as John was off the pitch.

Under the direction of Eric, oldfashioned centre forward, the ball found its way to the centre circle for a general mêlée where everybody joined in.

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Fred Inns, a stalwart, thrusting centre back held on to the ball with heartfelt pleas for something to be done about the thwarting of complaints about planning and the seemingly disinterest of the District Council planning department to implement their own rules. Why could not our own district Councillor help? There was much dribbling round the idea of withdrawing from our listing as a village of outstanding beauty and from being in the conservation area. At this our Referee-cum-striker held up a yellow card insisting that he would not take part in any new special village meeting to discuss such a proposal. This "toing and froing" in the centre circle was by far the most interesting and hotly contested part of the game which eventually fizzled out as all such matches do with genial limp shots about speeding cars and, of course, more Pot Holes.

The final whistle went at 8.30. The teams left the field and the Cup remained on its saucer to be played for another year.

SIBFORD OPEN WEEKEND

TEA DANCE

For those who prefer the more sedate type of dancing the Tea Dance on Sunday June 28th from 4 - 6 p.m. is just the thing. Come and indulge in afternoon tea and a spot of nostalgia with the Bob Cardall Band. Tickets at £5.00 and £3.50 for OAPs, which includes tea, are available at the Surgery and the Village Shop.

OPEN GARDENS

A small directory of gardens which will be open on Sunday June 28th from 2 - 4 p.m., is being drawn up. The directory will be on sale at £2.00 from Sheila Baseby or Vivienne Scouse and will give access to all the relevant gardens. If anyone would like to open their garden and has not been asked lease contact Sheila Baseby on Swalcliffe 544.



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New members are very welcome to join us - for information please phone Vivienne Scouse on 8320.

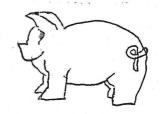


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Secretary - Mrs S Tustian

Members - Miss Bennett, Mrs Fowler,

Mrs Hall, Mrs B Haynes, Mrs Tanner.



WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE - 10.30-12.00 at the Wykeham Arms by kind invitation of Carol & John. Coffee will be served. Some of us will be staying to lunch. You don't have to be 60 or over to join in. If you are a new Villager and want to make friends, we will be there to welcome you - so come along.

TUESDAY 16 JUNE - Mystery Tour - leaves Village Hall at 6.00pm. Please phone Mrs Webb (8211) for seats.

TUESDAY 7 JULY - Coffee Morning at Mrs Fowler's Pound Lane.

TUESDAY 18 AUGUST - Day Trip to Brighton - OPEN TO ALL - leaving at 8.30am.

URGENT - We are very short of drivers to bring some of our members to meetings - usually the first Tuesday in the month, 2.00pm - 4.00pm. PLEASE can YOU help. This is VITAL.

Advance Notice - Our Bazaar is on Saturday 3 October in the Village Hall. Watch for further details in the Scene.

* * * * § * * * * * CONGRATULATIONS

to the Stags Head Fund Raising Committee for the wonderful concert organised in aid of Cot Death Research,

The Penarth Welsh Male Voice Choir sang their hearts out in Swalcliffe Church, A memorable evening, which contributed £600 to this most worthy cause - well done everybody!

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Further information is available from Sue Brough, Small Business Centre Manager, Tel Oxford (0865) 716171.

BURDROP IS NUMERO UNO IN BATTLE OF QUIZZICAL CHAMPIONS

The Lord Timotheus did call upon all Sibfordians, from both Ferris & Gower, and the Burdroppers and even the distant Colonists, to select teams of six erudite personages, be they elders, middlers or even youngers, to participate in a Grand Contest of Quizzicality, to be held upon the feast of St George in the Hall of the Villagers.

Upon said day, the ten teams of chosen champions, together with many of their followers, did crowd into the Hall and did gaze & harken in awe and wonderment at His Lordshipness, seated in sombre splendour upon the dais, beneath the likeness of Her Queenshipness and surrounded by mysterious black boxes of Oriental cunning, by means of which he did, at will, cast his voice at great volume to the four corners of the Hall - and back again, Murmurs of "He thinketh we have ears of cloth!" were overheard by the Noble Higues, who stealthily turned the wick down a couple of notches, to the immediate & grateful satisfaction of the multitude.

Timotheus was assisted by Commandatore Basebio, purser to the Hall and to the Torus faction, who ably combined the posts of victualler & tally-keeper, and by young Thomas de Manthorpius, who performed his daunting tasks of courier & cup-bearer with unflagging cheerfulness.

After much jocular jostling and bawdy banter, the assemblage had at last settled at their allotted benches — only to erupt from their seats with joy when Basebio did

proclaim that, in accordance with Torus policy, the wine would be provided 'free at the point of service'; however, their joy did melt away, like unto snow on a hot tin roof, when they were told of the small print, which did promulgate a new pot tax of 80d a noggin for each use of a goblet,

Order was again restored by Timotheus with the aid of his Nipponese microphonium, and thus, with the ancient battle-cry of 'Eyes Down for a Full House', did the Contest at last commence.

After four exciting rotundi, His Lordshipness, with lips parched from lack of wine (0 yeah?), did declare 'demi-tempus'. The clicking of Basebio's abacus did continue unabated as he did tot up the scores of each team, whilst the ravenous horde did descend upon the platters loaded with nibbly-bits, so beautifully assembled by Commandatora Basebia and the Ladies Scousa & Shielda.

There were mumblings amongst some of the teams that the questions in the tri-part mini-marathon were biassed in favour of soccer-mad Christian Torii, and they did send

forth eavesdroppers to rectify their disadvantage, Many of the answers obtained by these nefarious means were genuine Al duff gen, especially those naming the Books of the Novus Testamentum, as indicated by an exclusive leaked extract from one team's response, which be revealed below, verbatim et sine commentum:

"We think the Books be divided into sets of three, First come Matthew. Mark & Luke, then John, Paul & George, Next be Acts I, II & III with short intervals between. After these come three Epistles of the Appalling Apostle - to Friends, Romans & Countrymen, written for the Quakers, the Catholics & the Archers, respectfully, Next, for the sportsmen, be Corinthians, Barbarians & Harlequins, Then be three more - to the Dalmatians, the Alsatians & the Pomeranians, all written in dog Latin. There also be a singular obscure composition, called A Jude, which was actually written by John of Lemnon, We think that is all - any more would truly be a revelation unto us."

When the contestants were satiated with wine & nibbly-bits, Timotheus did proceed with four more rotundi of questions, complaining the while of a continuing thirst, up with which even Thomas, the fleet-footed

cup-bearer, could hardly keep. Basebio's abacus did click away like demented maracas until the final results were conveyed to His Lordshipness, for proclamation to the excited multitude.

The Numero Uno of Quizzicality by a good nine points, and winners of The Silver Goblet, were that learned sextet of Christian Torii soccer fans - the Burdroppers. There were only three points between each of the next three teams - the Lamb Feeders, the Surgery & The Fielding Day Carers.

After congratulating the winners and presenting The Silver Goblet, the Lord Timotheus did close the tournament by thanking all the Contestants and their supporters, and also his assistants and the Ladies of the Kitchen, for making the evening a great success and he did declare that the Grand Contest of Quizzicality be recorded in the annals of the Scaena Sibfordia as a Jolly Good Thing.

The benches were put away, the torches round the Hall extinguished and the villagers went merrily homeward - though some were heard to mutter "Just you wait till next year - we'll show those ovum-bonces from Burdrop", Perhaps.

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Sarah Randall - Home Close or Ina Lamb - Back Acre or Berni Jones - 7 Cotswold Close Thank You

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Please! please be extra vigilant during the coming holiday period. Thieves are working this area. Burglaries have taken place. The M40 makes this district easily accessible to professional thieves from London and Birmingham, as well as our local villains. When you go away do combine with your neighbours to form an effective

'Neighbourhood Watch'! Advice freely available from P.C. RON GLYNN, Community Liaison Dept, Banbury Police Station. Literature available from John Mulley.

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HARK, HARK, TO THE CALL! -

and on with your flannels and into the field

the leather to grasp and the willow to wield, (Willow and Leather, 1898)

The start of the 1898 season may have been like this, but 1992 most certainly was not! A wet and inhospitable late April and early May reeked havoc with the opening fixtures. Despite the considerable practices at Sibford School, an ordinary start to the season, with the highlights being provided by the young men in the villages, notably Lee Gilbert, Tom Holliday, Simon O'Neill and Lewis Soden, and of course, that perennial culinary delight, provided by the ladies, the "Cricket Tea".

Results - Banbury and District League

25 Apr v Whitnash (Home) - Match abandoned Whitnash 88 all out Sibford 10 - 0 (Nigel Fletcher 4-23; Simon O'Neill 3-18)

v Wroxton (Home) - Lost by 8 wickets Sibford 82 All Out (Roger Gilbert 30) Wroxton 83 - 2

(Roger Gilbert 2-19) A complete wash out.

9 May v Brailes (Home) 16 May v Claydon (Away) Won by 16 runs Claydon 95 All Out Sibford 111-8

(Ron Morbey 28) (Ian Gilbert 24) (Roger Gilbert 3-12) (David Lamb 3-30; Ian Gilbert 3-38)

Rothmans National Village Championship * *

10 May v Tiddington (Home) - Lost by 67 runs Tiddington 164 All Out Sibford 97 All Out (Nigel Fletcher 2-23) (Ian Gilbert 30) (Iam Gilbert 2-25)

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Friday		3	July	to	Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon

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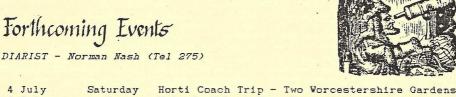
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Forthcoming Events



4	July	Saturday	Horti Coach Trip - Two Worcestershire Gardens
4	July	11	Friends School Open Day
4	July	11	Swalcliffe Village Fete-Evening Dance in Hall
11	July	Saturday	Friends School Anniversary Barn Dance
18	July	Saturday	Tadmarton Fete - 2.30pm - The Manor
19	July	Sunday	National Gardens Scheme - Gower Gardens open
22	July	Wednesday	Horti - Bloxham Club visit to Sibford gardens
18	August	Tuesday	Friendship Club - Day Trip to Brighton
22	August	Saturday	Horti Society Annual Show - Friends School
30	August	Sunday	Epwell Village Fete
3	October	Saturday	Friendship Club - Bazaar - Village Hall
28	November	Saturday	Conservative Evening - Manor House, Gower
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CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends

Methodist

Roman Catholic Mass (Hook Norton)

Sunday at 11.00 am
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Sunday at 11.30 am
Baptist (Hook Norton)

Sunday at 10.30 am

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower - Services for June
Sunday 7th: 10.00am United Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton
Sunday 14th: 10.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 21st: 10.00am Family Service & Baptism

Sunday 28th: 8.00am Holy Communion

WEEKLY EVENTS

Guides	Hook Norton	Monday	evening
Youth Club	Village Hall	Monday	7.00 - 9.00 pm
Mobile Shop		Tuesday	10.00am - 4.00pm
Brownies	Village Hall	Tuesday	5.15 - 6.45 pm
Folk Dancing	Village Hall	Tuesday	8.00 pm
Badminton	Village Hall	Wednesday	8.00 pm
Mums & Toddlers	Orchard Close	Wednesday	10.30am - 12noon
Cricket Club Nets	Friends School	Thursday	6.00 - 7.15pm
Callanetics Fitness	Friends School	Thursday	8.00 pm
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	(Phone 380 or	8492 for details)

CALENDAR for JUNE 1992

2nd Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting - see page 12 3rd Friendship Club - Coffee at Wykeham Arms - see page 17 Tuesday WEDNESDAY Wednesday 3rd Friends School Open Morning for Parents - see page 9 Wednesday 3rd Fielding Day Centre - 12.15pm-3.00pm - see page 2 Wednesday 3rd Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20 pm) 5th Primary School Barn Dance - Mill Barn - see page 6 Friday Saturday 6th Scouts Newspaper/Magazine/Metal Can Collection Saturday 6th Horti Garden Sale - Temple Lodge, Gower - see page 19 Sunday 7th National Gardens Scheme-Ferris Gardens open - see p21 Tuesday 9th WI-Willage Hall Mrs Dronfield's Corn Dolly - see p 7 Saturday 13th Friends School Sports Day - see page 9 Tuesday 16th Friendship Club - Mystery Tour - see page 17

Tuesday 16th LEO Club - Treasure Hunt - see page 16

Wednesday 17th Fielding Day Centre - 12.15pm - 3.00pm

Wednesday 17th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20 pm)

Saturday 20th Rubbish Skip in Gower

Saturday 20th Conservative Musical 'Summer Event' - see page 21

Wednesday 24th Horti Visit to Manor Garden - Ferris - see page 5

Sat/Sun 27/28 'Open Weekend' in the Sibfords - see pages 15, 16 & 20 Saturday' 27th Friends School - Banbury Symphony Orchestra - see p 9 28th Open Gardens - Directory for Admission £2 - see p 15 Sunday · CALENDAR for JULY 1992 (partial) Wednesday 1st Fielding Day Centre - 12.15pm-3.00pm Wednesday 1st Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20 pm) Saturday 4th Scouts Newspaper/Magazine/Metal Can Collection 4th Horti Day Out to Two Gardens - see page 5 Saturday 4th Friends School Open Day - see page 9 Saturday 7th Friendship Club - Coffee Morning - see page 17 Tuesday SIBFORD SCENE * * - Barry Davies, Stonecutters Cottage, Bonds End Lane, Editor Sibford Gower (Tele: 291)

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