

SIBFORD SCENE

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JULY/AUGUST 1992

AN INVITATION TO CHURCH
Sunday 23rd August at 3.00pm

Come to A MUSICAL AFTERNOON prepared by Mabel Payne
(celebrating 50 years as church organist)

All relations, friends & neighbours who have worked with Mabel these fifty years past are warmly invited. So come and fill the church for a happy reunion.

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SIBFORD METHODIST CHAPEL
Sunday 19th July

The Morning Service will be taken by
The Rev. E Lacy (Chairman of the District)

Reverend Lacy is an excellent speaker - well worth hearing.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US AT 11.00AM

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SENIOR CITIZENS GARDEN TEA PARTY

Vera & Ernest Jones extend an invitation to all senior citizens in the area to join them at Temple Close at 3.00pm on Sunday 2 August for tea, hopefully in the garden, but indoors if the weather is unkind. The Hook Norton Silver Band will provide entertainment - do join us.

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THERE WILL BE NO PUBLICATION OF THE *SIBFORD SCENE*
AT THE BEGINNING OF AUGUST.

SIBFORD GOWER ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL

All 7 and 8 year olds at our school are given the opportunity to spend 3 nights at Hill End, just outside Oxford. Here the children pond-dip, walk, feed lambs and generally enjoy and make full use of the acres of beautiful countryside available to them. Often it is the first time the children have stayed away from home and it can be a bit of a wrench for some to wave goodbye to mum or dad on the first day. Homesickness is soon forgotten and excitement takes over. It's hard work for the teachers, but Mums rally round and help with cooking meals, activities and tucking children up in bed. Despite the hard work, I'm sure children, staff and parents all agree that it's well worth the effort. This year our visit is in the middle of June, and preparations are well under-way.

By the time the children reach 10 and 11 years they are ready for a more challenging residential course, and Kilvrough Manor on the Gower Peninsular in Wales certainly provides that! The children have just returned from this year's trip, and as usual, are full of exciting stories. Activities include rock-climbing, abseiling, canoeing, caving, gorge-walking, swimming and bowling. In my experience, this is usually done in the cold, rain and wind! Although these activities are fairly demanding, they are nothing compared to the challenges of living together, sharing, helping each other and organising themselves to be in the right place at the right time, dressed suitably for the occasion. It is an invaluable experience, which lives on in many children's memory for years.



Nature Notes



May 23rd, I heard a female Cuckoo give its bubbling call in our garden this morning. I am not sure that it is true that they only bubble after laying an egg, although there could well be a nest in that area.

May 25th, It is nice to hear that a Great Crested Grebe was seen on Lamb's Pool this morning.

June 2nd, I was asked today whether I could suggest a way to keep a Little Owl away from a nest box. It comes in daytime and clings to the nestbox while trying to extract the young Blue-Tits.

June 12th, I did not hear a Quail last summer but one has been calling in the parish for the last few days.

June 16th, Had an interesting walk on the Quantock Hills in Somerset, where we are staying for a few days. We disturbed an Adder that was sunning itself on the path, and it hissed at us for a moment before crossing the path to give us the best view of an Adder that I have had. On this fairly acid soil, where the N.T. has been cutting down the Rhododendrons to try to stop them taking over, we found Heath Bedstraw, Cow Wheat, Sand Spurrey and in damper parts,

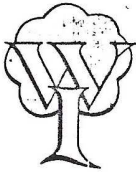
Lesser Spearwort, Yellow Pimpernel and Bog Pimpernel. Also on the hedge banks we have seen the Romping Fumitory that we have sought, in vain, in spots where it used to grow near Sibford. We also saw some Ravens, a Buzzard and several Whinchats.

June 17th, As we walked through an oak wood where the versatile Cow Wheat bloomed in profusion, we stopped to watch a pair of Pied Flycatchers carrying food to their nest-hole in a tree. Near the sea we found Bristly Oxtongue and a lovely area of Pale Flax.

June 18th, In a warm sunny valley on the Quantocks we came across a family of Stonechats flitting about on the bushes and bracken and higher up the valley some Whinchats which seem to prefer the higher ground. As well as the Small Heath butterflies, which we seem to see wherever we go, there were two Green Hairstreaks which we have not seen before.

June 19th, We varied our homeward route to visit the coast to look for the yellow Horned Poppy. We found some plants which already had green seed pods more than ten inches long, as well as their beautiful flower which opens by throwing off a cap in the same way as the Eschscholtzia.





News and Information

The June meeting heard Mrs Eileen Dronfield describe the origins and making of Corn Dollies. She brought along a large and varied collection which were much admired.

Preparations for an entry by the Institute in the County Produce Show are proceeding.

A competition for a holder of Pot-pourri was won by Mrs Hutchinson, 2nd was Miss Harris and 3rd was Mrs Conway.

A particularly nice tea was served by Mrs Baggaley and Mrs Power.

On July 14th there will be a visit to Miss Keyser's garden in Alkerton. Meet at the Village Hall at 1.45 when transport in cars will be arranged.

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SUNDAY 2 AUGUST - GARDEN PARTY at 3.00pm
at Temple Close. See details on page 1.



TUESDAY 18 AUGUST - OUTING to BRIGHTON - OPEN TO ALL - Coach
leaves Village at 8.30am. Fare £7.50. Children £3.75. PLEASE
BOOK YOUR SEAT BY 10 AUGUST. Phone 8211.

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER - Village Hall 2.00pm. Details later.

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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.

We say "Welcome" to Henry Robert Adam Butt, who arrived to live with his Mummy & Daddy, Sandra & Richard, on 11 June. He weighed in at 7lb 9oz and has a lusty bellow. Michael now has a brother with whom he can play Space Invaders.

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FOR SALE	GARDEN FESTIVAL WALES
(surplus to requirement)	at Ebbw Vale
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and Mattress	for Sale £8 - normally £11
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Sibford Brownies

We have had a very busy term with many Brownies gaining Badges. We had an evening when Brownies brought along their pets (caged ones only!) and many of the Brownies have continued this theme and are doing their Animal Lover Badge.

We had a Welsh Evening in March and learned a lot about Wales and St. David and followed this with a fund raising evening to help the Welsh Girl Guides Training Centre in Wales.

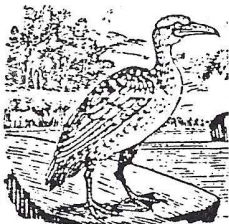
We have helped with a collection for Barnardos and also had a Bottle Stall at the Village Hall Fete.

We had a Barbecue at the home of Barney in June when we also played games and followed a trail and in July we are spending an evening at The Wigginton Wild Fowl Sanctuary. In August we are off on Pack Holiday for 6 days to Berkhamsted. Its certainly a busy life.

We say goodbye this term to 6 brownies who have been with us for the last 3 years. They have all been super brownies and we shall miss them a lot - they are Kerry Jones, Lizzie Harvey, Sarah Daniels, Rebecca Lee, Hannah Mizen and Leanne Salisbury.

My grateful thanks to all my helpers, Isabel, Gail, Julia, Victoria and Catherine and to all the parents who support us so well.

We have a very full Pack so if anyone wants to join they do need to put their name on the list.



Vivienne Scouse

SWA. 8320

SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL & PRODUCE SHOW

THE FRIENDS SCHOOL - SIBFORD FERRIS

SATURDAY 22nd AUGUST 1992 at 2.30pm

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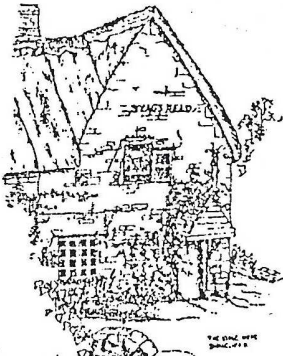
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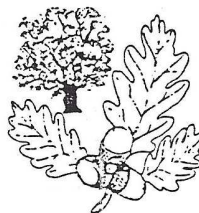
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Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School

Thank you to all those who bought raffle tickets for our Grand Draw which took place at the Barn Dance at the beginning of June. The prize winners were as follows:

£75.00 -Judy Lamb
Cassette recorder - Joan Findlater, Lower Tadmarton
£25.00 - B.Braviner, Sibford Ferris
Microlite flight - Gill Stolwood
Sunday lunch at Banbury Moat House - Adam Smith, Epwell
Sainsburys voucher - Linda O'Neill
Happy Eater voucher - C.Chasey, Banbury
Iceland voucher - R.E.Gascoigne, Banbury
Glass vase - Paul Manthorpe, Sibford
Cups and saucers - Mr Smith, Epwell
Glass bowl set - S.Hall
McDonalds voucher - Mr Drury, Sibford
Burger King voucher - R.W.Smith, Epwell
Red wine - M.Sloss, Epwell
White wine - R.Brown, Banbury Fire Station
Ferrer Rocher chocolates - Jenny Williams, Edgehill
Coffee and mug - C.Jones, London
Umbrella - G.Mattingley, Bicester
Umbrella - Mrs Keen
Poster - Mrs Ema.



Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School require for September a learning support assistant to work alongside teachers in supporting children aged 7-11 years for 15 hours per week.

Application forms and further information available from the Headteacher, J.Elliott, Swal. 270

UPON A SUMMER'S DAY

It is a well known fact that Ivor Novello was a frequent visitor to the Manor House, Sibford Gower. However not many villagers realise that Mozart too has been seen in the Music Room.

When was this?

Why, on Midsummer's Day 1992.

But - ?

Never mind the buts - ignore the facts - scatter leaves on the lines of your disbelief. Fantasy is so often much more satisfying than stark reality.

Thus it proved to be when Sibford and Epwell Conservative Association invited 'Sweet Harmony' to perform at their Summer Social evening. What an evening!

Clear, sunny and crisp, as forty casually dressed visitors, including Tony Baldry looking like the Trumpet Major without his trumpet, wandered round the immaculate grounds and rose gardens in full bloom, sipping wine and discussing the unusual programme of 18th century music that was shortly to be presented.

As if by magic, right on cue, the relaxed throng returned to the Music Room where 'Anton Stadler', a close friend of Mozart introduced his 18th century-clad ensemble of two clarinets, two horns and a bassoon.

The narrator for the evening was a thirteen year old girl who watched the proceedings from behind the banisters of the staircase, linking the items and commenting on the music and the musicians, finally talking to a stranger who eventually identified himself as (yes, you've guessed it. Well done!) none other than Mozart.

So there you are, you unbelievers. It's true. Mozart has visited the Manor House.

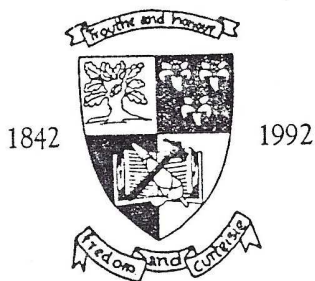
A splendid evening of music and lovely ballads performed in a unique setting by the kind co-operation of Mike and Katharine, two truly generous and welcoming hosts.

The evening ended with a buffet supper, more wine and incessant chatter.

How lucky we are to have such an imaginative committee and a venue of quite outstanding bliss!

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JULY 1992

The period of exams has come and gone, and greatly appreciated were the good wishes to our pupils' in the "Scene". Now it's a question of waiting until mid-Summer for those all-important results.

Year 9 pupils were involved in the national pilot of Key Stage 3 assessments in Science and Maths in June. Much publicity was given to these in the press and on television, and it will be interesting to see what changes are made, if any, for next year.

Every other Wednesday, we are delighted to be welcoming residents from the village - and further afield now, as well to the Fielding Day Care Centre in Orchard Close. It certainly seems that our sixth formers and the visitors share an enjoyable time together, not only over lunch, during intense games of dominoes, too.

Other events continue to enrich the life of the community: a film show and jumble sale were held to raise money for Amnesty International, - we were visited by a Canadian Children's Choir on tour in this country, and the following night, by the largest ever Banbury Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Raymond Head, one of our piano teachers. We look forward to welcoming the orchestra back on many future occasions.

With a party of adventurous young pupils going away for a week of outdoor activities; our end of term concert and production of "Toad", Open Day on 4th July; the annual visit of a group of less fortunate pupils from schools in East London; the school's trips by Sibford pupils to France and Tanzania; and the school's 150th Anniversary Barn Dance (at which all "Scene" readers are very welcome!) still ahead at the time of writing, the coming weeks promise much pleasure and excitement to round off a busy academic year.

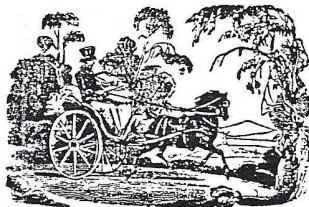
From the Headmaster
John Dunston M.A., A.I.L.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

* Coach Outing & Annual Show *

The Society's Garden Sale at Temple Lodge raised £220 in less than 2 hours. The Committee's thanks go to all those who supported the sale, to all who provided plants, cakes, prizes etc, to all who helped and particularly to Bernard & Evelyn for organising the event.

Our thanks also go to Mrs Bovill for our tour of the walled garden at The Manor, Sibford Ferris. Congratulations to Angela & the students on the splendid results they have achieved.



There are still coach seats available for the Society's ANNUAL OUTING on Saturday 4 July. The 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 outing will visit the beautiful Spetchley Gardens near Worcester - where we can have our picnic

lunches in the grounds - and then the walled Stone House Cottage Gardens near Kidderminster. Both include plant-sale nurseries.

At 4.00pm the coach will take us 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. Non-members are welcome to join us on this outing. To book your seat, please contact Sheila Baseby (Swalcliffe 544) as soon as possible.

The ANNUAL SHOW will be on Saturday 22 August at Sibford (Friends) School - see page 7 for details. Donations of plants, vegetables, cakes, jam, bric-a-brac, books, etc for the sale tables would be gratefully received on the day or could be collected - phone 8265. This is the Society's *BIG DAY* - see you all there.

LAST YEAR'S AWARD WINNERS ARE REMINDED TO RETURN THEIR CUPS ETC NOW TO David Elldred, Long View, Back Lane, Sibford Ferris(Swa 601).

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OVER £1400 RAISED AT HOLY TRINITY FESTIVAL WEEKEND

For the first time for many years, the church in Sibford decided, under the inspirational ideas of Robin Spicer, to hold a Festival Weekend over the Spring Holiday period.

Various people, male & female, decorated the church - itself not an easy task, since there are few handy ledges or alcoves in our Victorian building - with a profusion of flowers of nearly every colour. We thank especially those who donated their flowers, thereby enabling the final profit to be that much higher.

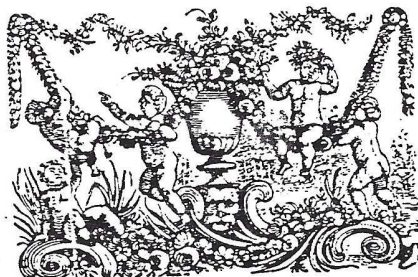
Organists, young & slightly older, played for most of the Saturday opening, taped organ music was otherwise available, and the Hook Norton Silver Band ended its involvement with a sterling rendering of some nine well-loved hymns on the Sunday evening. They had earlier tried to play outside, but the flashing behaviour of the sky, which led to some deposit of rain upon the parched surface of Sibford, had driven them indoors -

trombones & cornets prefer to gain merely internal dampness from the players' efforts!

Much food provision took place within the Village Hall - and some villagers enjoyed ploughman's lunches and/or cream teas over the entire weekend! Our thanks, of course, to those who prepared and to those who served the food - and sometimes they were the same people.

The Bank Holiday morning provided eager bargain-hunters with the chance to examine car boots of different shapes & sizes - although the experience of having your boot thoroughly inspected before you have turned the engine off was a new sensation for several first-time boot-owners!

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The Monday afternoon was filled with the sound of merry-making as bells rang, skittles flew and tills tinkled - and some skin burned as well! Bottles were won in abundance and fruit machines whirred - even human ones! Dutch sliding games, white elephants and plants were also featured.

Lots of people came - one flower lady, passing through from Durham, said the arrangers had done well (although we knew that) - and some came more than once.

As I said before, Robin Spicer had the original idea and all credit is due to him for the overall planning in the church. The fete was in the hands of Erica Wimbush and the catering was principally the labour of Gillian Soden & Anne Spicer with lots of help, not least from Phyllis Webb.

There were three good causes destined to profit from the weekend

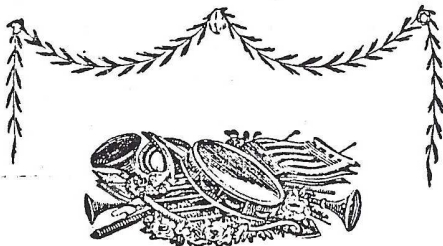
- Katherine House Hospice, London Lighthouse Hospice and the church itself. A simple three-way split of profits was made, with each benefiting equally - to the tune of just over £360 each.

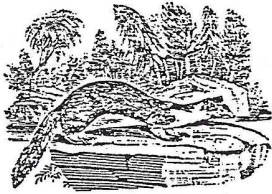
Additionally, the Katherine House Hospice stall raised some £215 and Helen Soden's Calcutta Rescue stall/boot raised about £161.

Expenses for the weekend had to be met, made up of catering costs, the band, the flowers and advertising; these totalled just over £434. The organiser has a full printed list, should anyone wish to see it, as has the Rectory and the Church noticeboard.

We may well do something similar in years to come, particularly since the villagers supported this initial exercise so encouragingly. Thank you all for your generous support.

Timothy Wimbush





The Pine-Weasel or Yellow-Breasted Martin

Letters to the Editor

Inch-na-Damph
Assynt
Highland Region
Scotland

Dear Editor

'From the lone Shieling'

My high regard for they(?) who pen '*Nature Notes*' has been raised even higher.

I write from a remote corner of the land - Inch-na-Damph, Assynt - from where some *Nature Notes* sprang last year. But I'm blown if I can see the same abundance or variety of flora & fauna.

I have seen a pine marten; no problem there. It stood stock-still unsure of the large smelly thing, ten yards away and silently munching (raisins & Cracker Barrel, a great respite for we nature watchers, especially those with aching legs & incandescent feet) so I had plenty of time to observe before it brown-furry-flurried into a culvert.

I saw a Golden Eagle and there are some who would give their last square of black chocolate for the chance. Mind you, what I actually saw was an out-of-focus smidge in the telescope of two friendly ornithologists who assured me I was looking at the King (or the Queen? I forgot to ask) of the Scottish skies. I have also seen other birds: lots of them: so there.

I can report that some were quite big, but the others were small. Also: (as people increasingly say) some were flying & some weren't; the latter possibly a wingless sub-species of pine marten? ...or more likely some rather energetic heather. I dunno.

What I do know is that if I was shamed by the monthly erudition, I am now utterly abashed that in one brief visit here *Nature Notes* reported more wildlife than I've observed in years of visits. So

This winter the books & binocs come out. The studying starts. Crisp air to sharpen the focus: green politics to sharpen the will. Perhaps even a nature correspondence in the *Scene*? Watch this (lesser crested) space?

On the other hand is there anyone out there looking for a purely platonic relationship, to share a mutual interest in the dynamic metamorphism of Durness limestone in the region of the Moine thrust plane....?

Yours faithfully
Peter McGee



Grounds Farm
Sibford Ferris

Dear Sir,

With the better weather upon us, a brief reminder about the use of footpaths and bridleways is perhaps in order. Land owners are now, more than ever before, way-marking and keeping clear the footpaths and bridleways in the area. This should be a great help to all who enjoy to walk or ride in the countryside.

Unfortunately, along with these improvements in access, there seems to be an increasing disregard of these very paths. As landowners with both footpaths and bridleways crossing our land we have seen horses riding on ground where no bridleways go, horses on footpaths and, most worrying, many horses and riders with dogs running loose around them, even among livestock!

The problem of dogs does not apply only to horse riders. One person walking a dog among our sheep was found, when asked to put the dog on a lead, not to have a lead with them. Saying "My dog never worries sheep" is not good enough. The countryside code tells us that all dogs should be kept on a lead in livestock. *This should always be the case*, and farmer's land and crops should be respected as such, *even where the crop is grass.*

Lamb & Gilkes

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LADIES ENJOY AN EVENING OUT

LEO Club met on quite a cold night in June for a Treasure Hunt around the Village. This was very well thought out and organised by Glynnis Morbey and Ann Gilbert and we had a very enjoyable evening. If any Gower villagers wondered why we were peering in through windows and looking into their gardens - no, we were not prying - just looking for Clues!! The evening ended at the Wykeham Arms for a well earned rest and some refreshment! Many, many thanks to Glynnis & Ann.



There will be no LEO in July or August. We meet again at 8.00pm on Tuesday 15 September at the home of Vivienne Scouse. Please bring either a sweet or savoury. At this meeting we shall discuss plans for the next few months - so please come with some ideas.

SIBFORD FERRIS OPEN GARDENS

- - 620 Visitors Make It A Successful Venture - -

Great good fortune with the weather helped to make this year's Sibford Ferris garden openings under the National Gardens Scheme a successful venture. On the Sunday there were nearly 550 visitors to the four Ferris open gardens but only 70 on the Wednesday; however, on both days there seemed to be a very happy atmosphere, with more time to talk to visitors on the Wednesday. The National Scheme received £742.55, when 20% of the plant stall takings were added.

We would like to thank the Friends School and Mr Judd for allowing cars to park in the Piece, and we hope there was not too much disruption to village residents. We must also thank all those friends, neighbours & relations who helped on the gates & plant stall and with the teas.

The teas were again in aid of the Playarea and a gallant team of cake-makers, washer-uppers, tea-pourers & cake dispensers made a total of £236.75. Thank you to all involved and to the Cricket Club for the loan of crockery and to the Society of Friends for the loan of tables & chairs.

Ina Lamb

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SIBFORD FERRIS PLAYAREA GROUP

Tea & Cakes Raise £236 for New Equipment

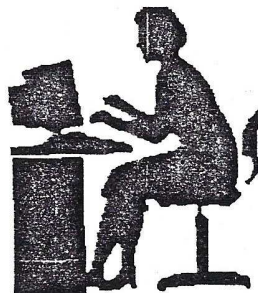
May I, on behalf of the Playarea Group, thank all the ladies who baked cakes and served teas etc., in aid of the Playarea, at the Ferris Open Gardens on 7th & 10th June. A grand sum of £236 was raised and we very much hope to buy a new piece of equipment this Summer. Special thanks must go to Jo Gilkes & all her family for organising everything so splendidly.

Berni Jones (Chairman/Secretary)

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 + in the well manicured grounds +
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THURSDAY, 27TH AUGUST

10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m

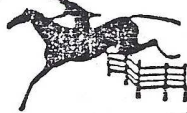
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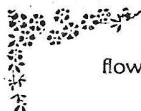
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Would you like a house sitter to stay in your home and care for your pets, plants, etc, while you are on holiday? A Quaker family from Yorkshire had arranged to house sit for us, but this has been prevented by Pat's illness, so they are available at any time during the school holidays. No charge. Further details from Judith Weeks, Yew Tree Cottage, Sibford Ferris. Telephone no. Swalcliffe 8393.

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
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SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met at the beginning of June and discussed, amongst others, the following items which Parishioners might like to know about

The Midland Red South's Service X60 providing a shoppers service to Stratford and Coventry every Tuesday is under threat. The Council have written to ask that this bus service be retained.

Warning signs have now been erected and 'Slow' signs painted on the road at Pitch Hill. This has been a long campaign but it is hoped that these new signs will prevent any further accidents at this dangerous spot.

The Council have approached the Highways Department yet again about the flooding at the village end of Woodway Road. This problem has been very bad with the recent heavy rain.

A donation of £25 was made to Banbury Citizens Advice Bureau. They have recently moved to a new address at 26, Cornhill, Banbury and details of their opening times are on the noticeboard.

In fact a cluster of new leaflets about various items of interest have arrived and so it would be worth checking the noticeboard.

Next Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 14th July 1992 at 8pm in The Friends School Library as usual. Do feel welcome to attend.

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 Here in this meadow, this fair summer day
 Here mid the song o'bird, here mid the hum o'noon
 Here we will play,



A slow start indeed to the season, yet expectations are still high with 4th place in the Banbury and District League and a semi-final with Fenny Compton in the George Clark Cup. Commiserations to Ian Gilbert and Mark Handley - they of "knobbly knee fame" - let's look forward to them enjoying a full season in 1993 and especial thanks to Percy Turner and Philip Gilbert for their untiring and unstinting efforts to produce good wickets in such adverse climatic conditions.

* * Banbury and District League * *

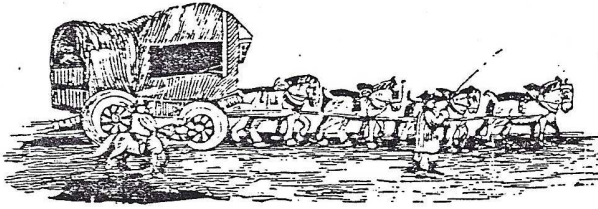
23rd May	v	Claydon (Home)	Won by 106 runs
Sibford	211	- 8	Claydon 105 - 9
Ron Morbey	72		Brian Holliday 3 - 47
David Inns	40		Ian Gilbert 2 - 5
Adrian Lamb	39		Nigel Fletcher 2 - 18
30th May	v	Alcan (Home)	A complete Wash Out
13th June	v	Alcan (Away)	Won by 107 runs
Sibford	207	- 7	Alcan 100 All Out
Ron Morbey	77		David Pratt 3 - 14
David Inns	31		Matthew Spicer 2 - 6
Adrian Lamb	28		Tom Holliday 2 - 2

* * George Clark Cup * *

17th June	v	Tysce (Home)	Won by 24 runs
Sibford	139	- 1	Tysce 115 - 3
David Inns	70no		Roger Gilbert 2 - 35
Nigel Fletcher	39no		

* * Friendlies * *

31st May	v	Badsey (Home)	Match Drawn
Sibford	121	- 9	Badsey 73 - 8
Philip Gilbert	27		Brian Holliday 4 - 16
Simon O'Neill	26no		Simon O'Neill 2 - 16
7th June	v	Sibford School	Lost by 4 wickets
Sibford	109	- 8	Sibford School 111 - 6
David Pratt	47no		Tom Holliday 2 - 13
			Ian Gilbert 2 - 25
14th June	v	Darlingscott (Away)	Lost by 5 Wickets
Sibford	128	All Out	Darlingscott 130 - 5
Lewis Soden	49		Brian Holliday 4 - 49
David Bennett	29		



SIBFORD BUS SERVICES

1. SIBFORD GOWER TOWN ESTATES CHARITY

Free Bus Service for Sibford Gower and Burdrop Residents

			Depart	Return
Friday	3, 17 & 31 July	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Wednesday	8 & 22 July	to Chippy	11.00am	1.00pm
Wednesday	5 & 19 August	to Chippy	11.00am	1.00pm
Friday	14 & 28 August	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Wednesday	2 Sept	to Chippy	11.00am	1.00pm

The pick-up points are:

<u>to Banbury</u>	<u>to Chippy</u>
Village Hall	Village Hall
Cross Roads	High Meadow
High Meadow	Cross Roads
	The Colony

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 Return from Banbury Bus Station... 2.45pm

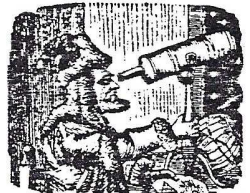
Shipston - Banbury - Monday & Saturday

Pick up at Sibford Gower..... 9.50am
 Return from Banbury Bus Station... 12.15pm

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

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	7.30am	Saturdays
	9.05am	3.00pm
	12.00noon	5.30pm
	(11.55 Tuesday)	

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



Forthcoming Events

DIARIST - Norman Nash (Tel 275)

9 September	Wednesday	Horti Society Meeting - Village Hall - 8.00pm
3 October	Saturday	Friendship Club - Bazaar - Village Hall
14 October	Wednesday	Horti Society AGM - Village Hall - 8.00pm
28 November	Saturday	Conservative Evening - Manor House, Gower

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 LOCAL CORRESPONDENT to BANBURY GUARDIAN - Sheila Baseby (Tel 544)
 Copy for Guardian by MONDAY please

CHURCH SERVICES

Society of Friends		Sunday at 10.30 am
Methodist		Sunday at 11.00 am
Roman Catholic Mass (Hook Norton)		Sunday at 11.00 am
	(Brailes)	Sunday at 11.30 am
Baptist (Hook Norton)		Sunday at 10.30 am
Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower:		
Sunday July	5th: 10.00am	United Benefice Eucharist at Sibford
Sunday "	12th: 10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday "	19th: 10.00am	Family Service
Sunday "	26th: 10.00am	United Benefice Eucharist at Epwell
Sunday August	2nd: 10.00am	United Benefice Eucharist at Epwell
Sunday "	9th: 10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday "	16th: 10.00am	Matins
Sunday "	23rd: 8.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday "	30th: 10.00am	Holy Communion

WEEKLY EVENTS

As listed in June edition of *Sibford Scene*.

CALENDAR for JULY & AUGUST 1992

Provided on page 24.



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CALENDAR for JULY 1992

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
Saturday	4th	Horti Coach Trip to Two Gardens - see page 11
Saturday	4th	Friends School Open Day - see page 23
Saturday	4th	Swalcliffe Village Fete
Tuesday	7th	Friendship Club - Coffee EVENING - see page 5
Saturday	11th	Rubbish Skip in Gower
Saturday	11th	Friends School Anniversary Barn Dance - see page 10
Tuesday	14th	WI-Visit to Miss Keyser's Garden, Alkerton - see p 4
Tuesday	14th	Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting - see page 19
Wednesday	15th	Fielding Day Centre - 12.15pm-3.00pm
Wednesday	15th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20 pm)
Saturday	18th	Tadmarton Fete - see page 17
Sunday	19th	Methodist Special Morning Service - 11.00am - see p 1
Sunday	19th	National Gardens Scheme-Gower Gardens open - see p 20
Tuesday	21st	Friendship Club - EVENING OUTING - 6.00pm - see page 5
Wednesday	22nd	Horti Society - Visit by Bloxham Garden Club
Wednesday	29th	Fielding Day Centre - 12.15pm-3.00pm
Wednesday	29th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20 pm)

CALENDAR for AUGUST 1992

Saturday	1st	Scouts Newspaper/Magazine/Metal Can Collection
Sunday	2nd	Senior Citizens Garden Party - Temple Close - see p 1
Wednesday	12th	Fielding Day Centre - 12.15pm-3.00pm
Wednesday	12th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20 pm)
Saturday	15th	Rubbish Skip in Gower
Tuesday	18th	Friendship Club - Day Trip to Brighton - see page 5
Wednesday	19th	Entries for Horti Show - see page 7
Saturday	22nd	Horti Society Annual Show - see page 7
Sunday	23rd	Musical Afternoon with Mabel - Trinity Church - see p 1
Wednesday	26th	Fielding Day Centre - 12.15pm-3.00pm
Wednesday	26th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20 pm)
Thursday	27th	Swalcliffe Coffee Morning for Church Funds - see p 17
Sunday	30th	Epwell Village Fete

CALENDAR for SEPT 1992 (partial)

Tuesday	1st	Friendship Club - Village Hall - 2.00pm - see page 5
Saturday	5th	Scouts Newspaper/Magazine/Metal Can Collection

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