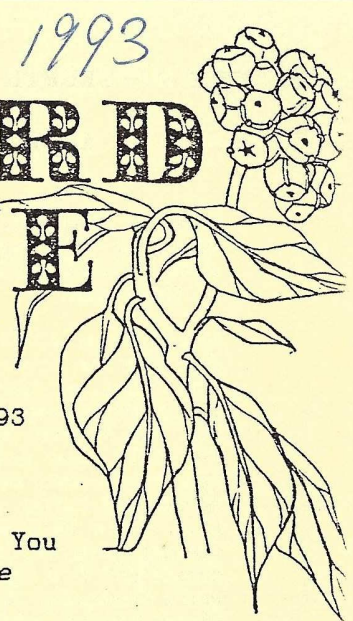
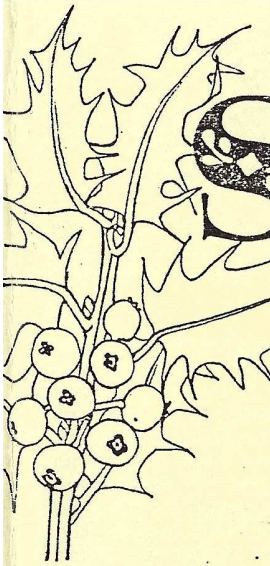


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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
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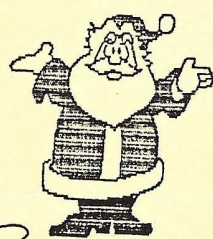
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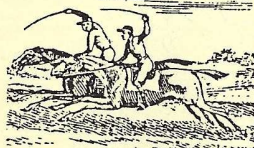
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Other Members of Our Team include:
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THE FIFTEENTH OF NOVEMBER

..... A DAY TO REMEMBER



After a long wait, at 4.15 p.m. approximately (just as the light was beginning to disappear...) the "amateur" jockeys mounted their steeds and made their way from the famous paddock to the even more famous racecourse at Cheltenham.

The Forty at 40 Stakes was about to be run with goggles pulled down and upon the wave of the Starter's flag, we were off! And the first away was Parlet, my trusty mare from Devon, and me - off into the gloom. For a few glorious seconds we were in front (I don't think anyone knew that at the time because the commentator could not see us, never mind distinguish the silks of my grandfather (grey with a red cross and gold cap) - everyone just has to take my word for it...). However, with much mud flying we were passed and Parlet ran as well as she could in the "heavy going". For one mile and a half we galloped, and we rode a good finish and passed the winning post in 7th position (out of the 11 runners). Those in front consisted of a "grade one" racehorse, which won the crystal vase, then Peter Scudamore, Jonjo O'Neill, an ex jockey, a stock broker who is also a proper amateur jockey, a horse from David Nicholson's yard, and so on - so all in all the little mare did very well considering the competition! However, with Cheltenham mud sprinkled all over my face and a Cheshire cat grin, I returned to the hallowed ground of the Jockeys Changing Rooms to put away my kit to step outside, into the spotlight darkness, as myself again. With an extremely deep and happy sigh, I knew that I had done it! Ridden in a race at Cheltenham and the memories of this will stay with me for, well - at least another 40 years!

I was thrilled and delighted by everyone's generosity and willingness to sponsor me! The Spastics Society anticipated that all the jockeys would raise £10,000 for their work with people with Cerebral Palsy. Hopefully they may receive more - and at the last count, the pledges and donations from you all, including some corporate support, totalled well over £3,000! I have been overwhelmed by your generosity - so a very BIG THANK YOU to all of you who didn't say no when I confronted you, or added your name to the sponsor forms dotted around the area. (I will let you know the exact amount when the collection is complete).

THANK YOU VERY MUCH EVERYONE - the Spastics Society has benefited and I have lots of wonderful memories!

Lexie Agnew

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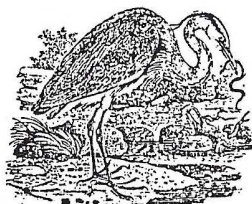
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Nature Notes



Oct. 20th. A Heron was seen recently standing by a puddle on the farm road. It flew away as the car approached but was back again by the time it returned. I can't believe that it has been wet so long that fish are breeding in the puddles.

Oct. 26th. A flock of Redwings, with perhaps some Fieldfares, which I estimated at over 300 birds, flew down the valley between the villages this morning. Perhaps the cool weather has made them move south slightly earlier than usual.

Oct. 29th. A Nuthatch came to some fat that I had hung up for the Tits. Only once before, about 10 years ago, have we seen one at the birdtable.

Nov. 10th. Now that we have put out nuts and sunflower seed for the birds, two Nuthatches are coming fairly regularly.

Nov. 14th. Scolding noises from the Mistle Thrushes drew my attention to a flock of Redwings, which in spite of the efforts of the Mistle Thrushes to keep them off, were managing to get some of the berries from our Yew tree.

Nov. 15th. The report by the World Meteorological Organisation that the Ozone layer, which protects the Earth from the lethal Ultra Violet rays, is thinning at an ever increasing rate, is very worrying. I hope that some good comes of the meeting in Copenhagen this week to discuss the future of the agreement to phase out the use of CFC's etc that are causing the trouble. There seems to be a lack of true commitment to the agreement by some countries. I am hopeful that the change of President will bring a different attitude to the problems of global pollution from the USA. A lead from that quarter would be a great help.



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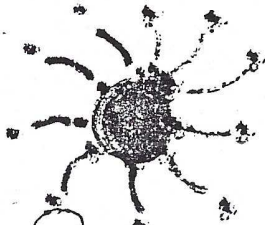
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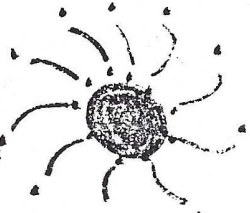
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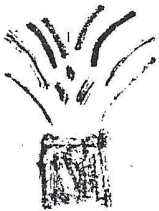
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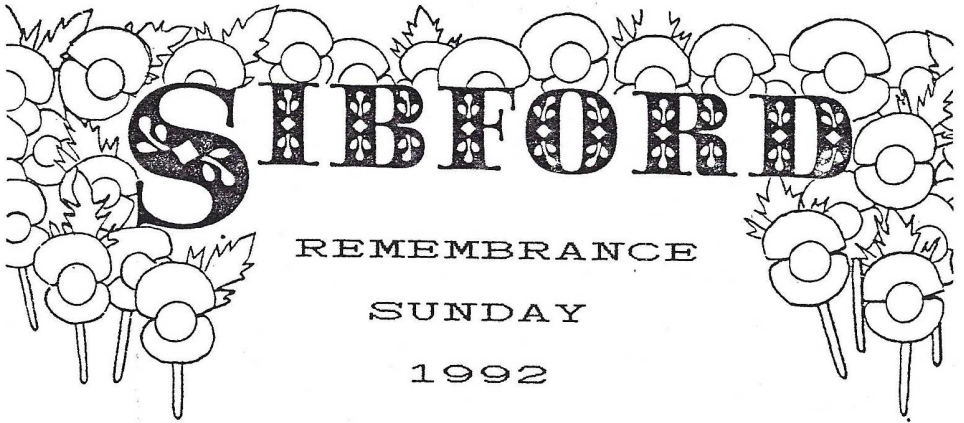
On November the 5th the School had a Bonfire Night in the big field. There were very nice foods and drinks. And there were nice sweets as well! When the fireworks started they were quite good and they got better as it went on! The fireworks were very loud and crackly. The fireworks I liked best were the loud crackly ones and the Catherine wheels. I thought it was a big success and I hope everyone else enjoyed it as much as I did.



Catherine Berry.

Lucy Bathbone.





On 8th November a goodly number of villagers gathered around the simple stone cross in the churchyard of Holy Trinity, Sibford.

As a bugle sounded the *Last Post*, memories of comrades, friends, relations and loved ones, who had died in the terrible wars of this century, passed through our minds, together with thoughts of all who had given their lives in these armed conflicts - among them the eleven local men whose names are carved at the base of our war memorial:

WILLIAM BARTON

ARTHUR HAYNES

GEORGE BODFISH

ARCHIE KAYE

THOMAS BORSBERRY

HARRY LINES

THOMAS DYER

HUGH ODDIE

HORACE HAWTIN

DAVID WADE

WILLIAM WEBB

WE REMEMBERED THEM ALL

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1st THE SIBFORD BEAVER COLONY New Leader and New Meeting Day

This term has seen two changes for the Beaver Colony. The first change to occur was that Robin Spicer (Brown Beaver) has stepped down as the Colony leader. It was Robin's hard work and commitment that enabled the 1st The Sibford Scout Group to form the Beaver Colony and I am sure that there are many Cubs, Scouts and Parents who are grateful to him. The role of Beaver Leader has now fallen to me and this leads into the second change the Colony has under gone. The Colony no longer meets on a Friday evening. The new day and time is Wednesday evening, 5.15 - 6.30pm. The venue remains the same.

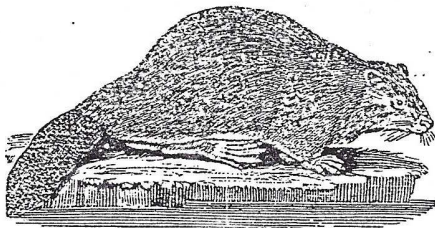
At the present time the Beaver Colony is a small group, ten in total, and only one of the boys comes from Sibford itself.

So what are Beavers?

Beavers are the junior section of the Scout Movement, taking boys aged 6-8yrs. Their motto is 'Fun and Friends' and the weekly Colony meetings are based on the motto and also the Promise that the Beavers make when they are invested. If you have a son who is between the ages of 6 and 8yrs who is looking forward to joining Cubs at the age of 8yrs then maybe he would like to join us first.

Further information can be obtained by contacting me on Banbury 269836.

Lucinda Poulton (Cindy) Beaver Leader.



Letter



to the Editor

Burdrop House Barn,
Burdrop.

Dear Editor,

Some many years ago when we bought our first cottage in Oxfordshire as weekenders, our daughter Corinne who was a full time worker at "Age Concern" impressed upon us two things. Firstly we should not bring our groceries and 'fridge-remainders down with us from London and secondly, we should not shop on arrival at the supermarkets in the locality, The reason being that village shops were losing customers and being forced to close. This made life difficult for those without transport and for some who live alone it could remove their one chance of a daily chat.

I can recall one old man who came in to the shop (now closed) at Sandford St. Martin and who bought a box of matches, not once, not twice but three times a day - all for a chat. He must have long since gone to his Maker, I only hope he didn't go up in smoke!

We of course are extremely lucky to be one of the few villages to have a shop. Well, please support it! It isn't fair to wait until we are snowed in and then all trudge along and clear the shelves.

For families to buy in bulk at the super-markets makes economic sense, especially in these hard times - but please do leave a few things to buy here in Sibford. I am sure the Pecks need encouragement in their new venture and if we all bought even two or three items a week throughout the year it would mean a lot to them.

The Pecks have no knowledge that I have written this letter and will no doubt be surprised to read it.

One other thing - Barry please stay!!!

Robin Tealman

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

TUESDAY 1 DEC - Christmas Tea. Carols in Village Hall

MEMBERS ONLY

TUESDAY 15 DEC - Christmas Lunch at Wykeham Arms
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TUESDAY 5 JAN - Meeting to be arranged.

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NEW, TENTATIVE HANDS AT THE HELM

Our village(s) has more than its rightful compliment of Captains of Industry and Air Liners - Marshalls of Education - Commanders of Banks and Financial Institutions - Major Farmers and Church Pillars - careers which provide fulfilment as well as helping to pay the school fees. But what of our next generation? What of them? The press devotes forests of newsprint to delinquents and their activities but such young people are very much in the minority. The Sibfords abound with wonderful, wonderful youths - so many in fact that there is no room to give justice of space to all. We select but two purely as representative of all such young citizens today.

Mathew Abbott left school a year ago and decided, like so many sensible eighteen-year-olds, to see for himself a world reported as quite different from the affluence of North Oxford. He travelled in Nepal and North India feeding his appetite for wonder and beauty. Then he arrived in Calcutta and both his experience and his concern for others changed direction. So alarmed was he that human beings could be allowed to live in such appalling conditions with little food and - far worse - no hope and quite destitute of love that he joined a voluntary organisation called "Calcutta Rescue" working in a street clinic that gave help through concern to over 300 patients a day. The experience will remain with Mathew for the rest of his life. He is at university now but one day the Scene hopes to persuade him to write for us an article regarding what he saw and how it effected his feelings for others.

Our second pen sketch concerns Cadet Petty Officer Peter Mulley of the Banbury Sea Cadets - T.S. Harvester Unit. Each year four young men are selected, one each from ATC, ACF, CCF, and Peter's unit, SCC, as "Lord Lieutenant Cadets" to parade with Oxfordshire's Lord Lieutenant, Sir Ashley Ponsopby, when he meets royal visitors to the county. It is obviously a great privilege to have one's name put forward but to be selected is an honour supreme and that is exactly what happened to Peter after parading before a selection board consisting of three fearsome serving officers. On October 26th Peter attended the investiture at Oxford and was awarded his badge of office by the Lord Lieutenant himself. This is one of the highest awards in the Sea Cadet Corps. Peter must feel a certain satisfaction that all his efforts have been thus rewarded but, we his fellow villagers, are proud of his achievement - Well done!

Let's hope Her Majesty sees fit to "nip over to these 'ere parts" while Peter holds his office. After which we shall expect an article for the Scene.

**COFFEE MORNING in aid of
CHURCHES MEDIA TRUST**



Norman and Mary Nash will be holding a COFFEE MORNING on Saturday 16th January 1993 at 10.30 am at The Red House, Burdrop (formerly the Vet's house) in aid of the Churches' Media Trust Annual Appeal.

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THEY ALSO SERVE WHO ONLY SIT AND STAPLE

A rather dismissive "one liner" appeared in the October Scene when reporting on the trials and tribulations of our printing press! It read "2400 double-sided sheets are on their way to the assembling and stapling volunteers". Easily said. Easily accepted. But what does it entail?

They wait expectantly from the 26-30th of the month, to be available when the sheets arrive from the printing party.

Then the clearing of the kitchen table and the putting out of the cat - the printed sheets separated into six or seven piles in the right order, proper side up. The stapler to be loaded and "cocked". Then sheet by sheet the picking up (how they stick together!) and assembling. Tap gently on the table to straighten - slip into the stapler and press (how an arm aches at the end of the shift). Now fold carefully in the middle and stack in piles of 25 on the kitchen dresser - takes about fifty seconds. "Easy" you say - but wait - do that 240 times and with coffee breaks and a pause to see if the cat is still in the garden - and two to three hours have slipped by!

Whew! A wipe of the brow, let the cat in, a nip of the 'right stuff' (probably tea), and as our Team collapses into easy chairs there's a knock at the door. "Could you *just* slip these loose leaflets into this month's *Scene*?" - It's the word '*just*' that hurts!

Each month Jim & Joan Shields for the Ferris and Margaret & Clem Cox for the Gower & Burdrop go through this routine without a grumble. They are uncomplaining, efficient & fast, and the villages owe them a debt of gratitude.

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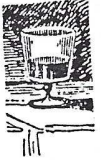


Ladies
Evening
Out

15 Members of Leo met at the home of Mary Bristow on November 17th for a very interesting and enlightening talk on Aromatherapy by Ginnie Bennett. She also explained how it can help patients in hospital by not only giving relief for aches and pains but also for stress. Ginnie obviously knew a great deal about the subject and she passed on to us some useful hints and tips.

Many thanks to Ginnie and also thanks to Mary for her hospitality.

The next meeting of Leo will be held at the home of Greta Baadsgaard, Quince Cottage, Bonds End Lane on Tuesday December 15th at 8.00 p.m. There will be mulled wine and we hope some members will be able to bring a very small plate of biscuits/mince pies. If anyone has a Christmas reading, thought or item to share, please will they bring it along.



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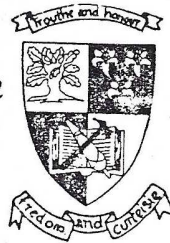
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St Olave's Church in the City of London is one of the most beautiful of the City Churches. Samuel Pepys often mentions it in his Diaries: indeed, he not only worshipped at St. Olave's, he lies buried there too, beneath the altar.

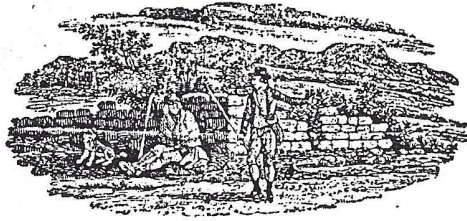
Sibford pupils had been invited to give a recital in this prestigious setting. On 15th October they performed a varied programme of instrumental music, ranging from the Baroque to arrangements of spirituals, and so successful was it that Mark Paine, Director of Music, has received an invitation to return with pupils again next year.

Success on the sports field too came in October. Our 7-a-side girls rugby team have trained hard for several weeks this term for the New Image Competition held on 20th. They won all six of their matches, and now proceed to the final in November, to be played at the Iffley Road Ground in Oxford immediately before a major Oxford University fixture. This will be a very special event to look forward to, following the girls' remarkable achievement in the earlier rounds. Graham Thomas and Tracy Knowles, in charge of PE at the school and both resident on campus, will be giving them every encouragement.

Pupils needed hardly any encouragement to take part in Casuals Day earlier this term. School uniform was put aside for one day and contributions made to charity for the occasion, which raised £300. We were pleased to welcome Margot Bell of Save the Children to collect the cheque, presented by one of our youngest and oldest pupils, Lorraine Jack and Chris Hefher.

Meanwhile, members of the Sixth Form, having in some cases just started their Diploma in Vocational Education, successfully completed a Health and Hygiene course, as part of their Catering and Hotel Management or Retailing specialist areas of work, achieving deserved outside recognition for their skills.

Finally, bumper congratulations to Kevin and Liz Wyles on the safe arrival of Mark, Rachael and Lee on 16th October. Kevin is Head of Maintenance at the school, and life for him and Liz will certainly have changed now they have triplets to look after! There have now been no less than eleven babies born to Sibford staff and their wives in the past twelve months: is this a record?



Sibford Gower Parish Council

The following letter was received from COTSWOLD COUNTRY SERVICE.

You may be aware that a substantial part of Oxfordshire now lies within an area designated as the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Beauty following an extension by the Secretary of State for the Environment last year.

This designation not only denotes the area as one of particular value and sensitivity, for which special policies are embodied in Structure and Local Plans, but also attracts special funding by the Countryside Commission and 20 Local Authorities constituent to the area.

The Cotswold Country Service sets out to promote better management of the AONB and in doing so promotes the Cotswold Warden Service, a voluntary group which last year performed over 30,000 hours of work in the countryside. Its activities range from patrol and maintenance of rights of ways to undertaking conservation work; a programme of Guided Walks is devised and widely advertised, providing over 200 walks each year and the Service undertakes countryside promotions and interpretation to the public.

In order to provide an equitable spread of our resources, we need to expand the work of the Warden Service in Oxfordshire. At present there is a small core of volunteers living near the Gloucestershire border and they undertake some work in Oxfordshire. We also bring volunteers from Gloucestershire to undertake special work projects on footpaths in association with Oxfordshire County Council. However, we wish to increase the number of volunteers in Oxfordshire to around 40, in due course, and intend to use various means to attract new members. Experience shows that there is a large number of persons of all age groups interested in promoting and protecting the countryside and who are prepared to give time and energy on a voluntary basis. In parts of Gloucestershire and Avon, for example, we have to set limits on numbers recruited, given high interest. The Service provides training, tools and equipment and pays expenses.

If anyone in the village has, or would like to have, an interest and involvement with the type of work undertaken, please contact the Clerk, Petra Berry (462) and she can put you in touch with a full-time Ranger attached to the Countryside Service.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Church Christmas Bazaar raised £819.06 as profit. Our thanks to all those who spent time and money in preparing for the sale and during the afternoon.

T.W.



Sibford Ferris Parish Council

At our meeting held on 3rd November, Mr. Houchin, Water Supply Manager from Thames Water, came to discuss the complaints of a number of residents in the parish about the standard of their water supply. He did acknowledge that a sample shown to him at the meeting was not acceptable and promised to investigate both individual complaints and the situation generally. However the really important thing is that attention to parishes is given simply on the basis of number of complaints received. This means that those who shout the loudest are likely to get help rather than consideration being given to the seriousness of the problem. Whilst this seems an odd way of doing things we need to be aware of how Thames Water works and to conform to their system.

DO REMEMBER THEREFORE THAT YOU SHOULD PHONE THAMES WATER ON 0345 200800 WHENEVER YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT NO MATTER HOW TRIVIAL OR SHORT LIVED IT MIGHT BE.

By doing this you will help our parish to improve their position in a queue covering a vast area.

Two other items which may be of interest -

There is to be a Christmas Short Mat Bowls competition at the Spiceball Sports Centre on Saturday December 5th 1992. This competition organised by Cherwell District Council is open to any group able to form a team. Further details and entry form available from the Clerk (8393).

Cherwell District Council Printing Services are seeking work from organisations and claim their prices are very competitive. Information leaflets available from the Clerk.

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The John Loggins Charity

As announced on page 1 of the November *Scene*, those wishing to be considered for help offered by this Charity are requested to write to The Trustees, c/o The Rectory, Sibford Gower, BY 12 DECEMBER.

Timothy Wimbush (Rector)

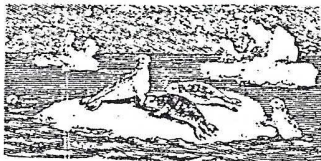
Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School

Our Bonfire Night extravaganza was a great success; helped by the still, clear evening. Thanks to all those parents who lit fireworks, built the bonfire, cooked sausages, sold refreshments and helped clear up afterwards.

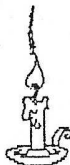
The annual trip to Kilvrough Manor took place in November and the older children in the school are still relating exciting stories of what happened to them up cliffs, down valleys and caves, on the water, whilst ten pin bowling and swimming, when they were on the ropes course or scrambling over the rocks on Worms Head. We took lots of photos of the children taking part in all these activities and these are now on display in the school entrance hall.

"Canoeing was best - especially when Mr Elliott fell in!" Catherine, aged 9.

"Abseiling was great - and we kept dry!" Sarah Daniels, aged 10.



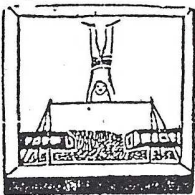
"We saw lots of tiny crabs and fish on Worm's Head and the most interesting thing we saw was a tiny, fluffy baby seal stranded on the causeway." Leanne, aged 10



"I liked caving - it was wet and cold and dark, and we had to squeeze through the tiniest holes in the rock!" Sarah Dennis, aged 10

NO GUSHING PLEASE - WE'RE BRITISH !

"Look here" barked the editor to our Roving Reporter while adjusting his green eye shade and pushing up his black cuff protectors. (Editors always have green eye shades in western movies.) "Look here laddie!" (Editors always call their junior reporters "laddie" in the best T.V. dramas.) "Look here laddie, I've got in front of me a letter from no lesser person than the chairman of the local Conservative Association, Robert Tomkins himself. He says that your reports are "gushing"! Can't have that! No gushing on this paper - just you stop gushing or you're out! Rees-Mogg is constantly writing in to apply for your position and by heck one more gush and the job's his. If you dare to gush again I shall censor it myself with my big black pencil! Now get out and report this next Conservative Evening but remember not even one little gush!":---- Now read on.



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Our local Conservative Party arranged an evening of Old Fashioned Music Hall on Saturday November 28th. The original variety company from London had consisted of "The Man tightrope act" - "Straw man" and his vanishing Green Shoots" - "Shrugless" and his Foreign Frolics" - "Two penn'orth" and his rendering of "Home, home on the REVENGE" - and Baloney and his North Oxford Somersault Troup. Alas! They had all been double-booked and had to remain on the North Bank at the Commons' House of Comedy.

However it mattered not because old friends Banbury Operatic Society stepped in and stopped the show. They had the whole audience in the aisles and like The Village Hall although a trifle less than "The Manor" was quite a venue, and the refreshments billed as "Hot" made everyone and very The bar completed the and added to the of an audience - who went home exceedingly and longing for

It is to be hoped that the Conservatives will in the not too distant as our village charities always from these occasions.

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REPORT on the FIELDING DAY CENTRE for the ELDERLY

Since the inception, in April, of the Day Centre at Sibford (Friends) School, the number of local elderly visitors who receive, between noon & 3.00pm on alternate Wednesdays, a cooked lunch, social activities and tea; has gradually increased from 5 to 12 and the number of local volunteers has increased from 7 to 15. During term-time a lot of the chores (eg. fetching meals from the cafeteria, setting tables, serving, escorting visitors by mini-bus & car, taking meals out) is undertaken by an enthusiastic group of senior students, under the supervision of their harassed Head of Sixth Form, Gill Manthorpe. The local volunteers attend on a rota basis, assisting where necessary. Everyone joins in the lunch & participates in the social activities.

During the long Summer break the Day Centre was operated by the volunteers, including the preparation of home-cooked lunches; there were a few hair-raising moments but the ladies (with some assistance from the men) coped magnificently, their culinary results being greatly appreciated by the visitors.

As for the future, on 16 December the volunteers will provide a home-cooked Christmas Lunch; the aroma of hot mince-pies may well persuade Santa Claus to drop in. A lunch-time knees-up at a local hostelry is being planned for 30 December, as is a visit to the Pantomime on 13 January.

It is anticipated that after January the Day Centre will meet weekly rather than fortnightly. We hope that a few new volunteers will now come forward so that each volunteer need attend only once per month on average. If you think you could spare a few hours a month, or if you would just like a few more details of what's involved, please phone me on 8265. Transport can be provided.

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Also, make the effort to keep an eye on other's homes and to NOTE any suspicious events. DO NOT HESITATE to call the Police if you think something needs attention.

All the Best for Christmas and Good Neighbourhood Watching!

John Mulley Hon Coordinator

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SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



The November meeting included a very interesting talk by Mrs Bovill on the development of the Manor Garden, illustrated by videoed photographs.

A busy programme is planned for our Christmas meeting, to be held in the Village Hall on 9 December, starting at 8.00pm. An 80/20 table will be available for members to sell their handicrafts, plants, etc.

The meeting will start with a short informal 'question & answer' session, led by Mr Powell, on 'Gardening Topics for This Time of Year'. If this innovation proves to be successful it will be included in future meetings - so come prepared to ask questions (or, if you know it all, to answer them).

Next will be a talk by our guest speaker, Mr Sheasby, on 'Wychwood Forest'.

This will be followed by the judging of the entries for the Competition (a Christmas Table Centrepiece); two prizes (£4 & £2) will be awarded.

Next will be the drawing for the Large Hamper of Christmas Fare - raffle tickets will be on sale at the Meeting and are already on sale at the Surgery.

The evening will end with free seasonal refreshments (mulled wine, mince pies & sausage rolls) provided by members of the Committee.

A good time for new members to join our gardening club!

Please note that there will be no meeting in January - the 1993 programme will start on Wednesday 10 February with another talk by Mr Sheasby.

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The Committee has decided that the Handicraft Classes of the 1993 Show Schedule will be the same as for 1992, ie:

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| 1. A sewn garment | 5. A hand-knitted article |
| 2. A piece of tapestry | 6. An example of embroidery |
| 3. A soft toy | 7. A handicraft exhibit - Ladies |
| 4. A crocheted article | 8. A handicraft exhibit - Gentlemen |

FOR CHILDREN IN ROMANIA

Austerity Lunches will be held at the Friends Meeting House, Sibford Gower between 12.30 & 2.00pm on the first Tuesday of the month, at a suggested contribution of £2 each.

We hope, in this way, to add to the funds being raised by ORFAN (Oxfordshire Relief Fund for Romanian Children).

* Everyone and any contributions will be welcome. *

* Tuesday 1st December * Tuesday 5th January *

Margaret Le Mare

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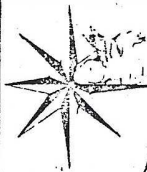
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News and Information



Mrs Mary Cooper (Vice President) chaired the November meeting of Sibford W.I. She was able to announce a very profitable outcome of the recent Coffee morning at Moreton-in-Marsh. The profits were divided between the Institute and the Anthony Nolan Fund for research in Marrow Transplants.

The forthcoming Members' Meeting was discussed. This will take place on December 8th at the Jarvis' house at Hook Norton. Meet in the Village Hall car park at 1.40 to sort out transport. Also bring a small gift (around £1 in value) for a "Lucky Dip for Christmas". Wrapped of course.

Mrs G. Smith gave a light-hearted talk woven around a selection of tea towels which reminded her of happenings and friends in her life. It was well presented and received.

Mrs Baggaley and Mrs Johnstone served tea and lovely cookies, and the competition for a Tea towel was won by Mrs Law, second Mrs Baadsgaard, 3rd Mrs Grasby.

Looking further ahead, the January meeting will be on the 14th at the Village Hall, when Mr Bowen will speak on Sub-Tropical Plants. There will be a competition for *A Small Winter Arrangement*.

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GUIDE DOGS for the BLIND ASSOCIATION

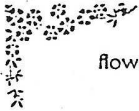


THANK YOU, on behalf of the G.D.B.A., to all those who so generously supported the Coffee Morning on 28 October. We raised a total of £302.57. C.R.

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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.

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- Question 1. Who wrote 'Les Misérables'?
2. How long did the Fifteen Years War last?
 3. What did Elizabeth Taylor, Dorothy Parker and Natalie Wood have in common?
 4. Which England and Sussex cricketer has had two volumes of poetry published?

These and many more questions have been answered correctly by Sibford's cricket team as they continue on their road towards the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trivia Quiz final at Lords. *[In the quiz, runs may be scored or wickets taken by correct answers and wickets lost by incorrect answers.]* Captained by that redoubtable opening bat of yesteryear & no. 2 umpire, Peter Handley - always a gentleman in cricketer terms - the team scored a notable win over Chipping Norton C.C. in the third round of the competition, with an excellent score of 142 - 1, as against their opponent's 26 - 4!

A further key to the team's success has been the quiet & resourceful Peter Randall, our Auditor, who displayed a range of knowledge & quality of reply to procure vital runs at crucial moments to send our opponents into a trough of despair. Added to this formidable talent has been the steady & calming influence of Ron Morbey, an opening bat & wicket keeper of local renown and expert on the more subtle of subjects, including Ale & Darts; David Bennett, an occasional opening partner & Treasurer, and connoisseur on the fortunes of Newcastle United FC; and last, but not least, Brian Holliday, a wily left arm spinner & Chairman, and noted geographer & guide to cycling journeys through the Lake District!

With singles & boundaries being scored and bouncers delivered through a maze of full glasses, the tactical awareness of the team has improved considerably, and they look forward to the next round, on Friday 15 January, against opponents yet to be named.

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- Answers: 1. Victor Hugo [Music by Alain Boublil & Claude Michel Schönberg] (1 run + 2 overthrows)
2. Fifteen Years (1 run)
3. They re-married their husbands (6 run bouncer)
4. John Snow (1 run)



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Friday	15 & 29 Jan	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon

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ARE THERE NO MORE EVENTS ALREADY FIXED FOR 1993 ??

Secretaries - Please keep *Sibford Scene* or Norman informed.

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Baptist (Hook Norton)	Sunday at 10.30 am

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6 December	10.00am	United Benefice Eucharist at Swalcliffe
13 "	10.00am	Holy Communion
20 "	10.00am	Holy Communion (said)
20 "	4.00pm	Family Service, Carols & Christingle
24 "	11.30pm	Midnight Mass of Christmas
25 "	11.15am	Family Communion of Christmas Day
27 "	10.00am	United Benefice Eucharist at Epwell
1 January	10.00am	Holy Communion for New Year's Day
3 "	10.00am	United Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton
6 "	8.00pm	United Benefice Eucharist at Sibford
10 "	10.00am	Holy Communion
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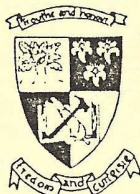
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CALENDAR for DECEMBER 1992

Tuesday 1st Austerity Lunch for Romanian charity - see p 22
Tuesday 1st Friendship Club - Christmas Tea & Carols - see p 8
Wednesday 2nd Fielding Day Centre - 12.15pm - 3.00pm
Wednesday 2nd Healthy Lifestyles Group - Surgery
Wednesday 2nd Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Saturday 5th Scouts Paper & ALUMINIUM Can Collection
Saturday 5th Short Mat Bowls Competition - Spiceball - see p 15
Saturday 5th Swalcliffe Christmas Bazaar
Saturday 5th Sibford School Christmas Concert 7.30pm - see p 27
Sunday 6th Methodist Church - Service with Carols - see p 12
Tuesday 8th WI - Members' Meeting - see page 23
Wednesday 9th Horti Society Christmas Meeting - see page.21
Saturday 12th Rubbish Skip in Gower
Tuesday 15th Friendship Club - Christmas Lunch - see page 8
Tuesday 15th LEO Club - Christmas Snacks & Readings - see page 12
Wednesday 16th Fielding Day Centre - Christmas Lunch - see p 19
Wednesday 16th Healthy Lifestyles Group - Surgery
Wednesday 16th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Sunday 20th Holy Trinity Carols & Christingle - 4.00pm - see p 27
Wednesday 30th Fielding Day Centre - Lunch Outing - see p 19
Wednesday 30th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)

CALENDAR for JANUARY 1993

Saturday 2nd Scouts Paper & ALUMINIUM Can Collection
Tuesday 5th Austerity Lunch for Romanian charity - see p 22
Tuesday 5th Friendship Club - To be arranged
Saturday 9th Rubbish Skip in Gower
Monday 11th New Weekly Yoga starts at Sibford School - see p 12
Wednesday 13th Fielding Day Centre - Outing to Pantomime - see p 19
Wednesday 13th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)
Tuesday 14th WI Meeting - Sub-Tropical Plants - see page 23
Friday 15th Sibford Cricket Club - Charity Quiz - see p 25
Saturday 16th Coffee Morning for Churches Media Trust - see p 10
Tuesday 19th Friendship Club - To be arranged
Wednesday 27th Fielding Day Centre - 12.15pm - 3.00pm
Wednesday 27th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm)

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