


SIBFORD SCENE



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JUNE 1993

Barry - A Good Friend to the Sibfords

About nine years ago, a gentleman approached the village of Sibford Gower, hoping to find a small cottage where he could settle down and give some service to the local community. This he did and in time the community found that they had a good friend and a great helper throughout the whole of the Sibfords.

That gentleman was A. Barry Davies of Stonecutters Cottage, Bonds End Lane, a gentle man with a smile and witty remarks when you meet him out walking in the village.

Barry soon established himself as the Editor of the local Newsletter and, with doing so, found many friends. He also became involved in parochial duties at Holy Trinity Church and enjoys singing the old hymns so heartily. Another village 'duty' he enjoys is appearing as Father Christmas at children's parties, church bazaars, etc.

Barry - can we please say to you through 'your own' *Sibford Scene* - "Thank You and Good Wishes & Good Health for your 'Retirement'".

Two Long-Time Friends

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LATE NEWS ITEM - CHANGES AT SIBFORD FERRIS VILLAGE SHOP

* New Owners and Longer Opening Hours *

The Village Shop re-opened at 4.00pm on 19 May, under its new owners, Colin and Helen Henderson.

The Stores will now be open from 8.00am to 6.00pm from MONDAY to SATURDAY, closed 1.00 - 2.00pm. The Sunday hours will be 10.00am to 1.00pm. The Post Office hours will remain as before, with half-day closing on Thursday and Saturday. The Shop advert will be amended next month.

We welcome Colin & Helen to our community and wish them every success in their new venture.

SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting was held on Thursday 13th May when I was asked to inform people of the following items.

Members of the Council have arranged to meet a Cherwell District Council official on site to discuss the ongoing problem of clearing the verges in the narrow stretch of road below the Post Office. A number of people have pointed out how dangerous it has become because of having to walk almost in the middle of the road. It is hoped that if he sees the problem at first hand 'the man from the Council' may be persuaded to put the work in hand urgently.

We have received copies of the Cherwell Countryside Events leaflet which includes details of all the guided walks taking place between April and October. The Clerk has spare copies if you would like one. (Phone Swa 8393).

The Social Services Department has sent a booklet entitled 'Explaining Community Care'. If anyone would like to borrow this please contact the Clerk.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 28th June at 8pm in The Library of The Friends School. You will be very welcome if you can manage to come along.

Pat Romans - Clerk SFPC

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M-M RAISES £3,250 PER FOOT

David (M-M) Bennett has now got his breath back after his magnificent effort in the London Marathon, in which he was placed 9,745th out of 24,604 finishers, with a time of 3 hours 49 minutes 28 seconds. He wishes to say a very big 'THANK YOU' to the many people & groups in the villages who supported him - to date this has resulted in over £6,500 being raised for his two chosen charities, The Shaw Trust and The Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust.

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NATURE NOTES

Apr 20th. The first Cuckoo that I have heard this year was calling in the valley between our villages early this morning.

Apr 24th. While having our lunch, we watched a Robin moving its head around stiffly, as though it was trying to get rid of a crick in its neck. I expect that the movement is part of its courting display, as I think they are starting to build in the Flycatchers nest box on the wall of our bungalow.

Apr 29th. This evening a Yellow Wagtail was sitting near the Corn Bunting that has recently returned to his summer perch on the telephone wire by our farm road, from which he sings for a good part of the day. I am 'reliably informed' that the distinctive song of the Grasshopper Warbler has been heard on two occasions recently. It would be nice to have them nesting here again. I have not heard of a nest in Sibford since the early forties, when there was an influx of these birds and several pairs nested locally.

May 1st. There were two Yellow Wagtails at the same spot today but they may well move on northward to nest.

May 2nd. We had a very rewarding walk in Whichford Wood this afternoon. As well as the Bluebells, which were just at their best, Stitchwort, Bugle, Ground Ivy, Yellow Archangle and Pink Campion were also in bloom. A Willow Warbler was singing and among the many butterflies that were on the wing was the only Comma that I have seen this Spring.

May 7th. Early this morning a female Cuckoo made its bubbling call close to our bungalow. Some say that they only 'bubble' when they have laid an egg, which may or may not be so.

May 15th. I first saw a Swift on May 10th, which is about its usual arrival date, House Martins on May 12th, which is two or three weeks late, and had not seen a Swallow until today when I saw two near Hook Norton, almost a month later than I would normally expect to see them. It seems to me that, in this area, the population of Martins and Swallows has fallen quite sharply over the last few years, although a birdwatcher who lives at Radway tells me that at his dairy farm he has his full quota of Swallows, some of them already nesting. Also that they had a very successful breeding season last year, with about fifty young birds reared in his buildings.

LEO CLUB - LADIES EVENING OUT

Linda Conway had organized an excellent Treasure Hunt in Shenington for the Club's May meeting, but the unruly Sibfordian element caused quite a stir and the 'natives' nearly called out The Bill. However, 'all's well that ends well', and the Ladies ended their Evening Out back at Linda's for well-earned coffee. The winning team consisted of Sheila Baseby, Maureen Warden and Vivienne Scouse.

The next meeting, on 15 June starting at 8.00pm, will be a more sedate gathering at Mary Bristow's - hopefully in the garden. Vivienne will be devising a 'light-hearted' Quiz. Please bring a small plate of 'Summer food' and, if fine, a garden chair.

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PANTOMIME OR PLAY?

An encouraging number of people have responded to Roger Pinkham's notices in the village about starting up a new drama group but we still need a few more to get going on our first production.

So if you are a budding young actor or an old "Sibbert" who would like to come out of retirement or just somebody who thinks it would be fun to put on a production in the village this year please get in touch. We would especially like to hear from anybody who has never acted in their life before but would like to try now. Of course choreographers, dancers, musicians, set painters, ice cream salespersons, writers and ticket printers would be most welcome.

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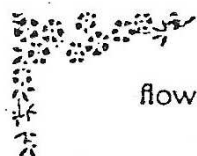
We have had a busy term with lots going on. 19 Brownies and 5 helpers went on Pack Holiday at Easter and had a great time. Our theme was Swiss Family Robinson and we made rafts and sailed them, went pond dipping, made things, went on a trail and played lots of games. The brownies also helped with all the chores, cooking etc. We had very nice weather, which was just as well as one brownie fell in the pond. She was marvellous. Didn't make any fuss and just doggy-paddled to the side! We were able to dry all her clothes as the weather was so kind.

Many thanks to all our helpers: Tawny, Victoria, Helen and Julia.

Five brownies have left this term and we were sad to see them go after 3 years with the Pack. So goodbye to Lucy Harris, Hannah Mizen, Lucy Rathbone, Georgina Carey and Catherine Berry. We are very pleased that the latter three have joined Bloxham Guides.

We have welcomed recently Rosemary Pollard, Georgia Berry, Rhiannon Horsley, Zoe Cross, Kayleigh Gilkes, Alexandra Randall and Sophie Tisdall, and we are back to 25 brownies again.

Vivienne Scouse



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SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A full coach load enjoyed the day trip to the Malvern Show - many thanks to Sheila Baseby. At our 12 May meeting, expert flower arranger Anne Jewkes presented a superb demonstration (with running commentary), which had everyone green with envy.

Those members who are participating in the visit to Bloxham gardens on 9 June are reminded to assemble at Sibford Village Hall in time for car loads to be organized and departure to take place by 6.30pm.

Holders of cups & trophies from last year's Annual Show are requested to return them - to the Surgery or to any Committee member - by 1 July, please, otherwise it may not be possible to engrave the present holders' names.

IMPORTANT NOTICE No. 1 - The annual Bring-&-Buy Garden Sale, to be held this year on the forecourt at Bernard & Evelyn Philips's home at 1 Sycamore Close, Sibford Gower, will now take place on Saturday 19 June, from 10.00am to 12.00noon.

IMPORTANT NOTICE No. 2 - AMENDMENTS to the SHOW SCHEDULE -

1. There should be a second Note after Section D as follows:

NOTE. Entries in Classes D 26, 27, 29 & 30
should be UNMOUNTED.

2. The list of Awards on page 1 of the Show Schedule should be amended as follows:

The Ted Webb Trophy for most points gained in
Section D, Classes 1 - 17.

The Village Cup for most points gained in
Section D, Classes 18 - 30.

The John Sabin Cup for the winner of First Prize in
Section D, Class 31.

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OPEN GARDENS IN SIBFORD

under the National Gardens Scheme

SIBFORD FERRIS - Sunday 13 June 2-6pm

Back Acre, Home Close, The Old Court House, The Small House.

- Wednesday 16 June 2-6pm

Back Acre, Home Close, The Old Court House.

SIBFORD GOWER - Sunday 20 June 2-6pm

Meadow Cottage, Handywater Farm.

- Sunday 18 July 2-6pm

Meadow Cottage, Temple Close, Carters Yard, The Manor House.

Further details: Arnold Lamb (357) or Roger Powell (525).

! ATTENTION ALL CONTRIBUTORS!

As usual, there will be NO publication of the *Sibford Scene* at the beginning of August. Therefore all announcements for the month of August should be submitted for inclusion in our next edition.

THE DEADLINE for the JULY/AUGUST *SIBFORD SCENE*

will be

* TUESDAY 22 JUNE *

REMINDER - ALL Items or Personal Adverts for inclusion in the *Scene* should now be submitted to either:

Ray Henbrey, Virginia Cottage, Hook Norton Rd, Sibford Ferris
(first house on the left in Hook Norton Rd),

or

Timothy Wimbush, The Rectory, Acre Ditch, Sibford Gower.

It would help us considerably if all contributions were clearly marked 'For Sibford Scene' and included your name and phone number (in case one of our team needs to contact you).

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Sibford School

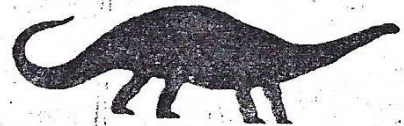
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BRILLIANT THE DINOSAUR

by

Richard Stilgoe



When Richard Stilgoe asked children what subject he should choose for a new musical they all said "Dinosaurs" and so in the summer of last year "Brilliant the Dinosaur" emerged to make quite an impact wherever it was seen and heard! This dramatic musical has been performed in Chichester Cathedral, The Royal Festival Hall and The Birmingham Symphony Hall. It will be staged at Sibford School on the evenings of 6th, 7th and 8th July 1993 at 7.30 p.m.

The cast numbers some 130 children, some of whom attend Sibford Gower Primary School.

Richard Stilgoe has very generously agreed to conduct all three performances, surely a production not to be missed!

Please send cheque with booking and address to "BRILLIANT", Sibford School, Sibford Ferris, Banbury, Oxon. OX15 5QL. Seats are numbered and available on a 'first come, first served' basis. Please remember to state the night required when ordering.

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SIBFORD CRICKET CLUB

'The reason so many cricketers look weather-beaten is that rain stops play so often!'

After the 'monsoons' of 1992, a favourable climate is looked forward to in 1993. However, the April friendly bowed to the elements and the National Village Championships 'derby' at Bodicote was concluded in sheets of water.

RESULTS

League v Radway. Won by 8 Wickets.

Radway 140 - 3 David Lamb 2-42

Sibford 141 - 2 Ian Davis 45*, Nigel Fletcher 38*
Ron Morbey 31.

National Village Championship v Bodicote. Lost by 44 runs.

Bodicote 144 - 7 Nigel Fletcher 3-31

Simon O'Neill 2-25.

Sibford 100 All Out. Ron Morbey 23.

Friendly v Sibford School. Won by 8 wickets.

School 53 - 9 Simon O'Neill 3-6 Chris Woolerton 2-3

Brian Holliday 2-4 John Simms 2-13

Village 55 - 2

Friendly v Tiddington. Lost by 8 wickets.

Sibford 209 - 5 Ron Morbey 92 David Pratt 43

Roger Gilbert 26*

Tiddington 214 - 2

Friendly v Winslow Town Match drawn.

Sibford 168 - 5 Ian Davis 42, David Pratt 32,

David Inns 24, Adrian Lamb 24.

Winslow 117 - 6 David Lamb 3-6, Chris Woolerton 2-17

Welcome to Ian Davis an all rounder in the 'Botham mould' and good to see Chris Woolerton in full flow again. Not to forget those familiar names making a good start - Ron Morbey and David Pratt with the bat, Roger Gilbert and David Lamb with the ball.

FIXTURES

2 June	Cherwell	H	20 June	Round of Gras	A
5 "	Wroxton	H	26 "	Brailes	A
6 "	Mickleton	A	27 "	North Aston	H
9 "	Long Compton	A	30 "	Lighthorne	A
12 "	Tysoe	H			
13 "	Darlingscott	A	3 July	Wroxton	A
19 "	SIX-A-SIDE	H	4 "	Darlingscott	H

SIX-A-SIDE CRICKET - Saturday 19 June - Sibford School

Six Banbury League teams will take part in this unique tournament, playing a total of 9 matches between 10.30am and 7.30pm. Each match will be short (5 overs per team), so it should be an exciting day's cricket. Refreshments will be available all day. The day will end with a Barbecue at The Bishop Blaize. All villagers are invited to come along & shout for our team or join in the barbecue - or both.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

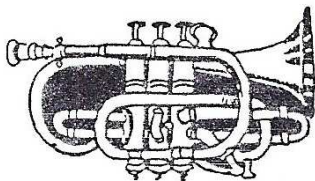
Seventeen members attended the A.G.M. in May and the retiring committee were all re-elected 'en bloc'.

Future coach excursions were discussed and a mystery trip has been arranged for Wednesday evening 16th June, coach leaving Sibford at 6.00 p.m. An outing to Bournemouth is being arranged for Tuesday 17th August, leaving Sibford at 8.30 a.m. If anyone would like to join us on either of these trips please contact Mrs. Webb (8211) at least one week prior to the outing.

The financial position was also discussed and in order to raise funds a coffee evening is being held in July and a bazaar in early autumn, further details in the next 'Scene'. It has also been decided to have a 'Bring-and-Buy' stall at our Tuesday afternoon meetings in the Village Hall for a trial period.

The meeting ended with a birthday party for Mrs. Hawtin who is now entering her 91st year.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st June at 2.00 p.m. in the Village Hall when we are hoping to have a talk by Mrs. Newman. Any visitors will be welcome, regardless of age.



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During May over 60 of our children ran in the annual Warriner Partnership Cross Country. All the competitors did extremely well and our school attained overall first place. Well done to all concerned.

After lots of hard work from some stalwart parents and children, the school pond in the nature area is already becoming established and now we are looking around for native species of plants with which to surround the water

Children in Mrs Stanford's class recently spent a day in Banbury. They visited the Museum, studied architecture, mapped parts of the town and as the day was fine and sunny, had a lovely picnic by the canal.

Dates for diaries:

Sailing Evening.....9th June

Cake sale at Sibford

Ferris Gardens Open Day..13th June

Hill End visit.....15th - 18th June

Barn Dance.....25th June

JUNE - A BUSY MONTH FOR OUR BLOOMING GENERATION

It seems no time at all since the school year started last September - doesn't time fly when you're having fun? But now it's June and many of our Sibford youngsters will be buckling down to examinations, be they for GCSE, A levels, Vocational Training, etc, or 'end of term' tests for those not at specific milestones in their young lives. To every one of you we say "GOOD LUCK - we wish you all the success you deserve - and a little bit more."

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SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL AGM
A Very Serious Occasion

"Look here," snorted the new Editor to his trainee Ace Reporter. "What's all this you've written about people dressed up as Rhinos, Gorillas, Spring Chickens and Clowns, assembling for the annual Gower Marathon? We can't have frivolous reporting like that. The Parish AGM is a *very important affair* at which seven villagers out of six hundred showed sufficient interest to attend, so it's *no laughing matter*. I have received information that a most senior and well respected village elder - no less a person than Mr Frederick Inns himself - has demanded a *serious report*. So try again - and this time *keep it serious*."

So, to pacify our new Editor (et al.), I shall don my long, belted raincoat and my bowler hat - I shall ascend my rostrum and wave my tiny red flag to indicate a false start. I'll jolly well return to the tapes and start again, remembering - *no frivolity*. Mr Inns wants a *serious report*, not a load of rubbish about Eric running carefully on cobbles, Petra rounding the Cutty Sark closely followed by Maureen, Tom collapsing on Westminster Bridge after reporting what can be done with unwanted bales of straw, and Fred escaping from the Tower and joining the runners disguised as a Group 4 escort. This meeting is a *very serious matter* - frivolity begone!
So - a second attempt -

A VERY SERIOUS OCCASION by your Ace Reporter

1. On Thursday 25 April at 7.30pm prompt, the Chairman, Mr E Payne, opened the 1993 Sibford Gower Parish Council AGM with due solemnity, welcoming his Clerk and three Councillors, together with our two Local District and County Councillors and seven villagers.
2. The Clerk, Mrs P Berry, read the Minutes.
3. As all items had been attended to, there were no 'Matters Arising'.
4. The Accounts were read.
5. The Chairman gave his Report including his appreciation to the Town Estates Charity for financing the new road signs. The Parish 'rate' would remain the same for 1993. (Yip- sorry!)
6. No representative was present from the Town Estates Charity - account details could be obtained by contacting Mr P Baadsgaard, if any villager were interested.
7. The three Councillors reported on the three 'out-of-town' meetings they had attended.
8. Our District Councillor reported that "he rather thought" Cherwell District had passed a grant of £1000 to repair our Pond. (Whoopee! - sorry!)
9. The time had now reached 7.50pm. (Twenty minutes into the race. - sorry, Sir!)

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10. Mr F Inns and a few others then began to raise *serious matters*, such as grass cutting - illegal gates - gushing gullies - wrongly sited grit bins - overflowing skips and road signs facing the wrong way. This continued for forty minutes until 8.30pm, with a long-suffering, jovial (but, we hasten to add, *serious*) Chairman allowing discussion to flow endlessly.

11. At 8.30pm, the Chairman suddenly closed his book and announced that the meeting was now over, because the Fish & Chip van would shortly be leaving the district. (This was a very flippant remark for such a *serious occasion* - a remark which, it is hoped, he will not have to regret at the next AGM.)

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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 Caroline and Hugo Seely, who have moved into Holly Mount, Sibford Gower with their 11 months old daughter, India. Hugo trained as a carpenter but will tackle any job - plumbing, electrical, etc. Caroline works part-time for a publishing company in Oxford.

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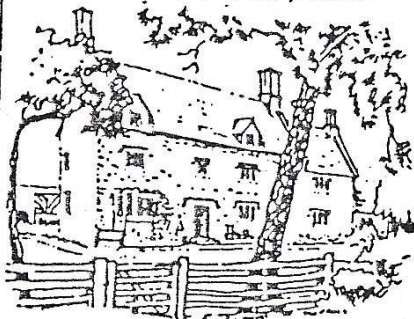
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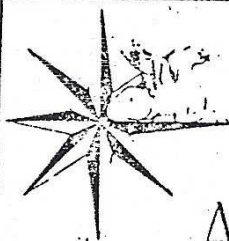
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Oh, yes. A reporter/photographer from a rival publication, in Banbury, came along to get our story - vanity prevents me giving more details of where to find the photograph.

We could still do with a few more volunteer car drivers for the Summer holiday period, just to bring our elderly visitors from Epwell, Shutford & Tadmarton. If you think you could help us for about an hour once a fortnight, please phone me on 8265. You would not need to stay for the lunch and activities, as our regular helpers can do the return journeys.

Ray Henbrey

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SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL BRING-AND-BUY GARDEN SALE

Saturday 19 June 10.00am - 12.00noon

1 Sycamore Close, Sibford Gower

(Home of Bernard & Evelyn Phillips)

Plants, Seedlings, Vegetables, Jams, Cakes, Bric-a-brac.

All items for sale gratefully received on the day.

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SIBFORDS & EPWELL CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

SUMMER EVENING EVENT - Saturday 19 June

To be held at Burdrop House Barn & gardens, Sibford Gower

START.....6.30pm PUNCH & JUDY (1 hr).....6.45pm

BARBECUE.....7.00pm 50/50 AUCTION.....8.00pm

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SIBFORD PLAYGROU**P**

We would like to invite all mums and toddlers to an
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on WEDNESDAY 9 JUNE between 10.30am & 12.00midday.

Do please come along and have a look at our
lively happy group. Refreshments will be available.

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RAMBLERS & WALKERS - PUT YOUR BEST FEET FORWARD

The Cherwell District Council booklet on 'Countryside Events in Cherwell 1993' is now available free at the Library, the Tourist Information Centre, etc, or from your Parish Council Clerk or can be obtained by post by phoning Banbury 252535 extn 4193.

This excellent booklet gives details of guided walks, both long & short, in the countryside and in towns & villages, as well as events for all the family.

You may have missed the Sibfords guided cross-country ramble on 25 May, but you can make up for it by joining in the 'BBONT Bonanza' big day out on Saturday 5 June (details below), which includes guided walks around the Nature Reserve & Pond (phone Swa 635 for details).

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THE SIBFORDS SOCIETY

The next meeting of The Sibfords Society will be held on June 11th at 8.00pm at the Mission Hall.

There will be a screening of the film '24 SQUARE MILES' followed by refreshments and lively discussion.

Please do come along and take this final opportunity to make your contribution towards the fascinating first project of the group - a leaflet illustrating a walk around the Sibfords. We look forward to sharing your suggestions and memories of Sibford past!

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SWALCLIFFE SOCIETY / SIBFORDS SOCIETY

The Swalcliffe Society cordially invites, to our next meeting, members of the Sibfords Society, or anyone else fascinated or puzzled by

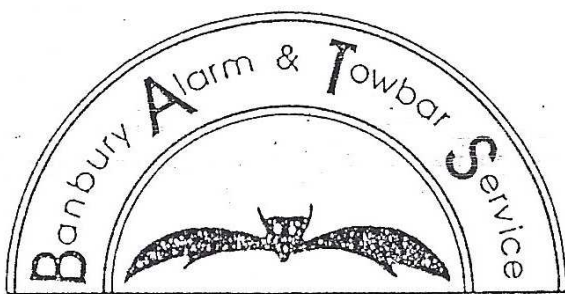
'HERALDRY and HERALDIC ART'.

If you would like to know more about this unusual occupation come to SWALCLIFFE VILLAGE HALL on WEDNESDAY 14 JULY at 8.00pm, when Timothy Noad, one of the youngest Heraldic Artists at the College of Arms, will reveal all, with the help of slides and examples of his work.

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W. I. NEWS and INFORMATION

The A.G.M. was held in May and was well attended. A review of the year's activities showed a healthy level of interest and a satisfactory financial position.

Last year's President, Mrs L. Conway, and her committee volunteered to serve a further year. They have been an exceptionally good team and things have gone with a swing this year, and the warm applause was well deserved.

In her speech Mrs Conway paid tribute to all those in the Institute who had contributed and also to those outside such as Mr Powell for his audit and Mr Baadsgaard for his help with the Scene copy, and many others. In particular Miss Bennett was remembered for her many activities and comradeship.

A brief discussion took place on the Resolutions to be debated at the National Intermediate General Meeting in June, the topics under discussion being Domestic Violence, Water Conservation and Food Surpluses.

Mrs Soden and Mrs Hutchinson served teas and the competition for the 'Best Flowering Stem' was judged, with Mrs Baggaley being the winner. Overall winner for the year's competitions was Mrs Grasby.

A Bring & Buy sale took place during the meeting to supplement club funds.

On June 8th there will be a talk entitled 'Stepping Stones' by Mrs Newman; the competition will be for a Paper Weight.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SIBFORD

A Nursery Rhyme Garden Party will take place on Saturday 12th June at the Red House, Burdrop, 2.30 - 5.00pm. There will be games, stalls, delicious teas and a fancy dress competition - all children are welcome to enter.

Proceeds from the afternoon will be for church funds.

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FAREWELL to REG & JOAN

We are sure that everyone that uses the Village Shop and Post Office will wish to join us in thanking the Pecks for their very friendly and helpful service during their stay in Sibford.

It is amazing how quickly they got to know us all by name, continuing the tradition of our Village Stores as a friendly meeting place for all How fortunate we are!

We shall miss you, Reg & Joan, but wish you a restful holiday, good success and God-speed for the future.

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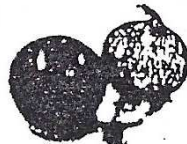
Home delivery of newspapers & magazines. Should you require a delivery please contact HELEN BUTLER at above or 'phone SWALCLIFFE (0295 78) 668.

9 - 1 2 - 5.30

(Mon /Tues/Thurs/Fri/Sat

9 - 12.30 (Wednesday)

10 - 12 noon (Sunday)



SIBFORD GOWER PARISH COUNCIL

At the recent Parish Council meeting the following items came up for discussion.

The stiles along footpath no 7 leading from Haynes Barn to the bridge have now been reinstated and walkers are urged to keep to the footpath.

The Council has been successful in obtaining a grant for repair work to the pond. Work will start soon and as soon as the work is finished the fish will be returned.

The Highways Department will be contacted regarding the bad condition of New Barn Farm Road asking them to reinstate the original road surface which will make the road much wider and safer.

The Council is asking for an extra gritbin to be placed on the bend halfway down the Colony.

It has been decided not to site a recycling centre in the village.

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HOME-MADE JAM TODAY - BUT WHAT OF TOMORROW?

In a recent edition of *The Cotswolds Euro Contact*, in a section on stories about 'New Laws from Brussels', an MEP writes: 'There are no restrictions on the sale of home-made jam provided that the label indicates the sugar and fruit content.'

So - watch out for PC Plod at your next Bring-&-Buy Sale. We'd hate to see our jam-making ladies carted off in paddy wagons to the nearest Euro-gaol.

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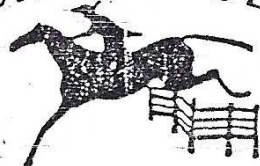
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Society of Friends	Sunday at 10.30 am
Methodist	Sunday at 11.00 am
Roman Catholic Mass (Hook Norton)	Sunday at 11.00 am
(Brailes)	Sunday at 11.30 am
Baptist (Hook Norton)	Sunday at 10.30 am

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower

6 June 10.00am	United Service at Sibford
13 " 10.00am	Holy Communion
20 " 10.00am	Family Service
27 " 8.00am	Holy Communion
4 July 10.00am	United Service at Swalcliffe

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SIBFORD METHODIST CHAPEL

The Chapel Anniversary will be held on Tuesday 15th June at 7.30pm. The Speaker will be the Reverend Edward Sainsbury and the Chairman will be Mr D Harvey.

All are welcome to join us.

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ORGAN RECITAL - SWALCLIFFE CHURCH SATURDAY - 19 JUNE - 8.00PM

Organ enthusiasts will be delighted to hear that virtuoso organist Wayne Marshall will be giving a recital to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the organ in Swalcliffe Church.

Wayne has become famous nationally and internationally not only as an organist but as a conductor, jazz pianist and opera chorus master and we are very fortunate to have him with us on this special occasion.

Tickets, price £4.00 will be available at Ottaker's Bookshop in Banbury, Barbara Taylor (Swa.206) or Joan Robinson (Swa.781) and will include wine and cheese in the interval.

SIBFORD BUS SERVICES

1. SIBFORD GOWER TOWN ESTATES CHARITY

Free Bus Service for Sibford Gower and Burdrop Residents

			Depart	Return
Friday	4 & 18 June	to Banbury	10,00am	12,00noon
Wednesday	9 & 23 June	to Chippy	11,00am	1,00pm
Friday	2 July	to Banbury	10,00am	12,00noon
Wednesday	7 July	to Chippy	11,00am	1,00pm

The pick-up points are:

	Banbury Bus	Chippy Bus
	Village Hall	Village Hall
	Cross Roads	High Meadow
	High Meadow	Cross Roads
		The Colony

2. REGULAR BUS SERVICE - BRAILES COACHES.

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

Pick up at Sibford Gower, 1,15pm

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 - Banbury Monday - Saturday only

Outward from Sibford	Gower	Ferris	
	7,30am	7,32am	
	9,05am	9,07am	
	11,55am	11,53am	
	3,00pm*	2,53pm*	*=Sat & School Hols only
	5,30pm	5,28pm	

Return from Banbury Bus Station

11,30am
2,30pm
5,05pm
6,05pm

4. REVISED SERVICE - MIDLAND RED, X60 Hook Norton-Banbury-Sibford- Tuesdays Only -Shipston-Stratford-Coventry

	Outward	Return*	
Sibford Ferris	09,39am	2,15pm	* All return times are one hour later during School Holidays
Sibford Gower	09,41	2,13	
Shipston	09,55	1,59	
Stratford	10,25	1,30	
Coventry	10,55am	1,00pm	

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Guides	Hook Norton	Monday	evening
Youth Club	Village Hall	Monday	7.00 - 9.00pm
Yoga	Friends School	Monday	7.15 - 9.15pm
Mobile Shop		Tuesday	10.00am - 4.00pm
Brownies	Village Hall	Tuesday	5.15 - 6.45pm
Beavers	Village Hall	Wednesday	5.15 - 6.30pm
Badminton	Village Hall	Wednesday	8.00pm
Badminton	Friends School	Wednesday	7.30 - 9.30pm
Mums & Toddlers	Orchard Close	Wednesday	10.30am - 12noon
Mobile Fish & Chips		Thursday	
Cricket Club Nets	Friends School	Friday	6.00 - 7.15pm
Cub Scouts	Village Hall	Friday	6.00pm
Scouts	Village Hall	Friday	following Cubs
Playgroup	Village Hall	Mon, Wed, Fri	9.00am - 12noon
Sibford Sports Club	Friends School	(Phone 380 or 8492 for details)	

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

DIARIST - Norman Nash (Tel 275)

6-8 July	Tues-Thurs	Brilliant the Dinosaur - Sibford School
10 July	Saturday	Swalcliffe Village Fete - 2.30-5.30pm
14 July	Wednesday	Swalcliffe Society Meeting - see p 19
18 July	Sunday	Sibford Gower - Four Open Gardens
18 July	Sunday	Tadmarton Family Sports Day
17 August	Tuesday	Friendship Club Outing to Bournemouth
21 August	Saturday	Sibford Horticultural Society 1993 Annual Show
21 August	Saturday	Swalcliffe - Penarth Male Voice Choir - 7.30pm
29 August	Sunday	Epwell Village Fete
4 September	Saturday	Epwell Flower Show
11 September	Saturday	Historic Churches Bicycle Ride
12 September	Sunday	Epwell Mill Gardens Open
18 September	Saturday	Friendship Club Autumn Sale, Village Hall - 2.30pm
10 October	Sunday	Epwell Harvest Service
30 October	Saturday	Epwell Church Autumn Fair
27 November	Saturday	Conservatives Hollywood/Broadway Musical Evening

Secretaries - Please keep *Sibford Scene* (or Norman) informed of new or changed 'Weekly Events' or 'Forthcoming Events',

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 LOCAL CORRESPONDENT to BANBURY GUARDIAN - Sheila Baseby (Tel 544)
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LOCAL CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCILLOR - David Green (Tel 444)

CALENDAR for JUNE 1993

Tuesday	1st	Friendship Club - Village Hall - 2,00pm - see p 9
Wednesday	2nd	Fielding Day Centre - 12,15 - 3,00pm
Wednesday	2nd	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2,25 - 4,20pm)
Saturday	5th	Scouts Paper & ALUMINIUM Can Collection
Saturday	5th	BBONT Fun Tea Party - Woodway Farm - see p 16
Saturday	5th	Evening of Music/Words - Lib/Dems - Sibford School 8,00pm
Tuesday	8th	WI Meeting - 'Stepping Stones' - Mrs Newman - see p 20
Wednesday	9th	Sibford Playgroup Open Day - see p 16
Wednesday	9th	Gower Primary School - Sailing Event - see p 10
Wednesday	9th	Horti Society visit to Bloxham - see p 8
Friday	11th	Sibfords Society - Mission Hall - 8,00pm - see p 19
Saturday	12th	Sibford Church Garden Party-Red House, Burdrop - see p 17
Sunday	13th	Sibford Ferris - Four Open Gardens - see p 8
Tuesday	15th	Methodist Chapel Anniversary - 7,30pm - see p 21
Tuesday	15th	LED Club - Quiz at Mary Bristow's - see p 4
Wednesday	16th	Fielding Day Centre - 12,15 - 3,00pm
Wednesday	16th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2,25 - 4,20pm)
Wednesday	16th	Sibford Ferris - Three Open Gardens - see p 8
Wednesday	16th	Friendship Club Mystery Trip - 6,00pm - see p 9
Saturday	19th	Rubbish Skip in Gower
Saturday	19th	Horti Garden Sale - Sycamore Close - 10,00am - see p 15
Saturday	19th	Six-a-Side Cricket - Sibford School - All Day - see p 6
Saturday	19th	Conservatives Summer Event - 6,30pm - see p 15
Saturday	19th	Swalcliffe Church - Organ Recital - 8,00pm - see p 21
Saturday	19th	Wigginton Methodist Chapel - Hymns/Silver Band - see p 9
Sunday	20th	Sibford Gower - Two Open Gardens - see p 8
Sunday	20th	Temple Close - Senior Citizens Garden Party - see p 14
Sunday	20th	Katharine House/East House - Gardens Open - see p 9
TUESDAY	22ND	DEADLINE for SIBFORD SCENE CONTRIBUTIONS - see p 5
Friday	25th	Gower Primary School - Barn Dance - see p 11
Monday	28th	Sibford Ferris Parish Council Meeting - see p 2
Wednesday	30th	Fielding Day Centre - 12,15 - 3,00pm
Wednesday	30th	Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2,25 - 4,20pm)

CALENDAR for JULY 1993 (part)

Saturday	3rd	Scouts Paper & ALUMINIUM Can Collection
Tues-Thurs	6-8th	Brilliant The Dinosaur - Sibford School - see p 5

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