

SIBFORD SCENE

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THE VILLAGE HALL

The re-decoration of the Hall has attracted much favourable comment - not just that it has been done, and not before time, but for its colour scheme.

The Hall Committee is most grateful for the grants from the Sibford Gower Town Estates Charity, Oxfordshire County Council and Cherwell District Council which enabled them to provide toilet facilities for the disabled without cost to Hall funds. The Committee also acknowledges with thanks the initiative for making this provision which came from Drs. Heath and Spackman.

There are plans for the future entertainment of our residents (and, of course, others!). They include: **Shindig 93 Jazz Band and Bar-b-q** on 10th September, **Jumble Sale** 25th September, **Chipping Norton Male Voice Choir** towards the end of October and the **Village Hall Quiz** with questionmaster **Magnus Wimbush** on 11th November.. Watch the billboards for further details! We need your support. You need the enjoyment we provide.

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BANBURY DISTRICT HOUSING COALITION
BRING-&-BUY COFFEE MORNING at BARN CLOSE, BURDROP
Wednesday 18 August 10.30am - 12.00noon

This recently founded group, which seeks to be concerned for the homeless of the Banbury District, is appealing for funds to run a Rent/Deposit Guarantee Scheme for nine months.

The money will be held in a fund, to re-imburse landlords if a tenant leaves owing rent or damages. It will enable landlords to accept tenants on low income who cannot raise the usual deposit & rent in advance.

The Church in Sibford is an associate member of this scheme and has planned the above Bring-&-Buy Coffee Morning to raise some funds. All are welcome to come along to support this scheme. Any contributions of cakes, jams, garden produce, raffle prizes, etc would be greatly appreciated on the day.

Timothy Wimbush

NATURE NOTES

May 22nd. Fifty years ago a common sight of summer was the Whitethroat performing its song flight over the overgrown hedgerows which were a legacy of the pre-war economic depression. Now it is a rarer sight and I count myself lucky to have seen one perform as I drove to Tysoe this morning. Later in the day a pair of Turtle Doves, another species which has, for whatever reason, declined in number, took off from the roadside.

June 2nd. We usually see Flycatchers more than a week earlier than this; however, a pair did appear on their usual perch on the weeping prunus while we were having our midday meal yesterday and by breakfast time today were carrying nesting material to the flower pot that I fixed among the branches of the pyracantha that grows on the wall of our bungalow.

June 6th. There is already one egg in the Flycatchers' nest, so they are making up for lost time.

June 8th. This hot weather has brought a big hatch of Damsel flies from our garden pond. The nymphs are using the broad leaves of the Golden Club to come out of the water and it's leaves are adorned with dozens of empty nymph cases clinging there as though they were still alive.

June 11th. The Flycatcher must have completed its clutch of eggs as it is now sitting.

June 21st. We were saddened this morning to find a dead Nuthatch, which may have flown against the window, lying on the lawn. Although it was in good condition, after feeding at birdtables throughout the winter, it only weighed one ounce, which surprised me, having seen the energy and strength a Nuthatch exhibits when feeding. It must get some of its power from working on a nut that it has wedged into a crack while facing downhill. A neighbour told me that she saw them feeding a young one in her garden last week so we are hoping that they will manage to get along as a one parent family.

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HAMPTON COURT FLOWER SHOW, 7 - 11 July 1993

If you are going to the Show by rail, you may be interested in the two £2 British Rail/RHS discount vouchers that have been passed to the Scene by a Gower resident who cannot use them. If interested, please contact the Editor, PDQ.

SIBFORD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On 9 June, 25 members enjoyed a glorious Summer's evening visit to five delightful gardens in Bloxham, after which members of the Bloxham Garden Club provided a superb *al fresco* supper. A memorable evening.

The Society's Garden Sale raised £132. The Committee's thanks go to all those who supported the sale, to all who provided plants, cakes, etc, to all who helped and particularly to Bernard & Evelyn Phillips for hosting the event.

The ANNUAL SHOW will be on Saturday 21 August at Sibford (Friends) School - see page 5 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 The Surgery or to any member of the Committee.

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SIBFORD SCENE STAFF SAY 'THANK YOU' TO BARRY

More than 30 present & past members of the volunteer 'staff' of the *Sibford Scene* gathered in the Village Hall in the evening of 3 June, mainly to say 'Thank You' to Barry Davies for his almost eight years of service as Editor.

The evening began with the present staff finding out what each other does on the *Scene*, be it in the areas of production, advertising, printing, assembling or distribution.

Next came the refreshments, giving us time to chat with our fellow workers and to meet some of the ex-staff who had come along.

Attention then focused on our guest of honour. After a couple of speeches, Barry was presented with the gift of a gardening implement, in sincere appreciation of his work for the *Scene* and the community.

In his response, Barry informed us that this brought his total number of such implements to one! But then, we have all learnt by now (or should have) to take some of our Barry's comments - including some of those that appear in print - with a modicum of saline seasoning.

The evening ended with more chat and more refreshments. The event appeared to be a success; perhaps we should find an excuse for another such gathering in the near future - maybe the present Editor's retirement, if his post-bag is anything to go by.

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(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 CRICKET CLUB

* Six-a-Side Competition a Great Success *

Sibford hosted the Banbury and District Cricket League Six-a-Side Competition on June 19th at the Friends School ground, with six teams competing in two groups.

Sibford started the day off playing Radway in group A and despite Ron Morbey and Adrian Lamb scoring 39 runs in their 5 overs, Radway passed this total with a few balls to spare. Wroxton, the other team in group A, also lost to Radway leaving Radway in the semi-final, with Wroxton and Sibford playing for the other place. Wroxton batted first and were restricted by some good bowling to 30 runs, a total which the home team passed with a couple of balls to spare.

Group B, Tysoe, Brailes and Cropredy, saw the shortest game of the day with Tysoe bowling Brailes out and then passing the Brailes total in only the second over of their innings. The second game saw Cropredy defeat Tysoe leaving both semi-final places hanging on the Brailes v Cropredy game. Cropredy comfortably beat an out of form Brailes team to go on to the semi's as group winner and Tysoe, as runners up took the other place.

The first semi-final, between Radway and Tysoe, was evenly contested with Tysoe coming out on top and taking a place in the final. Sibford then met Cropredy and won a low scoring game in which good bowling from both teams prevented either side's batsmen from getting on top.

Tysoe won the toss in the final and put Sibford in to bat. The Tysoe bowlers, taking two early wickets, restricted the Sibford total to 37 runs and bowled the host team out with the last ball of their 5 overs. The Sibford bowling was again up to the task and Sibford won the Competition by holding Tysoe to 33 runs.

A very good, well supported event was rounded off by the presentation of the shield to David Inns, as Sibford's captain, by Les Tustian, the president of the League, and miniatures were presented to the whole squad, who were David Pratt, Nigel Fletcher, Simon O'Neill, Ron Morbey, Ian Davis and Adrian Lamb. The event was organised by David Bennett in his capacity as Assistant League Secretary and, as always, the Friends School ground staff provided us with a very good wicket for the day - many thanks.

FIXTURES

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| 3 July | Wroxton | A | 1 August | Aynho | A |
| 4 " | Darlingscott | H | 7 " | Cropredy | A |
| 10 " | Cropredy | H | 8 " | Long Compton | A |
| 11 " | Long Compton | H | 14 " | Tysoe | A |
| 17 " | Wroxton | H | 21 " | Brailes | A |
| 18 " | Mickleton | H | 28 " | Radway | A |
| 24 " | Brailes | H | | | |
| 25 " | Aynho | H | | | |
| 31 " | Radway | A | | | |

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The Editor
Sibford Scene

This September I am taking a year out between school and university and will be leaving to work in a Christian Missionary School or Orphanage in India with a charity organisation called Schools Partnership Worldwide of which my school, Bloxham School, is a member. I will be teaching English to under-privileged children in Madras or Bangalore. (I will be told of my exact placement early next month)

Parents of pupils at Bloxham School have contributed £600, which will go directly to the school where I will be working and will enable them to acquire a great deal of essential teaching materials and even to extend their buildings. I will not be paid for my work but must raise the money to pay for my own fare, insurance, inoculations and other sundry expenses, including a day's teaching course. I am writing to ask your readers if they would be prepared to sponsor me or make a donation towards my expenses. Any amount, however small, would be gratefully received.

I hope to work between July and September in an effort to raise some of this money myself and am currently searching for a job. I would be interested to hear of any likely jobs I could undertake. I feel sure that my stay in India will provide a unique opportunity to experience life in a different cultural and economic environment which I hope will be particularly useful in broadening my outlook and understanding of the international environment. In return, I feel that my academic and social abilities will be of value to the pupils I teach.

I feel strongly that this is a worthwhile and worthy project and hope you will view it in the same way. I will, of course, send progress reports to the Sibford Scene.

If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address. I look forward to hearing from any of your readers who feel able to support me in this venture.

Yours sincerely

Charlotte Leyburn

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This will be a ticket only function. Please get your tickets early as last year late-comers were disappointed.

OPEN GARDENS IN THE GOWER - SUNDAY 18 JULY

The following gardens will be open under the National Garden Scheme from 2 pm to 6 pm on Sunday 18 July:

Carters Yard (Mr & Mrs William Clutterbuck)
The Manor House (Mr & Mrs Michael Edwards)
Temple Close (Mr & Mrs Ernest Jones)
Meadow Cottage (Mr & Mrs Roger Powell)

Combined admission fee £1.50. No charge for children accompanied by an adult. Teas will be available at Carters Yard and Temple Close.

Stalls in aid of local charities will be welcome. Please contact Vera Jones on 222.

Coffee morning at Tadmarton Manor on August 10th
in aid of Banbury District Housing Coalition.
Jane Asser invites you to come along to help with raising some money to support the pilot scheme for the homeless in Banbury. Super cakes and plants for sale. Entrance (inc. coffee & garden tour) is £1, (coffee only, 50p). 10.30am to noon

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FRIENDSHIP CLUB

A most enjoyable afternoon was had by the members who attended our last meeting when Mrs. Newman entertained us with her 'readings' - little anecdotes which she had collected over the years. She was thanked by Mrs. Webb and the afternoon concluded with tea and light refreshments.

We have quite a full programme ahead to which anyone and everyone are cordially invited.

Tuesday 6th July a coach will be leaving Sibford at 2.00 p.m. for a tour ending with tea at Broadway.

Sunday 18th July a cake stall in the garden of Mrs. Powell, 6 The Colony, Sibford Gower.

Tuesday 20th July at 6.00 p.m. a coffee evening at the house of Mrs. Fowler, 6 Pound Lane, Sibford Gower where there will be various stalls.

Tuesday 17th August a coach leaving Sibford at 8.30 a.m. for a trip to Bournemouth.

Saturday 18th September an Autumn Sale in the Village Hall.

If anyone wishes to join us on the coach tours please contact Mrs. Webb (8211).

We can assure you of a friendly welcome at any or all of these events.

SIBFORD BROWNIES

Sibford Brownies had a Barbecue on the hottest night of the year so far - how's that for good planning. This was held at the home of 'Barney' - Gail McCafferty, Tyne Hill Farm and our thanks to Gail and her husband. We had a super evening. We have also had a 'cooking' evening when Brownies baked cakes, biscuits and sweets and all took home a 'goody bag'. We have also collected for Barnardos - which we do every year. We are also planning a trip to Beanwood Cottage, nr. Oxford for an evening of fun, games and a picnic plus a trip to the West Midland Safari Park. What a busy term! Never mind, we shall get a few weeks off during the summer before starting again in September.

Anyone wishing to put their daughter's name on our waiting list should ring Vivienne Scouse on Swa. 8320. Brownies may join at the age of 7 years.

W. I. NEWS and INFORMATION

Mrs Eldred chaired the June meeting. It was decided to accept Mrs Cox's offer to organise a car rally for July 15th. Mrs Eldred then introduced the speaker, Mrs Newman, who related amusing and touching incidents from her past life. Mrs Newman is a good raconteuse and the talk was much enjoyed. She kindly judged a number of paperweights brought along by members, her first choice being that of Mrs Power, 2nd Mrs Hutchinson, 3rd Mrs Eldred. Teas were served by Mrs Law and Mrs Bristow.



The July meeting will take place in Mrs Baadsgaard's garden on Tuesday 13th. There will be no meeting in August, but in September there will be a speaker from the St John's Ambulance Brigade. This will be on Tuesday September 14th.

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HOW I BECAME EDITOR of the SIBFORD SCENE

(Did I jump in - or was I pushed?)

Many people (well, at least two) have asked me why I *volunteered* to be Editor of the *Scene*. Was it for the power? the prestige? the perks? the pay? the pension? None of these. It all started (and ended) with - *the prickly pear*.

It was high noon in the Little Karoo desert in Spring 1993. It was 105F in the shade, but there was precious little of that where I was sitting, leaning against a lifeless acacia tree, drinking from a can of Appletiser, known to be the only refreshing liquid to be found in this part of South Africa, and gingerly nibbling at a prickly pear - lazily trying to remember who had suggested I try this local delicacy.

The intense heat made me doze off...Ouch!...I suddenly awoke - and carefully withdrew a pair of prickly pear prickles from my tongue. The temperature had dropped by 40 degrees and I was feeling elated and eager to - do what? Yes, that's it! I'll volunteer to be the new Editor of the *Sibford Scene*! (I'd heard it said that *one volunteer editor is worth ten pressmen*.)

Hurriedly I pulled the 20 pages of the application form from the top pockets of my safari jacket - I had stuffed them there before leaving England, both for emergency use and to give a Chippendale effect in the pectoral area. Grabbing a tail feather from a nearby ostrich to make a pen and soaking an old Earl Grey teabag in the last of my Appletiser to make some ink, I feverishly filled in the form.

I hailed a passing native carrying a cleft stick. "Take this to the Editor of the *Sibford Scene*, chop-chop." I thrust a Swaziland 5 emalangi note into his hand and, in my desperation to clinch the deal, gave him my signed photo of the Editor in his Santa Claus gear. He looked pleased. "Sure t'ing, massa sahib." (He was probably of mixed parentage.) "Which way Sibford?" I pointed him in a NNW direction. "Keep going till you reach Banbury Cross. Then turn left." His eyes sparkled. "Shall I see the *Fiennes* lady, effendi?" (More mixed than I had thought.) "Maybe, if you visit the Castle on a Wednesday or a Sunday," I replied encouragingly. He sped off into the sunset at a David Bennett pace.

Again I dozed off...and awoke at dawn. In a flash I realised the enormity of what I had done. *I had actually volunteered to become Editor!* Had I suffered an attack of sun-stroke? Was it something *even worse*? In panic I ran to the nearest town, found the Library and grabbed a copy of *'Which Doctor?'* I found the phone number of the nearest witch doctor and made an urgent appointment. A neat little gentleman - more Indo-Asian than I had expected - ushered me into his grass hut and I told him how, in my apparent madness, I had sent off my application. He looked at me closely. "You actually *volunteered* to take over the great Major Sahib's burden?" he said incredulously. "You must be an Afrikaaner to *volunteer* for a thankless task like that." I assured him I was true-blue British; I was going to add "... and proud of it", but thought it might confirm his obvious impression that I really was mad. Instead, I expressed my annoyance at having parted with the signed photo. His face suddenly broke into a broad grin. "You *gave away* a signed photo of the Major Sahib? The one showing his famous Santa Claus gear?" I nodded dispiritedly. He burst into laughter.

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"Not even a *madman* would do that!" he roared. "You, my friend, were undoubtedly suffering from an unusually severe, but short-lived, attack of what we in the modern witch medical trade call 'PAPPS' - Post Appletiser & Prickly Pear Syndrome. In fact, there's an old Zulu proverb that says:

*'The juice of the apple with the prickly pear,
Makes the white man act as if he's not all there.'*"

With joy and relief that I really wasn't mad, I joined him in several rounds of laughter & home-made beer. As we parted, he winked enigmatically. "Tell the Major that the Katmandu Kibitzer sends him best wishes for his retirement." Back in the town, my joy vanished abruptly - my application was still on its way to Sibford! Perhaps it was not too late to cancel it. I rushed to the Post Office. "I want to send a message post-haste to Sibford." "Sorry, *senor effendi*," smiled the man behind the counter. (I hadn't realised the conquistadors had passed this way.) "The last post-haste went an hour ago - but *nil problema*, a post-chaise to Sibford comes through here a week next Tuesday." "But I'll be there myself before then," I shouted. He gave me an icy stare. "Then I suggest, *senor*, you deliver your message yourself," he replied, with irrefutable logic. I clutched at straws - perhaps my man with the cleft stick would drown crossing the Limpopo - perhaps he would be retained as a retainer by the *Fiennes* lady before he got to Sibford. But my hopes were dashed a week later, when I saw the headlines in the *New York Times* at Cape Town airport:

'NEW EDITOR FORESEEN FOR SCENE'

'You can kiss those page 3 frogs goodbye
- says Aussie newspaper magnate.'

Dejectedly, I flew home. Barry met me off the Flightlink bus with open arms (not a pretty sight). "Welcome back, Mr Editor," he beamed (I *think* he was beaming - it's not easy to tell). "These are the keys to the company Cortina and this one is for the executive wash-room behind the garage - and I thought you'd like this little book on South Africa I found *yesterday* while tidying up my desk." Now he *really* was beaming or - *were his teeth clenched?* "Page 666 might interest you." A momentary suspicion flashed through my mind.

The two-inch thick leather-bound Victorian tome seemed to weigh a ton. The title-page read '*Folklore of the Zulus*' by Captain Cecil Smythe-Smith-Smythe (*Retd.*), *late of the West Natal Mounted Foot Pioneers*. With growing suspicion, I hurriedly found page 666 but - I had already guessed what it would say. Yes, there it was, a paragraph marked off with a blunt red pencil. With mounting realization, I read the paragraph:

*There's an old Zulu proverb that says -
'The juice of the apple with the prickly pear',.....*

The book dropped from my hands as I suddenly remembered who, just before I left for South Africa, had repeatedly told me not to forget to try eating that Little Karoo delicacy, the prickly pear,....

Barry was *definitely* beaming when he dropped me off at the great mahogany door of Sibford Scene Building. That was two months ago ... and he's *still* beaming.

COLLECTION for BRITISH DIABETIC ASSOCIATION

My thanks go to those in the Gower & Burdrop who supported the recent collection for the British Diabetic Assn. Just under £80 was raised. Thank you.

Erica Wimbush

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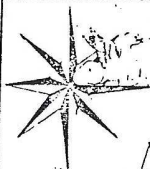
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Tickets for the main performances of this dramatic musical, to be performed in the Main Hall of Sibford School by some 130 children, from both Sibford School & the Primary School, and conducted by the composer, are virtually sold out. However, it has now been decided that the Dress Rehearsal on Monday 5 July, starting at 7.00pm, will be opened to the public. Tickets, at £1.00 each, will be obtainable at the door.

[Judging by the short excerpts I heard at the School Open Day, both the music & the words are enchanting. This promises to be a musical event not to be missed. Editor]

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Evening of Music and Words.

On Saturday 5th June, we enjoyed a delightful evening in the Oliver Studio at the Friends School in aid of the North Oxfordshire Liberal Democrats and the annual "Kids' Camp" run by the older scholars for deprived children from London.

Wendy Holden, Robert Hanstock and Sean Kenny gave sparkling performances of songs, piano pieces and readings to a most appreciative audience.

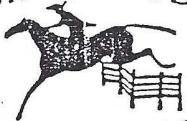
Refreshments in the interval provided the chance of meeting Jean Garnett, Bloxham District Councillor and Chairman of the Villages branch of the local Liberal Democrats. It is hoped to arrange another memorable event in the autumn to help publicise this newly established group.
Jim Shields. (571)

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12 members of Leo met at the home of Mary Bristow on June 15th for an evening of "CALL MY BLUFF". We had some interesting words and even more interesting definitions and a good laugh was had by all. The winner was Mary Bristow and second was Jenny Barrett.

Everyone brought some food and it was a very nice evening.

There will be no Leo in July or August.

The next meeting of Leo will be on Tues. 21st September. Look in September Scene for details or the Banbury Guardian.

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RECIPE CORNER

Once again Jane Holliday has come up with a recipe handed down over the years in her family. This one is a unique way to preserve mint for mint sauce in the winter - a timely idea now that the mint is new and fresh in our gardens.

* MINT SAUCE IN THE WINTER *

Almost fill a small jar with Golden Syrup. Cut mint up very finely and push into the syrup - as much as will go in. You may have to do it over a couple of days to allow the mint to sink. In Winter you have the taste of fresh mint sauce by using a teaspoonful of this and adding the vinegar. Super!

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'THANK YOU' to all those who helped with the RSPCA collection and all those who gave so generously. We raised the sum of £106.70.
Judy Abbott

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This month we say *"Welcome"* to:

- Wynn & Sandra Holloway, who have moved into Temple Lodge, Sibford Gower with twins Luke & Christian, who will be four in August, and their 10 week old sister Abigail. They have moved from Cardiff. Wynn runs his own electronics design company in Milton Keynes.

- Pam & Ken Richardson, who have moved from Banbury into 14 Cotswold Close. They have two sons and three grandchildren. Ken is a self-employed carpenter and is happy to do jobs for people.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

St Leonards-on-Sea
East Sussex

Dear Sir

Having had connections with Sibford Gower for about 50 years and having stayed there for varying periods during the last 16 years, it was with some dismay that we read your report on the Parish Council Meeting - sub-titled 'A very serious occasion' - in the June issue of the *Sibford Scene*.

We consider that those who are sufficiently public-spirited to become Parish Councillors should be appreciated for all the work they do for the good of the Village and not set up as an 'Aunt Sally' to be knocked down by snide & sarcastic remarks, and their office degraded.

These people should be supported & applauded for the work they have put in, over a great many years, to improve & maintain the quality of life in the Village.

We feel sure that *constructive* criticism would always be welcomed by the Councillors, but your article was nothing but *destructive*, and the whole situation saddens us.

There is a time for hilarity and a time for being serious, and a Parish Council Meeting is a serious Meeting and should therefore be treated as such.

We would have thought that a 'reporter' should have the nous to be capable of separating the two and writing the story accordingly.

We would like this letter to be printed as a reply to your article.

Yours faithfully,
S & F Webb.

Elizabeth Webber AMAR.
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ANOTHER LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Wyatts Close
Sibford Gower

Dear Mr Henbrey

I was dismayed at the report in the June Scene re the Gower Parish Council AGM. I do not believe that a public funded village newsletter should be used to ridicule either an individual or an organisation. No personal snipes should be considered at all against anybody.

As for the Parish Council I have every sympathy with them, they are trying to do a difficult job with virtually no support (as seen by the poor attendance at the AGM).

The more serious side is that if this is the standard of reporting & publishing we can expect, then many people will refrain from making any comment at any public meeting, for fear of having sarcastic remarks made about them.

Please can we have standards restored.

Yours sincerely

D W Soden

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AND ANOTHER. . . .

Park Farm House
Burdrop

Dear Editor

It is good to see proper thanks being given to Barry Davies, your illustrious predecessor. As Editor of the Scene, he has made a great contribution to village life; and I suspect he will continue to do so in his inimitable way from his fireside seat in the Sibford Army & Navy Club.

But thanks are also due to you, Ray, for taking over as Editor. I hope you receive all the help, support, encouragement and contributions you need.

Yours ever
Peter Baseby

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ANY MORE. . . ?

BBONT Tea Party Raises almost £400

The glorious weather and the luscious cream teas contributed to the success of the BBONT bring-&-buy event in the superb setting of Woodway Farm. The teas, sales, raffle & pony rides raised over £360. This was boosted to almost £400 by the sale over recent months of Bill Crabtree's matured garden manure. A big 'Thank You' to all those who supported this event, to those who helped & planned, and especially to Mr & Mrs Wilson for providing the venue.

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National Gardens Scheme, Sibford Ferris Gardens.

Although attendance was considerably down on last year, we were able to send £439 towards the charities supported by the scheme. The weather was kind to us on Sunday 13th, but not quite so kind on the Wednesday.

We would like to thank the Friends' School and Mr Judd for the use of the Piece for car parking; and thank you, too, to those who loaned crockery, tea urns, chairs and tables. The teas, which were served and provided by the P.T.A. this year, were much appreciated.

Ina Lamb

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| 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

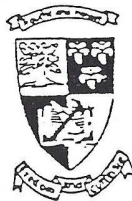
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| 4 July | 10.00am | United Benefice Service at Swalcliffe |
| 11 " | 10.00am | Holy Communion & Baptism |
| 18 " | 10.00am | Family Service |
| 25 " | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| 1 August | 10.00am | United Benefice Service at Epwell |
| 8 " | 10.00am | Holy Communion |
| 15 " | 10.00am | Family Service & Baptism |
| 22 " | 8.00am | Holy Communion |
| 29 " | 10.00am | Holy Communion |

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| Banbury Community Transport Assoc. | Banbury 255863 |
| Oxfordshire Rural Community Council | (0865) 512488 |

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| | 13 & 27 August | to Banbury | 10,00am | 12,00noon |
| Wednesday | 7 & 21 July | to Chippy | 11,00am | 1,00pm |
| | 4 & 18 August | to Chippy | 11,00am | 1,00pm |
| | 1 Sept | to Chippy | 11,00am | 1,00pm |

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| Cross Roads | High Meadow |
| High Meadow | Cross Roads |
| | The Colony |

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| 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 | |

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| Return from Banbury Bus Station | 11,30am |
| | 2,30pm |
| | 5,05pm |
| | 6,05pm |

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| | Outward | Return* | |
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| 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 | |

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 |
| Fielding Day Centre (starting 14 July) | Orchard Close | Wednesday | 12.15 - 3.00pm |
| 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)

| | | |
|--------------|----------|--|
| 4 September | Saturday | Epwell Flower Show |
| 10 September | Friday | Sibford Shindig - Village Hall Grounds - see p 8 |
| 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 |
| 25 September | Saturday | Sibford Village Hall - Jumble Sale |
| 10 October | Sunday | Epwell Harvest Service |
| 30 October | Saturday | Epwell Church Autumn Fair |
| 11 November | Thursday | Sibford Village Hall - Grand Quiz |
| 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)
Copy for Guardian by MONDAY please

LOCAL CHERWELL DISTRICT COUNCILLOR - David Green (Tel 444)

CALENDAR for JULY 1993

| | | |
|-----------|-------|---|
| Saturday | 3rd | Scouts Paper & ALUMINIUM Can Collection |
| Saturday | 3rd | Methodist Church Coffee Morning - see p 3 |
| Mon-Thurs | 5-8th | Brilliant The Dinosaur - Sibford School - see p 15 |
| Tuesday | 6th | Friendship Club - Village Hall 2.00pm - Tour - see p10 |
| Saturday | 10th | Rubbish Skip in Gower |
| Saturday | 10th | Swalcliffe Village Fete - 2.30-5.30pm |
| Tuesday | 13th | WI Meeting - Mrs Baadsgaard's Garden - see p11 |
| Wednesday | 14th | Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm) |
| Wednesday | 14th | Swalcliffe Society Meeting, Village Hall 8.00pm, 'Heraldry' |
| Thursday | 15th | WI Car Rally - see p11 |
| Sunday | 18th | Sibford Gower - Four Open Gardens - see p 9 & 10 |
| Tuesday | 20th | Friendship Club - 6pm Mrs Fowler's, Coffee Evening - p10 |
| Wednesday | 28th | Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm) |

CALENDAR for AUGUST 1993

| | | |
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| Saturday | 7th | Scouts Paper & ALUMINIUM Can Collection |
| Tuesday | 10th | Housing Coalition Coffee Morning, Tadmarton - see p 9 |
| Wednesday | 11th | Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm) |
| Saturday | 14th | Rubbish Skip in Gower |
| Tuesday | 17th | Friendship Club - 8.30am, Trip to Bournemouth - see p10 |
| TUESDAY | 17TH | DEADLINE for SIBFORD SCENE CONTRIBUTIONS - see p 5 |
| Wednesday | 18th | Housing Coalition Coffee Morning, Burdrop - see p 1 |
| Wednesday | 18th | Horti Show Entry Day, Surgery 7.00-9.30pm - see p 5 |
| Saturday | 21st | Horti Annual Show, Friends School 2.30pm - see p 5 |
| Saturday | 21st | Swalcliffe - Penarth Male Voice Choir - 7.30pm |
| Wednesday | 25th | Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2.25 - 4.20pm) |
| Sunday | 29th | Epwell Village Fete |

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