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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL OUR READERS
from
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KEEPING A 'COLD WATCH' ON ELDERLY PEOPLE

A scheme to help elderly people during the cold weather this winter has been launched in Banbury. It is specially important to ensure that elderly people living in rural areas are helped.

The scheme, called COLDWATCH, aims to make people aware of the needs of elderly neighbours in cold weather and also to urge elderly people to keep their heating on. Remember that VAT on fuel does not come into effect until April 1994.

There is also an **ADVICE LINE** for **ELDERLY PEOPLE** wanting advice or help with their fuel bills. They can phone Banbury 255853, 255863, 264003 or 730417.

Anyone who is concerned about an elderly person or needs **emergency help** in exceptionally cold weather should notify the Social Services on Banbury 252421.

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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:

Ron and Judy Hall, who have moved all the way from Brailes into 'Mirawar', The Colony, Sibford Gower.

Philippa Fear, who has moved from Coventry into 2 Cross Cottages, Sibford Gower.

Michelle and Nigel Sullivan, also from Coventry, who have moved into 'Stour Valley View', Main Street, Sibford Gower.

Sandy Clores, who will be moving into *The Chimneys* in the Ferris, Burdrop, the Gower and, finally, The Colony at the end of December - but only if you have been good in 1993.

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NATURE NOTES

Oct. 21st. After the recent frosts the leaves of some trees, particularly the Sycamores, look as if they have been freeze dried.

Oct. 29th. I saw an interesting selection of birds when I helped with the drilling of a field of corn today. On my way to the farm a Sparrowhawk flew along the lane in front of the car. While we were working, a mixed flock of Black Headed Gulls, Starlings and Fieldfares were feeding in the middle of the field and two Moorhens sneaked out from the hedge to see whether any tasty morsels were being turned up by the harrows. A Kestrel glided over but I did not see it drop onto any prey.

Nov. 23rd. With most of the leaves now fallen it is easier to see the birds that are around. We have twice recently seen Goldcrests in the garden and a few days ago some Long-Tailed Tits feeding on Silver Birch catkins. Today three cock Bullfinches were feeding on Stinging Nettle seeds while some Goldfinches enjoyed the seeds of the Lavender which always seem to attract them. A Nuthatch was taking the easy option by visiting the peanut feeder.

Nov. 28th. I read in a farming paper that an injectable drug has been developed to make sheep shed their fleeces. Some years ago a similar injection was tested but did not take on. Now however, with the cost of shearing as great or greater than the value of the fleece, some farmers might be tempted to try it. It is easy to imagine pastures littered all over with tufts of shed wool, but one bright point is that there are signs of an upturn in the price of wool, after many years of decline, which may prevent this waste of natural resources from coming about.

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SCRAMBLED CAROLS

Just in time for Christmas here are the opening words of some well known carols for you to unscramble. Answers on page 20.

1. New threat - milk in bidet!
2. Light no high tits, Lenny
3. Ten Greek wish
4. Wean Mary again
5. Now then, wee sister maids
6. Dummy green letters. Goonery!
7. In a vile, coy, candid story
8. Sack new Nile gods - go!
9. They'll have hid Tony
10. What, I ask, is nacre?
11. Dash! Fool mangled witness
12. Goliath to tunnel on time
13. Ghost had drunk ale

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1. A sewn garment
2. A piece of tapestry
3. A soft toy
4. A crocheted article
5. A hand-knitted article
6. A machine-knitted article
7. An example of embroidery
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All items or personal adverts for publication can be submitted to either The Editor or The Treasurer



*** SIBFORD VILLAGE HALL - MUSICAL EVENTS ***

Wednesday 15 December at 7.30pm - An Evening of Carols
ALL WELCOME - NO TICKETS REQUIRED

Saturday 29 January at 7.30pm - A return visit by
the ever popular
Chipping Norton Male Voice Choir.
Supper.

Tickets from Sheila Baseby (544) or Colin Frith (512)

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*** CHANGE OF DATE FOR JANUARY WASTE PAPER COLLECTION ***

The people who deliver the waste paper skip have decided they won't be up to it on New Year's Day - which is a great relief to those who collect the paper and probably to many of those kind villagers who so conscientiously put their papers out.

The collection will be made on Saturday 8 January, starting at 10.00am. Please help us if you can - it is more profitable for us than you putting your papers in the dustbin!

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LEO CLUB - LADIES EVENING OUT

Leo Club met at the home of Greta Baadsgaard on November 16th where they wined and dined in style on food produced by the members. (we live like Lords - or should I say Ladies!).

We also heard some very funny and also touching readings from Maureen Warden and Linda Conway tested our brains with a Quiz on precious stones.

We had a really super evening and our thanks to Greta for letting us use her home and to Maureen and Linda for their contributions and to everyone for the delicious food.

There will be no LEO meeting in December. The next meeting will be a meal at The Roebuck in North Newington on Tuesday 18 January 1994. Any member who has not yet received details should contact Lynda Conway on Banbury 670526 (new number); also keep your eye on 'Village News' in the Guardian.

If you would like to know more about our Club, phone Vivienne Scouse on 8320.

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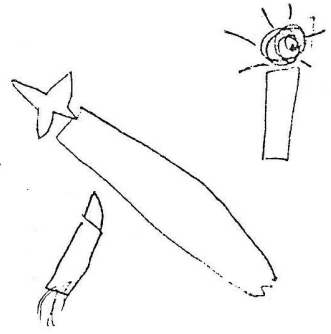

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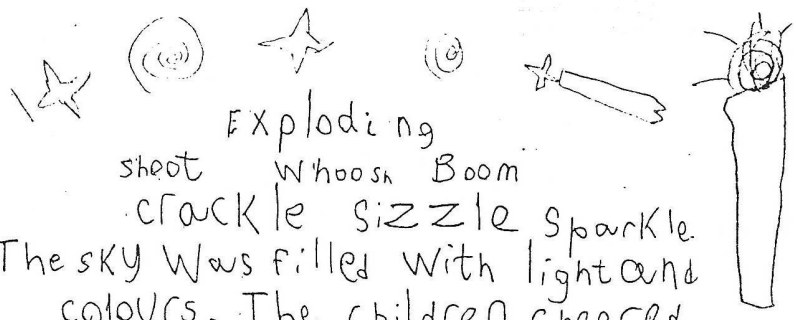
fireworks!

fireworks sizzle
fireworks crackle
fireworks shoot
fireworks!



On the 5th November sibford Primary School PTA held a Bonfire and Firework display on the school field.

It was good fun. There was a big fire with two guy fawkes on top. Many people came and enjoyed the wonderful fireworks, the food was good too.



Exploding

shoot Whoosh Boom

crackle sizzle sparkle

The sky was filled with light and colours. The children cheered.

Simon and Philip
Mattinson

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

* Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 15 December *

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Rymall who was one of our oldest members and regularly attended our meetings. She will be sadly missed. Our sympathies go out to her daughter Alice and other members of the family.

In October we all enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea at Handywater Farm thanks to Mrs. Colquhoun. She even arranged for the sun to shine so that we could walk around her garden and work up an appetite. Then in November we went to the Lampitt Arms in Tadmarton for lunch and towards the end of the month we enjoyed a shopping trip to Northampton. On all of these occasions it was lovely to have some of our gentlemen members joining us, we hope they will continue to come and help to make the Club more enjoyable for all.

We are having a Christmas lunch at the Lampitt Arms on Wednesday 15 December for which transport has been arranged. We hope as many members as possible will be able to join us.

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* HOLY TRINITY CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR RAISED £750 *

Although the heavy rain just about stopped by 2.30pm, it kept some of our regular pedestrian visitors away. We missed them - and they us, perhaps! Even so, the event realized a profit of about £750, and our grateful thanks go to all who were so generous before and during the Bazaar. The three hampers were won by Jessie Richards of Swalcliffe, Mary Poulton & Keith Hicks. A list of prize-winners is available at the Rectory.

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* 'THE CRICKETERS' WIN VILLAGE QUIZ '93 TROPHY *

The annual knowledge-letting contest resulted in a win for 'The Cricketers', with the six other teams at varying distances behind. The evening was greatly enjoyed by a rather disappointingly small entry of teams and of people. Was it the time, the day or the concept that was wrong? Refreshments [No Hooky? - Ed] were provided by Village Hall Committee members and the evening raised a modest profit for the Hall funds.

*** CHANGE OF SURGERY 'ON CALL' ARRANGEMENTS AT WEEKENDS ***

The patients of Sibford Surgery (and those of Hook Norton and Bloxham) may wish to note the following small change in the 'On Call' arrangements at weekends.

From approximately 12.00noon on a Saturday till the Surgery opens on a Monday morning, the 'out-of-hours' emergency cover will be shared between Drs Heath & Spackman and Drs Harris, Lehmann & Edwards.

To contact the doctor on duty during these times, please telephone the normal Surgery number (Swalcliffe 213) and a recorded message will advise the telephone number of the doctor on duty for that weekend.

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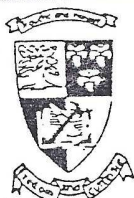
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Sibford School was delighted to welcome nine new members of the Teaching and Care Staff at the start of the Autumn term. Those living in the village are:

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| Michael Burke | - | Teacher of Religious Education |
| Paul Ludlow | - | Resident Care Assistant-Gillett House |
| Gail Mills | - | Teacher in Orchard Close |
| Alison Pearce | - | Resident Care Assistant-Gillett House |
| Jackie Penny | - | Teacher of English and Learning Support and Assistant Housemistress in Fielding House |
| Paul Rae | - | Resident Care Assistant - Penn House |
| Sarah Spittle | - | Teacher of Food Technology |

One very cold November morning we were delighted to welcome a visit from Khalil Mahshi, Head of Friends School, Ramallah, on the West Bank. This was a unique occasion when the two Heads of Quaker Schools were able to meet as one direct result of the peace agreement between Israel and the P.L.O. It was of particular significance, that a Jew and a Palestinian, both Heads of Quaker Schools should meet at a Friends School in England.



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Darling Editor,

I just couldn't trust myself on my high bar stool this morning, so Hairy Harry, the Barman of the Foris Wine Bar has stretched me out on the window seat, & has made me an "H.H" special - vodka, brandy, bitters, & these Alkasetzers, to help bring me round.

It's all to do with a marvellous evening last night when I attended the Hollywood Musical Evening in the Village Hall, organised by Robert Tompkins & his Social Committee of our local Conservative Association.

Sweetie, it was just ACE; a superb atmosphere, wine by the crateful, hence my predicament at the moment - & an 'on song' Banbury Operatic Society blasting out so much 'Umph' that we were just carried away with tapping our feet & clapping our hands - just spiffing.

Added to all this was a hot American Supper served from a chuck wagon by gingham-clad lovelies.

Sweetie Pie, you missed a real treat. Where were you? On holiday again? That's the fourth this year - we're beginning to think they are a blind for your KGB/FBI double agent activities.

The leading lady announced that that the super American flag at the back of the stage was on loan from the American Air Base in Gloucestershire - lovely to have this sort of co-operation, isn't it my sweet? Coming together & making our own fun is surely what village life is all about. We are with friends & it doesn't matter who organises these events - although it must be said that NOCA are hard to beat at this sort of thing. Come on others - do likewise!

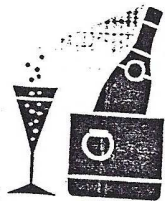
Peter Baseby, standing in for Robert, told us that their similar event last year had enabled a donation to be made to help decorate the Village Hall - maybe this year any monies handed over could help purchase another two spotlights so that the centre stage is not in darkness!!

Darling Editor, I'm feeling better already: it's not H.H's poison, I'm sure it's the mere act of just remembering a wonderful evening & telling you all about it.

Come home soon, & send us a card,
Hugs & Kisses,

Your eligible admirer,

Belinda



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Please note that from Friday 7th January 1994 the following changes to opening times will come into effect.

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Tuesday	9.00 - 1.00	2.00 - 5.30
Wednesday	9.00 - 12.30	Closed
Thursday	9.00 - 1.00	2.00 - 5.30
Friday	9.00 - 1.00	Closed
Saturday	9.00 - 1.00	Closed
Sunday	9.30 - 11.30	Closed

All newspaper deliveries remain unchanged and if you would like papers and/or magazines delivered weekdays or weekends only then please contact Helen on Swalcliffe 668.

May we take this opportunity to wish all our friends and customers in the Sibfords, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you for your continued support and custom during the last year. Believe me it really is very much appreciated.

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W. I. NEWS and INFORMATION

Mrs Joyce Milward gave one of her excellent video talks to the W.I. in November. The video showed beautiful views of Yorkshire and the music and voice-over made the whole production professional and highly enjoyable.

A competition for the best fruit loaf was judged by Mrs Milward, who gave a demonstration of professional judging to all the members, pointing out what features attracted marks and which detracted from a good score. A very valuable exercise! The winner was Mrs Baggaley, second Mrs Soden and third Mrs Conway.

An, as usual, very enjoyable sherry and mince-pie party was given by Mrs Eldred at her home, for which many thanks are expressed. Some members, afflicted by colds or worse, were unable to be there, unfortunately.

The members' meeting will be on 14 December, at Mrs Powers. Meet at the Village Hall at 1.45 PM. Please bring a small wrapped gift for distribution. MB

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL - 1993

Thank You Very Much for helping our Appeal - in this district we collected £537.90, up on last year's total. Without your help we would be unable to continue our welfare and benevolent work. I hope you will be able to help us again next year. Yours sincerely and many thanks.

John Mulley - Local Honorary Organiser

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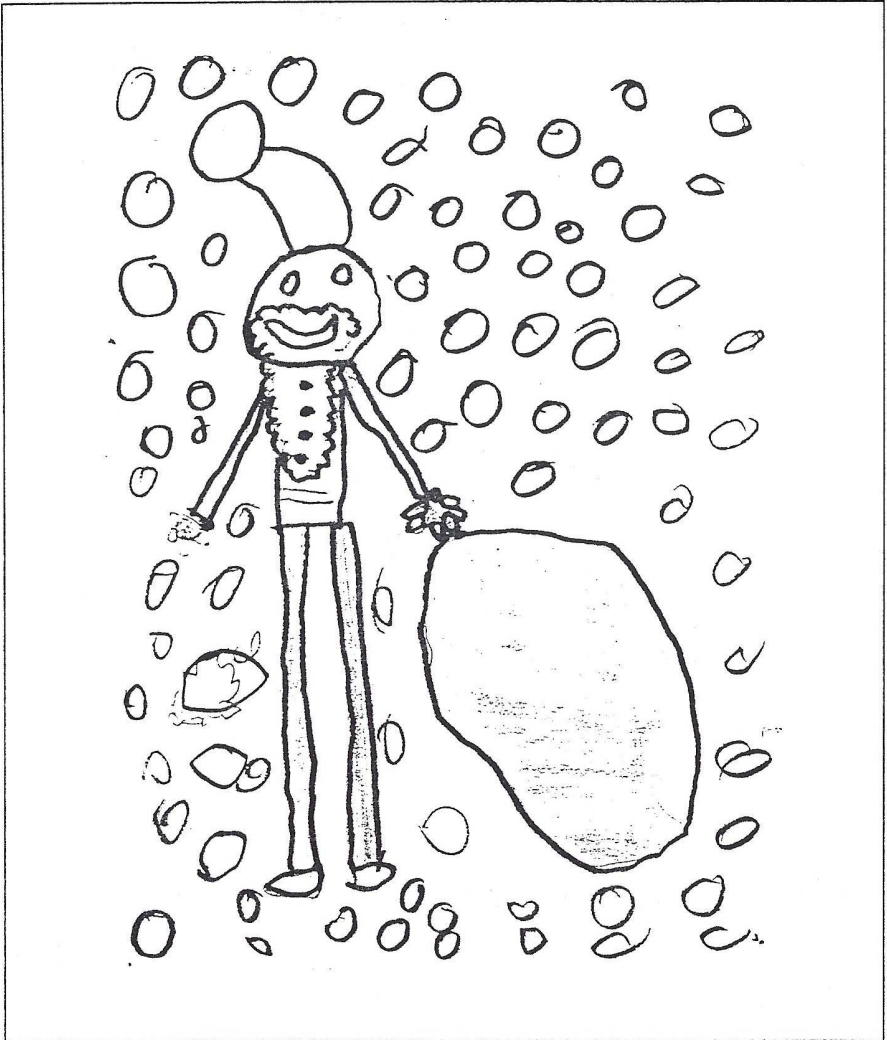
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Young Scene

Hello Children,

Thank you for the lovely pictures of Father Christmas. We were really pleased with all of them and it was difficult to choose a winner. Our judge decided upon Philip Mattinson's picture. Well done Philip! The judge liked the big smile on your Father Christmas' face. Philip wins a prize and here is his picture for us all to enjoy.



Birthday Club News

A very happy birthday to Simon and Philip Mattinson on 22nd December and to Kayleigh Gilkes on 29th January. We hope you have lots of fun.



Something to make

How about making a frozen pond winter decoration? You need a piece of card from an old cereal box, glue, cotton wool, artificial snow spray, glitter, toy birds and animals, fir-cones, small twigs, tinfoil and white paint.

Cut the card into an oval or round shape and cover it with tinfoil, shiny side up. Keep the foil as smooth as possible. Put a layer of glue round the outside of the foil, and stick the cotton wool on to this to hide the edge. Fluff the cotton wool to make it uneven to make the border and snow-covered hedge round your pond. Arrange some little creatures, Christmas cake decorations on the tinfoil. Stick fir-cones and twigs, painted white, into the cotton wool, using blue-tack to weigh them down. Sprinkle with artificial snow and glitter to finish your masterpiece.

Joke Time.

What do angry mice send each other at Christmas? Cross-mouse cards.

Why didn't the skeleton go to the party? It had nobody to go with.

Why do birds fly south in the winter? Because it's too far to walk.

Did You Know?

This is the time of year when many theatre companies produce pantomimes-maybe you will be lucky enough to see one.

In Queen Victoria's time pantomimes sometimes had very long names. In 1845 a show called "Harlequin and Poonoowingkeewangflibeedeeflobeedeebuskeebang or The King of the Cannibals" was showing at the Adelphi Theatre in London. It lasted 5 hours!

Turn over for details of this month's competitions.

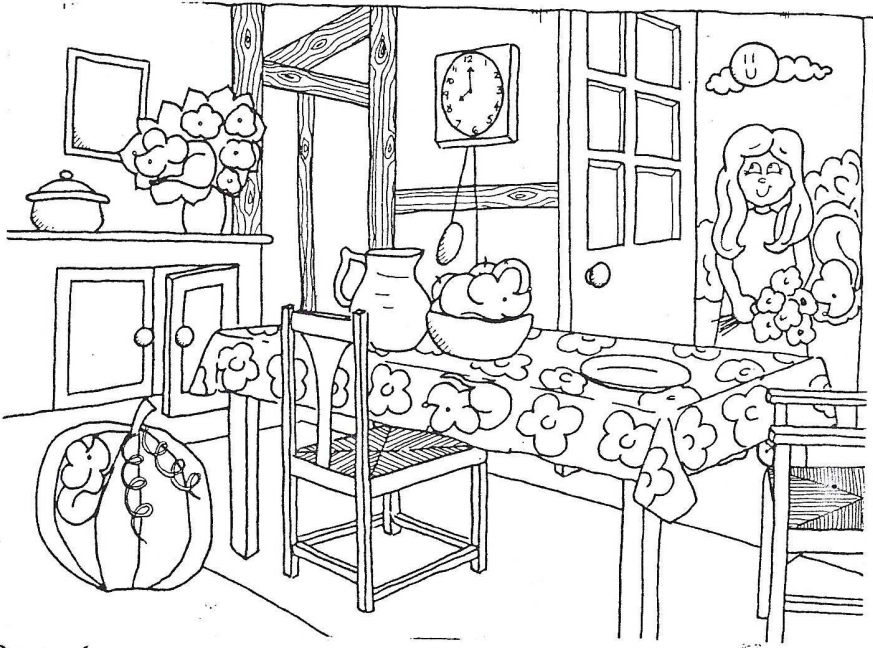
Competition

Our competitions this month are about pantomimes.

8-11 year olds: Can you unjumble the letters to make the names of popular pantomimes?

- 1 Alan has a dim damp dingli c
- 2 ed crane ill
- 3 teen rapp
- 4 is no bus stop
- 5 do biron ho

5-8 year olds: Here is a picture from Cinderella. Can you find 5 hidden mice? Circle the mice and colour in the picture.



Remember:

All competition entries, jokes and February birthdays must have your name, date of birth and address written clearly on the back. Please put them in the Young Scene box either at the village shop or at the Primary school by Monday, 10th January.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

SIBFORD PLAYGROUP

Playgroup has received a very generous gift of £300 in memory of Biddy Bennett, who died earlier this year. The money will be spent on new play equipment for the children. Staff, parents and children would like to express their thanks to those responsible for the gift.

Our Christmas Party will be held on Monday 20th December from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. If you have young children who would like to come along, please 'phone Sandra Butt on 352. Tickets will be £2.50 to include games, entertainment by a magician, party food and a visit from Father Christmas, who will give each child a small gift provided and wrapped in advance by parents (value not to exceed £2.50). There will be no charge for children under 12 months.

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SIBFORD FERRIS PARISH COUNCIL

Traffic Calming Measures - Affordable Rented Accommodation

We had a well attended meeting of the Council recently when the issues of installing traffic calming measures in the village and the possible provision of low cost housing were discussed. On both of these matters the Council intend to seek the opinions of all parishioners and it is hoped that everybody will make their views known.

The Parish Council has written elsewhere in this magazine about the traffic problem. The next step in the quest for affordable housing is to try to establish the extent of the need for it here in the Parish. To this end, we are having to undertake a survey of all households and fortunately we have already received offers of help with this task. It is hoped that everybody will feel able to give their opinion via this questionnaire, which will be distributed and collected during January.

It is, incidentally, very important that the meetings held to discuss these two important issues continue to be well attended. Please do feel able to come just for the items which are of interest to you and then leave when you need to do so. It is so necessary for your elected members to know what the majority views are on both these current matters.

Cherwell District Council are compiling a Leisure and Events Directory and hope to include information on every organised event happening throughout the District. If you are responsible for organising a club, society or event in the Parish and would like it included in this Directory, please contact the Clerk on 8393.

Copies of a Customer Advice Leaflet produced by the Midlands Electricity Board (available in large print) can also be obtained from the Clerk.

The next meeting of the Council will be held in the Library of The Friends School on Tuesday 11th January 1994 at 8pm.

Pat Romans Clerk SFPC

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GUIDE DOGS for the BLIND ASSOCIATION

At the Coffee Morning held at Westerways on 27 October, a wonderful total of £356.38 was raised.

Thank You Very Much on behalf of GDBA to all those who gave their support so generously.

Chris Ross

A PLEA TO REDUCE TRAFFIC SPEED

From Sibford Ferris Parish Council

Speeding traffic is still a danger in our villages. Despite the 30 mph zone in the Ferris, traffic is still entering the village from either end at near motorway speeds. A child hit by a car travelling at 40 mph stands less than a 1 in 3 chance of surviving. A child hit by a car travelling at 20 mph has more than a 2 in 3 chance of surviving.

**** SPEED KILLS **** It's as simple as that.

Yet it appears to be many of our own residents who are speeding through the Sibfords, putting our own children at risk.

The Parish Council is very concerned about this and is investigating traffic calming measures. Please let your views be known to the Parish Councillors.

Meanwhile:

1. Please slow down *before* you enter the village so that you are travelling slowly by the time you pass the "Sibford Ferris" signs.

2. Be warned that the Parish Council is inviting the Police to carry out **RADAR CHECKS** across the next few months in our village.

Let's all make a New Year's Resolution -
- to **SLOW DOWN** to make the Sibfords **SAFER**.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Webber AMAR.

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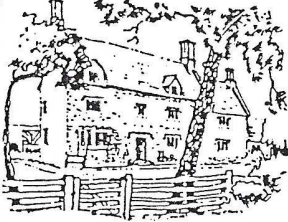
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7. Once in Royal David's city
8. Good King Wenceslas
9. The holly and the ivy
10. Christians awake!
11. As with gladness men of old
12. Go tell it on the mountain
13. Hark the glad sound

Scrambled carols answers

Emmy Rymell was born in Epwell and moved to the Ferris during the First World War, when her father became chauffeur to the doctor who lived at Holly House. She married a Sibford man and lived in the Parish for the rest of her long life. She died on 23rd November aged 95. I have known Emmy only for the last 18 months, but despite the difficulty in communication caused by her deafness, grew to love and respect her. She loved to talk about life "in the old days", and I learned a great deal about her school days in Epwell - when they thought nothing of walking to Banbury and back to attend the Fair - and her later life here in Sibford. She was a very sociable lady who loved the communal life in the village, and who never quite got used to the advent of the motor car and television set which isolated people from one another. On the last time she journeyed in my car she remarked how very empty villages seemed to be these days.

Despite being so rooted in Sibford she made frequent trips to Canada to visit Dora and her family. Her globetrotting extended well into her 90's! Increasing frailty kept her at home for the last few years where she was cared for so devotedly by Alice and Gordon. In the last few weeks of her life, with failing eyesight adding to her deafness, she began to dwell more upon the past and talked a great deal about her husband Frank and her brother Gordon. She was a founder member of Fielding Day Centre which she enjoyed and which was enriched by her presence. She will be sorely missed there, as I am sure she will be at the Friendship Club where she had been a member for very much longer, and the village at large.

Her funeral was held at Sibford Church on 30th November and the number of friends and neighbours who came showed the affection in which she was held. It was so appropriate that she left the Church during the singing of "All Things Bright and Beautiful" a hymn of thanksgiving for the beauty and richness of the countryside of which Emmy had been such a part for so long.

SIBFORDS SOCIETY

The sets of card notelets featuring the Sibfords and Burdrop are now available from Committee members. A set of 4 cards costs £1.00. For £5.00 an extra "free" set will be included.

Ferris

Barbara Crabtree (635)
Bernard Keen (694)
John Simms (655)

Gower

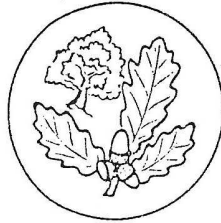
Maureen Hicks (259)
David Ryall (574)
Ian Warden (8252)

Burdrop

Anne Skowronska (490)
Verity Stanley (729)

Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School

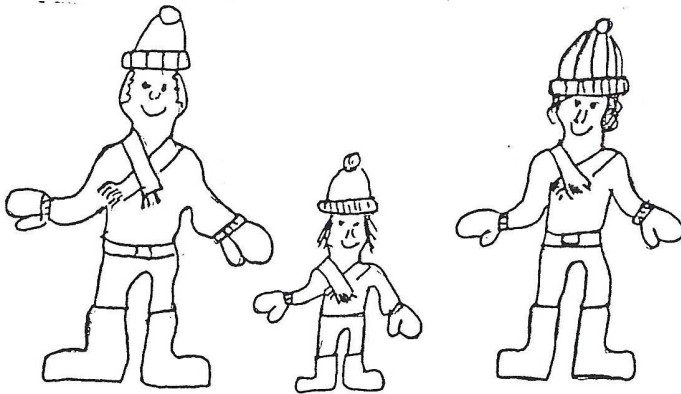
On Friday, November 5th,
we had a bonfire and
fireworks party
on the school field.
It was dark and very
exciting.
Everyone wore woolly
hats and gloves and scarves
to keep out the cold.
We ate hot dogs and had hot chocolate.

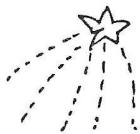


When we got back to school we
wrote some firework poems.

Fireworks whizzing in the sky
Like a whizzing pan in the air.
Round and round go the whizzing, racing fireworks.
With a bang and crackle and wheehee.
Gregory DeHalle.

Fireworks exploding in the air.
In the sky rockets blow up.
Everywhere the fireworks explode.
Whizzing, whooshing up in the air.
Orange, white and yellow stars
Rushing madly, racing into space.
Catherine wheels spinning round.
Sparklers whizzing and glowing in the dark.
James Zimmerman, John Dyer, Daniel Lewis.

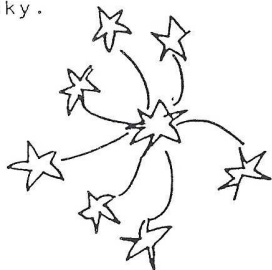




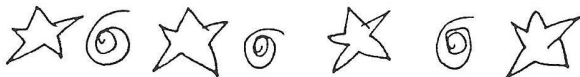
Fireworks explode, pop, bang.
 In the air, whizz, crackle.
 Round and round goes the Catherine wheel.
 Whoose, whistle goes the rocket.
 On and on and gradually disappears.
 Up goes a raining star,
 Spinning round and out of sight.
Eleanor Stanley.



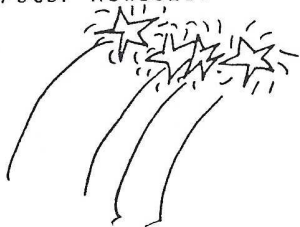
Fireworks, fireworks dancing in the sky.
 Beautiful colours floating in the sky.
 Sparklers glowing in the sky.
 While Guy Fawkes cries.
Ben Davies.



Pop, bang, whizz.
 There goes a rocket.
 All the babies start crying.
 Whooo bang!
 There goes another one.
 Don't let the dogs and cats out
 Phew they are safe.
Kate Stanford.



Fireworks, fireworks flying in the air
 Bursting in the sky.
 Fireworks, fireworks whistling through the sky.
 Booming and banging everywhere.
Peter Newbold.



† THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY †

† United Act of Worship in Sibford Methodist Chapel †
† 23rd January 1994 †

People often ask the difference between the various denominations which make up the membership of the church. Why, they say, are there many different groups? The reason is that, through the centuries, human beings have managed to disagree, so these different church groupings have gradually appeared.

Over the last thirty years, many have decided that these divisions shouldn't continue and there are many people, not least within our own village, who go to other church services quite contentedly. This can only be a healthy development.

For many years, we have held an annual corporate act of worship somewhere within the Sibfords, to which all Christians, as well as those of no particular affiliation, have been warmly invited.

This annual occasion is the Sunday between the 18th & 25th January. In 1994, this will be the 23rd, when there will be a **United Act of Worship at 3.00pm in the Methodist Chapel**, near the crossroads in the Gower.

We very much hope that many of you will come and worship with us. The service will be followed by some simple refreshments and an opportunity to talk with one another - a chance which doesn't come along as often as it should.

We do hope that you will join us.

J Willis & T Wimbush

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ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, BRAILES
THE UNITED CAROL SERVICE



All are most warmly invited to the traditional Carol Service to be held at Brailes Parish Church, the beautiful "Cathedral of the Feldon", on Sunday December 19th at 4pm. The gifts at the Service will go towards the work of Katharine House Hospice, and donations large or small will be gratefully received.

IN AID OF THE KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE



CHURCH SERVICES

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

Church of England, Holy Trinity, Sibford Gower

19 December	10.00am	Family Service and Baptism
22 "	7.00pm	Carol Service with Christingle
24 "	11.30pm	Midnight Mass of Christmas; Carols & Address
25 "	11.15am	Family Christmas Morning Communion; Carols & Address
26 "	10.00am	United Benefice Eucharist at Epwell
1 January	10.00am	New Year Morning Communion
2 "	10.00am	United Benefice Eucharist at Tadmarton
6 "	8.00pm	Eucharist for Epiphany; Refreshments at Rectory
9 "	10.00am	Holy Communion
16 "	10.00am	Family Morning Service
23 "	8.00am	Holy Communion
30 "	10.00am	Holy Communion

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1. SIBFORD GOWER TOWN ESTATES CHARITY

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			Depart	Return
Friday	17 & 31 Dec	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Friday	14 & 28 Jan	to Banbury	10.00am	12.00noon
Wednesday	22 Dec	to Chippy	11.00am	1.00pm
Wednesday	5 & 19 Jan	to Chippy	11.00am	1.00pm
Wednesday	2 Feb	to Chippy	11.00am	1.00pm

The pick-up points are:

<u>Banbury Bus</u>	<u>Chippy Bus</u>
Village Hall	Village Hall
Crossroads	High Meadow
High Meadow	Crossroads
	The Colony

2. REGULAR SERVICE - MIDLAND RED. 490 Sibford - Banbury Monday - Saturday only

	Outward	Return (read up)
Sibford Gower Crossroads	7.30am	6.30pm
Sibford Ferris School	7.32	6.28
Banbury Cross	7.55	6.08
Banbury Bus Station	8.00am	6.05pm

3. REGULAR SERVICE - JEFFS COACHES, Shipston - Sibford - Banbury Monday - Saturday only

	Outward		Return (read upwards)		
Sibford Gower School	09.45am	11.45am	11.45am	12.50pm	14.50pm
Sibford Ferris School	09.48	11.48	11.42	12.42	14.47
Banbury Cross	10.13	12.13pm	11.17	12.17	14.17
Banbury Bus Station	10.15am	12.15pm	11.15am	12.15pm	14.15pm

4. REGULAR SERVICE - CHERWELL VILLAGER, Sibford - Banbury Wednesday only

	Outward		Return (read up)
Sibford Gower	9.55am	1.15pm	1.15pm
Sibford Ferris	9.57	1.20	1.20
Banbury	10.50am	2.15pm	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	Gillett House	Wednesday	10,30am - 12noon
Fielding Day Centre	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)

25 February	Friday	'South Pacific' - Stratford - see p 4
11 March	Friday	Sibfords Society AGM - see p 21
11 June	Saturday	Sibford Church Garden Party (afternoon)
25 June	Saturday	Swalcliffe Donkey Derby & Barbecue - 6,00pm
27/29 Aug	Sat/Mon	Sibford Flower Festival

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

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CALENDAR for DECEMBER 1993

- Tuesday 14th WI Meeting - see p 13
- Wednesday 15th Friendship Club - Christmas Lunch - see p 8
- Wednesday 15th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2,25 - 4,20pm)
- Wednesday 15th Village Hall Carols - 7,30pm - see p 5
- Sunday 19th United Carol Service - Brailles - 4,00pm - see p 24
- Monday 20th Playgroup Christmas Party - Village Hall - see p 17
- Wednesday 29th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2,25 - 4,20pm)

CALENDAR for JANUARY 1994

- Saturday 8th Scouts Paper & ALUMINIUM Can Collection - see p 5
- Saturday 8th Rubbish Skip in Gower by Village Pond
- MONDAY 10th DEADLINE for *YOUNG SCENE* ENTRIES - see p 15
- Tuesday 11th Sibford Ferris PC Meeting - 8,00pm - see p 18
- Wednesday 12th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2,25 - 4,20pm)
- Tuesday 18th LEO - Roebuck, North Newington - see p 6
- TUESDAY 18th DEADLINE for SIBFORD SCENE CONTRIBUTIONS - see p 5
- Sunday 23rd United Worship - Methodist Chapel - see p 24
- Wednesday 26th Mobile Library in Sibfords & Burdrop (2,25 - 4,20pm)
- Saturday 29th Village Hall - Chipping Norton Male Voice Choir - see p 5

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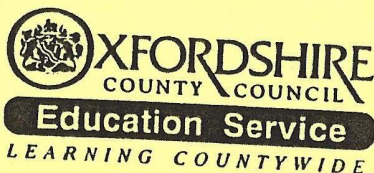
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HOOK NORTON COMMUNITY SPRING P

MONDAY

Morning

1. Tap dancing for adults – Marigold Carter. Tap shoes not necessary to begin with. 9.15 – 10.15 10 weeks £18.50 (£16.65) At the Memorial Hall.

Afternoon

2. Painting and drawing – Ken Spring. A course for beginners or more advanced students working with a variety of media 1.00 – 3.00 10 weeks £24.00 (£21.60)

3. Children's French – Charlotte Beckford. A fun way to learn for 7 – 11 year olds. 3.15 – 4.00 10 weeks £14.00.

Evening

4. Badminton coaching (1) – Sally Wills. Basic shots and tactics will be taught. 11 – 14 year olds. 6.00 – 7.30. 5 weeks starting 10th January £10.00

5. Badminton coaching (2) – Sally Wills. For 11 – 14 year olds. 6.00 – 7.30. 5 weeks starting 21st February £10.00

6. Beginner's Guitar – Frank Underwood. A continuation class from the autumn. Those who are able to play basic chords may join the existing group. 7.30 – 9.00 10 weeks £19.50 (£17.55).

7. Patchwork, Quilting & Appliqué – Lora Amos. Follow your own project under expert advice. 7.30 – 9.30 10 weeks £24.00 (£21.60)

8. French Conversation – Level 1 – Charlotte Beckford. A continuation from the autumn for those with a small knowledge of the language. 7.00 – 8.00 10 weeks £17.50 (£15.75)

9. French Conversation – Level 3 – Charlotte Beckford. A continuation from the autumn for those with a basic knowledge of the language. 8.00 – 9.30 10 weeks £19.50 (£17.55)

10. Beginner's Italian – Isabella Hepton. A conversational class continuing from the autumn. 7.30 – 9.30 10 weeks £24.00 (£21.60)

11. Mens Keep Fit – Scott Orchard. An ideal way to improve your physical fitness. 7.30 – 9.00 10 weeks £19.50 (£17.55)

TUESDAY

Morning

Kindergym – Ruth Wade. Activity sessions for the under fives involving gymnastic equipment, accompanied by an adult.

12. 9.00 – 9.30

13. 9.30 – 10.00

14. 10.00 – 10.30

10 weeks £14.00

Afternoon

15. Circus Skills – Nikki Thomson-Stuart. Learn to juggle, stiltwalk, unicycle, clown, balance and much more. 6 – 11 year olds. 3.15 – 4.15 5 weeks £8.50 starting 11th January.

Evening

16. Badminton coaching (1) – Sally Wills. Basic shots and tactics will be learned. 15 – 19 year olds. 6.00 – 7.30 5 weeks £10 starting 11th January.

17. Badminton coaching (2) – Sally Wills. 15 – 19 year olds 6.00 – 7.30 5 weeks £10 starting 22nd February.

18. Discovering Birds – Steve Holliday from the RSPB. An introduction to birdwatching with illustrated talks, video and field trips 7.30 – 9.30 10 weeks £24.00 (£21.60).

19. Health and Beauty – Jane Dawes. Skin care and practical guidance on make up. There will be a small charge for materials. 7.30 – 9.30 5 weeks £12.50 (£11.25) starting 11th January.

20. Celebration Flowers – Ann Anson. A two week course. The first week will be demonstrations and discussions of flowers for special occasions e.g. weddings, christenings, anniversaries etc. followed by your own arrangements the next week. 7.30 – 9.30 2 weeks £7.00 (£6.30) starting 11th January.

21. Watercolours – Jennifer Roberts. Watercolour techniques will be learned together with basic drawing skills. 7.30 – 9.30 10 weeks £24.00 (£21.60)

22. Aerobics – Keep fit by exercising to music. Please wear trainers. 7.45 – 8.45 10 weeks £17.50 (£15.75)

23. Ladies Swimming is full at the moment.

ITY EDUCATION CENTRE ROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY

Morning

We hope to offer further activities with creche facilities. Contact the office or the nursery for details.

Afternoon

Gymnastics – Ruth Wade. For primary age and those attending the nursery. Children will be working towards their BAGA badges.

24. 3.15 – 4.00

25. 4.00 – 4.45

10 weeks £14

THURSDAY

Morning

26. Yoga for all – Lorraine Newman. Please bring a mat. 9.15 – 10.45 10 weeks £19.50 (£17.55)

Thursday Evening

27. Calligraphy – Christopher Austin. For beginners and improvers. 7.30 – 9.30 10 weeks £24.00 (£21.60)

28. Intermediate Italian – Isabella Hepton. For those wishing to improve their conversational skills. 7.30 – 9.30 10 weeks £24.00 (£21.60)

29. Yoga for all – Christine Sears 7.30 – 9.00 10 weeks £19.50 (£17.55)

30. French Conversation – Level 2 – Charlotte Beckford. A conversational class continuing from the autumn. Suitable for those who have already studied for a year. 7.30 – 9.30 10 weeks £24.00 (£21.60)

31. Computer Awareness – Jem Hayward. An introduction to the PC and software for beginners and those yet to buy their first computer. 7.30 – 9.30 8 weeks £19.20 (£17.28) starting 13th January. More details phone 0608 730409.

TASTER DAYS

Saturday 29 January Courses 32 – 36

32. T'ai Chi – Alan Baker. Meditation in movement the emphasis being on relaxation of mind and body. 10.00 – 3.00 £10.00 (£9.10).

33. Printmaking with Woodblocks – Jeremy Turner. A family day exploring traditional Japanese and European techniques. 10.00 – 4.00. Adult £7.00, child £2.50, family £11.00 (max 2 children). Children must be accompanied by an adult

34. Garden Design – Ernie Bingham. Ideas will be given on basic garden design, ponds, herbaceous borders, rockeries etc. Bring a plan of your garden. 10.00 – 4.00 £11.00 (£9.90).

35. Aromatherapy – Wendy Todd. How to use essential oils in the home with practical applications. 10.00 – 4.00 £11.00 (£9.90).

36. Emergency First Aid – Geraldine Collett. British Red Cross course. Voucher of attendance will be given. 10.00 – 3.00 £10.00 (£9.10)

Tuesday 8th February

37. Alexander Technique – Neal Morley. 9.30 – 3.00 £16.00 (£14.40).

TERM DATES: Term starts Monday 10th January (unless otherwise stated). Half term 14th – 18th February.

CLASSES (unless otherwise stated) are held at the new Primary School in Sibford Road.

NEW ENROLMENTS: Please contact the Community Education Office as numbers are limited in some courses.

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ENROLMENTS cannot be accepted without the fee. Cheques payable to HNCEC.

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HEAD OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Linda Buchanan
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AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

We welcome any group wishing to affiliate and make use of the Centre. Contact Linda Buchanan

Literature Group: Wednesday mornings weekly. Contact Hook Norton 737692

Hook Norton Women's Institute: Second Tuesday evening monthly. Contact Hook Norton 737525

Hook Norton Bonsai Group: Fourth Tuesday evening monthly. Contact Hook Norton 730015

Hook Norton Family History Group: Third Thursday evening monthly. Contact Hook Norton 737519

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